

GOVERNORS URGE FEDERAL AID FOR FARMERS

Coal Wage Award Revision Is Sanctioned

U. S. WILL NOT INTERFERE, SAYS LABOR OFFICIALS

Operators' Consent Must Be Had, Wilson Tells Anthracite Committee.

Misunderstanding As to Authority in Letter Clarified by Statement.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The door to further wage increases in the anthracite coal industry beyond the 17 per cent raise awarded by the federal commission last August was opened Wednesday at a conference between the anthracite joint scale committee and Secretary Wilson of the department of labor.

The government, Secretary Wilson advised the committee, would not interfere with any changes which the committee might agree to make in the federal commission's agreement. This position was understood to mean that the scale committee may increase mine wages above the scales laid down in the agreement under which the mines now are operating, providing the operators consent to such increases.

Secretary Wilson's statement was an interpretation of President Wilson's recent letter regarding revision of the federal commission award and was issued after Wednesday's conference with the joint scale committee, comprising representatives of both operators and workers' organizations.

"The operators and miners of the joint scale committee of the anthracite coal fields," the statement said, "have had a misunderstanding concerning their authority under the commission award and the president reconvening the scale committee. It is definitely understood that the agreement now in existence will continue in force and effect during the time for which it was entered into. The secretary of labor has interpreted the communication of the president to mean that the government will not interfere with the joint scale committee in making any changes which they may mutually agree should be made in the agreement."

No statement was made by either operators or miners' representatives. They said that Secretary Wilson's announcement covered all that could be said, at least until negotiations are resumed. At Monday afternoon at Philadelphia.

Minnesota Farmers Equity Consolidates With United Farmers

St. Paul, Dec. 1.—Consolidation with the United Farmers of America was accomplished at Wednesday's session of the Minnesota branch of the Society of Equity, which now becomes the Minnesota state union of the United Farmers. Benjamin C. Marsh, secretary and director of legislation, Farmers' National council, Washington, D. C., told the convention that lack of short time credit is responsible for the farmers' inability to market their crops in an orderly, consecutive way throughout the year, to meet consumption demands.

Remaking of Ranced Butter Into New, Told by Creamery Employee

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1.—R. C. Schomp, former employee of the Hazelwood Co. here, testified in the federal court Wednesday that he had aided in remaking ranced butter into new butter in the creamery of the company, which is on trial charged with violation of the federal pure food act. Schomp declared that between February 1918 and February, 1919, he personally had dumped ranced, moldy butter, which he declared to have been "in very bad condition," into a vat with sour cream which he said was treated chemically and pasteurized and made into butter. The trial was continued.

Offering of Bribes to Dry Agents by Bootleggers Exposed

New York, Dec. 1.—Extensive efforts by liquor dealers to corrupt government agents with money were reported Wednesday by Capt. Frank Frayer after his prohibition enforcement forces had corralled several violators of the Volstead act. Frayer declared that during the past few months he has been charging them with giving and attempting to give bribes money to agents of the internal revenue bureau. Wednesday's roundup followed several investigations of complaints regarding violations of the Volstead act during which liquor dealers were said by Captain Frayer to have offered the officers money.

FORMER EMPRESS PASSES QUIET NIGHT IN DOORN

Doorn, Holland, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Augusta Victoria, former German empress, who has been in a serious condition from a heart attack for several days was apparently no worse Wednesday morning. It was announced she passed a quiet night.

STRIKE OIL IN TWO MORE WELLS

West Dome Drills in on Ten Spot Location Bought for Its Water

Secures Good Flow of Liquid Gold for \$15,000 and One Day's Work—With Sand Yet to Be Pierced Oil Flows Over Top of Frantz No. 5.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Lewistown, Dec. 1.—What is considered the most important and remarkable development that has occurred in the Mosby field since the original discovery of oil there started the oil people Wednesday afternoon when the Ten Spot well, which was sold only Tuesday for \$15,000 to the West Dome syndicate for a water well, most unexpectedly came in with a flow of heavy, green oil from the third sand, which was reached by the new owners in a day's drilling following the purchase.

