

HERRIN MINE RIOTS ARE UNDER INQUIRY

Special Grand Jury Begins
Probe of Massacre.

JUDGE'S CHARGE UNIQUE

Court Defends County Officers,
Challenges Critics and Asks
Inquisitors to Do Duty.

BY PHILIP KINSLEY.
(By Chicago Tribune Licensed Wire.)
MARION, Ill., Aug. 28.—Williamson county efforts to re-establish the supremacy of law and order began this afternoon when the first witnesses were heard by the special grand jury impaneled to investigate the Herrin mine riots of June 22 and the killing of union men that preceded this riot. Attorney-General Brundage personally opened the case for the state. The utmost secrecy was thrown around all the proceedings.

The grand jury consists of 21 farmers, one furniture and lumber dealer and one man who is part farmer and part-time coal miner. The foreman, John Stewart of Corbin, is an ex-school teacher.

They went about the business grimly as though taking up an unenviable duty.

Charge of Judge Unique.
The charge to the jury by the young circuit judge in this district, DeWitt T. Hartwell, was one of the most unusual ever delivered in a courtroom. It was, in part, a defense of this county and its law officers, a challenge to critics everywhere, an exposition of the law and an appeal to the jurors to do their duty in this case without fear or hope of favors.

It was a job for real men, the judge said. He knew them all and could call them by their first names. He said that the proceedings in the jury room would be kept secret forever, and no odium of blame would attach to them, and they need never apologize to anyone for doing their duty.

The court made it plain that there are two sets of killings to be investigated. The first is the shooting of three union miners by the strike guards at the Southern Illinois Coal company's plant on June 21. The coroner's jury put the blame for this on the coal company officials.

It is quite possible for the jury to return indictments against company officials, as well as against union miners for the slaying of the 13 strike-breakers that occurred on June 22.

This is the first intimation that this feature of the situation will be taken up. It has not been called for in any of the pleas for justice sent out. The union men were killed, it is said, when they approached the mine with a flag of truce.

Ex-Sheriff to Testify.
Sheriff Thaxton, who has abdicated his office in connection with this trial, was in the room with Coroner McCown. They expected to be the first witnesses.

The attorney-general and his assistants, C. W. Middlekauff, John G. Glaser and Charles E. Schell, and State's Attorney Dwyer took seats in front of the jury box.

Twenty-six men came forward in answer to the roll call at 11 o'clock. Four men were excused for pressing home reasons and one man was selected to make the necessary 23, who were then sworn and put in charge of a specially-selected bailiff.

FIRE TRAPS 48 MINERS

(Continued from First Page.)
Government rescue crew from Berkeley, headed by Byron O. Pickard, engineer of the Southern states bureau of mines. Other rescue crews were on the way tonight from Nevada mining points. The government men lost no time in donning their outfits, designed to resist gases and fire, and they were busy tonight trying to solve the black mystery of the smoke and flame-filled shaft.

From the best information obtainable the entombed men were between the 400 and the 480-foot levels, while the main body of the fire was more than 1000 feet above them. As a last desperate hope a tunnel could be bored from the Kennedy to the Argonaut shaft below the point where the present blocked-up tunnel is located, according to experts, but this perhaps would be the work of days.

A lower tunnel, it was pointed out, might also have a tendency to draw the fire farther down into the Argonaut shaft.

Early today P. S. Garbarini, superintendent of the Argonaut, succeeded in restoring the cut-off air supply to the 2800-foot level, but that was 2000 feet above where the men were supposed to be, and the fire intervened. Another menace nearly as great as the fire itself was that of the soft dirt in the mine, according to experts of the state industrial accident commission. The mine was recently cleared of the "flood" water that was poured upon a previous fire, leaving its lower passages in such shape that they had to be heavily timbered. In the event the fire reaches this timbering there is danger of a great cave-in filling that portion of the shaft.

Forty-two of the entombed men were said to be married. Most of them live in this region. One of them, George Steinman, has four children.

The fire has already developed one hero, Clarence Bradshaw, shift boss. Bradshaw, in signaling for the shift to quit work shortly after midnight, found that the signal would not work after two of the miners had been summoned. A few moments later the shaft filled with smoke and Bradshaw knew that the signal wires had burned out and communication with the remainder of the shift was cut off.

