

CLAIMS ARTICLE DROVE PATIENTS FROM HIS OFFICE

Alzamon Lucas Testifies as to Alleged Injustice Caused Him in \$50,000 Damage Suit.

Under direct examination, Alzamon Lucas spent the entire morning on the witness stand in Circuit Judge Tucker's court, where his \$50,000 libel suit against the Telegram Publishing company is being heard.

The chief complaint of Lucas was that because of articles that had appeared in the Telegram he had been unable to secure offices in a number of the principal office buildings in Portland. He alleged that his patients fell off from 50 a day to four or five a day after the articles had been published.

He averred that he had suffered a great deal of mental suffering and that people referred to him as a fakir. On several occasions, he said, former patients who met him on the street refused to speak to him.

"It has always been my pleasure to pride myself on my will power," Lucas said, "but there are some things that no man can stand."

Certificates and diplomas from the American Naturopathic association and the Mental Science college in Bren Mar, Wash., were introduced. Lucas alleged that his nationality was Hindu, Cherokee, Indian and French. A pamphlet which was edited by Lucas some years ago, in which he is alleged to have referred to himself as an Ethiopian, was offered as evidence. Lucas was questioned as to the meaning of the word Ethiopian, but was unable to explain exactly what races the term embraces.

CONSENT TO COAL WAGE RISE SEEN

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be replenished. Part time operation of stores and factories in many sections will be continued probably until after the beginning of the new year.

Although there was no official explanation here today of details of President Wilson's proposal which has been accepted by President Lewis of the miners, it is said that the plan includes no increase in the 14 per cent settlement proposed by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

The importance of the plan, it is assumed, lies in the suggestion of a commission to study the situation and work to prevent its recurrence.

SCHEME IS ADJUSTABLE

The miners thus would be assured of wage readjustment with every change of the general economic situation.

It is the commission plan which is understood to have influenced Lewis to decide to urge acceptance of the president's offer. Lewis and Secretary Green assured Attorney General Palmer they would lay the offer before the union wage scale committee with a favorable recommendation. Lewis gave Palmer this assurance at a meeting with the attorney general, Palmer and his assistant, C. B. Ames, left here late yesterday for Indianapolis on the same train that carried Lewis and Green.

STATEMENT ISSUED

In a statement issued at the White House hope for settlement of the coal strike for Tuesday afternoon was held out.

The statement said:

"It is hoped that there will be a settlement on Tuesday afternoon of the controversy between the miners, the operators and the government through acceptance by the miners of a plan for a definite settlement proposed by the president, which proposal was submitted to Acting President Lewis of the miners by Attorney General Palmer Saturday night."

White House officials refused to give out the definite terms of the president's proposal.

Rumors of a conflict between Palmer and Fuel Administrator Garfield were declared baseless. The position of the White House officials was that the matter was in the hands of President Wilson and that both the attorney general and Fuel Administrator Garfield were acting under his orders.

Contempt Case Delayed

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 8.—(U. N. S.)—Federal court here took a recess from the morning session at noon until 2 o'clock this afternoon with the announcement of a decision in the contempt of court extradition proceedings against Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois United Mineworkers.

FEDERAL COAL INQUIRY IS POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—(U. N. S.)—The federal grand jury subpoenaed to investigate the activities of coal operators and miners will not meet until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Announcement of postponement of the convening of the federal jurors was made at 10 o'clock this morning, the hour at which the jury was to have been impaneled by District Attorney L. E. Slack.

It will be determined tomorrow whether the jury will be impaneled to proceed with the investigation, Slack announced.

Postponement of the investigation was determined last after a long conference between Slack and Dan Slings, special assistant United States attorney.

COAL CONSERVATION CONTINUES TO BE MAIN WATCHWORD

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Coal conservation was continued today, despite indications that the strike of miners was near the end.

The railroads followed out arrangements and cut passenger train schedules between Chicago and the Pacific coast for one day. Stores in Chicago adopted a new working hour system, opening at 12 noon and closing at 6 p. m. Office buildings were kept on the 9 to 3:30 schedule.

Even if the strike is settled and miners go back to work immediately, it will be three weeks before delivery of fresh coal can be started, and it will take probably six weeks for the miners to catch up with the demand.

EDITOR OF LABOR PAPER SPEAKS AT CHURCH MEETING

Rynerson Says Distribution of Wealth in United States Shows Marked Inequalities.

