

CHRISTMAS EVE FIRE PANIC INVESTIGATED BY SUB-COMMITTEE

Congressional Committee Inquiring Into Michigan Strike Spends Busy Day.

(By the International News Service.)
Houghton, Mich., March 7.—The congressional sub-committee investigating labor conditions in the copper country hastened its investigations today in an effort to complete the inquiry here so hearing can be opened in Chicago Monday. Many witnesses were heard during the day and the committee reconvened again tonight for a session which will probably extend into tomorrow uninterrupted.
Much of the testimony today was in defense of Sheriff James Cruise, who has been charged with working in the interests of the mining companies. The sheriff will be called before the investigation closes here.
While Congressman E. T. Taylor, of Michigan, and Howell were hearing testimony relative to Cruise's conduct, Congressman Cawley and Taylor examined a score of witnesses concerning the Christmas eve disaster in Italian hall at Calumet, which resulted in the death of 72 persons. Prosecuting Attorney Wyllie called only five witnesses to combat testimony to support the Federation's contention that the Citizens Alliance was responsible for the panic.
Justices of the peace in Calumet and South Range refuted the charges that the courts were not open to the strikers except to prosecute them.

Colorado Inquiry Ends.
Denver, Colo., March 7.—After continuing exactly four weeks, the congressional investigation of the Colorado coal mine strike was brought to a close tonight. The congressmen announced that they had abandoned all the "side trips" projected earlier and would start back to Washington tomorrow morning.
Statistics of the inquiry showed the committee sat and took testimony 24 hours, or an average of 11 hours for every week day. Witnesses numbering 225 were examined and gave testimony filling 6,000 typewritten pages, or more than 1,500 words. Three shorthand reporters, five phonographers and five typists were kept busy 15 hours a day making this record. The committee spent 16 days in Trinidad, 19 in Denver and two in Walsenburg.
L. M. Bowers, personal representative of J. D. Rockefeller, and his son, testified this afternoon that the Rockefellers own most of the stock in the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, one of the "big three" companies in the Colorado coal fields. He said he kept the Rockefeller informed of the situation and John D. Rockefeller Jr., had assured him "no matter how this comes out we will stand by you."

New Strike Is Predicted.
Chicago, March 7.—A coal mine strike that will throw 250,000 miners out of work in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania is predicted by George D. Cushing, in the current issue of Black Diamond, a mining magazine.
"Since the joint interstate wage conference adjourned last week at Philadelphia without a new contract being signed between operators and the miners, it seems that strikes in the four states are certain," says Cushing. "The length of time the mines will be shut down depends on the ability of the employers and the employees to agree on new contract terms."
"The situation in Illinois, apparently, is less serious than in the other states. All the miners in this state ask is a nominal increase in pay. In Indiana, where the mine run basis of wages is an issue, there may be longer suspension of operation. In Ohio the situation is the gravest. There the operators have taken a firm stand against the mine run basis and a strike of three or four months' duration is possible. What will be done in Pennsylvania is problematical."

KEENE WINS FOR KENNEWICK DIRECTORS

Kennewick, Wash., March 7.—In a keenly contested race for school director of district number 17, E. O. Keene won from G. M. Angus, who was running for reelection. The total number of votes cast was unusually large for a school election here. Keene getting 313 and Mr. Angus 251. J. W. Newkirk, Socialist, received 48 votes. The director was chosen for three years.

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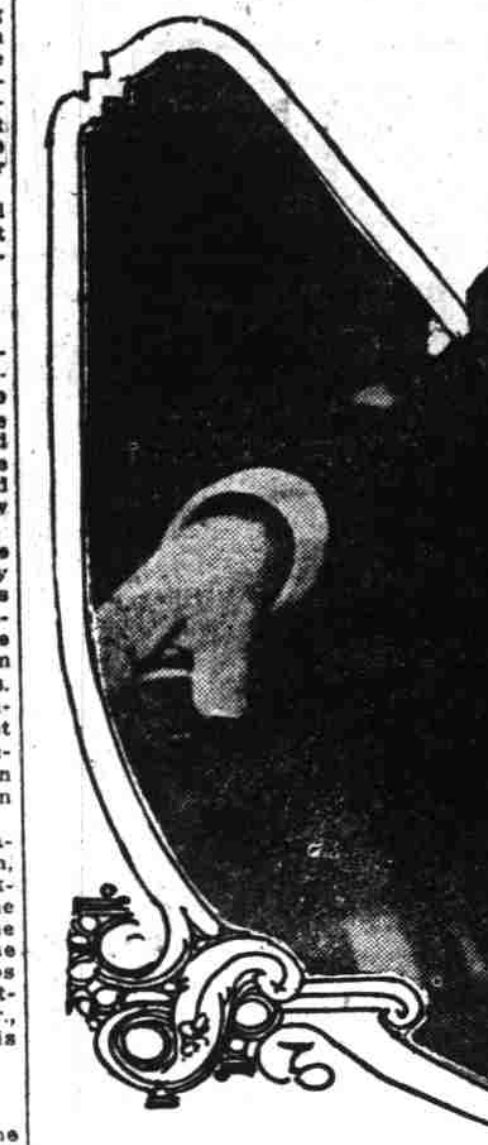
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COLONEL GOETHALS' AUTHORITY OVER CANAL ZONE TO BE MORE LIMITED

