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COAL OPERATORS, MINERS INDICTED

Conspiracy to Hinder Out-put Is Charged.

ALLEGED OFFENDERS NAMED

Conspiracy Against Federal Statutes Charged.

125 MEN ARE INVOLVED

Satisfactory Agreement in Making of New Wage Contracts Predicted by John J. Lewis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 27.—

The names of approximately 125 coal operators, miners or others connected with the coal industry in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, indicted recently by a special federal grand jury here for alleged violation of the Lever act and conspiracy sections of the federal criminal code, were made public here tonight by federal officials. The miners include International President John Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer William Green and Chief Statistician Percy Tetlow.

The operators named include Thomas T. Brewster of St. Louis, chairman of the operators' scale committee; Phil H. Poma of Terre Haute, Ind., spokesman for the operators in conference in Washington just preceding the strike of the miners last fall, and F. S. Peabody of Chicago, one of the leaders among the Illinois operators.

All Charge Conspiracy.

The indictments contain 18 counts, all of which charge conspiracy of some kind. One count sets out 19 overt acts constituting violation of the federal laws.

The Illinois miners indicted include Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois mine workers.

The Pennsylvania miners include Philip Murray.

Among those not identified as miners or operators are: Jonas Waffle, secretary of the coal trade bureau of Terre Haute, Ind.; W. Conner, representative of the National Coal association, Chicago, and W. K. Field, president of the Pittsburg coal company, Pittsburg.

General Conspiracy Charged.

The first four counts of the indictment, brought under the Lever act, charge general conspiracy to "limit the facilities for transporting, producing, supplying, storing and dealing in a certain necessity, to wit: bituminous coal . . . by refusing to mine, sell or deliver coal for storage purposes, by increasing and maintaining excessive prices of coal by calling and causing strikes among mine workers and by closing down mines."

Counts five to nine of the indictment contain similar charges, but are based on the amendment to the Lever act passed October 25, 1919, and cover the period from the passage of the amendment until March 11, 1920, the date the indictment was returned.

Strike Held Overt Act.

Other counts take up, under separate heads, charges included in the general allegations in the early counts and the eleventh count cites 19 overt acts. These include the strike order of October 16 signed by President Lewis and Secretary Green of the United Mine Workers.

The last seven of the 19 alleged overt acts include the charge that Indiana operators employed what is known as the "check off" system in mines. This system is one in which the operators deduct from the miners' pay the amount of dues owed the

BUSINESS INTERESTS OF CANADA FEARED

DEFEAT OF CHAMBERLAIN BILL SEEN BY SHIP COUNSEL.

M. D. Leehy Declares Forces Actively at Work Opposing Measure in Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Canadian and other private business interests were charged today by M. D. Leehy, counsel for the Alaska territorial shipping board, with actively opposing the Chamberlain bill to give the board wider control over vessels operating in Alaskan waters.

Leehey, appearing before the senate commerce committee, quoted an official of a Canadian steamship company operating in Alaskan waters by saying the Canadian companies would get the Alaskan traffic because "they have influence enough in Washington."

"I am satisfied that nothing would be left undone by our British and Canadian friends to defeat legislation when their interests are affected," Chairman Jones interjected. "I am not blaming them, but we ought to see that they don't do it."

Leehey advised the committee to ascertain what was behind the opposition to the Chamberlain bill, adding that he was suspicious "because the Canadian interests are not here in the open." He asserted that the American packers, while opposing the bill, "are doing it above the board."

Leehey told the committee he understood that James Wickham, former delegate in congress from Alaska, and John E. Ballaine, former Alaskan railroad operator, had reported to John Barton Payne, while Payne was chairman of the United States shipping board, that Leehy represented the Chamberlain interests. Wickham, who was in the committee room, interrupted to deny making any such statement and also denied that he represented any Canadian interests.

POTATO HOARD IS FOUND

California Warehouses Filled; Food Rots, Says Investigator.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Thousands of sacks of potatoes are hoarded in California warehouses, according to a report made today following an investigation by the office of District Attorney Matthew Brady.

In Stockton warehouses there are approximately 200,000 sacks of potatoes, the report said. In one warehouse, the investigator reported that employees had told him only 200 sacks of edible potatoes could be secured out of a lot of 1600 sacks. Out of another lot of 1500 sacks, only 300 were fit for human consumption, the report stated. Potatoes in the warehouses have been rotting for three months, the investigator said.

