

25,000 MORE MEN JOIN COAL STRIKE

Idle Non-Union Workers Are Increased to 75,000.

GRAND TOTAL IS 665,000

Outward Calm Prevails at Union Headquarters, Where Reports of Progress Are Received.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 12.—Seventy-five thousand non-union coal miners, an increase of 25,000 this week, have joined the union workers in the soft coal fields of the country in their suspension of work, which seeks to force operators into an interstate wage bargaining conference.

Mr. Lewis Declines Comment. While the union's figures did not include any announcement as to the distribution by states of the men participating in the suspension of work, it was clear that the strength of the non-union movement was in central Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Mr. Lewis and other officials declined to comment on Attorney-General Daugherty's announcement that he would not permit operators and miners to repeat acts which had led to indictments for violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

Outward Calm Prevails. An outward calm prevailed at the union headquarters, and only few reports bearing on developments in the coal fields were said to have been received today from the union's field agents.

ARBUCKLE IS ACQUITTED (Continued From First Page.) He distinguished it from unavoidable homicide, which he said was not subject to legal action.

ARBUCKLE FILM DUE SOON Public Opinion to Be Tested With Comedy Drama.

NEW YORK, April 12.—One of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle's comedy drama pictures will be released within 30 days, in a test of public opinion, it was announced tonight by Adolph Zukor, president of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation.

POLACCO DEFENDS JAZZ Opera Conductor Prefers Rhythm to Badly Treated Classics.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 12.—Jazz is preferable to a badly treated classical composition, according to conductor Polacco, chief conductor of the Chicago Opera association.

CHORUS CONCERT WINNER (Continued From First Page.) concert, but on a smaller scale, was sent broadcast from The Oregonian tower when the Washington high school Celeste chorus of girl voices sang four selections from the music memory course lecture list in conjunction with the series being given by Miss Mary Elizabeth Godwin under the auspices of the Seiberling-Lucas Music company.

Arbuckle Feels Solemn. Arbuckle issued the following statement tonight: "This is the most solemn moment of my life."

Lessons that have been given them by experience and misfortune for the benefit of all, to make themselves more useful to humanity. This I shall do.

"I can only repay the trust, confidence and loyalty bestowed upon me during my trouble by millions of men and women throughout the world by rendering service in justification of their faith."

Arbuckle Gains in Weight. Roscoe Arbuckle, film comedian whose avoirdupois has been one of his major assets, told reporters tonight that he had taken on weight during the series of manslaughter trials in which he has been a principal figure and that before he could do any more work in motion pictures it would be necessary for him to reduce.

"I am going to take a good rest and get rid of some of this surplus flesh," Arbuckle said. "I must get back into physical shape before I even think of pictures."

"Then I will be able to go on with my work if the public wants me. If the public doesn't want me I'll take my medicine. But after the quick vindication I received today I am sure the American people will be fair and just. I believe I am due for a comeback."

Jurors Give Verdict. Edward Brown, foreman of the jury which today acquitted Roscoe Arbuckle of manslaughter, said of the case afterward:

"Certainly we were not long in reaching a verdict. Why should we have needed longer? We were unanimous from the minute we entered the jury room. We took only one ballot and that a standing vote. We were out of the courtroom five minutes and needed only half that time to agree."

"One ballot, no talk," was the way Juror W. S. Vancott summed it up.

"We felt that there was absolutely no case against Arbuckle," said Mrs. Irene Wilk, a juror.

"We believed Arbuckle, that was all there was to it," said Juror Milton Bailey. "He impressed us as a man who was telling the truth, and that was all needed."

Miss May Sharon, another juror, said: "From the start of the case I was completed. I, for one, felt it was not enough."

"Everything we heard pointed to Arbuckle's innocence," said Arthur Calhoun, another juror.

Picture Issue Not Settled. Question of Distribution Will Be Determined by Directors.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 12.—The question of whether motion pictures showing Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle will be shown again is one to be determined by the board of directors of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, whose headquarters are in New York. This was stated late today by Cecil B. De Mille, director-general of the corporation, upon being informed that Arbuckle had been acquitted of manslaughter at San Francisco.

The pictures were withdrawn by the Lasky corporation soon after Arbuckle's arrest last September in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress.

Mr. De Mille said no arrangements had been made for the release of the picture in the event of an acquittal.

"As to Mr. Arbuckle's future activity in motion pictures, it may be said to depend on the attitude of the public," Mr. Zukor said. "We will release one of his pictures within the next 30 days for the purpose of gauging public sentiment. If the picture meets with a favorable reception we will release others. We will not force the pictures, but will supply them if the public demand exists."