As Governor, Canal Builder to Be Shorn of Czar-Like Powers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 7.—The visit to this country of Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, who will be civil governor of the zone after April 1, has revived interest in the semi-socialistic government under which the strip connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific has heretofore been governed. And it makes pertinent the query as to whether the experiment is to be continued. Uncle Sam wanted those who built the canal to live under the best possible conditions. Colonel William C. Gorgas, the man who made the isthmus habitable, was mainly responsible, it being his theory that the disease must be banished before work could go on. And to banish disease it was necessary for the government to run things. So Uncle Sam constructed homes for workmen; put in hospitals; furnished ice and drinking water, the best food obtainable, and schooling.

The American who "got a job" on the isthmus was assigned quarters furnished by the government; he bought



Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, who will become civil governor of the Canal Zone April 1.

his fresh meats, his fruit and other supplies from the government commissary bureau at cost, plus the cost of maintenance of the store. He got free medical attendance. He got free telephone service. He was furnished free transportation from his home to the place where he worked. His children went to school for which he paid no taxes. He smoked Havana cigars or Egyptian cigarettes which came in duty free. His wife bought Irish lace at the commissary stores at the wholesale price, plus the cost of transporting them to the isthmus and the maintenance of the commissary department. If the employee desired, he could take his meals at one of the mess stations—and pay only what it cost the government. Unless the employee brought his furniture down from "the states" he could purchase it through the government stores for much less than he could buy it here. In the same way he could buy phonographs, pianos, clocks,

WAYWARDNESS CAUSED BY BAD START IN LIFE, ASSERTS RABBI WISE

Mealy Mouthings From Teachers, Preachers and Parents Only Restraint.

"Every boy born is naturally given a start toward piracy and murder, and is only kept from such honorable things by mealy mouthed school teachers, preachers and anxious parents, and society for their own protection attempts to curb the dynamic devilry of the boy."
These were the words of Rabbi Joseph B. Wise, in discussing the "Boy Problem" at the Oregon Civic League luncheon yesterday afternoon in the Multnomah hotel.
The Rabbi acknowledged fear of the small boy. He said that one might run from wild animals without disgrace, but from the small boy, never. The wild animals were least to be feared, he declared, especially if one dressed conspicuously and half-melted puddles of slushy snow were convenient.

Country Life Advocated.
"I never wear a silk hat save when certain usages of society penalize one for not doing so," preferred human girth, said Rabbi Wise, "and when I do wear the silk hat I escape the small boy by going to the additional expense of a closed conveyance."
Opportunity for boys to get out of the city and have their caves and Indian wars would save them from acquiring the corruption of the streets, declared Dr. Wise.
Professor Arthur Evans Wood of Reed college, who acted as chairman of the day, in speaking of the topic under discussion, said:
"If we could but secure the biographies of notorious city bosses when they were between 12 and 18 years of age, we could shed a great light on the practical problems of city government."
Trouble Is Neglect of Children.
"If we but tell what Tim Sullivan and Boss Cox and David Tucker and other bosses did during the early careers of their life, we could under-

stand better why they did the things they did in later years.
"One of our troubles has been that in considering the problems of city government we have neglected the children, whose only playground is the streets. Go into a ward political meeting and you will find them filling the first rows, taking their first lessons in political science and practical city government. The children of the more prosperous will be at home nicely tucked into their little beds. When they grow older they will be sent to college to learn about city government by reading books. Before they get out of college the children of the streets will have grown up and will be in control of the city government. "We have no 'boy problem'; it is a 'man problem' and a thing for us all to face," declared J. W. Palmer, director of the boys' work in the Y. M. C. A.
"It is only less serious than the girl problem," asserted Mrs. Stella Walker Durham, secretary of the Portland Recreation league.
O. M. Plummer, school director, called attention to the value of school garden work, and L. R. Alderman, superintendent of schools, described a plan he has tentatively made for summer camps and excursions for boys and for girls.
Professor Wood, in introducing Mr. Palmer said the Y. M. C. A. is doing the best work for boys in the city. Dr. Wise also gave tribute to the work of the Y. M. C. A.