This well is in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 15-15-23. The Ten Spot syndicate, composed of 10 well known Lewistown business men, put down the well and got a flow of water in the first sand. It was continued to the second, or

thereabouts and hope of oil given up. The West Dome, needing water badly paid \$15,000 for the well and has been going down to the third sand to increase the water flow.

The oil struck is quite different from that secured in all the other producing wells from the upper sand, and while no one as yet has any definite idea as to the extent of this lower pool, the proof that it exists, long suspected, gives the Mosby field wonderful possibilities.

The Frantz No. 5, was practically in Wednesday night, with the oil coming over the top, although the sand remains to be penetrated. This is an offset to the Mid-Northern's No. 2. The flow at the West Dome increased very largely Wednesday and the oil is now reported as flowing over the top.

PHANTOM SHIP AND GHOSTLY CREW TRADITION RECALLED BY OLD TIME FISHERMAN'S DEATH AT GLOUCESTER

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 1.—The burial Wednesday of John Winters recalled to old time fishermen a tradition of a phantom "flying dutchman" and its ghostly crew that were believed to roam the seas in pursuit of a ship that had sent them to the bottom.

Winters was the last survivor of the crew of the Gloucester schooner Haskell which, in a storm on March, 1859, ran down and sank a Salem schooner and its entire crew on Georges fishing banks. He died at the Fishermen's Snug harbor in his 82 year, repeating almost to the last the tale of the ghost ship of the shipping banks which was supposed to have pursued the Haskell throughout its career as a fisherman.

Once off Eastern Point, at the entrance of Gloucester Harbors, Winters said, a schooner ran down the wind, hove alongside the Haskell, and her phantom crew climbed the rigging declared themselves the ghosts of the Salem fishermen.

Winters and others of the Haskell crew refused to fish in the ship again, and a new crew was taken on. These returned with a similar story of the ghostly visitation at sea, took their damage bags and quit.

Another and still a fourth crew were shipped, but each came to port with a new story of a ship shrouded in white and spectral crew, and the Haskell was hauled up, unable to get men. She finished her sea-going as a sand freighter, and the Salem ship was not heard of again.

193 CONVICTIONS OUT OF 2500 PROHIBITION ARRESTS IS RECORD

Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware Affected by Commissioner's Report.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Out of 2,500 prohibition arrests in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware between January 16 and October 1, there were 193 convictions, according to a report from Leo A. Crossen, supervising federal prohibition agent for the three states, made public Wednesday night by Commissioner Kramer. By states the record stood:

Pennsylvania—164 convictions, 34 acquittals and 875 seizures, including 70 automobiles.

New Jersey—26 convictions, three acquittals and 185 seizures, including 30 automobiles.

Delaware—Three convictions, no acquittals and seven seizures, including two automobiles.

From March to September, a total of 25,092 gallons of liquor were seized; 18,775 gallons in Pennsylvania, 6,141 in New Jersey, and 176 in Delaware.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES ADOPT WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL

Rome, Dec. 1.—The chamber of deputies Wednesday adopted the electoral reform bill providing for proportional representation and women suffrage. The vote was 153 to 128.

"Crime Trust's" Aviators Bring Canadian Whisky to U. S. Bootleggers, Charge

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 1.—Airplanes that skim through the air in the dead of the night like frightened birds are being used constantly for smuggling across the United States-Canadian boundary line, the Winnipeg Tribune declares it learned Wednesday.

These planes are used by the alleged "crime trust" that police believe has its headquarters in Winnipeg. Liquor and other contraband is being secretly transported across the line in this manner, it is charged.

Royal Mounted police and customs officials are pushing the campaign against the smugglers with

FEDERAL RED CROSS MEMBERS NAMED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Dr. Livingston Farrand Is Designated Chairman of Six Government Members.

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Wilson has designated the following as the six government members of the central committee of the American Red Cross:

Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman, Norman H. Davis, to represent the state department; John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, to represent the treasury department; Maj. Gen. Merritt W. Ireland, surgeon general, U. S. A. to represent the war department; Rear Admiral Edward R. Stitt, surgeon general United States navy, to represent the navy department; William L. Frierson, solicitor general, to represent the department of justice.

