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JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIR GATES ARE OPEN

GOVERNMENT AFTER COAL TRUST

Dissolution of the Reading Combination Is Sought, Brief Being Filed in U. S. Supreme Court Today

Washington, Sept. 19.—Declaring the "Reading combination" is the backbone of an alleged anthracite monopoly, that it controls about two-thirds of the anthracite deposits and that its supply will outlast many years that of any other producer, the government today filed in the United States supreme court its brief asking for complete separation of the Reading company, the Philadelphia & Reading Railways company, the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company and others.

Violation of the anti-trust law is charged.

A decision in this case in the district courts was only partly favorable to the government, but in some important aspects the decision was adverse to the government. Cross appeals to the supreme court followed.

In its brief the government contends that unless the combination is completely dissolved, it will in time own or control every available ton of commercially available coal known to exist. The combination was established, the government contends, through acquisition of the Schuykill canal, wholesale purchases of anthracite coal lands, purchases of the output of independent producers, excessive freight rates, preferences and rebates granted to the Reading Coal company and other ways.

It is further contended the Reading combination acquired control of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, a competing carrier, and of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal company, a competing anthracite producer, "thereby further restraining and monopolizing production, transportation and sale of anthracite coal."

INTRODUCE "TANKS" IN MODERN WAR

London, Sept. 19.—Great battles between whole fleets of land dreadnaughts may result from the introduction of the new "tanks," or motor cars, monsters, in the Somme fighting by the British, a Times correspondent at British headquarters suggested today.

"In one short hour," the correspondent wired, "the tanks did more military service and killed more Germans in uniform than all the Zeppelins have ever done. It may be that before this war is done, we, the Germans and all the allies alike, shall be building other monsters, bigger and each more horrible than the last, until there will be land battles of whole fleets of dreadnaughts and terrestrial monsters."

Only one of the "tanks" was destroyed in the Somme fighting, it was learned today. In the center of Bouleaux wood, where fierce fighting occurred, one of the new monsters lies with its nose in the earth between the opposing lines, forming a barricade for both British and Germans. How it was destroyed, has not been revealed in despatches from the front.

TRACTORS FOR DREADNAUGHTS BOUGHT BY U. S.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Twenty-seven caterpillar tractors, similar to those converted into "land dreadnaught tanks" by the British in northern France, will soon be a part of the U. S. army's equipment. The same Peoria, Ill., firm which supplied the British with the engines for the armored fighting monsters has contracted to build the huge tractors for this government. They are to be delivered within ninety days.

The tractors will weigh between 12,000 and 14,000 pounds. This is considerably below the weight of the tractors furnished for England. Their price will be \$4,755 each. It will cost \$1,000 additional for encasing them in armor.

Colonel Rice, of the ordnance department, explained today that while these tractors could easily be turned into land dreadnaughts similar to the British tanks, it is unlikely this will be done.

"Conditions here would not call for such engines of war," Rice said. "In the first place, it is not likely that war in America would develop into trench warfare, because of the enormous distances, except where it would be confined to local territories."

The tractors bought for the U. S. army are to be used to haul big guns. They will be armored and probably will carry rapid firing rifles, but more for defense than offense. They are much similar to the ordinary farm tractors, except that they are more powerfully constructed.

MANY INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENTS

New York, Sept. 19.—Upwards of 40 persons were injured, most of them girls en route to work, in four accidents today, growing out of the street car strike.

A jitney auto truck, crowded with girls, swerved sharply approaching the Williamsburg bridge and pitched its two score passengers into the roadway. Some of them fell beneath other automobiles or the hoofs of horses and received serious injuries.

A Third avenue car operated by a strike breaker, jumped the track and crashed into a telegraph pole. A motorman and two passengers were injured.

Two cars in the Bronx, operated by green motormen, were in collision, but none was injured. The police explained that strike hardened Bronxites always keep their eyes on the motormen nowadays, and jump before the crash comes!

Mayor Mitchell and Chairman Strauss of the public service commission, conferred this afternoon with business and commercial leaders in an eleventh-hour attempt to avert the general sympathetic strike threatened by union leaders, unless the railway companies agree to arbitration.

TY COBB CONCEDES DEFEAT BY SPEAKER

Detroit, Sept. 19.—Ty Cobb this afternoon conceded his defeat by Tris Speaker, of the Indians, for batting honors in the American league. This season marks the first in 10 years that Cobb has been deprived of the title of premier batsman of the league.

"I'm not worrying about the batting championship," Cobb said this afternoon. "I gave up all hope of beating out Speaker two weeks ago. My whole concern now is in aiding the Tigers to cop the pennant."

