

NO JUSTICE AT HERRIN IS CLAIM

'Cannot Be Attained in Williamson County' Says Attorney General, After the Second Acquittal in Massacre Cases—Remaining Cases All Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—High officials of the department of justice said today they would not initiate federal prosecutions against those charged with responsibility for the Herrin mine massacre and who escaped conviction yesterday in a state court, unless new facts were developed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 7.—(By Associated Press.) President Frank Farrington of the Illinois Mine Workers today characterized as a "splendid victory" and one that "confirms my faith in the innocence of our indicted members," the acquittal at Marion, Ohio, of the six defendants charged with murder in connection with the Herrin rioting.

MARION, Ill., April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—All of the untold criminal indictments growing out of the Herrin riots were nolle prossed today following the acquittal by a jury last night of six defendants charged with murder.

CHICAGO, April 7.—Justice cannot be obtained in Williamson county, in the opinion of Attorney General Edward J. Brundage, who returned today from Marion, where last night a second verdict of acquittal was given by a jury in the Herrin mine murder trial. It was as a result of the not guilty verdict in the second trial that all the remaining cases against the alleged rioters were nolle prossed today by the state's attorney of Williamson county.

The following statement was given out by W. C. Middlekauff, assistant attorney general, at the request of Attorney E. J. Brundage.

"The prosecution is reluctantly obliged to admit that justice cannot be obtained in Williamson county, an impartial jury cannot be secured to try the men responsible for the murder of a score of men at and near Herrin last June.

"The law compels the state to prosecute in the county where the crime was committed, and for five months the prosecution has vainly striven to secure a conviction.

"The witnesses reliable and trustworthy, at great risk of personal violence, have been courageously testifying to what they beheld on that day, only to be impeached by witnesses who plainly were interested in the defense and who clearly were testifying falsely. Two juries have returned verdicts of acquittal regardless of the evidence.

"Intimidation, prejudice or downright dishonesty actuated them. Under the rulings of the trial court when jurors were being examined any man who admitted he had an opinion whether the massacre of the disarmed and helpless strip miners was lawful or unlawful, was disqualified for jury service. In my opinion this ruling is not the law of Illinois. On the other hand, all men contributing to the defense found, voluntarily or otherwise, have been held to be competent jurors, but in my view of the law, such men are not competent jurors and could not be impartial jurors.

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Citizens Lift Hats To Jurors After Mayor Found Guilty

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mayor H. M. Schriver, former Chief of Police Thomas Cox and Lawrence Pedigo were found guilty today of conspiracy to sell and protect lawless privileges and sentenced to the penitentiary for indeterminate terms. Cox also received a \$2,000 fine. When the jurors walked out of the court room into the street, passersby lifted their hats to them. The convicted men have been a power in local and state politics for several years. Named in the same indictment were John P. Looney, fugitive publisher of the suppressed Rock Island News, and City Attorney John K. Scott. The latter asked for and was allowed a separate trial.

CLASS HATRED, BLOCS DEPLORED BY PRESIDENT

Harding in Address at Augusta, Ga., First Public Utterance of Vacation, Says America Just to European Nations.

AUGUSTA, April 7.—Domestic affairs of the nation now are the greatest concern and the nation today should guard against the development of classes and the organization of blocs, according to President Harding. The chief executive expressed these views at a dinner given in his honor by an Augusta citizen last night. It was his first speech since he began his vacation trip in the south. Preparations for leaving here were made today, and tonight the presidential party will begin the journey to Washington, where the president will take up his official duties. His speech last night took the form of an appeal to the people of the south. He deplored, he said, any formation of blocs in the republic. In the course of his remarks which covered a variety of topics, he asserted that he did not believe that there was "a vestige of sectionalism of the civil war left in the United States." Touching upon the international affairs of the union, he said that the country's internal affairs were in better shape than ever before and predicted that in time to come those persons who think America is not doing justice toward European nations will find that America after all, "is the most just nation in the world."

EL PASO, Texas, April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—President and Mrs. Harding probably will visit cities of the southwest on their proposed trip to the Pacific coast, Fred Starck, managing director of the war finance corporation declared before his departure today.

Rum Ship Sinks. VINEYARDHAVEN, Mass., April 7.—The steamer John Dwight of New York, carrying bottled ale believed to be intended for that port, went down in Vineyard Sound yesterday with a loss of at least nine lives. That was the number of bodies recovered by fishermen today from Vineyard Sound where the steamer sank. The waters were reported strewn with barrels of bottled ale.

LINK SAILOR TO RABBI'S DEATH BY HANDWRIT

C. B. Hicks Held in Naval Guardhouse On Suspicion of Slaying Lafee in Hotel—Descriptions and Events in Murder Tally—Police Investigate Murder Tally.

OAKLAND, Cal., April 7.—C. B. Hicks, a sailor, is in custody of the naval authorities at Mare Island under suspicion of being the man who killed Rabbi Lafee. Identification was made through comparison of his handwriting with that of his register at the Hotel Gates in San Francisco, where the rabbi was killed. San Francisco detectives will go to Mare Island this afternoon to complete identification.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Detectives Leo Bunker and George McLoughlin of the San Francisco department and Belleville Tompkins, clerk on duty at the Hotel Gates at the time of the attack, were ordered to proceed to Vallejo in the police launch this afternoon for the purpose of identifying Seaman C. B. Hicks as the murderer of Rabbi Lafee if possible.