Nominations caused by expiration of terms in the groups of incorporators and delegates from capers will be filled at the annual meeting of the Red Cross to be held at national headquarters Wednesday, December 8.

JAPANESE COUNCILMEN QUIT UNDER GRAFF FIRE

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Members of the municipal council of this city, resigned Tuesday in connection with charges of graft which have been presented.

LONDON UNEMPLOYED SEIZE TOWN HALL IN SUBURBAN SECTION

London, Dec. 1.—Restiveness among the city's unemployed, coupled with the lack of housing accommodations, led to the seizure of the town hall at Edmonton, a northern suburb of London, by several hundred men Wednesday. The occupation of the building was without violence. The men announced that they will use the town hall as their headquarters until something is done for them.

The town hall at Tottenham, another working district near the city, was the scene of a similar peaceful seizure Tuesday. The unemployed men who took possession of the building, however, evacuated it Wednesday when the council announced that accommodations had been found for them in the coroner's court and in two large storehouses.

FAMOUS HISTORIAN, DESCENDANT OF BACKER OF COLUMBUS, IS DEAD

San Jose, Calif., Dec. 1.—James Alonzo Forbes, 77, historian, who traced his ancestors back to the Galindo family in Spain, which was said to have sacrificed its jewels in order to insure the success of Christopher Columbus' explorations, died here Wednesday.

Forbes worked with Hubert H. Bancroft, the historian, in compiling a history of California.

70,000 SICILIANS WAIT CHANCE TO EMIGRATE TO U. S.

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 1.—Seventy thousand persons awaiting an opportunity to emigrate to the United States are causing much congestion here. Only 1,500 can sail each month. From six to eight steamers, carrying ten thousand steerage passengers, are sailing monthly from Naples for America.

BOND COURIERS TREAT MILLIONS LIKE PENNIES

Witnesses in Arnstein Case Describe Daily Task in Money Mart.

Messengers Often Thrust Packages of Wealth Into Clerk's Window.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Half a dozen couriers used by Wall street in settling daily accounts by actual delivery of stocks and bonds worth scores of millions of dollars furnished the chief interest at Wednesday's session of the trial of Jules W. (Nicky) Arnstein and the members of the bankrupt firm of D. W. Sullivan & Co. These witnesses described their routine duty of carrying securities of great value through crowded streets of New York.

Counsel for Arnstein, Sullivan and N. S. Bowles and W. W. Eastday, all of whom are charged with conspiring to bring stolen securities into the District of Columbia, developed through cross-examination that on reaching his destination, a broker's message often would be delivered to the next office without waiting to see if they were secured by the proper person.

The government continued Wednesday presenting testimony regarding the loan transaction of Sullivan & Co. Overruling objections of the defense, Justice Gould held that Robert V. Fleming, of Washington, had qualified as a handwriting expert and permitted him to testify regarding disputed signatures of Sullivan and Bowles, appearing on documents.

The defense attempted to show from this and other witnesses that each of the loans regarded by the bank officials as purely routine, there being nothing to indicate that the securities attached as collateral—many of which afterwards were proven to have been stolen—were not what the bankers termed "good delivery."

Mrs. Sid J. Coffee Passes at Missoula

Missoula, Dec. 1.—After an illness of but a few days, Mrs. Sid J. Coffee, wife of a prominent Missoula druggist, who is president of the board of directors of the Montana state fair, died at her home Monday night. Mrs. Coffee was taken ill the previous Wednesday but her condition did not become critical until a few hours before her death. She was 50 years of age, had been a resident of Missoula for 30 years, and is survived by her husband and two daughters.

Scion's Inheritance Notion Acquired in "Bohemian Quarter," Trustee's Belief

New York, Dec. 1.—Henry D. Tudor, managing trustee of the \$1,250,000 estate which Charles Garland of Buzzards Bay, Mass., recently refused to accept as a bequest from his father, declared in a statement that he thought young Garland acquired his ideas regarding inheritance from associations formed in Greenwich village, New York's "Bohemian quarter," where he passed four months a few years ago.

