

GOOD WELFARE AMONG HARDING'S POLICES

STEEL FIRM BOYCOTTS UNION BUILDERS

BETHLEHEM CO. HEAD GRILLED BY BIG OWNER

Building Trust Probe Exposes Tactics of Fabricated Steel Manufacturers in United States to Withhold Material From Builders Employing Organized Skilled Workers in Industry.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Bethlehem Steel corporation will refuse to sell fabricated steel to builders and contractors in the New York and Philadelphia districts to be erected on a closed shop basis, it was disclosed by Eugene G. Grace, president of the corporation, who testified Wednesday before the joint legislative committee investigating the alleged "building trust," replying to charges that his corporation was sponsoring the "open shop" movement by withholding steel from builders employing only union iron workers.

Whether the corporation will extend its policy to other parts of the country, the witness said, depends "entirely on what effect it should expect it to have on our general labor situation."

Severe Grilling

The steel magnate, who was on the witness stand nearly an hour, was subjected to a severe grilling by Samuel Untermyer, the committee's counsel, who has stated that he, Untermyer, is the largest stockholder in the Bethlehem corporation.

Charging Mr. Grace with "fencing" an evading line of questions, Mr. Untermyer several times during the examination appealed to Senator Carson, acting chairman of the committee, to order the witness to answer his questions.

Acted Independently

While his corporation was a member of the National Steel Fabricators' association, Mr. Grace declared, it had acted independently of the association's "open shop" program and had not entered into any agreement with any other interests to sponsor the movement.

Denies Dictation

Denying that he had attempted to dictate to union builders, as to how they should erect steel, Mr. Grace asserted that they cannot have our fabricated steel.

When the witness denied knowledge of the movement among fabricated steel manufacturers in the United States to withhold steel from union shop builders, Mr. Untermyer asked:

"Do you think it is a proper thing for manufacturers throughout the country to get together and to dictate to the builders in the different cities of the country whether or not they shall erect steel on union or open shop principles?"

Union Non-discriminatory

The steel head admitted that the structural iron workers union had not discriminated against the non-union product of the Bethlehem corporation, but said "it may happen."

Declaring he "never liked the term 'collective bargaining,'" Mr. Grace said he believed in a system of employees' representation.

He explained that the Bethlehem employees elected their representatives to deal with the management of the company, "in all phases affecting the service rendered by them," and that the plan is working very satisfactorily.

"If 95 per cent of the men in your shops were union men they would not have anything more to say as union men?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

Changing Attitude

"Isn't it a fact, Mr. Grace," asked Mr. Untermyer, "that, in times of great business activity unions seek to dominate the situation, and in times of depression, or when labor is plentiful, that the employers seek to eliminate the unions?"

"I do not know about that," replied the witness.

"You don't know about that and you employ as many as 70,000 men and when business is active as high as 120,000," smilingly replied the committee's counsel, continuing another line of examination, Mr. Grace asserted the policy to sponsor the "open shop" was adopted "around September 1919, when the American Federation of Labor attempted to organize our plant."

When the steel magnate said he believed it would be better for the steel workers in the United States to be "banded together in a single organization," Mr. Untermyer asked him if "that is the reason you are refusing recognition?"

Union Men Employed

"Naturally, I think it is better," said Mr. Grace, who said he believed there were some union men working in his shops and they were not discriminated against.

During the examination of the steel head, Mr. Untermyer told him that he disagreed with the corporation's policy and methods and "hoped they would change them."

Mr. Untermyer said that if Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the directors of the Bethlehem corporation, desired to appear before the committee to make a statement, they would be "glad to hear him."

Additional testimony was heard Wednesday by the committee from contractors showing that building costs had been increased by the action of the fabricated steel manufacturers compelling

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IRISH SOCIALIST REGIME'S AIM OF SIN FEELERS

Land Under British Act Leased to Favored Cattle Owners, Charge.

25,000 Families Housed in One-Room Dwellings in Dublin.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The system of government which Irish republican leaders proposed to set up in Ireland was described as "an ideal co-operative commonwealth" by Laurence Ginnell, former Irish member of the British parliament, in testimony late Wednesday before the sub-committee of the committee of one hundred investigating the Irish question. Mr. Ginnell presented a rough draft of the governmental system proposed.

The ancient Brehon laws, from which many of the present-day socialistic doctrines are derived, Mr. Ginnell said, probably will form the basis for Ireland's form of government should efforts of the republican leaders to gain independence from Great Britain prove successful. He told the committee he had written a book on socialism, obtaining his material from these laws.