GIRLS PUT NEEDS AT \$19

Clerks Say Living Costs Require Pay of \$19 to \$23 a Week.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—It costs women working in Spokane department stores from \$19 to \$23 a week to "live as a person should live," according to statements sent to the state industrial commission from here in answer to the board's questionnaires. The commission will meet in Olympia next Monday to discuss and recommend a minimum wage for store clerks. The present minimum is \$12.50 a week.

One Questionnaire as Filled out holds that a saleswoman needs \$160 a year for living expenses, or \$23.31 a week.

JOHN D. GOES GOLFING

Financier Declares He Is in Fine Trim for Game.

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., March 27.—John D. Rockefeller, who is a visitor here today, played a round of golf today with a gallery looking on.

Mr. Rockefeller said he was in fine trim.

Mr. Rockefeller has a unique way of playing golf, riding from hole to hole on his bicycle.

ATTACK ON WOOD DEFEATS OWN AIM

Voters Pay No Heed to Money King Charge.

TRICK IS DECLARED OLD ONE

Most of Blame Placed on World, Hoover Paper.

BORAH ALSO CRITICISED

Senator's Defense of Roosevelt Against Similar Charges in 1912 Is Recalled.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,

Washington, March 27.—General Leonard Wood, on the one hand, and President Wilson, on the other hand, are monopolizing attention in Washington just now, and with the treaty out of the way, the fact that congress is busily threshing out legislation is of no moment. The reason for this situation is the intensive drive started during the week against Wood by the Johnson-Hoover-Borah-New York World combination and the assault by Representative Ben Humphreys, democrat of Mississippi, on the suspected third-term ambitions of Mr. Wilson.

The only discernible effect has been to awaken some citizens to the fact that a presidential campaign already is in full swing. The event of the week, of course, was the broadside launched at General Wood by the New York World, charging him with having been the beneficiary of large contributions from extremely wealthy men.

Form of Attack Not New.

This form of attack is not new to presidential contests, as those who have lived through several campaigns will recall. The charges against Wood have been read with interest, but do not appear to have been taken seriously by experienced political observers, either republicans or democrats.

The same charges were made in 1912 against Theodore Roosevelt's campaign managers, and one singular feature of it was that the most vigorous defender of Colonel Roosevelt at that time was Senator Borah of Idaho, who is now leading the assault against General Wood.

It appears that Borah's charges, which asserted that multimillionaires had contributed to the general's pre-convention contest, were timed to influence the primaries in South Dakota last Tuesday, but having failed to affect the voters of that state adversely, keen disappointment has fallen on the camp of those responsible for the story.

Voters Smile at Charges.

Even voters of the comparatively new state of South Dakota seem to be familiar with that device, commonly characterized in politics as the roor-back, and simply smiled at the cleverly designed World story as they went to the polls last Tuesday and voted their own minds.

It should be said out of fairness to other candidates that neither Lowden nor Harding was suspected of having any connection with the attack on Wood, and it is possible that neither Johnson nor Hoover knew that it was coming.

The story is that the attack was arranged by others interested in the Johnson and Hoover candidacies.

Combination Seems Strange.

Johnson and Hoover, who seem a strange combination, in view of the local political situation in California, are dragged into the deal only as accessories after the fact. In this way, John T. King, deposed manager of the Wood campaign, it was charged by

MIDDLE WEST CITIES GROW IN POPULATION

INCREASE OF 7 TO 293.9 PER CENT REPORTED.

Nashville, Tenn., and Springfield, Ill., Among Larger Places, Show Moderate Gains.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Population statistics for 1920 announced today by the census bureau included: Jamestown, N. D., 6,627, increase 2269 or 52.1 per cent.

Grand Island, Neb., 13,960, an increase of 3634 or 26.2 per cent over 1910.

Scotts Bluff, Neb., 6912, increase 5166 or 293.9 per cent.

Hastings, Neb., 11,647, increase 2309 or 24.7 per cent.

Fargo, N. D., 21,961; increase 7630, or 53.2 per cent.

Nashville, Tenn., 118,342; increase, 7878, or 7.2 per cent.

Springfield, Ill., 59,183; increase 7479, or 14.5 per cent.

WOMEN MAY BE PASTORS

Albany Church Votes to Give Sex Same Rights as Males.

ALBANY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Members of the First Presbyterian church of Albany favor giving women the same rights as men in all of the councils of the church, even to ordination to the ministry. A vote of the members of the church was taken recently on three questions: First, as to whether women should be permitted to serve as elders; second, as to whether women should be ordained as ministers and, third, as to whether women should have the same rights as men in all of the assemblies of the church.

An affirmative vote was cast on all three propositions. The vote was 48 to 28 in favor of women being permitted to serve as ministers. The other two propositions were favored by large majorities.

