

U. S. SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST VIOLENCE IN PICKETTING

SUPREME COURT UPSETS ARIZONA PICKETING LAW

Decides Injunctions May Be Issued Where Any Violence Exists.

RIGHTS VIOLATED

Libelous Attacks on Firm's Reputation Held to Be Conspiracy.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in a new decision, has reiterated its declaration that violent tactics must not accompany picketing in labor disputes, and that where violence exists, it is the duty of the courts to issue injunctions.

The decision is one more step in the direction of establishing precedents to govern in industrial warfare.

Upsets Arizona Law. In making its decision, the court upset a section of the Arizona State law designed to protect labor unions against the intrusion, and designed to legalize picketing.

At the same time, the court reversed a decision of the Arizona State Supreme Court.

The court held that the State law in question violated the Fourteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution, in that it deprived an owner of property, and allowed him no redress at law.

The case was that of William Truax, of Bisbee, Ariz., against a cooks and waiters' union. William Truax was the name under which a restaurant was operated, in which a strike occurred. Striking workers reported to picketing, and succeeded in reducing the business of the restaurant from more than \$50,000 annually to less than a fourth of that amount.

The Supreme Court of the State held that under the statute, Truax may be inflicted upon, the plaintiff's property and business by "picketing" in any form if violence be not used, and that because no violence was shown or claimed, the campaign carried on, as described, did not unlawfully invade complainant's rights.

Then it is explained why, in the court's opinion, rights were violated by the tactics employed.

In Unlawful Conspiracy. The illegality of the means used to drive away customers is without doubt and fundamental. This makes the plan an unlawful conspiracy. The means used are the libelous and abusive attacks on the plaintiff's reputation, like attacks on their employees and customers, threats of such attacks on would-be customers, picketing and patrolling of the entrance to their place of business with these accompaniments, and the consequent obstruction of free access thereto, all with the purpose of depriving the plaintiffs of their business.

To give operation to a statute whereby serious losses inflicted by such unlawful means are in effect made remediless is, we think, to disregard fundamental rights of liberty and property and to deprive the person suffering the loss of due process of law.

Speaking of the Fourteenth amendment, the court had this to say: "The guaranty was aimed at undue favor and individual or class privilege on the one hand, and at hostile discrimination on the other. It sought an equality of treatment of all persons under similar circumstances."

Among the devices utilized in the picketing campaign were handbills and banners, claiming unfairness; patrolling the front of the restaurant urging people not to patronize it; characterizing the employees of the restaurant as "scab Mexico labor"; charging that

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



—By Briggs.

All Prominent Women Should Run For Congress, Dr. Esther Lovejoy Encourages College Club Here

"All prominent women should go back to their district and run for Congress some time or other," the College Women's Club was told yesterday by Dr. Esther Lovejoy, who

prices were high and food bad; and threats of violence.

Not Unconstitutional. The court took pains to declare it does not consider section 20 of the Clayton act unconstitutional. This section contains prohibitions against the use of the injunction in Federal courts similar to those in the Arizona State law, which was held invalid.

"It is urged that we are in effect holding invalid section 20 of the Clayton act," said the court. "Of course, we are not doing so. We have but recently considered the clauses of section 20 of the Clayton act, sometimes erroneously called the "picketing" clauses. We held that under these clauses picketing was unlawful, and that it might be enjoined as such, and that peaceful picketing was a contradiction in terms which the statute sedulously avoided, but that, subject to the primary right of the employer and his employees and would-be employees to free access to his premises without obstruction by violence, intimidation, annoyance, importunity or dogging, it was lawful for former employees on a strike and their fellows in a labor union to have a single representative at each entrance to the plant of the employer to announce the strike and peacefully to persuade the employees and would-be employees to join them in it.

"We held that these clauses were merely declaratory of what had always been the law and the best practice in equity, and we thus applied them."

\$132,032 SOUGHT FOR WALTER REED

Senator Wadsworth's Bill Provides for Moving Museum To Hospital.

A supplementary appropriation of \$132,032 for an addition to the Walter Reed General Hospital and purchase of a site for the Medical Museum and Library, which is to be removed from the building on the Mall to the hospital, was provided in a bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of New York, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

The bill is for the acquisition of land for military purposes and to provide appropriations, and includes a number of other projects. It provides \$24,500 for purchase of a right-of-way for a high-tension electric transmission line in connection with the arsenal at Edgewood, Md.

For the Walter Reed addition, in which project the removal of the Museum and Library is included, about \$350,000 has been previously appropriated. The proposed supplementary allowance of \$132,032 is expected to finish the work, which will be carried to completion as soon as the sum is made available. While the hospital improvement is under the Surgeon General's office, that of the Museum and Library is connected with the Field activities, although both are being looked after by the same appropriation. The bill was referred to the Military Affairs Committee.

Lucian Jones, who died November 5, left an estate valued at \$173,000, according to the petition for letters of administration filed yesterday in Probate Court. The estate consists entirely of cash, stocks and bonds. The executors are George C. Lea and Henry P. Blair.

Isabelle Mitchell, who died November 24, left an estate of more than \$10,000, according to the petition for letters of administration filed by a sister, Jessie McNaught. The estate consists of the premises at 1907 I street northwest, personal property, and other property outside of the city.

DECREASES RENTS IN APARTMENTS

Three Cases Before Commission Decided in Favor of Tenants.

Decreases in rent totalling \$30 a month were ordered by the District Rent Commission yesterday in three cases, involving two apartment houses.