Favors Raisers Get Land.

Land in Ireland apportioned under the British land act for tilling, he said, has been leased to "favored cattle raisers," necessitating migration at intervals of large parts of the population to some districts to England to find work. The governmental system which the Irish republicans plan to put into effect, he said, contemplates "breaking up of the large tracts of land in Ireland, now used for grazing, and distribution of them on smaller parcels to suitable persons to be tilled."

Miss Ruth Russell who investigated conditions in Ireland for the Chicago Daily News said that the British authorities, by making it more profitable for the large land owners to raise cattle than to lease their lands to small farmers, had brought about distressing economic conditions in Ireland. Small farms are turned into grazing lands and flour mills and other industries are idle, she said, adding that no employment for the people had taken their place, as the cattle were exported on the hoof.

Homes Deplorable.

Living conditions, Miss Russell said, are worse in Dublin than in any other city with almost forty per cent of the city's population, or 25,000 families, living in one-room dwellings. The commission will continue its hearings Thursday with Peadar Kirby, Irish republican leader, and John Parnis, an American quaker, who was in Ireland, in connection with the Society of Friends investigating Irish conditions listed to appear.

COURT ORDERS NAVAL OFFICER TO SUPPORT WIFE, STEPCHILDREN

Alimony Payments Retroactive From Time of Desertion On Motor Trip.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 15.—Judge E. Belden in circuit court Monday ordered Capt. William D. Brotherton to pay to Mrs. Alys Wood Brotherton \$150 a month temporary alimony for her support of herself and two children by a former marriage pending the outcome of her suit for divorce.

The alimony payments were ordered made from October 15, 1920, when it is alleged by the wife, Captain Brotherton abandoned her and the children at Cambridge City, Ohio, while they were motoring from Philadelphia to Racine. He also was instructed to pay \$150 attorney's fees.

The captain, who is commander of the United States battleship South Carolina, is on leave from the navy pending the outcome of the divorce.

Great Falls Man Held With Auto Load Booze by Wyoming Officials

Sheridan, Wyo., Dec. 15.—Charles Ditmar of Great Falls, Montana, is in the county jail charged with transporting liquor into Wyoming from Great Falls, and his touring car has been confiscated following a raid on a local garage in which prohibition officers state they found 80 quarts of whiskey stored in Ditmar's car. Ditmar drove into Sheridan Tuesday evening from Montana.

The name of Charles Ditmar is not in the city directory.

\$1,000,000 ROLLING MILLS DESTROYED BY FLAMES.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Fire broke out in the plant of the Helmbacher Forge and Rolling Mill company at Madison, Ill., near here, Wednesday. Total loss, it was said, probably would exceed \$1,000,000. A strong wind carried sparks to a dwelling section.

Picturesque Indian Maid Sentences Self

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Wrapped in the folds of a vari-colored blanket of brilliant hues, wearing on her head a knotted silk handkerchief and on her feet elaborately beaded moccasins, Sadi Schoolai, sixteen-year-old Indian girl from Warm Springs reservation, Wednesday sentenced herself in federal court to serve six months in jail after she had pleaded guilty to raising a post-office money order from \$2.50 to \$9.50. Her father, a stalwart brave, was in the court room during the proceedings and remained silent. When the girl was being led away, however, he loudly decried the immediate return of the \$500 which he had posted as bail money.

VENICE BOOMS WELCOME FOR GREEK EX-KING

Constantine and Family Met at Depot by Port Admiral.

Venice, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press).—Former King Constantine, of Greece, on his way home from Switzerland and exile to reoccupy the throne of Greece, was received Wednesday morning with all the honors due the sovereign of a friendly nation by the Italian government.

Constantine and the members of his family arrived in the early hours of the morning. They were met at the railway station by the Italian admiral of the port, the mayor of Venice and other officials, and M. Boromilas, the Greek minister to Italy, who married Miss Cockrell, daughter of the late United States Senator Cockrell.

Officers of the naval ships in port also were present. Shortly after his arrival Constantine boarded the Greek cruiser Averoff which boomed forth a salute of 21 guns. The salute was taken up by the old fort on the island of St. George.

