

# NEW ENGLAND COAL FOR WEST

## COUNCIL PREPARING FOR MILK PRICE INVESTIGATION

### Former Service Man Beaten by Mexican Police and Wounded

#### Federal Authorities Investigate Story of W. M. Milton—Mexico Holds Accused Policeman—Report of Villa's Death Not Confirmed.

Calixico, Cal., Dec. 4.—W. M. Milton, a former service man, is in an army camp hospital here today, receiving treatment for wounds suffered, he said, at the hands of a Mexican policeman in Mexicali, Lower Calif., just across the international boundary line from here.

Milton was brought to this side of the border last night after being detained since November 8, virtually without medical treatment. He said he was arrested in Mexicali on a charge of being intoxicated, but broke away from his captor and ran toward the American side of the line. The policeman pursued him, he said, beat and kicked him into insensibility and left him lying in the street for several hours.

When he regained consciousness, Milton declared, he was taken to a hospital where one hand was bandaged but fractures of his jaw and numerous cuts and abrasions were not treated.

Former comrades interested themselves in his case and sent him clothing. This he never received, he said.

American consul Boyle, at Mexicali, announced he would report the case to the State Department. Mexican authorities announced that they were investigating the case, meanwhile holding the accused policeman in jail.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 4.—Mexican officials here today were still without confirmation of the reported capture of Francisco Villa by members of his band who are said to be holding him for ransom. Both civil and military officials were active for confirmation through every available channel.

The report of the capture came in a despatch from a telegraph operator at Parral, to P. W. Cabell, superintendent of the National Railways of Mexico, for Chihuahua, who is here on an inspection trip.

### DIRECTRESS OF DAY NURSERY DROWNS SELF

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 4.—The body of Miss Emily McCarthy, 34, directress of the Young Women's Christian Association day nursery, and a visiting nurse, was found in Black Pond today. She left the nursery Sunday evening in her uniform and wearing also a raincoat. Officers of the association say that for a week Miss McCarthy had seemed mentally depressed. Miss McCarthy came from New York and was graduated from the Meriden Hospital. In July she was appointed to the day nursery.

### GOVERNMENT WILL SPEEDILY BRING MINERS LEADERS INTO THE FEDERAL COURTS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—Headed by Acting President John L. Lewis, six general and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America appeared at the federal building shortly before noon today and surrendered to U. S. Marshal Mark Storen, who held capsules for their arrest on information filed yesterday charging 34 officers of the organization with contempt of court.

Besides Acting President Lewis, those who appeared today are William Green, secretary-treasurer of the International organization; Ellis Searles, editor of the Mine Workers' Journal, the official publication of the union; Percy Zetlow, statistician; Edward Stewart, president of district 11 and William M. Mitch, secretary of district 11.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 4.—Machinery of the department of justice was put in motion today to bring about speedy appearance in federal court here of all of the 34 international and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America against whom information charging criminal contempt of court was filed yesterday with U. S. District Judge A. B. Anderson. The miners are charged with violating the agreement against the furthering of the strike of coal miners of the country. With the appearance of John L. Lewis, acting president, and the officials of the organization attached to International

### But He's Taking No Unnecessary Chances

London, Dec. 4.—Former emperor William of Germany, does not believe he will be brought to trial by the allies, or, if tried, that his future will be affected in any way, says the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail. Various friendly sources here recently suggested that he surrender to the allies, offering to give the court all information in his power, the correspondent says, but he appears too lothario to take any steps, or even concentrate his mind upon the preparation of notes.

Next to sawing wood, the erstwhile monarch's main interest seems to be the various campaigns waged in Russia, which he follows with the aid of large maps, and he eagerly reads all the news from that country.

### McCormack Explains to McGovern

#### Noted Tenor's Concert Was Cancelled Unavoidably, But He Will Sing Dec. 31.

John McCormack, the famous Irish tenor who is to appear at Poli's theater on Sunday afternoon, December 21st, has written a letter to his friend, Collector of the Port, James L. McGovern of this city, which speaks of the keen disappointment that was his because of his inability to appear here at the time the concert was to have been held.

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Mr. McCormack's voice failed him a day or two prior to the time set for his original appearance here which was November 15th. He caught a heavy cold while en route from southern points to the colder climate of the north. Because of this he was unable to sing in Bridgeport and was compelled to cancel several other appearances. He has since fully recovered and is now filling his engagements, being everywhere greeted by the greatest outpourings of music lovers in his entire career.

