

TROOPS NOT TO POLICE LABOR

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO INTERFERE IN CUMBERLAND MINE WAR.

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—President Harding has refused upon the Mingo county, West Virginia mine strike situation to enunciate an administration policy of non-interference by the federal troops in industrial disputes except as a last resort.

The policy, which is of vast interest to labor and industry and which, too, is of political significance in that it was made something of an issue during the last presidential campaign, sets forth the following:

(1) That every state in the union has not only its proper rights but its proper obligations.

(2) That the army is not and must not be regarded as a police force.

(3) That federal troops should be moved into a situation such as has arisen in West Virginia, only when the state government has utterly failed to protect its rights and fulfill its obligations.

In the case of the West Virginia situation, it is the belief of the president that the state government there has not utterly failed and hence he is not convinced that the government troops should be sent in despite the combined appeals of Governor Morgan of that state, and Governor Morrow of Kentucky.

This enunciation of policy comes up on the first occasion that the government has been urged to interfere with troops in an industrial conflict. Such a situation has been awaited with no little interest in many quarters, both labor and political. It will be recalled that during the late campaign the fear was expressed by certain interested parties, among them representatives of labor, that republican rule would bring a policy of "arbitration by bayonet" in industrial disputes. There is no doubt that the administration in arriving at its decision in the Mingo county affair has been cognizant of the watchful waiting in certain quarters as to the policy it would pursue.

Following the enunciation of the policy, Harding, through his secretary, sent a telegram to Governor Morgan late Tuesday, saying:

"The president directs me to address to you the statement that federal government is ever ready to perform its full duty in the maintenance of constituted authority, but he feels he is not justified in directing the military forces of the nation to enter the state of West Virginia, according to your request until he is well assured that the state has exhausted all its resources in the performance of the duty clearly belonging to it, or the situation has become a menace to the federal government of a hindrance to the performance of its functions.

"On the recommendations thus far made the president is not convinced that West Virginia has exhausted all its own resources and he awaits more definite assurances."

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MOVIE MOVES

"BLACK BEAUTY" IS TWO NARRATIVES IN ONE

Black Beauty, the most famous horse in the world's literature, had a number of interesting human acquaintances. The wonderful horse, whose autobiography as recorded by Anna Sewall has run through countless editions and been read by millions in the past forty years, knew many things about these humans, and related them, but could not know or relate the intense drama going on indoors.

In preparing the motion picture version of "Black Beauty," Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Chester have added the human story, to supplement the "Story of Black Beauty." The "Indoor Story," however, has been kept entirely separate from the "Outdoor Story," which Anna Sewall had Black Beauty tell.

The film version has been completed at last, in spite of almost insuperable difficulties, as a Vitagraph special production, and will be shown at the Empress theatre

on three days starting Tuesday, with Jean Paige in the leading human role.

Contrary to the general supposition, the work of visualizing the story of "Black Beauty" was more a matter of awaiting and seizing opportunities than it was of training horses. In the action of horses described by Anna Sewall there are things which no horses could be trained to do at command, but there is nothing in the story that horses do not do at some time under certain circumstances, naturally and spontaneously. It was the author's ability to observe with alert and sympathetic intelligence the conduct of horses under all circumstances, and present her observations in a brilliant literary style, that made her book one of the world's masterpieces for all time. After forty years it still ranks among the world's ten most popular books.

The visualization of "Black Beauty" was no small undertaking, but the splendid result has justified all the thought, energy and money expended in its accomplishment.

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preparation of the film version to the final editing of the production, has been conducted with reverent regard for the sacredness of Anna Sewall's immortal work.

4,000,000,000 BAGS OF PEANUTS EATEN EACH YEAR

By United News

CHICAGO, May 18.—The American public devours 4,000,000,000 bags of roasted peanuts in the shells every year.

This makes no account of the goobers eaten otherwise: salted, shelled, in peanut butter or oil, according to the members of the United Peanut association of America in convention here. Peanuts eaten in the shell are not our biggest source of demand," said P. D. Bain, Norfolk, Va., president of the association, "but in the ball parks, amusement parks, race courses and such places, about 4,000,000,000 pound bags are consumed annually.

The concessions at ball parks and Coney island are profiteering enormously, it was stated.

The vendor in the parks does not seem to know that the price of peanuts has come down," said J. C. Beale, of Franklin, Va., "Peanuts have dropped from around 15 cents a pound to 4 1/2 cents, but the vendor is still getting a big dime for a mighty thin sack of goobers."

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