Constantine will depart on the last leg of his homeward journey between 5 and 6 o'clock Thursday morning. The Averoff on the voyage to Greece will be accompanied by a destroyer escort and a merchant ship which will have on board the necessary correspondents and the messengers of Constantine's suite. The Averoff and the destroyers will enter Phaleron, the port of Athens, at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Joyless Christmas Sentence Meted Out to Mischievous Boys

West Orange, N. J., Dec. 15.—Christmas this year is to be a joyless festival for three West Orange boys of 10 and 12 years who Wednesday were sentenced by City Recorder John B. Lander to receive no holiday presents, take no part in any Christmas festivities and to go to bed at 6:30 every evening for a month, including Christmas eve.

The youngsters were convicted of breaking into a school for stealing pencils and money from the teacher's desk, and on another occasion tinkering with a minister's automobile so that he could not start it.

Popular Coal Miner Carries West for National President

Seattle, Dec. 15.—Robert H. Herlin, former president of District No. 10 of the United Mine Workers of America, which comprises the state of Washington, received 3,500 out of 4,000 votes in the state in his candidacy for national president of the United Mine Workers of America and carried Montana and Wyoming, 2 to 1, it was announced Wednesday at the district headquarters here, after completion of returns from Tuesday's district officers.

In the election of district officers, Vice President Ben Farrington, Roslyn, Wn., was elected president.

Beef Higher in East and Middle West Than On West Coast

Chicago, Dec. 15.—C. H. Frye of Seattle, Wn., a meat packer, who is on his way back to the coast after a trip through the east, Wednesday said that the retail price of meat in eastern and middle western cities was from 25 to 50 per cent higher than on the coast although livestock prices there were higher than any place in the United States.

WHITE MICE MERCHANT DEFRAUDS MAIL VICTIMS

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 15.—Charles H. Rowan was found guilty Wednesday of using the mails to defraud. He was charged with failure to fulfill a promise to buy back offspring of rabbits and white mice which he sold to customers.

EIGHT GUARD COMPANIES FOR MONTANA SOON

Greenan Expects That Number Will Be Ready for Muster January 1.

Every Officer Must Have Seen Service in Regular Army to Qualify.

Helena, Dec. 15.—By January 15, 1921, Montana will have eight companies of her national guard, ready for muster, Adjutant General Phil Greenan said Wednesday.

This will be the first step in a four-year program of building the national guard of Montana into an organization of 132 officers and 3,251 men, including infantry, artillery and engineer troops, as well as regimental headquarters officers and men for the units of infantry and engineers.

The units of the Montana national guard are:

Division Troops. One regiment of infantry, one engineers' regimental headquarters, two companies of engineers, one signal company, construction, one company of military police, one heavy ordnance maintenance company.

Corps troops: One battalion of artillery, 155 millimeter howitzers; one battalion of engineers, combat troops; one signal company and with the regimental supply company will bring the strength of the regiment on a peace time basis to 57 officers and 1,591 men.

Mustering Towns. The towns where companies will be mustered in soon with a strength of 63 to a company are, Bozeman, Billings, Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, Kalispell, Roundup, Lewistown. Formation of these companies has been going ahead for six months under General Greenan and Captain J. L. Tucker. Arrangements have been made to rent armories in towns where there are no state owned buildings available.

Every officer, to qualify, must first have had actual service. Plans are on foot to organize the engineer units in Butte because of the wealth of material for the organization there. All ex-service men may enlist for one year but civilians must first enlist for three years.

DE VALERA RIDICULES GEORGE'S OFFERING OF OLIVE BRANCH

Indorses "Acting President" Griffith's Message to People to Hold Fast.

New York, Dec. 15.—Premier Lloyd George "surely does not think the world will take his peace offer seriously," when the men "who alone can speak for the people of Ireland are locked up in English prisons," Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic" declared in a statement here Wednesday night.

Mr. De Valera said that he fully endorsed the message of "Acting President" Arthur Griffith advising the Irish people to hold fast; that he was ready to discuss a treaty of peace between the two nations; that he had full confidence in the men still were "carrying on in Ireland, and that he had not asked of Premier Lloyd George "permission to come to America" and would not ask for it "when the time came" for his return to Ireland.

Mrs. Murgal MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, arrived here from Washington, where she has been testifying before the committee of one hundred inquiring into the conditions in Ireland. She called on Mayor Hylan, and was greeted by a number of aldermen, and said that she expected to remain in America until after Christmas.

HOMEWARD BOUND

London, Dec. 15.—A writer in the Evening Standard Wednesday says that Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," is expected to land in England in a few days.

The home office and officers of the Irish self-determination league say that they have no information on the subject.

