

### OPERATORS' STAND DEFENDED IN HOUSE

#### Refusal to Negotiate With Unions Is Upheld.

### LABOR COMMITTEE BUSY

#### Daugherty Indicates He Will Not Prosecute if Owners See Fit to Make National Pact.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—A defense of the bituminous coal operators' position in refusing to negotiate a central agreement with the miners' union was given by T. H. Watkins, a spokesman for Pennsylvania producers, before the house labor committee today in its investigation of the coal strike, and at the same time an intimation was given by Attorney-General Daugherty, through a letter from him, which was read into the record, that the mine owners would face no prosecution under anti-trust laws if they again saw fit to fix national wages in the industry by such an agreement.

Other developments today included a statement by Secretary Hoover upon his return from the west that reports, presumably from non-union fields, showed that bituminous coal mined Monday after the strike had been called amounted to 725,000 tons and on Tuesday to 542,000 tons. He declared, however, time was insufficient to justify any deductions being drawn from these figures in their possible bearing on the question of sufficiency of supply.

#### Willingness Reported.

Chairman Nolan of the house investigating committee also made public telegraphic messages from representative operators in the central field which, he said, "were not entirely hopeless" in their refusal to accede to the committee's request to renew interstate negotiations with the union.

"They did indicate," he stated, "a spirit of willingness to meet the men in their own districts."

Mr. Watkins, in appearing before the house committee, attacked the United Mine Workers of America as "setting up a smoke screen, familiar union tactics," in charging operators with breach of contract. The union itself, he said, was breaking the contract because it refused to meet with mine owners in the great producing districts of the country outside of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and western Pennsylvania to fix scales.

#### Daugherty Writes Letter.

It would be "financial suicide," he added, for the group he represented to continue making its wages on the basis of the interstate agreement for which negotiations had not been begun, and he accused the union leaders of "autocratic abuse of power" in calling for national strike.

The attorney-general's statement of position was contained in a letter to Representative Gland, republican, Indiana, who had referred to repeated statements by operators that interstate wage agreements possibly constituted violations of the Sherman law. Mr. Daugherty stated, however, that he considered it a "duty of operators and miners to hold such negotiation," and he asked if, after taking that position, it was "likely that the department of justice would undertake a prosecution."

### MARION VETERANS MEET

#### Forbidding of Sports on Memorial Day Is Indorsed.

WOODBURN, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Much interest was manifested in the spring meet of the Marion County Veterans' association, held in this city today. The morning session was devoted to business, patriotic addresses by State Commander Williams of Gladstone, Mr. Henderson of Portland and Margaret E. Becker, department president, of Portland. A resolution was adopted indorsing the act of the governor, president and secretary of the state fair board forbidding races, games and sports on the state fair grounds on Memorial day.

An elaborate banquet was served at noon. In the afternoon Woodburn talent gave a program of the memorial services were held for 15 members who had died in the past year in Woodburn, Silverton, and Salem. President Hulse of Salem presided.

### BANKER'S DEATH DENIED

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Got off the boat I didn't see why I should shield Stewart any longer," said Captain Reed.

"Didn't you tell William Stewart, prosecuting attorney for Clatsop county, that only five people got off the boat?" asked Mr. Langhorne.

"I did not."

"Are you sure?"

"I don't care if he was district attorney of the state of Washington, I never made any such statement. That's plain English, isn't it?" snapped the witness.

#### Other Conversations Denied.

Captain Reed denied emphatically other conversations with Mr. Langhorne questioned him about. Several of the people mentioned were in court and were brought to the witness stand for the captain's inspection. The captain denied ever having seen most of them.

"Why didn't you report what you knew to the county officials?" asked Mr. Langhorne.

"Aw, I wouldn't tell the officials anything," was the retort.

"And you searched the river for 17 days after this, knowing what you did?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"I wanted to satisfy myself that Stewart wasn't really in the river."

Asked regarding a recent interview with Mrs. Stewart, Captain Reed said he had refused to discuss the case with her any more.

"I was afraid of her," he declared.

"Why were you afraid of her?" asked Mr. Langhorne.

#### Death Declared Feared.

"I thought she wanted to kill me and was afraid she had a gun," said the witness.

"Did you see a gun in her possession?"

"No, but I was afraid she might have one. I tell you, she looked desperate."

"Like she does now?" queried Mr.