C. N. Rynerson, editor of the Oregon Labor Press, speaking on "Goodwill in Industrial Relations" before the Church of Our Father evening forum Sunday, said:

"The present distribution of wealth shows marked inequalities. Two per cent of the population own 60 per cent of the wealth. Five hundred dollars a year has actually been regarded as a 'living wage.' With the rise in prices, five in wages have not kept pace. The industrial situation is most unsatisfactory. The wives, mothers and children of wage-earners are forced into industry."

"On the one hand, we have some reactionary employers, who treat their men as mere dogs in industry. On the other hand, we have the 'red' element among laborers, who advocate abolition of capital and direct action. The first group is worse than the second, because the first is considered 'respectable.' Neither has anything constructive to offer as a solution of present problems."

"The Tragedy of Lawlessness" was the subject of the Sunday morning sermon at Patton M. E. church, when the Rev. George H. Bennett said:

"The world is ruled by law. If people insist on burning cities at the foot of volcanoes, or living in Arctic or arid regions, and in violating laws of reason, prudence and experience, they must suffer the consequences of collision with nature's laws. These laws do not change to suit human whims and ambitions. The tragedy of lawlessness is seen in the terrible orgy of automobile wrecks in November in Portland—five killed, 137 injured, in a total of 981 smashups. And all because the law of caution was violated."

"If collision with natural laws, force, reason, caution, ends in disaster, how great must be the disaster of collision with God's moral laws."

Dr. W. T. McElveen, in his sermon Sunday morning at the First Congregational church, spoke on "The Goal of Man." He said:

"Be ye perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect. That injunction is not the moral prospectus of a fanatic; it is not the exhortation of an idle dreamer. It is the edict of one who was the greatest and best of men and who ever knew what was in men. Jesus never said a contemptuous word about human nature. He never spoke of any man as being cheap or insignificant. He ever saw the divine and underlying on every soiled fragment of humanity."

The Rev. R. W. McLean of Los Angeles, director of the Los Angeles missions, spoke at Central Presbyterian church Sunday night. He said:

"Investigators have found that seven or eight out of every ten Mexican immigrants came in without the knowledge of the immigration officials. Education is the principal need, as Mexico has no democratic middle class, and the upper classes need to have some of its old feudal ideals removed."

There is no justification in the Bible for capital punishment declared Dr. Joshua Stanfield in his address Sunday night at the First Methodist church.

"Capital punishment is non-Christian and anti-Christian," he said. "The law of retaliation, Jesus positively teaches is wrong. It is anti-Christian, and no intelligent Christian man should quote the Bible in support of capital punishment."

"Murder should be punished, and society should be protected, but life imprisonment would be more of a real punishment for the murderer than the swift and easy revenge of death by legalized life taking."

Police Arrest 30 In Gambling Raid

Two Chinamen are charged with conducting a gambling game and 28 others with visiting a gambling game as result of a raid late Sunday night by Patrolmen Woods and Burdick on 82½ Second street. Ah Lun and Ah Bow charged with conducting the game, put up \$100 bail each. The visitors deposited \$50 bail each.

Revival Meetings Continue

The special revival meetings which have been in progress at the First Nazarene church, East Tenth and Weidner streets, have so increased in interest that they will be continued this week nightly except Saturday.

Owner of System Supplying Yoncalla Water Would Quit

Salem, Dec. 8.—If the public service commission acts favorably on the application of J. J. Dougherty, the town of Yoncalla, Douglas county, will soon be without a water supply system. Dougherty operates the system, which is fed from a spring. The supply is said to be wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the users.

This, together with the fact that the town has refused to grant a franchise, is given as the reason for Dougherty's desire to quit business. The application must be approved by the commission, however, before he can quit.

Cottage Grove Girl Wed

Cottage Grove, Dec. 8.—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Atkinson, Miss Adella E. Atkinson of Cottage Grove and L. T. Brumfield, who spent almost two years in service in France, were married Saturday.

Whiskey Found on Rose City

The steamer Rose City was raided at 9:30 this morning by Deputy Sheriff Christofferson, Pratt, Kendall, Schirmer, Rufford and Lamont. In a locker on the boat two dozen quart bottles of whiskey were found and confiscated.

Cotton Ginning Falls Off

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Cotton ginned up to December 1 of this year totaled 8,587,718 running bales, counting round bales as half bales, compared with 9,511,414 for the same period last year.

Teachers Favor Union

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