Mr. Tudor, who is president of the Commonwealth Finance Corp. and a distant relative of young Garland, said that the trustees were "embarrassed" by his attitude in refusing to accept the property. Mr. Tudor declared he was being besieged by charitable organizations and people desiring to establish hospitals and orphanages who desire to obtain the estate or at least the income from it.

"The trustees are convinced, however," he said, "that nothing can be done but to continue the trusteeship indefinitely. We hope that Garland will change his opinion, but if not we will keep the property to give to his heirs. We are bound by law to make no other disposition of the estate."

Washington, Dec. 1.—The house immigration committee will meet Thursday to begin work on drafting legislation dealing with immigration to be introduced at the coming session of congress.

WILL PETITION CONGRESS FOR LAW TO REFUND DEBTS; STAMP SITUATION TRAGIC

Harding of Iowa Starts Move for Inquiry Into Conditions Now Governing Agricultural Industry; Committee Named May Be Sent to Washington to Ask Federal Reserve Extension.

Harrisburg, Dec. 1.—Governors and governors-elect representing more than half the states of the union, voted, at their annual conference here Wednesday to begin an inquiry into what was variously called the "acute" "alarming" and "tragic" situation facing farmers of the country, with a view to recommending federal legislation to assist them. As a first step toward carrying out their plan, which was suggested by Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa, the conference appointed a committee consisting of Governors Harding, Bickett of North Carolina; Holcomb of Connecticut; Parker of Louisiana and Goodrich of Indiana to make a preliminary survey and report back before the conclusion of the conference. After that, it is contemplated to send the committee to Washington to urge legislation before congress, which convenes this month.

The object of the state executives which is said to be without parallel in the history of American government, is for the organization of governors to suggest to congress, and actively advocate, passage of legislation necessary to refund the debts of farmers who are pinched by falling markets, with heavy stocks of surplus products on hand, so as to give them a year or more in which to recoup losses and wait for a strengthening market. It is proposed to do this through extension or adaptation of the federal reserve system.

For Foreign Trade. A second proposal also scheduled to receive consideration by the committee, is another by Governor Harding that a foreign trade corporation be formed to finance purchases of American farm products by foreign countries unable, through present lack of funds, to come into the American market. Acting on Governor Harding's suggestions, Governor Bickett introduced a resolution providing for appointment of the committee to act under instructions of the conference and take the propositions up with congress direct. This motion received a second and was about to be voted on when it was objected that the constitution of governors' conference forbade formal resolutions or action of the sort.

At this, Governor Sproule, of Pennsylvania, pointed out that no such formal action was necessary, and, at the call of Governor Bamberger of Utah, who presided, a vote was taken on the suggestion to appoint the committee informally. Approval of the governors was overwhelming.

Edward's Opposes Plan. One voice, that of Governor Edwards of New Jersey, was raised in objection. The eastern executive, who is a banker, said he thought federal legislation such as is contemplated by his colleagues would be "economically wrong." Conditions should be left to adjust themselves, he declared.

Apprehension regarding agricultural and industrial conditions throughout the country characterized most of the expressions by speakers addressing the governors today.

Several states, represented by their chief executives or governors-elect, were reported in a condition verging on the extremely critical, while spokesmen for most of the others assented to the general proposition that there is genuine cause for alarm in that outlook.

Conditions in Iowa, Governor Harding said, menace the very existence of the agricultural industry.

Urges Emergency Legislation. He urged an every state official the necessity of emergency legislation to protect farmers from impending ruin.

Few people, he said, realize the extent to which they are dependent on the farmers. Most cities, he declared, are "within 48 hours of starvation."

The farmers, he warned, are facing conditions under which they will be unable to supply cities with necessities of life.

Form Honor Escort of Planes as Harding Enters Virginia Capes

Newport News, Va., Dec. 1.—Thirty airplanes from Langley field, will greet President-elect Harding when he enters the Virginia capes and on Saturday morning, according to announcement made here Wednesday, the machines will act as an escort of honor for Mr. Harding, who lands at Old Point Comfort, and later visits Norfolk and Newport News.

Poet Declares War On Italy to Begin Friday Milan Rumor

London, Dec. 1.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, in command of the insurgents at Fiume, has declared war on Italy, according to a Milan dispatch to the London Times. The state of war will begin Friday.