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TEXAS STORM-SWEPT; HEAVY DAMAGE DONE

GALE ATTAINS VELOCITY OF 60 MILES AN HOUR.

Houses Wrecked, Roofs Blown Off and Windows Shattered in Many Parts of State.

AMARILLO, Texas, March 27.—With a velocity of 60 miles an hour at one time, a wind storm has raged over the Panhandle and northwestern part of the state for the last 12 hours, doing heavy damage.

A 10-foot brick wall, the remains of a building recently destroyed by fire, was blown down here onto an adjoining two-story building, occupied by a furniture company, resulting in the serious injury of Miss Frankie Goebel, a bookkeeper, and a property damage estimated at \$100,000. Two other persons had a narrow escape from the falling walls when they jumped through a hole in a plate glass window.

EL PASO, Texas, March 27.—Houses were wrecked, roofs were blown off chimneys, and many windows were shattered by a desert gale which swept El Paso today.

J. L. Essinger of La Mesa was injured when a hotel fire escape was blown down. The wind reached a velocity of 55 miles an hour. Telegraph and telephone companies reported serious trouble to their services.

U. S. SEEN IN LEAGUE

Bryan Predicts Independent Membership for Nation.

FREMONT, Neb., March 27.—William Jennings Bryan, in an address here today, predicted the United States would enter the league of nations. He said the entrance would be on conditions that would leave the country independent to decide when it is proper to resort to war.

POLAND SUES FOR PEACE WITH REDS

Soviet Delegates Invited to Meeting April 10.

WIRELESS MESSAGE IS SENT

Warsaw, Capital, Evacuated as Enemy Approaches.

ARMISTICE IS SOUGHT

Cessation of Fighting Promised if Poles Agree to Confer on Proposed Date.

WARSAW, March 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Poland has sent a wireless message to the Russian bolshevik government proposing April 10 as the date for meeting soviet delegates with a view of negotiating for peace.

Boryson (Brozow, 60 miles southwest of Lemberg) has been suggested as the place.

The Poles in their message said that if the bolshevik would agree to this date and place the Polish army would cease fighting for the time being.

LONDON, March 27.—The Polish government was removed Thursday from Warsaw to Bromberg, in Polish Posen, 25 miles northwest of Thorn, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, quoting rumors in that city.

A staff correspondent of the Associated Press stationed at Warsaw, filed a dispatch from that city Thursday, which contained no hint of any intention on the part of the Polish government to leave Warsaw, nor were there indications in the military news contained in the correspondent's message of any reason why it should feel impelled to make such a move at this juncture.

Novorossik, the last base in southern Russia under control of General Denikin, has been captured by the Russian bolsheviks, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

PARIS, March 27.—Odessa, the great Russian port on the Black sea, has been occupied by Ukrainians under General Pavlenko, commander of the Ukrainian national army, according to information received by the Ukrainian mission in Paris today.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, March 27.—Finnish forces at Pachelka, in the Murmansk region, burned the monastery and several other buildings there before abandoning the place to the Russian bolsheviks, according to travelers arriving at Tromsø. Occupation of the place by soviet troops occurred March 22.

WARSAW, March 27.—Russian soviet forces, swinging south of the Pripet Marsh country between Moxir and Pinsk and attacking Polish lines at various points over a front of approximately 250 miles, have captured several towns along the Slutch river. It is admitted in official statements issued at Polish army headquarters that the enemy, however, has been unable to cross the river, despite persistent efforts.

Bolshevik attacks Wednesday were chiefly directed toward the village of Olevsk. Infantry and cavalry were launched at the Polish lines under heavy artillery fire while soviet airplanes bombed strategic points along the front.

In the neighborhood of Zaslavl the Poles virtually annihilated a soviet brigade, among the killed being a bolshevik colonel. On his person were found orders directing that Zaslavl be taken regardless of the cost. The town is still in Polish hands.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—No in-

GRANTS PASS BANKER DIES BY OWN HAND

JOHN D. FRY SUICIDE NEAR SAN DIEGO BALL PARK.

Two Boys See Father of Cashier Fall and Notify Spectators, Who Call on Police.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 27.—John D. Fry, a director of the First National bank of Grants Pass, Or., was killed here this afternoon by a bullet from a revolver which he held in his hand. Mr. Fry, who had been visiting here with his wife, was found dead on the water front near the scene of a baseball game.

The shot was heard only by two small boys, who, after seeing the man fall, told some of the spectators of the game, who notified the police.

One of Mr. Fry's sons, Thomas, is cashier of the Grants Pass bank.