Bradshaw quickly hustled the men into the skip and all three were hauled to the top. Then Bradshaw re-entered the skip with an assistant, and tried to plunge through the fire-filled shaft to where he believed the remainder of the shift were located. He was overcome by gas at the 2800-foot

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CLOUD CHASER IS USED BY UNITED STATES WEATHER
BUREAU.



L. T. Samuels, meteorologist of weather bureau, making some findings for a report to fly.

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level and was hauled to the surface unconscious. He was taken to his home, where he revived.

EXPERT FLIES TO JACKSON

Head of State Bureau of Safety
Hopes to Render Aid.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—H. M. Wolfelin, superintendent of the state industrial accident commission's bureau of safety, left here in an airplane at 3:45 P. M. for Jackson, Cal., to offer his services in rescuing the men trapped in the burning Argonaut gold mine and in extinguishing the flames. Will J. French, chairman of the commission, announced tonight.

The airplane used by Mr. Wolfelin was donated by the army and was piloted by Lieutenant Walter M. Miller, 31st aero squadron, Crissey field, the president. Mr. French said Superintendent Wolfelin was sent to the mine because of his long experience with the United States bureau of mines in mine rescue work.

Mr. Wolfelin will assist Byron O. Pickard, engineer of the United States bureau of mines, who is on the ground with a government rescue crew.

CRONKHITE CASE IS UP

GOVERNMENT TO BRING
KILLER TO JUSTICE.

Slaying of Major at Camp Lewis
in 1919 to Be Taken Up by
Tacoma Grand Jury.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 28.—The United States government intends to bring to justice the person or persons responsible for the death of Major Alexander P. Cronkhite, son of Major-General Adelbert Cronkhite, at Camp Lewis, Wash., October 23, 1919. It was indicated here today when a federal subpoena was served on John J. Richards, ex-United States marshal, to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury at Tacoma, Wash., September 10. Peter C. Cannon, ex-United States district attorney, also is expected to go to Tacoma as a witness.

Mr. Richards and Mr. Cannon were prominent in questioning Roland R. Pothier of Central Falls, who was arrested here and at one time held in connection with the federal grand jury in the state of Washington in connection with the death of Major Cronkhite. Captain Robert Rosenbluth of New York was at first held in connection with the case but charges against him were later dropped by the government.

Pothier at one time was held in \$10,000 bail on a charge of involuntary manslaughter to appear before the federal grand jury in Seattle, but it was developed that the federal grand jury for the western district of Washington held its session in Tacoma and then he gave renewed bail of \$10,000 for his appearance in Tacoma. Although Attorney-General Daugherty a year ago ordered the investigation and the action, as far as Captain Rosenbluth and Sergeant Pothier were concerned, stopped on the grounds that the shooting took place on part of the camp reservation for which the federal government did not possess title and therefore was without jurisdiction, Pothier was never released from the \$10,000 bail under which he was held.

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GERMAN DELEGATE SENT
Herr Schroeder to Attend Repara-
tions Commission Meet.

BERLIN, Aug. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany has accepted an invitation to send a delegate to Paris to attend Wednesday's sitting of the reparations commission. The government, in informing the reparations commission of the acceptance of the invitation, announced that Herr Schroeder of the

imperial finance ministry, had been selected for the mission.

Herr Schroeder, accompanied by Karl Bergman, former undersecretary of the treasury, and the other experts, left Berlin tonight for Paris.

Youth Receives Life Term.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 28.—Valentine Radecki, 30 years old, who pleaded guilty of first degree murder here last Thursday, was sentenced today to imprisonment to life. Radecki was one of three young men arrested for the murder here April 23 of Mrs. Nancy M. Wheelock, an aged woman, who was strangled and whose apartment then was robbed. The other defendants have not yet pleaded.

Pastor Accepts Albany Call.
TILLAMOOK, Ore., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Rev. Harry E. Tucker, minister of the Christian church of this city, who has been invited to become the minister of the Christian church at Albany, will accept the call. Rev. Mr. Tucker is popular among all classes of the people here, who regret that he is leaving Tillamook.

Two Postmasters Nominated.
THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 28.—Bernice Wilson was today nominated postmaster at Yoncalla, Or., and Warren P. Jones was nominated postmaster at Priest River, Idaho.