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### PROBE OF OFFICER'S DEATH IN PROGRESS

#### Ex-Ray Shows Colonel Beck Killed by Shots.

### BULLETS FOUND IN HEAD

#### Oil King, at Whose Home Tragedy Occurred, Declares No Liquors Served at Dancing Party.

### FANS TO HEAR ORCHESTRA

#### CONCERT TO BE BROADCAST TO NORTHWEST.

#### Programme, First of Its Kind, to Be Rendered at The Oregonian Radio Tower.

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fact. I have been following her memory course programme every day on my husband's set, and have enjoyed every number very much. I heard her last year when she spoke



George Olsen, whose orchestra will give radio concert tonight for The Oregonian.

before the schools, and when she announced her presence Monday afternoon I recognized her voice immediately."

A big crowd gathered around The Oregonian booth at the Home Beautiful show, where a radio receiving set was installed, spent an enjoyable hour listening to the select phonographic records being played in The Oregonian radio tower many blocks away.

### MERGER OF BODIES URGED

#### Union of Vancouver Chamber and Club Proposed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—A proposal to merge the Vancouver chamber of commerce and the Community club into one big cooperative society, with headquarters at the new \$100,000 clubhouse of the American Legion, was presented to the chamber last night. Charles Watts of the American Legion, who made the proposal, declared the arrangement would be of mutual benefit to both organizations.

The Community club, which was organized by the American Legion, is in need of financial support from the business men, and it is believed that a union of the two bodies would draw many new members into the organization.

Several members of the chamber spoke in favor of the plan and a committee was appointed to work with the American Legion in putting the plan over. Will Dubois, H. D. Warren, John Etwell, H. J. Campbell and G. M. Davison compose the committee.

### E. M. RANDS NEAR DEATH

#### Well-Known ex-Newspaper Man Victim of Influenza.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—E. M. Rands, well-known ex-newspaper man, whose home is at Rands station, near Vancouver, Wash., who is suffering from complications of influenza, has been brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. John Spiger, of Eighth and Madison streets, Oregon City, where he is very low, although this afternoon attending physicians had hopes for his recovery.

Mr. Rands has been in a comatose state for several days and unable to take nourishment. Two months ago he was stricken with influenza.

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### Today's Musical Program in Symphony Hall

The following will appear in the musicale to be given in Symphony Hall, Sixth Floor, today 3 to 4:15 P. M. Everybody welcome. No charge for admission.

- Elsie Worden, Violinello (Pupil of Christian Pool)
- William O'Neil, Piano (Pupil of Lillian Jefferys Petri)
- Harold C. Graham, Baritone (Pupil of Taglieri)
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### OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 6.—

Various phases of the slaying here of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Ward Beck, assistant commandant of Post field, Fort Sill, Okla., early Tuesday morning in the home of Jean P. Day, oil man and prominent attorney, were being developed today by county officials. Forrest Hughes, county attorney, declared he was investigating possible "hidden angles" of the tragedy.

X-ray photographs settled the question as to whether Beck was shot. Shattered fragments of a bullet were disclosed in the head of the army officer. The bullet appeared to have entered near the top of the head above the right ear.

Day has declared he struck Beck over the head with the revolver that he obtained after he returned home and found the aviator attacking Mrs. Day. The revolver was discharged accidentally, Day asserts, protesting that he did not intend to kill Beck.

#### Liquor Angle Investigated.

The liquor angle also was being investigated. Coroner McWilliams announced he found bottles and sliced oranges scattered about the room in which Beck was slain.

Mr. Day declared today that nothing stronger than non-alcoholic apricot cordial had been served at the midnight dancing party in the Day home preceding the tragedy.

County officials were trying to develop another phase of the killing. It was why Beck, with the reputation of an army officer to uphold, did not leave the Day home after Day, as he asserts, struck through the room on his way upstairs to get his gun.

#### Beck Aware of Danger.

On this point W. R. Withington, evidence man for the county attorney, said:

"Beck knew, according to statements which have been made to the police by both Day and his wife, that he was caught in a position which would justify Day in taking his life. He must have known when Day went upstairs, that he had gone for a weapon."

"Was it that he thought that he, an unarmed man, no matter in what physical condition he might have been, could overcome a man with a revolver and the moral right to shoot to kill?"

"Did he think that on account of his old friendship with Day that the oil man would overlook his betrayal of confidence?"

"Did he believe, from an intimate knowledge of the family, that the affair might be hushed up or smoothed over?"

### OFFICERS AND MEN SHOCKED

#### Beck's Character Always Above Reproach, Says Commander.

PORT SILL, Okla., April 6.—The killing of Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Ward Beck, assistant commandant of Post field, came as a shock to officers and enlisted men here, who were the comrades of the daring aviator. Comment on the case has been reserved. Both officers and men, however, made it plain today they found it hard to believe the charges made against Lieutenant-Colonel Beck. Beck was the finest son of an old graying mother ever had," declared Brigadier-General James Hinde, commander of Post Sill. "He was one of the finest soldiers I have ever known in contact with and, as far as I know, his character has always been above reproach."