According to information received by Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, Hicks was arrested at Mare Island at 11:30 a. m. today by Chief of Police W. T. Stanford of Vallejo and is being held in the guardhouse at the naval headquarters. The description of Hicks corresponds exactly with that of the sailor who accompanied Rabbi Lafee to the hotel, Matheson said. Stanford advised Matheson that Hicks was in San Francisco at the time of the attack, as his vessel, the submarine S-35, was at the plant of the Bethlehem corporation in that city at the time. The submarine departed Wednesday morning after Rabbi Lafee had been taken from the hotel in a dying condition.

Witnesses have been found here, according to Captain Matheson, who saw the sailor and the rabbi in a motion picture theater on Fillmore street early Tuesday night. The Gates hotel is also on Fillmore street. The placing of a charge against Hicks will await an investigation by the San Francisco police authorities, Captain Matheson was advised by Chief Stanford.

Comparison of examples of Hicks' handwriting was made possible thru the register of the Hotel Gates and also of another hotel where Hicks is alleged to have stayed while in San Francisco, according to Matheson. Miss Louise Hewitt, 18, delinquent runaway of Los Angeles was the principal member of the police identification party bound for Vallejo. Her exact point of contact with the case was not disclosed by the police, but it was said she is regarded as the pivotal witness for identification purposes.

John Davitt, close friend of Rabbi Lafee, who said he saw the clergyman at a Fillmore street theater on the night of the tragedy "with a fine looking sailor," accompanied the police party.

Miss Hewitt had been held for the juvenile detention authorities of Los Angeles by the San Francisco police.

BRAZIL REBELS MEET DEFEAT

BUENOS AIRES, April 7.—The Brazilian revolutionists have been obliged to raise the siege of the town of Uruguaiana, losing 40 killed and many wounded in the operation, says a dispatch to La Nacion from Paso de los Libres. The state forces, according to their leaders, lost three killed and ten wounded. The correspondent asserts that the rebels, numbering about 800 men, have retired to Quarany, where they will seek reinforcements. Trenches have been dug around Uruguaiana while barbed wire fences and bags of wool have been placed on the street corners.

Irish Burn Home. DUBLIN, April 7.—The country residence of Sir John Dillon at Llanellen, county Meath, was burned today by six armed men. The raiders appeared at midnight, told Sir John and his wife and daughter that they were "sorry" but were acting under orders; then helped remove a few articles selected by the family before setting fire to the place.

Seek to Save Boy From Gallows



Left—George Baker, 23 of Durham, Ga., who with his 15-year-old brother Ralph, (right) is condemned to be hanged for the murder of a deputy sheriff several months ago. Millions of petitions are being telegraphed to Gov. Hardwick of Georgia as well as to the state prison commission in an effort to save the life of the younger boy, at least.

BABY MOTORS START 52 MILE RACE FOR CUP

Travel 52 Miles, Shoving Carriages to Test Stamina and Shoe Leather—Cruelty to Infants Fails to Halt Endurance Race of Mothers.

LONDON, April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Five sturdy mothers pushing perambulators each freighted with a protesting baby crossed Westminster bridge as Big Ben chimed 5:15 o'clock this morning in a 52 mile race to Brighton.

The contest is the outgrowth of a controversy between the mothers of the north and south of England as to which section had the hardest and speediest baby carriage chauffeurs. The contestants were cheered by a crowd around the parliament buildings as they got away at dawn on their long trek.

They expect to reach Brighton by sunset. Officials of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children entered a protest against the affair, declaring the proceeding harmful to the children and asserting that if the little ones suffered the mothers would be prosecuted.

"My baby is in the best of health and temper and I have a bottle of tea at his feet to keep them warm," one of the entrants responded.

Three of the babies are under a year old. The youngest only five months old. The other two are two years old.

It quickly became apparent that shoe leather and stamina were not the only factors in the race. Mrs. Ada May Edwards of Manchester, mother of the five months' old baby, wheeling a light folding cart, took the lead at the start over the four heavier baby carriages, but soon lost her advantage when she had to halt to nurse her offspring, who had been loudly noising its demand for nourishment. It was a quick lunch. Mrs. Edwards shoved the infant back into the pram after such a short interval that only one competitor passed her.

Mrs. Lily Groom of Eastbourne reached Red Hill, 20 miles from Westminster, at 9:37, and Mrs. Edwards at 9:43. The others were trailing.

The pace for the first four hours was so hot that several men accompanying the marching mothers were fatigued on their arrival at Red Hill, but the merry matrons were still going strong.

The winner will receive a silver "shoving" cup and enough money to buy a pair of shoes.

Irish Rebels Scare. DUBLIN, April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Not more than 2000 or 2500 irregulars are resisting the free state government now, it was stated today by Kevin O'Higgins, minister of home affairs. Rebel prisoners, he said, were coming in at the rate of 200 a week.

