

PAY-OFF GUY TELLS OF CHICAGO BLASTS

Union Worker Names Men as Principals in Recent Bomb Outrages.

NINE UNDER ARREST

Tells Police Chief Leaders Had Regular Scale for Killing Enemies.

SLUG ANYONE FOR MONEY?

Says Object Was to Terrorize Employers So They Would Submit to Demands.

Chicago, May 20.—A confession was obtained today by Chief Fitzmorris from Andrew Kerr, believed to be the leader of the gang of bombers in Chicago responsible for the vandalism in many of the recent labor troubles and their wars.

Kerr is a member of Local 42 of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, which recently waged a strike against the laundry owners of this city, who, stirred by a desire to clear up the reign of terror which has menaced Chicago, voluntarily confessed.

"I named a dozen men who, he said, had been prominently identified either as the perpetrators or as the instigators of sluggings and bombings. Nine men, including Kerr, are under arrest and others are expected.

"I was really the pay off guy," said Kerr. "That is, I took the money from the union and gave it to the sluggers and bombers. They slug anybody or bomb anything they get money for. All I got was a few dollars a week. I always went along to see that the union wasn't cheated."

The rate schedule of the "bombing trust," according to Kerr's confession, was:

Ordinary slugging (two men), each \$25.
Bombing, where two sticks of dynamite are used, \$200.
Bombing, where four sticks of dynamite are used, \$250.
Where six sticks of dynamite are used, \$300.

"We never carried any guns or anything when we went out on slugging jobs," said Kerr. "When we went bombing we carried guns and we were ready to fight and shoot to kill, because we knew what would happen if we were caught."

"There are always three in the car. The driver sits always at the wheel with the engine always running. They handle the fuse in the car. They always get the job done in time to get in the morning papers. They always light the fuses in the car. Then they place and get away."

Kerr said the following was a typical order to the bombers:

"The orders from Peterson are: Mr. Parkie, the owner of Surtin's laundry, is on the executive committee of the Laundry Workers Association, and he is the one who stands in the way of an agreement for doing business with the Laundrymen's Association, and consequently he is not going to get one stick or two sticks, he is going to get four sticks, and if four don't move him he will get six and one in the house where he lives on the back steps, and if it don't kill the wife and children it will make them get down on their knees to him and say, 'We don't want to get killed.'"

Chief Fitzmorris announced that Kerr's confession and the arrests cleared up all the mysteries of bombing in Chicago.

When asked to give an estimate on the number of bombing outrages and the amount of damage, the Chief replied: "Upward of a 100 and close to \$2,000,000 worth of damage to property."

10 CENT FARE IS DENIED TO JERSEY CORPORATION

Public Service Company Fails to Get Increase.

The "emergency" by which public utility fares may be advanced with justification no longer exist, as costs and wages are declining, the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners ruled yesterday in Newark in denying the application of the Public Service Railway Company for an increase of fare from 7 to 10 cents.

During the war, when the Government was fixing standards of wages and rates on transportation lines, transportation companies had to meet the situation, but at present, the board stated, the wages question is entirely within the control of the company to deal with its employees and the company admitted no wage increases were contemplated.

YALE GIVES ANGELL TIME.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 20.—The Yale Corporation has decided that President-elect James R. Angell's formal term of service as head of Yale shall begin July 1, although his inauguration as president will take place at commencement on June 22.

It was voted that President Angell be given such leave of absence during the summer as may be necessary for him to complete his duties with the Carnegie Corporation.

6,000,000 OWN HOMES IN U. S., BEATING OTHER NATIONS

List of 15,000,000 Families That Live in Rented Homes Is Decreasing Continually—Many Building Booms Started in Various Sections.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 20.

More than 6,000,000 families have more than nationwide economic depression and widespread unemployment still owning their homes, preliminary census returns indicate. More home owners now live in the United States than in any other country.

An aggregate investment of approximately \$3,000,000,000 is represented by the owned homes of the United States, assuming that the average home value is \$5,000. At five per cent. American home owners therefore are paying out about \$1,500,000,000 a year for the privilege of possessing their titles. This means that approximately 20,000,000

persons in the United States—five to a family—are getting shelter for \$50 a year each, plus taxes and repairs.

More than 15,000,000 families live in rented homes, but the number is decreasing continually. Reports to the Federal Reserve Board and Government agencies show that a building boom is beginning in many sections.

Building contractors in many big cities are fighting to reduce costs. Building laborers in twelve cities are striking against lower wages. The cost of building a home is more than fifty per cent. labor cost, according to contractors.

High rents are the big single bar to rapid adjustment of labor controversies, according to Secretary of Labor Davis. Rents so far have dropped little from their wartime levels.

MINGO MARTIAL LAW DOESN'T STOP SHOTS

Bullets Fired Into Merrimac, W. Va., as Governor Issues Proclamation.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 20.—Mingo county, the scene of many shootings along the West Virginia-Kentucky border during the last eight days, was placed under martial law to-night when Major T. B. Davis, acting Adjutant-General of West Virginia, appeared in Williamson and posted the proclamation issued by Gov. Morgan at Charleston earlier in the day.