Major R. B. Faddock, a relative of General Pershing, who accompanied Lieutenant-Colonel Beck to Oklahoma City Monday and was at the Day party there, declared Beck was never a coward.

"He never hid from anybody," said Major Faddock. "He faced death as a matter of duty in the air and on the ground too many times to play the role of a coward dog, regardless of the position he was found in."

### TIME TO PONDER GRANTED

#### Accused to Escape Jail Term if He Names Who Left Liquor in Home.

On the excellence of John Bukovchik's memory depends a 30-day jail sentence. Should his recollection fall him altogether and he find himself unable to recall the name of the real owner of 80 pints of moonshine found in his home by deputy sheriffs, he will serve 30 days in the county jail as well as pay a fine of \$250. Should he remember the name, the jail term will be suspended.

This was the unusual judgment of

### DISTRICT JUDGE BELL WHEN BUKOVCHIK WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, CHARGED WITH BEING THE DISTRIBUTING AGENT OF AN ACTIVE BOOTLEGGER.

Bukovchik lives at the head of Quimby street, where Twenty-eighth street would intersect were the streets cut through, just below fashionable Westover terrace. When Deputy Sheriff Beeman, Schirmer and Wolfe paid him an informal call they discovered the 80 pints neatly wrapped up and ready for delivery. The householder explained their presence, saying that "someone" had left them, but that for the life of him he could not recall the name or address of the stranger.

### PARENTS OF BRIDE DEMUR

#### DAUGHTER'S SUIT FOR DIVORCE IS DISAPPROVED.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Kelly of Tacoma Side With Captain Peixotto, Contesting Separation.

TACOMA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Kelly of Tacoma side with their daughter's husband Captain Eustace M. Peixotto, United States army, in a suit for divorce brought by the war bride in Reno, Nev. They sustain Captain Peixotto in his contention that his wife is not a duly qualified resident of Nevada and is not entitled to a divorce there, according to messages received in Tacoma from Reno.

Miss Kelly was a runaway war bride. She and the dashing Captain Peixotto fled to Olympia in a taxicab from Tacoma, closely followed by the bride's mother, who arrived just a moment after the ceremony had been performed by an Olympia minister. Captain Peixotto was 32 years old then and one of the handsomest young officers at Camp Lewis. He is now stationed at an army camp in Georgia.

An attack on the jurisdiction of the Nevada courts in the divorce suit brought recently by Mrs. Peixotto has been launched by the defendant in a motion to quash service of summons. The contention of the defense is supported by affidavits of the defendant, his brother, Edward D. Peixotto, attorney of San Francisco, and the plaintiff's parents, who assert that Mrs. Peixotto is not a bona fide resident of Nevada, but is in Reno for the sole purpose of obtaining a divorce.

The motion has been set for hearing in the district court in Reno April 8. At the same time a motion for alimony pendente lite interposed by the plaintiff will be entertained by the court. The plaintiff, it is said, had not received a cent from her husband in the past ten months and since coming to Reno has been compelled to seek work to support herself and young son.

### SNOOPING OFFICERS HIT

#### DRY LAW NOT MADE FOR DESPOTISM, SAYS JUSTICE.

#### Dissenting Member in Seizure Case Thinks Portfolios Might Be Mistaken for Liquor Bags.

HELENA, Mont., April 6.—Passage of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution "did not inaugurate a reign of legislative despotism to be carried out by snooping constables or peace officers," according to a dissenting opinion handed down yesterday by Associate Justice Albert J. Galen of the supreme court in the case of the state against Louis Mullen of Deer Lodge.

Mullen, carrying a handbag from which the neck of a demijohn was protruding, was arrested by a Deer Lodge officer. The lower court released the defendant, but ordered the liquor destroyed and the bag and demijohn sold. The appeal was from this decision, claiming unlawful search and seizure. The action of the lower court was affirmed by the supreme court yesterday.

"Under the decision every person who carries a container for liquids may be subjected to an invasion of personal rights and privileges," the dissenting justice said. "The search of a bag or portfolio, containing a demijohn or flask with pasteurized product of the cow, in basket or bottle, to the infant in the nursery, as well as the druggist clerk who carries a demijohn or flask which cheers the expiring moments of the sick or aged on their hospital cot."

"My brothers at the bar had best discard their green bags and portfolios for fishnets, in order to avoid inquisitive constables attracted by a bulging bag."

### High School Gyms Under Way.

SCIO, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Volunteer labor is being solicited to assist in building the high school gymnasium. Several teams have been at work hauling gravel the last few days. Numerous changes were made in the original plan for the building and it is thought that other alterations may be made which will save \$400 to \$500 on the building material.

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