Mr. McCormack's letter to Collector McGovern follows:

On Tour, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 27, 1919. My dear Jim—

I can't tell you how bitterly disappointed I was at the unavoidable postponement of my concert in Bridgeport. I would not bring that matter up again now as all the details have been arranged for my re-appearance there in the first place. Surely I don't have to tell the good audience in Bridgeport that this is a deliberate lie. As a matter of fact, Jim, I have never looked forward so much to a concert with my friends as I do now. I had no intention of appearing there in the first place. I am a voting resident of the state of Connecticut, and naturally felt all "the 'up" of the idea of appearing in my home state. Do assure my good friends in Bridgeport that I will be with them, with the help of God, on the 21st prox, and I hope to be able to make up to them for any disappointment they may have had on account of my absolutely unavoidable non-appearance on the 15th.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you and friends on the 21st of December, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,  
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### MAYOR WILSON WILL TELL OF IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson will attend the Southern Connecticut Convention of Atlantic Coast Mayors to speak at their annual convention in Savannah, Ga. Mayor Wilson will speak on "Improvements of Municipal Improvements." It will convene from the 8th to the 10th. Members expect General John J. Pershing as their guest.

Lorenz Lucas, of Fairfield, who drove his machine into a car owned by Antonio Walye, of Fairfield in Backwick avenue Sunday night, and then struck a telegraph pole was arraigned in the City court this morning charged with reckless driving and trying to evade responsibility. He was fined \$25 and costs. Lucas had been drinking a little cider.

### SOFT COAL NEEDED IN THE WEST

#### Distributors Agree That New England Is Better Off Than Other Sections of the Country.

Boston, Dec. 4.—Reports that soft coal ordered for New England might be diverted to western cities caused some concern today among large consumers here although distributors agreed that the district was better off as regards its supply than some other sections.

Several manufacturing centers reported that the fuel on hand would last less than a month under the present rate of distribution. William A. Clark, president of the New England Coal Dealers' association, said that while this district had been more fortunate than many others, scattered manufacturing plants were beginning to feel the shortage.

The Rockingham Electric Light & Power Co., which supplies Portsmouth and Dover, N. H., and the lines of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co., running into Dover, and Nashua, Haverhill, Newburyport, Northampton and Lowell, notified its consumers that its fuel would be exhausted in a week and that it was unable to obtain a new supply.

Preparations for conserving fuel supplies went forward today over virtually the entire Western country as the dwindling coal reserves caused incidental discomfort and disruption of industry and commerce.

No immediate relief through a return to work of bituminous miners who went on strike 24 days ago was in sight, although the larger coal operators were ready today to submit a new wage scale which it was said would contain more liberal concessions to the miners than the 14 per cent. increase proposed by Fuel Administrator (Gifford).

Some of the larger cities today for the first time since the walkout were called to cancel several other appearances. He has since fully recovered and is now filling his engagements, being everywhere greeted by the greatest outpourings of music lovers in his entire career.

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### Britain Will Protect France If U. S. Is Out

Paris, Dec. 4.—Terms of the Tripartite treaty guaranteeing France against unprovoked attack by Germany will be carried out by Great Britain regardless of whether the United States, the other participant ratifies the pact, according to newspapers here, which state that negotiations to this end have been almost completed between the French and British governments. Under the terms of the treaty, it would become operative when both Great Britain and the United States ratified it. The former has already acted favorably on the convention, but it has never been submitted to the United States Senate by President Wilson.

### Milk Probe By Council Committee

#### Aldermen Beers, McManus and Lyons Appointed By Mayor Wilson to Do the Work.

A speedy investigation of the milk prices in Bridgeport is promised by Mayor Wilson to the public by his appointment today of a milk investigating committee.

The announcement of the new committee composed of Aldermen Ralph Beers, chairman, Aldermen Edward J. McManus and John L. Lyons. Mayor Wilson stated today that he had given the committee no instructions as to how to proceed in their work but stated they were all thoroughly familiar with the high price of milk and the recent increases. Their first step will be to determine the price farmers receive for their raw milk.