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MAINTENANCE MEN ASK FOR PAY RISE

Increase From 23 Cents to
48 Is Requested.

LIVING WAGE IS FACTOR

Labor Board Promises Definition
of What Constitutes Proper
Compensation.

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hearing by the railroad labor board was begun today on a petition of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railroad Shop Laborers of more than 100 railroads, asking an increase of minimum wages from 23 cents to 48 cents an hour and a virtual demand for recognition of a basic eight-hour day with time and one-half for overtime for its 400,000 members.

With the resumption of the hearing tomorrow the labor board will rule on a formal request to define the question "What constitutes a living wage?"

The announcement was made by Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the board, when he adjourned today's session. Jett Lauck, statistical expert for the maintenance of way organization, made a motion to that effect on behalf of Ben W. Grabie and his colleagues.

The motion, Lauck told the board, has the following definite meanings: That the board accept and make the basis of its decisions in this case, as well as part of its general policy in fixing the wage rates of railroad employees, that:

(a) Adult workers of the lower grades, unskilled railroad employees, be awarded rates of pay which will enable them under normal conditions to earn yearly an amount sufficient to permit them to maintain standards of living that are as good as those of the general community.

(b) That proper compensation for essentials above this minimum living wage be paid for added skill, responsibility, training and hazard.

When the board adjourned today only a portion of the maintenance of way organizations' side of the case had not been presented. The remainder is expected to follow the board's announcement tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT BIDES TIME

Proposals by Government Opera-
tion Put Aside for While.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Proposals for government operation of rail and coal properties were put aside at least for the present today, and administration leaders, both in and out of congress, centered their efforts instead on less drastic measures to meet the industrial emergency.

With the return to Washington of President Harding after an over-Sunday conference with some of his principal advisers on board the yacht Mayflower, it became apparent that no step toward government operation was to become a part of the present administration program.

Not only was it revealed that the president himself was not disposed definitely to ask for congressional authority to take over the properties involved in the strike situation,

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but it was made known also that an identical group of leaders in the senate and house had taken a position which would make the passage of the authorizing legislation extremely difficult.

HOWARD TO BE HANGED
Invitations to Be Issued for Execution September 8.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Invitations will be issued by penitentiary officials within the next few days for the execution of George Howard of Multnomah county, who is scheduled to be hanged September 8. Howard was convicted of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of George Sweeney of McMinnville. He subsequently appealed his case to the supreme court, with the result that the verdict of the lower court was affirmed.

Howard is about 25 years of age. Prison officials said he had been a model prisoner and had asked no special favors since his arrival at the penitentiary.

T. R. STATUE EN ROUTE
Equestrian Bronze Is Due Here From New York in Month.

The Roosevelt equestrian statue which Dr. Henry Waldo Coe is donating to the city, was shipped yesterday by steamer from New York, and should arrive here in about 30 days.

Work on the granite base, under contract to the Blasing Granite company of Portland, is progressing rapidly at Raymond, Cal., and will be ready for placement long before the statue reaches the city.

Commissioner Pier, in charge of the park bureau, said yesterday that all indications point to the dedication and unveiling on October 27, the birthday anniversary of Colonel Roosevelt.

ROAD ENGINEER QUILTS
K. E. Hodgman Leaves State Service for Job With More Pay.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—K. E. Hodgman, for the last four years division engineer for the state highway department, has resigned to accept other employment. Mr. Hodgman at one time was stationed at Marshfield, but for the last two years has been located in Medford. Highway department officials said Mr. Hodgman was one of the most efficient highway engineers in Oregon. He received a salary of \$300 a month. In his letter of resignation Mr. Hodgman said he had received an offer of another position carrying a larger salary. A successor to Mr. Hodgman has not yet been appointed.

FILING DATES ARE GIVEN
Irregular Candidates Are Told of Election Provisions.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Candidates for political offices in Oregon who contemplate filing by party convention or assembly must do so by September 12, according to Sam A. Koger, secretary of state. The law provides that these candidates must file not less than 55 days before the election, which falls on November 2.

Candidates who expect to make the race as independents must file 40 days before the election, or not later than September 27.

Independent candidates must file by what is known as certificates of individual electors.

Charge Purchases Balance of Month Entered on September Bills

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