Pupils Ask School Board to Cease Smoking in Room

HAZELTON, Ia., April 7.—Pupils of the eighth grade at the West Hazelton public school have sent a communication signed by the "health committee" demanding that the school board, which meets in the eighth grade room at the school building, abstain from smoking at meetings. Unless the board stops smoking, the letter says, there will be a general strike of students.

HOUSE OF DAVID LEADER MISSING STATE WILL ACT

Cult Will Go Into Hands of Receiver—Purnell Reported to Be in Australia—All Finances of Colony Intact—Legal Action Certain.

LANSING, Mich., April 7.—The legislative, judicial and executive branches of the state government were linked in action against the Isrealite House of David today. The legislature joined the state's cause with a bill, ready for enactment, which will permit the state to ask for a receivership for the colony's property pending outcome of the quo warranto proceedings instituted in circuit court here by Attorney General Andrew B. Dougherty.

Whether Benjamin Purnell, head of the colony, could be located and served with a summons was a matter of speculation. Commenting upon the rumor that he was in Australia, where the House of David has a colony, Governor Grosbeck declared: "No matter where he is, we are going to get him and bring him back."

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 7.—Although Benjamin P. Purnell, head of the Isrealite House of David, has left the colony, the organization's funds and assets are intact, M. H. Tyler, one of the "seven pillars" of the cult, has assured Sheriff George C. Bridgman of Berrien county. Tyler made the statement yesterday when Sheriff Bridgman visited the House of David, in search of Purnell, upon whom he sought to serve a writ of Capias in a civil suit and Purnell is believed to have taken only a few hundred dollars for traveling expenses when he left, Tyler told the sheriff.

Youth Free of Murder. SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—William Lynch, 17, was acquitted by a jury of six men and six women here today on a charge of murder growing out of the shooting of Thomas McCormick, 10, October 20. Lynch had pleaded self-defense, claiming the youths had quarreled, according to the evidence.

Rumania Changes Premiers. BUCHAREST, April 7.—(Jewish Telegraphic Service.) Premier Bratiano has tendered his resignation and the king has accepted it. Bratiano was the leader in the movement which culminated in the adoption of Rumania's new constitution.

CAPTAIN'S WIFE, IN ARMY SCANDAL, INFORMED, FULL PROBE TO BE MADE

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Secretary Weeks declined today a request from Mrs. Edwin Randle that he cancel his order directing an investigation into the controversy between her husband, Captain Edwin H. Randle and Colonel L. L. Conger, commanding the 20th infantry at San Antonio. The following telegram was received by the secretary from Mrs. Randle: "An understanding having been reached here, I desire to withdraw my request made to you for an investigation by an inspector general and to request that no action be taken as based thereon."

ALL BRITISH LABOR NEAR TO STRIKES

700,000 Men in Disputes With Employers and Industrial Outlook Disquieting—Miners and Farm Hands Quit—France Favored in Ruhr Valley.

LONDON, April 7.—(By Associated Press.) The industrial outlook in Great Britain at the present time is regarded as disquieting. It is estimated that nearly 700,000 workers are involved in disputes with their employers and that some 50,000 are already on strike. These include the Welsh miners and the Norfolk farm workers. The employers of the building trades announce today a new schedule of wages and hours to become operative on April 14. If the men do not accept it, a lockout of nearly 500,000 workers may result. Differences have arisen over the railway shopmen's wages. The employers propose an extensive reduction and this is believed to hold the possibility of a general railwaymen's strike throughout Great Britain. The dispute in the pottery trades involves about 60,000 men.

The effect of this industrial unrest—among other equally disturbing factors—upon the government after parliament reconvenes on Monday, is discussed today in an editorial in the Daily Telegraph. The newspaper takes the view that the next few weeks may be the crucial time in the fortunes of the administration.

CARDIFF, Wales, April 7.—(By Associated Press.) With the strike in the Rhondda coal fields now involving 45,000 men, leaders of the industry are taking a gloomy view of the future. They are particularly concerned lest the European market transfer its orders to the United States. Two hundred steamers are awaiting coal in south Wales ports.

PARIS, April 7.—(By Associated Press.) Louis Loucheur, returning from London last evening, disclaimed the views on the reparations question attributed to him in the press, but told the foreign editor of Le Matin he had brought back a conviction that British opinion had changed and that the great majority of the public sentiment in England was clearly favorable to France.

This attitude, he said, was also evident in the political world, except that there was mingled with it an uneasiness as to the possible consequences of the French Ruhr policy.

"I did not find an English politician, no matter what his party nor what views he entertained originally on the opportuneness of the Ruhr situation," Mr. Loucheur is quoted as saying, "who did not approve unreservedly when I declared that we will carry through this undertaking to the bitter end. Nobody, not even Mr. Lloyd George, had anything to say against that declaration."

LePetit Parisien says an entente agreement may be reached as a result of M. Loucheur's visit. It adds that before leaving Paris he had several talks with Premier Poincare, at which the situation was thoroughly discussed. The former minister and his British friends, the journal affirms, are both satisfied with the result of the exchange of views.

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