

Rescue 14 Boys In Coal Mine as Feeble-Minded

Pennsylvania Pit Is Raided by State Troops, Aided by Ohio Authorities; Fugitives From Asylum Found

Owners Deny All Charges

Operators Say Youths Are Competent, Long Employed and Well Paid

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 23 (By The Associated Press).—Fourteen young men, said to rightfully belong on the State Farm for feeble minded at Orient, Ohio, were removed from the strip mine of Bentz Brothers at Turtle Creek, near here, today by Pennsylvania state policemen and agents of the Ohio Welfare Department, hurried to Pittsburgh and taken on the first train to Columbus.

This action was taken over the protest of Frank J. Bentz, general manager of the company, and without the knowledge of Sheriff Woodside of Allegheny County, Bentz, in a statement tonight, declared that the "boys," as they were termed, had been adjudged mentally and physically competent by physicians, and that the company had employed counsel to fight the case in the Ohio courts.

Sergeant Creps, who commanded the detail of police sent from the Greenbush barracks, with H. H. Hawk and J. Donovan, the Ohio agents, said in a statement to The Associated Press tonight that the raid was a consequence of official declarations of the Ohio agents that the youths were wards of Ohio and were working for low wages under "terrible conditions." Sergeant Creps said he made a personal inspection of the mine two days before the raid, and confirmed the charges.

"Several days ago," said Sergeant Creps, "I went to the camp to ascertain just what the conditions were. Donovan and Hawk, of the Ohio Welfare Department, gave me full descriptions of the missing boys. When I arrived here, I found the fourteen jammed into a small car used as a bunkhouse. They were so dirt, I could not identify one from the other. I returned to the barracks and reported. Donovan and Hawk showed me their warrants and we decided to raid the camp early this morning."

"Traveling by automobile, we reached the camp at two o'clock. We found the fourteen boys, all dirty, some dressed and some undressed, lying two abreast in double bunks. Their conditions were terrible. The Bentz brothers came out of a house near by and vigorously protested.

"The boys seemed glad to get away. Some said they were paid \$3 a week—others declared they received \$5. A few told us that on Saturday nights they received \$1 each and went to Turtle Creek, the neighboring village, for a 'big time.'"

"We drove from the camp to Pittsburgh where we put the boys on the 4:45 a. m. train for Columbus." Frank J. Bentz, general manager of Bentz Brothers, a contracting firm of Columbus, vigorously denied the charges. He authorized a statement which said, in part: "The men who were taken away by the state police this morning have been in our employ for various periods. They have come to us from time to time voluntarily. One of them, Raymond Lattimore, of Dayton, Ohio, has worked for us for about seven years and most of the others worked for us for four or five years. None has been with us less than seven or eight months. They range in age from twenty to thirty-five years.

Five Alleged Bandits Held For Restaurant Hold-Up

Five young men who are declared to have collected \$2,500 in cash and jewelry in a hold-up at the delicatessen store of Samuel Seeman, 194 Manhattan Avenue, yesterday were arraigned before Magistrate Corrigan in West Side court and held in \$20,000 bail each for examination November 28. They were arrested two hours after the hold-up. The Seeman cash register and thirteen Seeman patrons were subjected to a thorough frisking process when five men entered the restaurant with revolvers leveled. About \$700 was taken from the register and varying sums obtained from the diners. Edmund Otis, the head waiter, was robbed of \$65.

The bandits fed in a taxicab. Douglas Walker, eighteen years old, of 405 East Eighty-first Street, said to have been one of the five, was hit by one of the bullets fired at the machine by Patrolman West as it sped away. The machine was found at Eighty-first Street and First Avenue. Benjamin Marcus, nineteen years old, of 302 East Thirty-first Street, and Dennis O'Mara were found in it.

They directed the police to a flat at 222 East Seventy-ninth Street, where they found George Robertson, twenty-one, and Jacob Tareo, nineteen. Walker was arrested at St. Vincent's Hospital, where he had gone for treatment for his wounded arm.