When advised of the proclamation of martial law Capt. J. R. Brockmeyer, who has commanded the State troopers on duty in the Mingo region since the trouble started, declared he was prepared to surrender his authority to Major Davis.

"I have done my best," the captain said, "and am gratified at the way the citizens of the county have responded in an effort to restore law and order in Mingo county."

Arms were issued to citizens who were sworn in as State policemen to act in an emergency. The supply of rifles, shipped in by the State, was exhausted when other residents of the county appeared at a "law and order" meeting held to-night.

According to reports received here, the village of Merrimac, West Virginia, was fired on during the day from the Kentucky hills. Several workmen in the line of fire abandoned an automobile the day before and took to the mountains.

David Robb, international financial agent of the United Mine Workers of America, in charge of union activities in this field, sent the following telegram today to Attorney-General Daugherty at Washington:

"Press reports are quoting you as having stated that agitators from Alabama, Colorado and other States are the cause of the trouble in Mingo county, West Virginia. If you have been quoted correctly we desire to state that we have none from the States named here. Every man working under us is duly accredited and reputable from districts where they belong. We are here at solicitation of the miners of Mingo and will welcome any investigation."

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Conferences were held here today by Fred Mooney, secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia branch of the United Mine Workers, and Harold W. Houston of Charleston, general counsel for the branch, with Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, in an effort to enlist that organization's support for a Government investigation into the Mingo county situation.

Conciliators of the Department of Labor were also interviewed with a view to learning the possibilities of Federal action in composing the differences between the men and the coal mine operators. It was said Mooney and Houston would visit several Senators and Representatives to-morrow to suggest a Congress inquiry.

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LIBERAL WHISKEY PERMITS PREPARED

Limitations of 100 in 90 Days to One Physician Are to Be Withdrawn.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 20.

Prohibition enforcement in the United States suffered two severe jolts today. Nearly 500 inspectors and enforcement agents left the Government service to-day because there are no funds to pay their salaries up to June 30.

At the same time new regulation liberalizing the permit system for the use of whiskey on physicians' prescriptions were put in final form for the signature of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair when he takes office. The nomination of Mr. Blair has been favorably reported to the Senate, but has not been acted upon.

New regulations providing for authorization of the use of beer for medicinal purposes also are waiting on the swiftness of a new commissioner for their promulgation.

The new whiskey regulations were given in agreement with an opinion by former Attorney-General Palmer holding that the Internal Revenue office was amending and not interpreting the law when it limited a physician's discretion in the use of prescriptions outside the specific limitation of one pint in ten days to any one patient.

The existing regulations provide that no physician shall be allowed more than 100 prescriptions in any ninety day period.

Furlough of nearly 500 agents to-day leaves the enforcement bureau with only a skeleton organization. The field force has been almost obliterated, but the organization of 500 employees in Washington and the office of directors and supervising agents in the field are being maintained.

Commissioner Kramer and other officials in Washington are depressed by reports of increased bootlegging and rum running that followed close on the announcement of cut in force. They fear prohibition enforcement will be set back so far it will take another year for it to recover.

P. R. R. ASKS EMPLOYEES TO NAME COMMITTEES

All Branches of Service to Be Represented.

PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—A plan for employees' representation to include all branches of the system, similar to the joint reviewing committee established for men in the engine and train service, was announced to-night by Gen. W. W. Atterbury, vice-president in charge of operation of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The immediate purpose of the plan is the election of representatives to negotiate new rules and working conditions under the recent decision of the Federal Railroad Labor Board, which terminates the present national agreements July 1.

Gen. Atterbury's statement to the employees quotes certain principles laid forth by the labor board and adds:

"The employees have the right to select their representatives from among their own number. The men thus selected will be recognized by the management as empowered to speak for the men by whom they are chosen."

New Haven Calls Wage Conference.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 20.—General Manager C. L. Burdo of the New Haven road today issued a call for wage revision conferences next Monday and Tuesday with various classes of employees in the western district of the system.

FORGED PERMITS USED TO GET \$300,000 BOOZE

4,000 Cases of Whiskey Vanish From Warehouses.

LOUISVILLE, May 20.—Four thousand cases of whiskey, valued at more than \$300,000, have been withdrawn from three Kentucky distilleries, for warehouses on forged permits within the last six weeks. It was announced today at the office of Elwood Hamilton, collector of Internal Revenue.

The permits came from Pennsylvania. Arthur McKeon, prohibition director for that State, said they had been made out on blanks by persons whose rights to have permits had been revoked.

WHEELER ASSAILS FRAUD IN PERMITS

Alcohol Withdrawals for Year Approximate 35,000,000 Gallons, He Says.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Declaring it was not possible to draft a bomb proof liquor law, Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, told the House Judiciary committee today that some clerks employed by district prohibition commissioners were making more money in a week through dishonest dealing with fraudulent permits for withdrawal of alcohol than they would earn on straight salaries in two years.