Mrs. Bert R. Peater, residing at 1773 Willard street, was given a reduction in rent from \$50 a month to \$40. R. W. Shumate, residing in the same building, was given a decrease from \$50 a month to \$37.50. Mrs. Thomas Parker is owner of the apartment house.

Raymond T. Franklin, 1524 U street northwest, was allowed a decrease in rent from \$40 a month to \$32.50.

BARBER PAYS \$100 FINE IN LIQUOR CASE

Samuel G. Thompson, of 951 Fifteenth street southeast, who conducts a barber shop at 1204 Eleventh street southeast, paid a fine of \$100 yesterday morning in Police Court on charges of illegally selling and possessing liquor.

Detectives Wise and Russell, of the Fifth precinct, and Revenue Agent Rose made the raid Saturday night and confiscated five gallons of corn whiskey.

NEW ESTIMATES FOR DISTRICT NOW BEING PREPARED

Schools to Receive First Consideration by the Commissioners.

HOPE FOR ACTION

Salaries of Teachers May Be Raised If New Bill Passes.

Increased appropriations for the District are being considered by the Commissioners in the form of supplemental estimates now being prepared.

Slight hope for consideration of the supplemental estimates is offered on the part of Congress, through its failure up to date to give consideration to the pleas of the commissioners for additional funds not included in the budget committee estimates.

Will Not Quit. However, determined not to quit until every means has been exhausted, the Board of Commissioners is now placing its final hope on the supplemental estimates.

Schools will receive first consideration in the supplemental list, it is believed. Increased demands of late on the part of citizens' association and trade and civic bodies for better school facilities is being heeded by the Commissioners and the budget committee.

Salaries also will receive attention in the deficiency appropriation, it has been indicated. Increased salaries for District government employes and school teachers was recommended in the report of the United States efficiency board survey last fall and was approved by the Commissioners. Provision for the increased salaries were curtailed by the budget committee.

Additional appropriations for streets and highways and a number of lesser items, including public convenience houses, which have been asked by citizens' associations in several sections of the District, will also receive consideration, it is believed.

The Commissioners have indicated that the supplemental appropriation will very likely be submitted, although its prospects of approval at present appear dim.

The Commissioners suggest that work be created by public opinion in favor of greater District appropriations and by letting Congress know directly what they want that is not provided in the appropriations bill.

Mitchellville Odd Fellows Lodge Installs Officers

Mitchellville, Md., Dec. 19.—Officers of the newly chartered Odd Fellows Lodge here have been elected and installed as follows: Harold Singuff, noble grand; Edward J. Kolbe, vice grand; J. Franklin Pea, recording secretary; Newman Ring, financial secretary; and Lillian White, treasurer.

The noble and vice grands will announce their subordinate officers next Saturday evening, when the first formal meeting of the new lodge will take place.

According to the national child labor committee, more illiterates are found in the States where agriculture is the main vocation. This is attributed to children being kept away from school to do chores, and also because of the short school terms in the country schools.

Mary Happy Returns!



REP. THEODORE E. BURTON, Of Ohio, is today celebrating his seventieth birthday anniversary. Representative Burton was born at Jefferson, Ohio, and received his early education in that State, later attending Grinnell College, Iowa, and Oberlin College. He was admitted to the bar in Cleveland in 1875. In 1906 he was elected to the United States Senate, not standing for re-election at the conclusion of his term in 1915. Representative Burton received the unanimous support of the Ohio delegation to the national Republican convention in 1916 for his nomination as Presidential candidate. He was elected to the House of Representatives last November. Representative Burton is a member of the University Club and the Metropolitan Club, of this city. He resides at Stoneleigh Court.

RUSSIAN RUBLES NOW WORTH MORE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The ruble is rising. You can get only 145,000 for your dollar, according to cabled messages to Wall Street brokers today.

Other quotations on the new Russian state bank are as follows: 475,000 rubles to the pound; 5,000 rubles to the franc; 400 rubles to the mark; 33,000 rubles to the kronen; 20,000 rubles to the Polish mark. A gold ruble is worth 68,000 of the paper variety.

WILL SHOW HOW DISTRICT BUDGET HALTS SCHOOL PLAN

Supt. Ballou Preparing Report on Original Estimates.

NO MARGIN IS LEFT

Increased Appropriation Is Needed for Repairs and Improvements.

Dr. Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of Washington public schools, has under preparation a report showing the original estimates issued by him in the school building program of last year, as compared with the amount set before Congress in the District budget for the carrying out of that program.

Pupils Will Suffer. The report will show that without an increase in the appropriation for the building, Washington schools, with the incoming thousands of new pupils each year will suffer seriously through cramped conditions and lack of repair, and the Washington school pupil will not have the advantage of a progressive education outside the classroom, which is developed in the equipped laboratory and shop, in the auditorium of the school and in the playground.

The figures fall short by several thousands of dollars and, according to officials close to the superintendent, after the necessary routine bills are paid out of the allowance budget little will be left for further improvements of buildings and the purchase of long needed equipment.

Not Much Left. At the meeting last Saturday night in the District Building by the Federation of Citizens' Associations, Dr. Ballou made the suggestion that \$2,000,000 should be devoted annually to Washington school needs. This year's budget calls for \$1,400,000, which will be paid out on obligations already incurred on started buildings. In case Congress did appropriate \$2,000,000 there would be left but \$600,000 to be applied on building repairs and improvements, such as auditorium, playgrounds and workshops.

Plans are made to build a \$100,000 elementary in the vicinity of Boston as memorial to the late Edward C. Pickering, director of the Harvard College observatory. The observatory will specialize in the study of variable stars, a work which greatly interested Prof. Pickering.

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