\$500,000 FIRE SWEEPS OVER ALABAMA TOWN

Jasper, Ala., Dec. 1.—Fire originating in the building of the Crawford Mercantile company destroyed 20 business houses and ten residences before it was brought under control. Early estimates place the loss above \$500,000.

Washington, Dec. 1.—By direction of President Wilson, Secretary Daniels placed the presidential yacht Mayflower at the disposal of President-elect Harding Wednesday to complete his trip from Panama to Washington. The secretary sent a radiogram to Senator Harding on the steamer Pastores, en route to Norfolk, informing him that the Mayflower would be at Hampton Roads Saturday when the Pastores is due there, and that President Wilson would be happy to have Senator Harding use the vessel for the passage to Washington.

The message said: "The Mayflower will be in Hampton Roads on your arrival and the president will be happy to place it at your disposal, as he understands you are coming to Washington from Norfolk." It was assumed that the Mayflower would be ordered to lie at anchor in Hampton roads after conveying Secretary of State Coby to that port on Saturday, preparatory to his trip to South America.

The president previously offered Senator Harding the use of the Mayflower and also of a battleship for his journey when he learned that the senator intended to go to Panama on his vacation trip. Senator Harding declined the offer, saying his arrangements had already been made.

SOUTH IRELAND SENATE RIDER VOTED BY LORDS

Government Is Defeated On Amendment to Safeguard Unionists.

Joint Session of North and South Senates Is Substituted for Council.

London, Dec. 1.—The government suffered a defeat in the house of lords Wednesday night when an amendment to the Irish home rule bill submitted by Barons Orammore and Browne providing for the establishment of a senate for southern Ireland was carried against the government by a vote of 120 to 86. It was explained that the object of the amendment was to safeguard the minority southern Unionists.

Lord Birkenhead, Lord High Chancellor for the government, opposed the amendment on the grounds that such a senate must be preponderantly nominative, and there was no hope forcing such a second chamber on southern Ireland. He emphasized the government desired that the question of framing a senate should be left to the central council.

Joint Senate Urged. Lord Shandon moved an amendment providing for a joint session of the southern and northern senates as a substitute for the Irish council. Lord Birkenhead thought it preferable to discuss the subject at a later stage. Earl Middleton urged that nothing was more likely to lead to some settlement than Lord Shandon's proposal.

This amendment was adopted, 48 to 34. In a later discussion, Lord Birkenhead, referring to Lord Shandon's amendment, said that the council was an essential part of the government's scheme. This now, he declared, was swept away by Lord Shandon's lamentable and reckless amendment. He doubted whether the bill would survive such a severe blow.

An amendment bestowing a second chamber on the Ulster parliament was also adopted.

1 DEAD IN APARTMENT COLLAPSE IN HEART OF NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 1.—Broadway at 52d Street was suddenly transformed late Wednesday from a scene of bustling activity to one of desolate wreckage when a nine story apartment house under repair, collapsed, burying several persons beneath the debris. At least one person is believed to have been killed and six others are unaccounted for.

Fortunately, the bulk of the debris fell into 52d street, which was comparatively free from vehicular and pedestrian traffic, although tons of wreckage slid into Broadway.

Six persons, three of them buried in the wreckage and later rescued, were injured. Searchers expressed fear Wednesday night that other pedestrians seen passing the building may have been caught beneath the tons of wreckage, covering the sidewalk in places to a depth of six feet.

Smaller crashes occurred at intervals Wednesday night as sections of the wall, which remained standing after the first collapse, gave way. Other tottering sections threatened the lives of firemen and policemen who searched the debris for bodies in the glare of powerful searchlights.

Only the ground floor was occupied, an automobile concern having its offices there. Injured persons were mainly employees of this concern and workmen employed in repairing the building.

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\$2,000,000 Inheritance Tax Partial Payment of H. C. Frick Estate

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—The Henry C. Frick estate Wednesday sent to the state treasurer \$2,000,000 inheritance tax in partial payment. The sum of \$374,000.00 is in contest and the payment made was subject to disposition of the case.