**WOMAN INJURED BY
PISTOL IN HOSPITAL**
Mrs. F. A. Taylor of 1084 East Yamhill street, is at Good Samaritan hospital, suffering from a gunshot wound in the abdomen, which may prove fatal. The shot was fired at 3 o'clock yesterday morning while she was in the bedroom of her home.
That Mrs. Taylor has been suffering from a nervous breakdown and that the shooting occurred during one of her nervous attacks is the belief of her husband. He states that he was awakened from his sleep by the report of a shot and found the wife writhing in pain. Mrs. Taylor declines to make a statement.
Neighbors residing near the Taylor flat were awakened, they say, by the report of the pistol and a piercing shriek.
The husband summoned the ambulance and neighbors called the police, two motorcycle patrolmen responding. Mr. Taylor accompanied the wife to the hospital.
Mrs. Taylor was operated on yes-

terday and it was found that the bullet has gone through both sides of her stomach. She is in a dangerous condition. Dr. Fred Ziegler performed the operation. F. A. Taylor is a furniture man at 130 Tenth street.

**LUMBERMAN, WHO IS
ILL, REPORTED BETTER**
Reassuring telegrams as to the condition of Fred H. Green, well known lumberman of this city who is ill in Santa Barbara, were received yesterday. Mr. Green has been seriously ill of heart trouble for several weeks. Reports as to his condition received by his relatives here yesterday were that he was resting easily and showed much improvement over his condition of the past week. Mrs. Green is with him.

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LAFFERTY ANNOUNCES PLATFORM PLANKS

Oregon Representative Has Lengthy List of Things He Is For.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, March 7.—Representative Lafferty's platform, announced today and forwarded to be filed at Salem, follows:
"If I am nominated and elected, I will, during the term of my office, work for: Government ownership of public monopolies; more liberality to homesteaders; enforcement of railroad land grants; interstate trade commis-

sion, with complete power of regulation; old-age pensions and industrial insurance; return of \$7,000,000 due Oregon for irrigation; liberal appropriations for rivers and harbors; direct election of federal judges; protective tariff equalizing difference in cost of production at home and abroad; agricultural asset currency; exclusion of Asiatic labor; eight-hour day for men, women and children; free canal tolls for coastwise trade; government steamships for traffic, and also auxiliary to the navy; maintenance of direct primary, initiative, referendum and recall."
He adds: "Please place opposite my name on the official ballot of the general election of 1916, the following: Lafferty, Oregon resources for Oregon; laws for the people."
Former Senator Bourne, who announced today that he will not be a candidate for the senate, had nothing to add tonight to his formal announcement. The action of congress extending the two joint committees of which Bourne is chairman also applied to two other joint committees of

which he is not a member. The provision was adopted in the senate without discussion.
In the house three congressmen, Smith of Michigan, Finley of Tennessee and Madden of Illinois, took occasion to speak in complimentary terms of the work Bourne has done.
All four committees are continued until December. Six of the committees has completed its work.
Representative Hawley was notified today that pensions have been granted the following Oregonians: John J. Mott, Grants Pass, \$21.50; John W. Perkins, Springfield, \$30; Martin Hull, Eugene, \$5; Edward T. White, Boring, \$18; William S. Fegler, Yoncalla, \$27; William S. Wood, Grants Pass, \$30; William Haynam, Banks, \$24; John E. Kune, Creswell, \$30; Elizabeth Gairard, Salem, \$12; Samuel Paisley, Banks, \$15.50.
A New Jersey violinist who lost his right arm in an accident invented an artificial member of steel with which he is able to play his favorite instrument.

