

GUNMEN CAUSE OF RECENT UPRISING IN THE COAL FIELDS

Labor Editor Says Detectives Dominate Situation in West Virginia for Operators of Mines

[Ellis Searles, editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal, in the following article written for the United News, presents the case of the "unscrupulous" miners in the coal fields before the public, as the miners view it.]

By Ellis Searles,
Editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal
Washington, Sept. 10.—I believe the public wants to know the truth, so that it may reach a just conclusion in every case. The public will always be fair if it knows what is the fair thing to do. And so it is with regard to the deplorable situation in the coal fields of West Virginia, where thousands of miners assembled and marched.

If the public wants to believe all the stories coming from the coal fields, the full blame for the affair would be placed on the miners. Let us see.

For many years past coal operators in Mingo, McDowell, Mercer and Boone counties have employed hundreds, even thousands of thugs and gunmen whose business it was and still is to intimidate, abuse, beat, shoot and kill. They have the right to do this, as they have the rights guaranteed to them by law.

UNIONISM FORBIDDEN

Herein lies the fundamental, the deep-seated reason why the miners indulged in their recent uprising.

These coal operators forbid their employees to organize or join a union. If any of their men join the union they are at once discharged. Men and their families are put out of their homes in sunshine or in rain and they must find shelter on the mountainside. They are forbidden to walk on the public highways. They are forbidden to assemble to talk over their grievances. They are thugs and gunmen, better known as Baldwin-Feltz detectives, are turned loose on them by the operators.

Only a short time ago a gang of plug uglies shot up a tent colony in Mingo county. They cut the tents to shreds with knives. They broke jars of fruit and destroyed the contents.

REPRESS DEED

Through the Baldwin-Feltz thug system the coal operators own the courts, the sheriffs, the police and every law-enforcing agency. Every means of redress is denied to the miners. Baldwin-Feltz gunmen are elected or appointed to public office. Baldwin-Feltz gunmen have free access to jails, and whenever they wish to beat up a union miner who is a prisoner they simply walk in and beat him up or take him outside and beat him up.

Baldwin-Feltz gunmen arrest miners on any and every charge and put them in jail. Then, under a strange and terrible law which is found only in West Virginia, they send them to an entirely different county and bring in men of their own picking to serve as jurors at the trial of the union miners.

DOMINATED BY OPERATORS

When the United States bituminous coal commission, appointed by the president in 1920, decided that the coal miners were entitled to a wage increase of 24 cents a ton for digging coal, the commission ordered the increase to be made effective throughout the country. The West Virginia operators refused to abide by the award.

The fact is that West Virginia is so completely dominated by the coal operators, with the bloody assistance of their hired gunmen, that a coal miner stands not even the slightest chance for justice or a square deal.

All of these things have been going on for years because they could not help themselves. Their resentment is fast breaking loose and it drives them to illegal performances.

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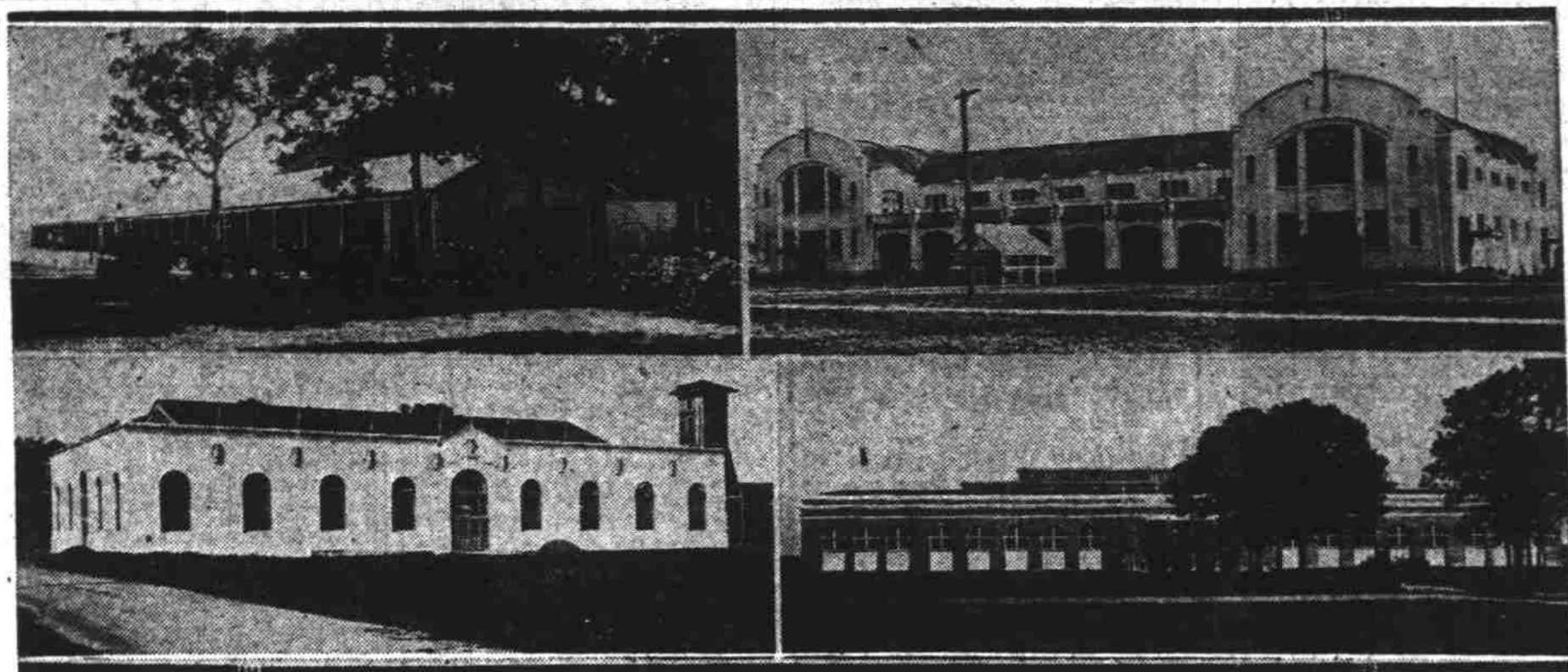
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NEW BUILDINGS WILL GREET VISITORS AT STATE FAIR