Squaw Slays Twins in Fit of Despair

North Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—Charged with the murder last year of her twin girls, when they were six weeks old, Amy Adolf, daughter of Tommy Adolf, hereditary chief of the Lillooet Indian tribe, was arrested Wednesday while a search was being made for her bodies.

In a confession said to have been made to the police, the mother, who is little more than a girl herself, declared she killed the infants in a fit of despair when she discovered the infidelity of their father, a white man.

ASKS CO-OPERATION OF MOTHERS WITH SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Particular Plea Made That Religious Training Be Kept Within Province of Health; Disapproves of Entering Children in Private Institutions; New Welfare Department Popular With People.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 15.—American mothers were asked by President Elect Harding Wednesday night to give to school officials and other public servants a full measure of co-operation in the educational, religious and physical training of children. Speaking here before a state meeting of the Child Conservation league, Mr. Harding declared it the duty of motherhood to keep the old time home spirit alive in spite of the growing tendency to entrust the instruction of the child almost wholly to public institutions.

He made a particular plea that religious training be kept within the province of the hearth, and voiced a hope for a revival of religious reverence in the trying times ahead.

CASH BONUS HOPES OF WAR VETS DIMS AT THIS CONGRESS

More Liberal Legislation for Disabled Heroes Assured; Montana Delegation Makes Hit.

Special to The Daily Tribune. Washington, Dec. 15.—If former service men insist on a cash bonus as a reward they will get nothing from this session of congress. This was made plain at a hearing before the senate committee on finance Wednesday. Senator McLean asserted it would be utterly impossible to raise funds to meet the demands of a cash payment.

A Montana delegation, which came here to ask for more liberal legislation for "disabled ex-service men" made a hit with congressmen. There is no question about the desire of congress to make "adequate allowance" for disabled soldiers.

The row is over the men who are financially able to take care of themselves. The Montana delegation is composed of W. G. Ferguson, Miles City; C. E. Pew, Helena; M. S. Cohen, Butte; Thomas Busha, Big Timber, and L. J. Molumby, Great Falls.

Mexican Mine to Close Despite Abolishment of Export Duties

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 15.—According to information received here Wednesday night from Cananea, Sonora, the Cananea Consolidated Copper Co. will not alter its determination to close down January 15 although the Mexican government has lifted the export duty on copper to enable Mexican producers to better meet lower price conditions in the American market.

Confidence of an acceptable solution of the peace tangle was expressed by Senator Fall, who said during the conference that he believed the president elect's consultations here were progressing toward a peace plan that would permit America to regain world leadership. He said he believed the best solution would be a long peace conference at Washington at which European nations would be eager to be present.

Evans has bill to pay Montana for fire fighting

Washington, Dec. 15.—A bill was introduced by Representative John M. Evans today to reimburse Montana for sums expended in fighting fires on government lands. It calls for \$29,000.

SENATORS ASK COLBY TO PROTEST BRITISH PASSPORT REFUSAL

Irish Investigation May Offset Friendly Relations, Declares Letter.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Ten members of the senate in a joint letter Wednesday urged the state department to protest to the British government against the recent refusal of the British embassy here to issue passports for members of the committee, appointed to make a first hand investigation of conditions in Ireland by the commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question.

The letter, addressed to Secretary Colby, was signed by Senators Norris of Nebraska; Walsh of Massachusetts; Walsh of Montana; France of Maryland; LaFollette of Wisconsin; Ransdell of Louisiana; Gronna of North Dakota; Chamberlain of Oregon; Fletcher of Florida; and Shields of Tennessee.

In addition to urging a protest to the British government, the letter also asked Secretary Colby to request that government to "explain publicly why it refuses the right of travel in the British Isles to representative American citizens seeking to ascertain the truth as to a situation which, if permitted to continue, may seriously affect the friendly relations of the American and English peoples."

Embrace The Opportunity

"Whether we may esteem it wise or unwise, the modern mother must realize that society disposes more and more to take from her control the training, the intellectual direction and the spiritual guidance of her children. While we may well plead with the mothers to make the most for good, of the lessened opportunity they possess for molding the lives and minds of their children through such co-operative effort as this, it seems to me, there is opportunity for a great service. Herein is presented the opportunity to lift up the poorer and the less fortunate to a higher level.

"The mother who indefatigably seeks to train her children rightly will be performing this service not only for her own children, but for those from other homes not so richly blessed with the finest things of life.

All Must Co-operate

"I like the democracy of the community school and indeed I would like to see a greater measure of it enforced in the public schools by the elimination of those evidences of extravagance in

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