NUMEROUS ENTRIES DELUGE EXPOSITION

All Departments Are Filled to Overflowing, and Judges Will Commence the Work of Placing Awards Wednesday Morning—Continuous Program of Sports and Amusements Provided—"Farmer" Smith Tonight

The gates of the Josephine county fair swung open to the public this morning, and for three days the exposition at the ball grounds will be the center of attraction.

The secretaries and clerks were swamped this morning when entries rolled in upon them, and in every department the chiefs have been rushing to get the displays arranged and the various buildings in shipshape. In consequence of this eleventh-hour entry by exhibitors, the placing of awards can not begin till Wednesday, when the judges will commence their work. Every department will be full, however, and the competition will be keen.

Exhibit Buildings Are Filled

Two main display buildings have been erected, the first housing the ladies' textile department. In this are to be found many magnificent exhibits of woman's handwork, paintings, flowers, canned fruit, etc. Beyond is the horticultural building, and though it is spacious, it fails to provide the room that should be given to the rich array of products of farm and orchard. Within this building are the exhibits of four of the granges of the county—Merlin, Fruitdale, Murphy and Rogue River Valley granges being represented.

The stock pens that are built beyond are housing the best display of stock yet brought to a Josephine county fair. The showing of dairy stock is especially good, and the

Berkshires from Winona ranch are the equal of any to be found in the United States. There are also fair showings of poultry, sheep and horses.

Numerous local firms have taken advantage of the opportunity to make showings from their stocks, and Uncle Sam is on the ground with exhibits from the forestry and the post-office departments.

The Moose band is continuously on the job discouraging fine music, and the race track in front of the grand stand is the scene of many sports and races.

"Farmer" Smith Will Speak

The fair will not be open this evening, but at eight o'clock, at Railroad park, "Farmer" Smith, of the O. W. R. & N. company, and Frank S. Bramwell, of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, will address the public.

The big dance at the pavilion constructed alongside Railroad park will be on this evening after the addresses, and there will be a series of sports upon the streets and at the band stand.

Wednesday will be the big time at the fair. The delegation of Portland financiers, newspaper men and others from the Rose City, to arrive on No. 13, in the morning, will visit the fair between nine and ten o'clock. The placing of ribbons upon the prize-winning exhibits will be in progress, and there will be a lively program of sports.

"DOUBLE" OF BILLINGS OFFERS ALIBI FOR SAN FRANCISCO BOMB SUSPECT

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—By calling the "double" of Warren K. Billings to the witness stand, the defense in the murder trial resulting from the preparedness day bomb plot this morning opened a wide breach in the state's chain of evidence.

Shortly after the defense opened its case, Attorney Maxwell McNutt called to the witness stand Al De Cassia, a clerk. De Cassia bears a remarkable resemblance to Billings. He testified that it was he, and not Billings, whom the prosecution witnesses saw on the roof at 721 Market street just before the explosion.

The same high cheek bones, straight nose and peculiar indentation of the forehead by which state witnesses had identified Billings were prominent characteristics of the defense's new witness.

DeCassia testified that it was he who leaned over the edge of the roof and waved at pedestrians below. The people he hailed were not Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, bomb plot suspects, but were companions who worked for the same firm on Market street.

While the audience which packed the court room watched with tense interest, De Cassia climbed on a chair, leaned over the edge and imitated the gestures which state witnesses testified were made by Billings.

The only other person on the roof with him at any time, DeCassia testi-

fied, was a photographer, carrying a small black camera, who remained there until after four o'clock.

Attorney McNutt intimated that Billings himself may take the stand this afternoon or tomorrow.

Thomas Dodge, a motion picture man, was called by the defense and contradicted the testimony of Traffic Policeman Moore that Moore had talked to Mooney in front of 721 Market street.

The defense called John McDonald, the state's star witness, who again denied telling any one of three men that the police had paid him for his testimony.

The defense later called Henry Pincus to the stand to corroborate De Cassia's testimony. He said that he tried to go on the roof of the building with De Cassia, but that a girl prevented him.

Pincus apparently figured as "the little Russian Jew" whom Miss Estelle Smith testified last week insulted her when she refused to let him go on the roof.

W. P. Crump was another defense witness who told of a mysterious photographer on the roof of the building.

Just before court adjourned, Defense Attorney McNutt said he is searching for the photographer who was on the roof of the building, and hopes to get him to testify.

MEXICANS MAY SOON REPLACE PERSHING'S MEN

New London Conn., Sept. 19.—The threatened rift in the Mexican-American conference appeared today to have been closed, at least temporarily.