"Mr. Arbuckle will not act for the present."

CHARGES OF M'ADOO VIGOROUSLY DENIED

Southern Pacific Official Before Senate Committee.

EX-DIRECTOR IS CENSURED

Railroads Declared in Good Order When Taken Over, but Upset by Federal Control.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Another prominent railroad official, Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific board, appeared today before the senate interstate commerce committee and vigorously denied statements by William G. McAdoo, ex-director-general, that the railroads had "broken down" under private operation and were returned to their owners by the government in as good condition as when taken over.

Mr. Kruttschnitt quoted statements by Mr. McAdoo, President Wilson and other officials that federal control was adopted, not because of private breakdowns, but to obtain co-ordination of transportation during the war.

Name Used Widely. "Two bad features that stood out prominently in the government operation of railroads, which were responsible for most of its shortcomings and subjected it to most criticism," said Mr. Kruttschnitt, "were extreme centralization of authority, established by the first director (Mr. McAdoo), and attributable to his temperament and unwillingness to delegate adequate and necessary power to his local officers, and excessive and unintelligent standardization."

Mr. Kruttschnitt declared that Mr. McAdoo during federal control placed his name on everything and everywhere such as service blanks, menus, commutation and railroad tickets, and even on circulars and notices posted in the toilets of passenger vehicles.

With respect to conditions of the carriers as turned back, the witness asserted that "renewal of rails, ties and ballast were skimmed to the detriment of the equipment, scattered all over the United States, had been given scant attention and was in the worst condition ever known."

Operating Organization Upset. "Worse, however, than anything else, the operating organization and personnel which the president had promised to disturb as little as possible were completely disorganized by depriving officers of all control over wages, discipline, rules and working conditions," he added.

Mr. Kruttschnitt presented numerous charts with statistics to show that railroad service was at a high peak during the year of private operation preceding federal control.

LAST RAILROAD CASE HEARD

Supreme Court Listens to Reargument in Southern Pacific Suit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Reargument of the Southern Pacific case, the last of the railroad dissolution suits, was concluded today in the supreme court. The proceeding involves an attack by the government upon the ownership and control of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific. The case was decided adversely to the government in the lower court and has been pending in the supreme court since 1917, where it was orally argued last April.

Counsel for the government contended that by lease in 1885 and by stock ownership in 1889 the Southern Pacific obtained control over the Central Pacific, which it alleged to be a competing transcontinental line. It further asserted that it had been charged in the Union Pacific merger case that the incentive for the control of that system over the Southern Pacific was to obtain an outlet from the Ogden gateway to San Francisco over the Central Pacific.

PLEA MADE FOR WORKERS

RAILROAD LABOR'S CASE PRESENTED TO BOARD.

Contention Made That Wages Already Have Been Cut More Than Cost of Living.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The man without a job due to industrial depression should not be allowed to represent a standard to which other workers would be deflated, railway employees told the railroad labor board Tuesday in declaring that labor should not be treated as a commodity, subject to the law of supply and demand, but deserved an "adequate living wage."

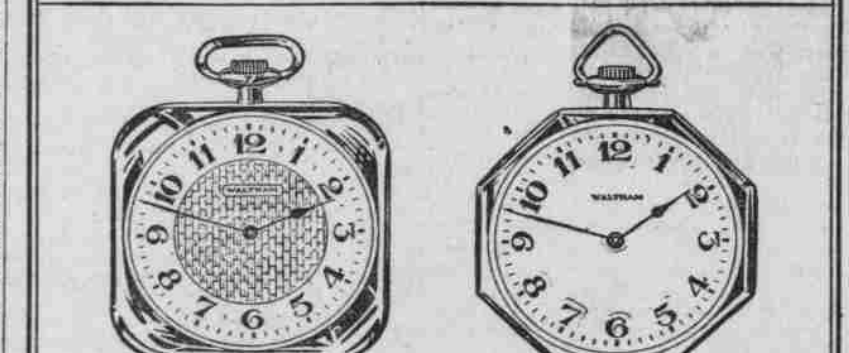
Statisticians representing the maintenance of way men, or common laborers, fighting against a wage cut proposed by the railroads, argued for a "wage sufficient to support a standard of living based on health, decency and a reasonable and modest degree of comfort." Common labor on the railroads, according to Arthur Sturgis, economist of Washington, D. C., had already been reduced more than the fall in the cost of living.

"The wage tribunals, however, must keep at least one foot on the ground," Mr. Sturgis said, and added that he did not ask higher wages now, preferring to let the increase come in the form of decreased living costs.