Volunteers as Hangman In Herrin Mine Murders

Jersey Free Lance Executioner Also Offers to Cut Rates for Sing Sing Jobs

TRENTON, N. J., Nov. 23.—William S. Gilbert, of 108 Fountain Avenue, aspires to become a free-lance executioner. At present he is a night watchman. His ambition was revealed by his wife, not without pride, when inquiries were made at their home tonight about a letter Gilbert wrote to the judge presiding at the trial of five men accused of the Herrin mine murders, asking to be appointed hangman if the prisoners were convicted.

Mrs. Gilbert said her husband was a theoretical expert in the art of executing the death sentence either by rope or electricity, and intended to go into the business. He had written to Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing prison, the said, offering a particularly attractive rate for work done there, since he thought such a business connection would be valuable.

Ordinarily his fee would be \$176 for a single hanging or electrocution, and he said he offered to kill two for a single fee at Sing Sing. He has made a special study of electrical switchboards, she said, and is the inventor of a portable scaffold to facilitate his work.

"My husband has a living to make," she said, "and would rather make it this way than by working for 85 to 40 cents an hour for capitalists. He says he will have business cards printed showing his new calling."

Death Toll 84 in Mine Blast; 58 Injured

20 White Men, 64 Negroes Killed; Disaster Fourth in Alabama Field

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 23 (By The Associated Press).—Eighty-four bodies, twenty white men and sixty-four negroes, lay under night in undertaking establishments here and in Bessemer, the death toll of the coal dust explosion yesterday in Delonite coal mine No. 8 of the Woodward Iron Company, sixteen miles west of Birmingham. Eighty-two bodies were taken from the mine early today and of the sixty injured, two succumbed. Reports received by officials of the Woodward company indicated that while several of those remaining in hospitals were seriously hurt, possibly all would recover.

This was the fourth great fatal mining disaster in the history of the Alabama field.

Noon Services for Trinity

Noon hour services for the business people of downtown Manhattan will be conducted at Trinity Church for a period of five months, daily except Saturdays, beginning December 1. It was announced yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Caleb R. Stetson, the rector. For many years the midday services have been held at Trinity during Lent and when they ended last spring many requests were received that they be continued for a longer period.

During December the services will be conducted by Dr. Stetson and five other ministers. They are the Rev. Dr. Milo H. Gates, vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession; the Rev. Dr. W. W. Bellinger, vicar of St. Agnes's Chapel; the Rev. Dr. E. H. Schuler, vicar of St. Luke's Church; and the Rev. Dr. J. Wilson Sutton, vicar of Trinity Chapel.

Childers Faces Death as Court Refuses Plea

"Violence for Violence," It Rules on Rebel Leader and Eight Others; Two Women Also Lose Cases

Tom Hales Is Arrested

Government Reports Capture of Chief Linked With Michael Collins's Murder

DUBLIN, Nov. 23 (By The Associated Press).—The provisional government is free tonight to execute its sentence against Erskine Childers, De Valera's chief lieutenant, as a result of the refusal of the master of the rolls this afternoon to grant him a writ of habeas corpus.

It was said in Dublin today that prior to the habeas corpus proceedings Childers had received notice of the intention of the government to put him to death. There was no intimation after the verdict was given today whether the government will postpone sentence pending the appeal Childers's counsel has announced he will take for him to the Court of Appeals for Southern Ireland.

The Master of the Rolls at the same time denied relief to eight unnamed men also under court-martial sentence for acts subversive of law and order. The court ruled it had no jurisdiction as a state of war existed, which Childers himself had helped to bring about.

It declared it is plainly the duty of the government, whether provisional or finally constituted, to save the country from destruction, adding: "Force must be met by force, violence by violence. Ordinary laws are silenced by the action of the bomb and the pistol shot."

The King's Bench took the same position today in refusing a writ of habeas corpus asked for by two County Donegal women taken prisoner by the Free State forces.

Erskine's fate seems to rest entirely in the hands of Richard Mulcahy, Minister of Defense, despite the appeal taken on behalf of the prisoner, and it is thought slight mercy will be extended him in that quarter because of the firm policy of the government to stamp out the insurrectionary elements by force.