Approximately 35,000,000 gallons had been withdrawn in the last year, or considerably more than a quart for every man, woman and child in the country, Mr. Wheeler said, in urging a more drastic law to correct the situation. His was the concluding argument on the Volstead bill to tighten up the Volstead law and prevent the sale of beer to the sick. Mr. Wheeler contended that of the 35,000,000 gallons fully 50 per cent. was used for beverage purposes.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, who was once delegated to find out "what is whiskey" told the committee, in a ten minute talk, that there were no medical properties in beer, and that it had never been recognized by the medical profession as a remedial agent. As he concluded the brief attack on the beverage, Dr. Wiley warned home brewers to quit making it unless they could employ a scientific brewer.

While on the subject of beer, several of the members of the committee took a whack at former Attorney-General Palmer for ruling, as he stepped out of office, that the Volstead law did not prohibit that product as a medicine.

Representative Summers (Tex., Dem.), took issue with such views, declaring there was no good sense in criticizing the opinion of Mr. Palmer and then proposing legislation necessary only on the assumption that his opinion had correctly interpreted the law.

75 P. C. OF SALOONS QUIT, SAYS ENRIGHT

Police Put About 3,000 Out of Business, Paying \$20,000 for Booze a Month to Do It.

More than 75 per cent. of the saloons operating in this city on April 1 have gone out of business as a result of the activities of his force, Police Commissioner Enright announced yesterday.

On April 4, when the Mulian-Gage prohibition act went into effect, it was estimated at Police Headquarters that between 4,000 and 5,000 were violating the Volstead act. With 75 per cent. closed there would remain today only 1,000 to 1,250 in the entire city, according to Mr. Enright's estimate.

Mr. Enright told reporters that the police would continue to stop automobiles and search them for evidence regardless of the opinion of Attorney-General Newton that police officers had no lawful right under the Mulian-Gage law to engage in this phase of enforcement. The Police Commissioner takes the view that Mr. Newton's opinion is worthless until such a time as it might be sustained by a court ruling and that the police would go right ahead with the original plan of rigid enforcement without the slightest modification.

"Owing to the laxity of enforcement under the Volstead act the people themselves looked upon prohibition enforcement as somewhat of a joke," said Mr. Enright. "The police have had this attitude to overcome, not only on the part of the public, but saloonkeepers and others engaged in the illicit traffic."

"I am now awaiting an opinion of the Corporation Counsel as to when and in what manner we may dispose of the \$12,000,000 worth of seized liquor now in storerooms. A percentage of this liquor is of the poisonous variety and it can be readily seen that its confiscation has probably saved many lives and averted a great deal of sickness."

"While I haven't any figures of the exact number of saloons now open, it is safe to say that more than three-quarters of such places have been put out of business since April 4. I do not believe

there will be a saloon doing business after October 1, when leases expire."

To accomplish this, the Commissioner said, the department is spending \$20,000 a month for the purchase of drinks by policemen to get evidence and for the expense of transporting seized liquors and papers.

When asked what part women were playing in the violation of the liquor law, Mr. Enright replied the arrests of women were so few in number that they were hardly worth talking about. He added that he had every reason to feel proud of the work of the police in bringing about almost dry conditions in New York city.

Out of 100 defendants arraigned yesterday before Judge Alfred J. Tuttle in the Court of General Sessions, eighty-seven pleaded not guilty and thirteen guilty to indictments charging liquor violations of almost every kind. The thirteen pleading guilty were provided on suspended sentences after being warned that another violation would entail a jail sentence.

On the motion of Chief Assistant District Attorney Paul H. Hanton, the eighty-seven cases were transferred for trial to the Extraordinary Term of the Supreme Court, which will come into existence on June 5 and 6 and presided over by Justice Henry S. Bradt.

OGDEN REID'S LIQUOR SEIZED BY POLICE

Forty-one Twelve Bottle Cases in Transport Taken.

Patrolmen Manning and Murray of the West Forty-seventh street station seized forty-one twelve-bottle cases of whiskey, champagne, cordials, brandy and other liquors yesterday afternoon as they were being loaded onto a truck in front of the home of Ogden M. Reid at 25 West Forty-third street to be transported to the Reid summer home at Purchase, N. Y. The liquor was taken to the West Forty-seventh street station.

The liquor was being loaded into the truck by William P. Weiss, an employee of the Reid family, who was arrested. He was arraigned before Magistrate Curigian, and when he could not show a Federal permit for the re-

removal and transportation of liquor, he was released on \$100 bail for a hearing starting next Tuesday. Bail was furnished by Mr. Reid.

\$77,506 Judgment Upheld.

The Appellate Division upheld yesterday the judgment for \$77,506 obtained March 21 by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Alexander against the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The sum represented back payments of an \$18,000 annuity which the society bound itself in 1885 to pay Mrs. Alexander on the death of her husband, who was once president of the society. He died September 21, 1915.

VITAMINES

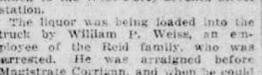
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