HIMES WILL GIVE LECTURE ON OREGON

All members of the Royal Arcanum and their families and friends of Arcanums are invited to hear the celebrated illustrated lecture on Portland and Oregon history by George H. Himes tomorrow in Knights of Pythias hall, Eleventh and Alder streets, at 8:30 p. m., under the auspices of the Multnomah council. Mr. Himes, who is curator and assistant secretary of the Oregon Pioneer association, is an authority on Oregon and Portland's history and development. His address is illustrated by 150 rare slides of the early days to the present time, and contains interesting facts and romances. Members of the Loring Byne Society and their friends will be special guests of the council. The lecture will also be open to all friends of the occasion.
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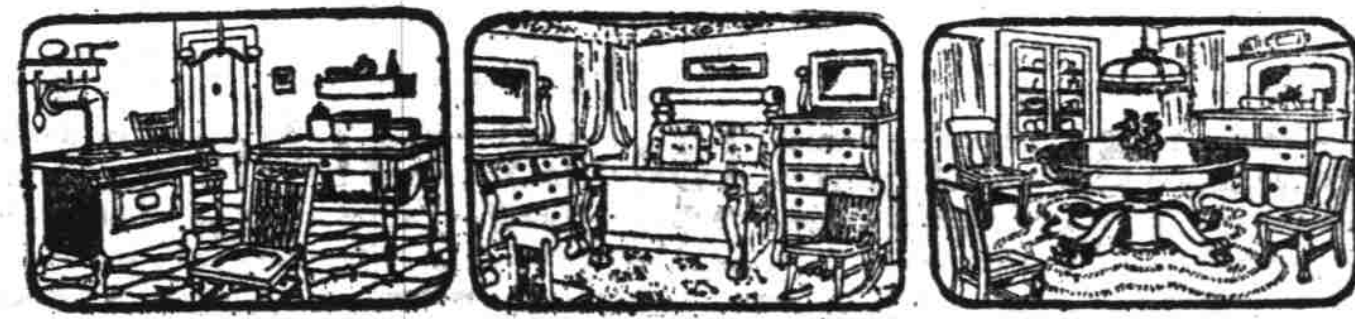
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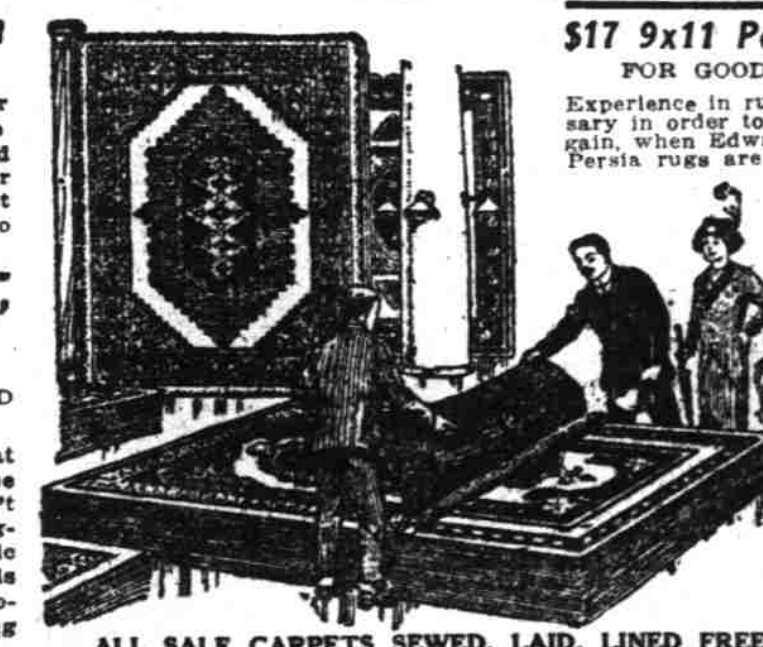
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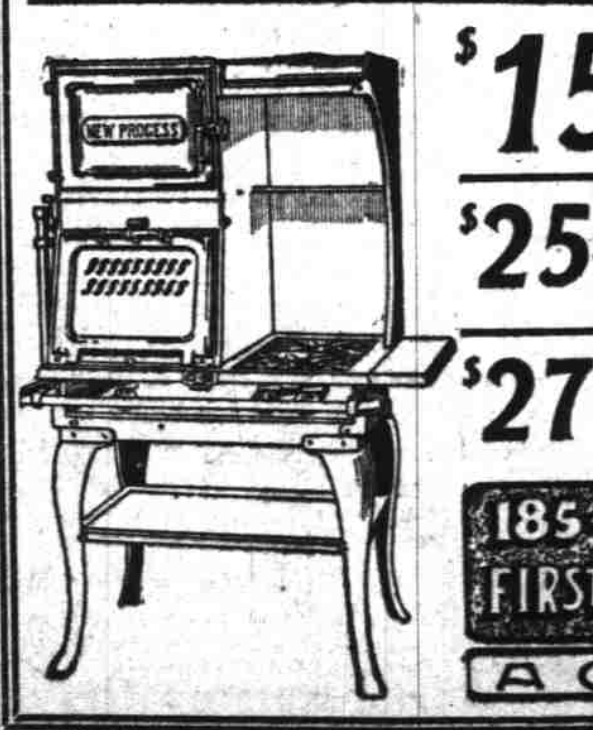
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