The American commission has consented to give immediate consideration to the withdrawal of troops and to arranging for border protection. In this matter the Mexicans have pledged to send a force to replace Pershing's men.

On the whole, the Americans feel that there is no actual break ahead. But the Mexican temper is such, manifestly, that the border patrol and withdrawal questions must be decided definitely, and at once, else there will be trouble ahead for the commission.

The Mexicans have pledged themselves to hunt Villa to the "bitter end." The attack on Chihuahua simplifies the problem, they say. Hitherto it has been a problem of locating the bandit leader rather than fighting him, and now they believe he has revealed his whereabouts.

One big problem, upon which the world in general must pass, is the subject of the Mexican declaration of "equal rights" to Mexicans and foreigners in Mexico. The Mexicans say Mexico will be more peaceful by reason of becoming "less subject to outside contentions," hence, Carranza will put both Mexican and foreign interests "on the same footing."

AMMUNITION IS TAKEN BY VILLA

El Paso, Sept. 19.—With six automobile loads of ammunition captured from the arsenal in the attack on Chihuahua City Saturday and with more than a thousand recruits from the Carranza ranks added to his forces, Francisco Villa today is reported fleeing back into the fastnesses of Santa Clara canyon, entering it by the east mouth.

De facto government troops from Chihuahua City have abandoned the chase of the "Fox of the Sierras." In the meantime new troops from Monterey and other points south are being rushed north to take up the trail of the bandits.

General Trevino, Carranza commander at Chihuahua City, fears to use the men recruited from northern Mexico against Villa, as they invariably desert to him at the first opportunity.

Military men here do not underestimate the importance of Villa's attack on Chihuahua City.

Scores of refugees from Chihuahua City arrived in Juarez last night, bringing first-hand accounts of the attack and confirming meager reports that the Villistas overran the city and left it at their leisure.

Only two civilian residents were injured and none of the few American residents. In the early fighting the Villistas herded all civilians who appeared on the streets into a vacant building and kept them inside while the fighting was in progress.

All incoming refugees from the south declare that a large number of de facto troops deserted and marched away with Villa with their arms and ammunition. Before beginning the retreat, six automobiles, commandeered by the bandits, were backed up to the arsenal and loaded with ammunition. Four hundred Carranza mutineers guarded them on the march out.

Most of the 1,200 political prisoners in the penitentiary were released by the Villistas.

MONASTIR IS NOW TARGET OF ALLIES

Troops Cross the Serbian Frontier At Two Points and Are Advancing for Attack Upon Bulgar Base

London, Sept. 19.—Allied troops have crossed the Serbian frontier at two places and are advancing against the Bulgarian base at Monastir. Serbian soldiers are fighting on their native soil for the first time since their retreat through Albania last winter.

They have captured a series of heights from the Bulgars at Kamakchalan, and have crossed the Serbo-Greek border north of Lake Ostrovo.

French and Russian troops are engaged with the Bulgars near Kenale, on Serbian territory. Practically all the territory conquered by the Bulgarian right wing in the recent invasion of Greece has already been recaptured by the Serbs, French and Russians.

The most savage fighting has occurred where Serbs and Bulgarians came in contact. Eager for revenge, the Serbs are flinging themselves at the Bulgarian lines with knives and bayonets. Desperate hand-to-hand fighting was reported northwest of Lake Ostrovo.

The Bulgars have made almost no strong stand since their first defensive positions were wrecked by French and Serbian artillery. They have moved steadily northward in retreat, excepting at Florina, where they offered stubborn resistance, but were defeated by French and Russian forces.

General Cordonnier, French commander, established headquarters in Florina, and ordered the pursuit of the Bulgars continued, says an Athens dispatch today.

PORTLAND TO SEND BIG DELEGATION

The latest report from Portland was that at least 35 would be in the excursion party that would leave for Grants Pass this evening. The party will arrive here at 8:35 Wednesday morning, and will be met at the depot by the local committee with automobiles sufficient to carry the party on a tour of the county.

First will be a ride around the city, arriving at the fair grounds at about 9:30. Following inspection of the exhibits at the fair, the special train on the new railroad will be boarded for the sugar factory, which will be inspected, when the trip to Waters Creek, and through the Illinois valley, will be continued. Lunch will be served on Deer creek.

Only a few of the excursionists will have to return home in the evening, and at least 25 of the visitors will be in the city till Thursday, and it is hoped that they can be given a ride through the upper portions of the Rogue valley and see Medford, Ashland and the other cities of that portion. No visit to the Rogue valley can be said to be complete without an auto ride from the junction of the Rogue and the Illinois to the foothills at Mount Ashland, and the local committee hopes to make the visit of the Portlanders complete.