Above, left to right, new machinery building, which will house exhibits of trucks, tractors, etc.; main pavilion, which will contain agricultural, floral and arts displays. Below, new poultry building, said to be one of the finest in the country; stadium, where night horse show will take place.

Free Verse Press Agent Kick Wit Looks Different in Print

By William Try.

Paris, Sept. 10.—Lord Riddell, the official "press agent" of the Lloyd George government, who is always to be seen during international conferences, followed by a troop of English and American reporters, speaks free verse. He would perhaps be as surprised to hear it as was the man who heard a definition of prose and exclaimed, "Why, I've been talking it all my life." But such, nevertheless, is the fact.

Following his custom, Lord Riddell received from 30 to 50 correspondents twice daily during the supreme council meeting in Paris. He was regarded as perhaps the best source of news for those who wanted a complete and detailed account of what happened at the sessions. Seated at the head of a long green baize table in a second floor room at the Hotel Crillon, he read slowly from his notes while the newspapermen's pencils reproduced verbatim what he said.

DIFFERENT IN PRINT

Within a few hours the text of his remarks could be read in the newspapers, but a thing that struck many as odd was that in print they produced a quite different effect. I was curious to understand why it was that during his talks the gathering would frequently burst into laughter, whereas the effect of the same words, printed, was quite grave and unemotional.

It is, as stated above, that his lordship talks in "vers libre." It is not the words, but the emphasis of the pauses that produces the comic effect. For example, on the morning Lloyd George left Paris for London, Lord Riddell was describing the council's session. He opened as follows—and let the reader make a suitable pause at the end of each line:

"Mr. Lloyd George arrived at the Quai d'Orsay at 11 o'clock
And the meeting at once began.
All the delegates were present
Except the American representative
who arrived
Ten minutes late."

TAKES GENTLE SLAP

That eloquent pause at the end of the last line but one was a whole volume of commentary on America's slowness in getting into the war and into the peace. If he had tacked on "as usual," the printed version would have reproduced fairly accurately the significance

of the statement.

The council discussed the Silesian matter and Lloyd George suggested that in "view of the disagreement it be referred to the League of Nations. After this was agreed to—both Lloyd George and Briand making long speeches for "home consumption," which made their differences stand out sharply—

"Mr. Lloyd George arose to go.
Mr. Briand seized him by the hand, and said he was GLAD (pause and hysterical laughter)
That the matter had been so amicably arranged."

Lord Riddell's "style of humor" is more American than English. At any rate the American correspondents laugh more than the English during his conferences. One reason may be that his lordship takes delight in "chaffing" the Americans, and many of his studied pauses are obviously directed to the risibility of the Americans. Some of the English correspondents consider him frivolous.

"DO NOT PRINT IT"

The English weekly, News of the World, is Lord Riddell's property. It is said to have the largest circulation on record. He enjoys referring to it.

"Yes, as I said last week in the News of the World—
Which, by the way, has a circulation of 3,500,000.
Of course, you mustn't print this—
I said—oh, and I believe that is the largest circulation ever recorded—
(And besides that a tremendous volume of advertising,
But this is all by the way and quite confidential.
I shouldn't like the public to know.)
Anyhow, I said in my paper
The News of the World—
Colonel Harvey did not succeed in becoming highly popular as a source of news. His manner was variously interpreted. To many he seemed bored and even contemptuous. To others he appeared over-cautious. During the first few days of the conference he saw the press but rarely—on two occasions failed to see them at all, even after an appointment had been made. It was not until Friday of the big week that he really seemed to relish his interview with the newspapers.

HE IS EXACTING

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POULTRY DISPLAY AT STATE FAIR IS TO BE EXTENSIVE

Carloads Will Come From States Far Off as Indiana and Alabama; Many Valuable Prizes.