GRANTS PASS, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Despondency over his physical condition because of a paralytic stroke suffered three years ago is believed here to have been responsible for the death of John D. Fry, director of the First National bank, by his own hand in San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. Fry had been in California for the winter, thinking that the change in climate would benefit Mr. Fry's health. Since his illness he had not taken an active interest in the affairs of the bank, except to remain a member of the board. His son, Thomas, is cashier, and another son, William, is owner of the Valley Hardware company here. The family is one of the wealthiest in Grants Pass.

ARIZONA MINE IS ABLAZE

300 Men on Each Shift; Doctors Summoned.

BISBEE, Ariz., March 27.—Fire broke out tonight in the underground workings of the Bisbee mine, one of the big copper-producing properties of the Warren district and owned by the Calumet & Arizona Mining company.

The mine is two miles southeast of Bisbee and employs about 200 men on each shift. Company physicians were summoned.

Three hundred miners at work in the Briggs mine were taken out through shafts of that property and of the Big Junction mine adjoining. The fire is on the 1300-foot level. Fire crews equipped with gas masks and oxygen tanks are fighting the flames. No casualties are reported.

MAGNATES DON OVERALLS

Wealthy Men Take Place of Strikers at Stockyards.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Wealthy cattlemen and packing house officers fed cattle and cleaned pens at the stockyards today after 400 members of the livestock handlers' union struck for a wage advance of \$20 a month. Fourteen hundred other members of the union threatened to strike if demands were not granted.

The men now receive \$130 a month. The strike was said to be in violation of the wage agreement arbitrated before Judge Acheson.

RAINS TO BE FREQUENT

Forecast for Week Includes Many Showers for North Coast.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Weather indications for the week beginning Monday are:

Northern Rocky Mountain and plateau regions—Occasional rains or snows with high temperatures averaging below normal.

Pacific states—Frequent rains in north portion; generally fair south portion. Temperatures nearly normal.

CABINET MEETS TONIGHT

Miners to Get Reply to Demand at Conference Monday.

LONDON, March 27.—Premier Lloyd George has summoned a special cabinet meeting for Sunday evening to consider the government's answer to the demands of the miners' federation. The miners' executive will receive the reply at a conference at Downing street at 11 A. M. Monday.

PHIL METSCHAN SR. DIES AT AGE OF 80

Prominent Part Played in Early Northwest.

ADVENTUROUS CAREER ENDED

Office of State Treasurer Held at One Time.

FAMILY AT BEDSIDE

Courageous Battle Fought Against Great Odds Since 1913—Owner Dies in Imperial Hotel.

Phil Metschan, Sr., one of the state's most prominent men, long identified with the development of the northwest and perhaps better known as for many years head of the Imperial hotel of Portland, died at 8:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon in his apartments at the hostelry over which he so long had supervision. Hardening of the arteries was the cause of his death.

Mr. Metschan fought a courageous battle against great odds after he was first stricken September 29, 1915, and since which time he had been up and down by spells. He lived to celebrate his 80th birthday last Wednesday, March 24, when his mind was clear and alert and he greatly enjoyed a family reunion and the calls of numerous friends, to say nothing of large numbers of congratulatory telegrams and letters which reached him from all over the country. He conversed with those present, was delighted at the receipt of so many kindly messages and declared the celebration was one of the happiest events of his life.

Masons to Hold Funeral.

From the day of the celebration, however, the aged man began to lose again his grip on life and death overtook him yesterday afternoon. He was surrounded by all of his nine children.

The funeral services will be under the direction of the Masons of which he was past grand master. They will be held Tuesday at 2 P. M. in the Masonic Temple, West Park and Yamhill streets, in charge of the grand lodge of Oregon. Interment will be in Riverview cemetery.

Just before his death, in fact not more than 30 minutes before, a letter came to him from an old pal—Joseph A. Wright of Sparta, Or., with a delayed message of congratulation on his eightieth birthday.

"How is the 'kid'?" asked Mr. Wright. "Let's see, you must be getting onto about 80 years—just a kid yet, that's all you are. A man is only as old as he thinks he is and you have always been young."

Life One of Adventure.

The life of Mr. Metschan was one with which the romance of the mines of the new west and of the history of the state of Oregon were closely identified.

He came to the United States from Germany at the age of 14 and his entire life was one of adventure, of activity and of enterprise. He possessed that spirit of the pioneer which enabled him to conquer the difficulties of a new country and win for himself a success of an unusual character, not only in business but also politics.

From the time of his arrival in the state of Oregon in 1862 Mr. Metschan became identified with state activities and during his residence in