"Since December, 1919, the cost of living has declined 12 per cent," said Sturgis, "whereas the board has reduced the wage rates of section foremen 15 per cent, and of section laborers 18 per cent."

Dental Examiners Appointed. OLYMPIA, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—Dr. J. W. Trooper of Seattle and Dr. J. Floyd Tift of Colfax were appointed to the state dental examining committee today by Governor Hart, succeeding Dr. I. E. Hoska of Tacoma and Dr. H. E. Keenan of Spokane for terms ending at the governor's pleasure.

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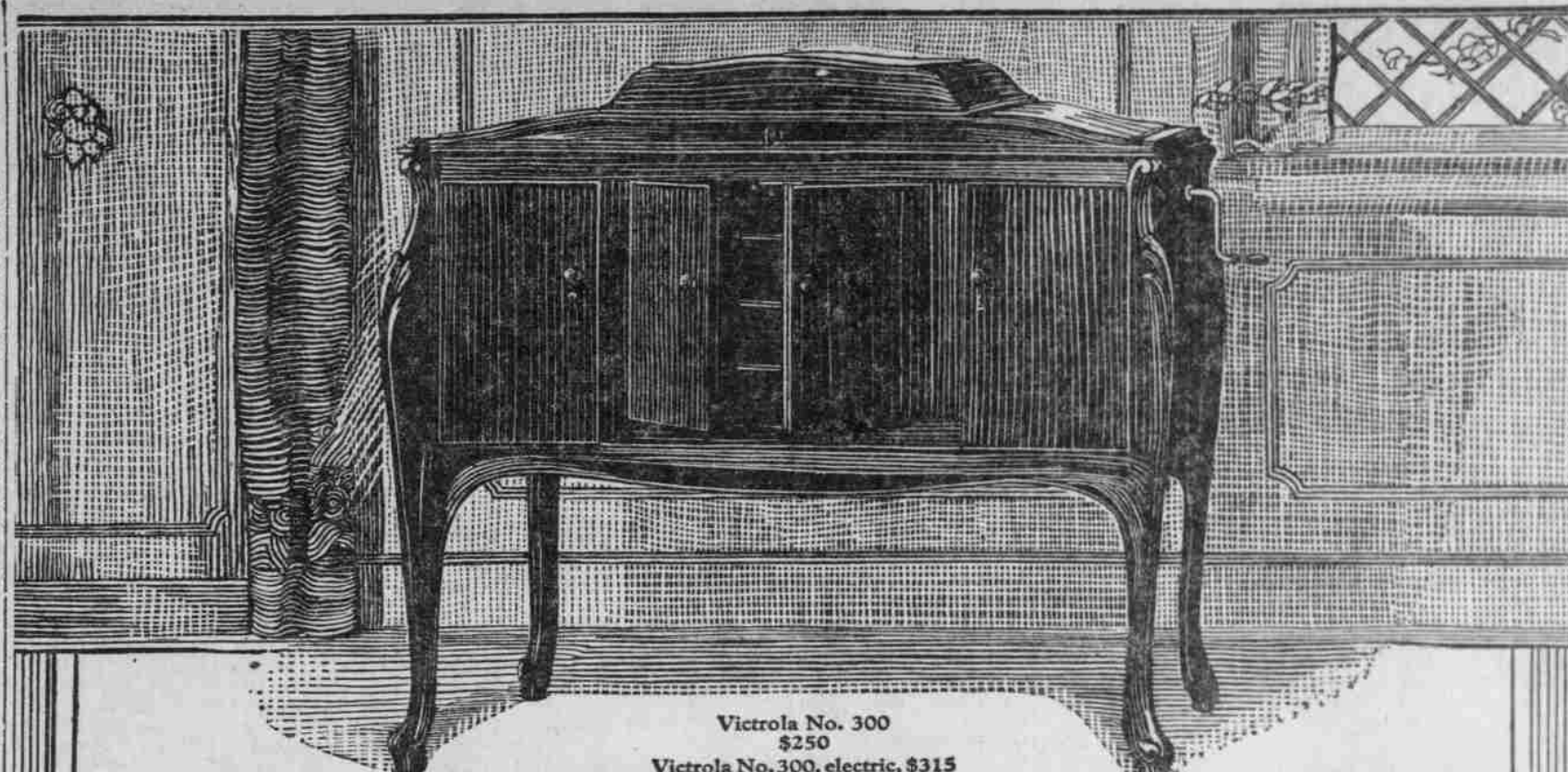
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