Salem, Sept. 10.—The poultry display this year at the Oregon State fair, September 26-Oct. 1, will be remarkable, and will include exhibits from all over the

country, some coming to the fair in carload lots. Some of the finest blue-blooded poultry in the country will compete for the worthwhile prizes. The American Columbia Plymouth Rock club will offer a set of handsome silk ribbons, one each for the best shaped and best colored male and one each for the best shaped and best colored female, provided two or more exhibitors are listed. If any of the winners are not members of the club they can qualify for same within 15 days after the close of the show, and ribbons will be mailed direct by the club secretary on advice from the show secretary verifying the winners.

SPECIAL RIBBONS OFFERED

The American White Plymouth Rock club offers special ribbons at this exhibition, one each for the best cock, best hen, best cockerel, best pullet and best pen. These are especially attractive and valuable prizes. In order, however, to compete for them, exhibitors must be members in good standing in the club, and as this notification came too late to be published in the premium lists, poultry breeders who wish to try for the awards are requested to write to G. A. Krueger, Plummer, Minn., for membership cards.

ESTACADA MAN SUPERINTENDENT

Edward Shearer of Estacada will be the superintendent of the poultry department this year, and he will have the privilege of occupying, for the first time, the big glass, steel and brick poultry building which has just been completed on the fair grounds. This is probably one of the finest show houses in the country.

Many notable shipments of chickens are to be made for exhibition from a distance this year. Two carloads will come from Indiana and another one from Alabama, and will include Plymouth Rocks, Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds and Minorcas.

It is anticipated that the Eastern birds will be given a close run for prize money in competition with some of the egg-producing Oregon hens of the Plymouth Rock and Leghorn laying strains, and which have already made records that have attracted the attention of poultry fanciers from a distance.

FREMYSL DEFENDEE CARPENTER

Berlin, Sept. 10.—(L. N. S.)—From field marshal to carpenter has been the destiny of Field Marshal Lieutenant Tamassy, who won fame during the war as the defender of the unpronounceable fortress of Premysl. Tamassy spent several years as a prisoner in Siberia, where he learned the trade. Since his return he has opened a carpenter shop to keep the wolf from the door, according to the Deutsche Zeitung.

WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION PLAN SWEEPING LAND

Twenty-Seven States in Line to Perpetuate Wilson's Ideals; C. S. Jackson Oregon Chairman.

New York, Sept. 10.—Twenty-seven states are now organizing to promote the successful endowment of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, according to a statement given out today by Franklin D. Roosevelt, national chairman of the undertaking to perpetuate the former President's ideals of democracy and human freedom.

"We are particularly pleased with the interest shown in the undertaking by American women, who are organizing jointly with the men," Mr. Roosevelt said. "This was expected in a sense, however, since the idea of perpetuating Mr. Wilson's ideals by means of a Foundation was first conceived by women."

CHAIRMEN ARE LISTED

The following list of state chairmen was announced:

Frank P. Glass, formerly United States senator, for Alabama; John L. Barnett for Colorado; Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale university, for Connecticut; Robert W. Woolley, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, for District of Columbia; John C. Cooper, Jr., of Jacksonville, for Florida; P. A. Struval, formerly minister to Switzerland, for Georgia; James H. Hawley, formerly governor of Idaho, for Idaho; Joubert Shouse, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury, for Kansas; Robert W. Bingham, publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, for Kentucky; James Hamilton Lewis, formerly United States senator, for Illinois; Edwin T. Meredith, formerly secretary of agriculture, for Iowa; Judge Charles F. Johnson of the United States circuit court, for Maine; Hon. Oscar Newton, for Mississippi; Hon. Tom. Stout, formerly congressman for Montana; William F. Baxter, for Nebraska; Judge Thomas C. Haight, of the United States circuit court of appeals, for New Jersey; Hon. Summers Burkhardt of Albuquerque, United States attorney, for New Mexico; Newton D. Baker, formerly secretary of war, for Ohio; Judge Charles B. Ames of Okla-

homia City, for Oklahoma; C. E. Jackson, publisher of The Journal, Portland, for Oregon; Ronald S. Morris, formerly ambassador to Japan, for Pennsylvania; Richard Comstock, for Rhode Island; E. Goodwin Rhett, formerly president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, for South Carolina; Edwin E. Johnson, formerly United States senator, for South Dakota; John Spargo, author and lecturer, for Vermont; United States Senator Carter Glass, for Virginia; Earl Mather, for Wisconsin; T. C. Diers, state food administrator, for Wyoming; Mrs. E. D. Christian, of the Democratic national committee, for Washington.

LEADERSHIP ASSUMED

These chairmen, Mr. Roosevelt said, assume leadership in their several states of the movement to raise an endowment fund, the income for which would be used to grant the Woodrow Wilson Awards comparable in significance to the Nobel Awards. The awards will be granted for "meritorious service to democracy, public welfare, liberal thought or peace through justice."

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