The provisional government announced today that Tom Hales, irregular leader in West Cork, was arrested yesterday. At the same time official denial was flatly made that the government intends to release Mary MacSwiney, who is now in the twentieth day of her hunger strike in Mountjoy prison.

The capture of Hales is regarded as an important one as he is said to have been the commandant in the district where Michael Collins was assassinated last August. Hales is a brother of Sean Hales, a member of the Dail, who is a supporter of the Anglo-Irish treaty and a brigadier general in the national army in Cork.

Unusually heavy machine gun and rifle fire was heard tonight in several districts of the city, and it is believed that the Republicans were attacking army posts. Many citizens are reported to have had narrow escapes from injury.

A dispatch from Cork after the as-

Assassination of Collins Declared by Tom Hales Accepted Responsibility for the Ambush in Which Collins met Death

Hales had been a bitter opponent of the treaty and he and his sister were alleged to have set fire to the platform at Bandon last St. Patrick's Day while a demonstration in favor of the treaty was being held under the auspices of his brother Sean and Canon Cahalan, the parish priest of the village.

Destitute Coming Home

213 Americans Will Arrive on Tuesday From Paris

The President Adams, of the United States Lines, due here next Tuesday, is bringing 213 repatriated Americans, Bird S. Coler, Commissioner of Public Welfare, was advised yesterday by the American Aid Society in Paris. This is the first contingent of destitute Americans being brought home at the expense of the government.

Arrangements are being made by charitable organizations in this city to take care of the repatriates upon arrival. In the number there are ninety-four married ex-service men and their wives, seven children and eighteen former soldiers who decided after the armistice to remain abroad. There are still about a thousand others in Paris who will be brought home later.

Poll of House Gives Subsidy 45 Majority

derstood the gentleman to say that this would assure a profit of 12 1/2 per cent for ten years.

Mr. Nelson—I mean to say what this estimate, direct and indirect, they would receive an amount each year rather more than 12 1/2 per cent.

Mr. Mills—But that does not mean profit. That 12 1/2 per cent may be wiped out by operating costs. Does the gentleman mean that this bill assures a profit of 12 1/2 per cent?

Mr. Nelson—The bill assures a return of more than 12 1/2 per cent on the invested capital of the ship.

Mr. Mills—I say that the British authority makes no such statement.

Mr. Frear—I want to ask who the gentleman from New York is speaking for at this time, or was the gentleman speaking for the people who want the ship subsidy, largely located in New York.

Mr. Mills—I was speaking for the sake of truth, when the gentleman misquoted an authority.

Mr. Frear—And the gentleman from New York has been of the opposite practically every proposition that the last Congress passed and he is wrong.

Mr. Mills—I have been in opposition consistently to measures which I thought were not for the benefit of the nation.

Representative George W. Edmonds, of Pennsylvania, in charge of the bill on the floor, who was one of the most active members of the committee in

its preparation, spoke for an hour, during which he explained the chief features of the bill. At the outset, he replied to Representative Nelson, saying that "The Wall Street Journal," which had been quoted, never represented the views of the American people, but stood "for the shippers on the other side of the water."

"I do not believe a member of the British Parliament," said Mr. Edmonds, "could come before the House of Representatives and make a better argument for the destruction of the American merchant marine than has been made by the gentlemen from Wisconsin."

In reply to a question as to whether the subsidy would be perpetual, Mr. Edmonds said: "In the history of all nations yielding a subsidy to start their shipping off it has gradually become reduced to an annual amount."

England started with a big subsidy. Today it is mail subvention. Japan, after twenty years of high subsidy, is reducing her subsidy and is still able to retain her ships on the sea while doing so."

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Massachusetts Seeks Coal

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Governor Cox today made public a statement from James J. Phean, Emergency Fuel Administrator, declaring the shortage of coal in Massachusetts this winter would be less than 1,164,000 tons. The Fuel Administrator warned consumers to avail themselves of wood and other substitutes.

Jewelers Plan Stamping Of Goods to Stop Fraud

National Board Will Ask Congress for Legislation "Having Teeth" to Protect Public

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Streeter. All were executives of jewelry organizations.

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