### ROMANCE TOO YOUTHFUL ENDS IN JAIL TERM

Stating that he did not think 15 year old Harold Hill was guilty of enticing 16 year old Alice Brundage of Danbury to elope, Judge of the Criminal Superior court today sentenced the boy to jail for 60 days after it was shown that the youthful pair had lived together in several cities in this state since the girl declared she had committed a crime by going with the girl but he did not think he was entirely to blame.

Public Defender Robert G. DeForest, who represented the boy, said Hill and the girl knew each other in Danbury. At the time they left that place together the girl was not forced to go without her consent but was willing to go. Attorney DeForest declared. He admitted there had been reports that she was held prisoner by Hill in a house in Stamford but upon investigation these rumors were found untrue. The court was told that the girl had numerous chances to leave the Stamford house if she felt so inclined. She finally left Hill and went back to Danbury, taking some jewelry belonging to Hill.

### BR. SCHOONER CALLS HELP BY WIRELESS

Boston, Dec. 4.—The British schooner St. Clair Theriault is tussling into the Atlantic, several hundred miles from shore, short of provisions, with fever raging on board and two of the men down with broken legs. Assistance is wanted immediately, according to wireless messages received here today.

The messages, which were intercepted by shore stations, were sent out by an unidentified steamer. They gave the position of the schooner as latitude 42.10, longitude 54.40, which is about midway between the two principal lanes, but in a track followed by many tramp ships. She is a schooner of 346 tons, owned at Weymouth, N. S., and was last reported at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, on September 18, bound for Malo.

ASSISTANT TREASURER RESIGNS. Arthur J. S. Silliman, assistant treasurer of the American Bank and Trust Company, has sent his resignation to the directors effective Dec. 13. Mr. Silliman has been with the bank eight years. He was formerly connected with the Bridgeport Trust Company. His courtesy has made for him many warm friends.

### THE WEATHER.

New Haven, Dec. 4.—For Bridgeport and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer to night and Friday.

### NINETY PERCENT OF FIREMEN GAVE TO THE CAMPAIGN FOR 'CLIFF'

#### Total Contributions of Department Amounted to \$3,000 and Democrats and Republicans Were Equally Generous—More Light on Methods by Which \$30,000 Campaign Fund Was Obtained.

While Bridgeport's Fire Department as individual members is expressly forbidden by departmental and city laws to mix in politics positive proof that they have not heeded the law is given in the Republican Town Committee's statement of election expenditures filed at the City Hall.

The returns show that about 270 men contributed to the campaign from this department despite the rule that Democrats and Republicans are supposed to have an equal footing in the department.

### SAY TRIAL BY JURY DENIED IN IRELAND

London, Dec. 4.—(via Montreal)—The British cabinet, according to the Daily News today, has decided to suspend trial by jury for crimes of violence in Ireland and to substitute trial by a commission of three judges.

### EQUAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT HAS S. D., 21ST STATE

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 4.—Ratification of the federal woman suffrage resolution was completed by the South Dakota legislature when the Senate passed the measure early today. The lower House acted on the resolution Wednesday. South Dakota is the 31st state to ratify the amendment.

Waterbury, Dec. 4.—Vincenzo Barone of 99 Broad Hill street, was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$200 and costs by Judge John P. McGrath in the city court here today, on a charge of distributing literature, fomenting opposition to organization.

### LANSING TO BE CALLED BEFORE COMMITTEE BEFORE FINAL BREAK

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The so-called contributions of the members of this department run about the same as the police with firemen giving \$10 each on an average while the lieutenants, captains and assistant chiefs gave from \$15 to \$25. It is estimated that this department gave the Republican Town Committee about \$3,000 of their total fund and the police gave the other \$3,000.

The percentage of men in the fire department who contributed their share pro rata was much higher than in the police department where the check lists showed that about 75 per cent. contributed while in the fire fighters' ranks about 90 per cent. contributed their little "bit" to the administration machine.

### ARMENIAN LOVE LETTERS BRING IN \$500 DAMAGES

Even if love letters written in Armenian were sent to the wife of Menoos Derkirkorian that was no excuse, a jury in the Common Pleas court found today, for the indignant husband to assault George Magderichian of this city. The jury awarded \$500 damages to George, who was said to have written the letters. George sued for \$2,000 damages, claiming he had been severely beaten by Derkirkorian.

Two large consignments of brick arrived in the harbor today from Sayerville, N. J. Wheeler & Howes receiving 75,000 and John M. Schuz 60,000.

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