

D'ANNUNZIO SURRENDERS

Building Trust Practices Characterized as Teamwork to Fleece People by Prober

U. S. GRAND JURY INDICTS 15; HIRE LAW 'STEERERS'

"Skating on Very Thin Ice" Admits Lawyer for Several Contractors.

Organized Discrimination by Cement Association Is Disclosed.

New York, Dec. 29.—The federal government added its legal flail to the whips of New York state's "trust smashing" organization Wednesday by returning indictments charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act against four sand concerns and eleven individuals recently investigated by the joint legislative committee.

These indictments, the first of a federal nature to be returned in connection with the "building trust" industry, accumulated upon more than 120 indictments returned by a trio of grand juries co-operating with the legislative investigation. The defendants will plead Thursday.

Co-operative Bidding. Meanwhile the committee, before an audience of business men that packed the chamber, uncovered some of the most extensive co-operative organizations of manufacturers and contractors which daily inquiry over ten weeks has brought forth. It was shown that hundreds of firms in all lines of trade throughout the country exchange through clearing houses, the names of prospective buyers, their bids, and signed contracts and also daily reports of stocks on hand and shipments.

These practices, carried on under programs advocated by the late Arthur Jerome Eddy and his economic disciples, were characterized by Samuel Untermyer, the committee counsel, as "league work to fleece the people." Their legality is involved in the case against the American Column company now before the United States supreme court.

Disposes of Eddy. A Chicago attorney, William J. Matthews, acting as counsel for a group of several of these societies, admitted in testifying Monday that he was employed to steer the concerns banded together under his direction "within the anti-trust laws." Among the many other men who are similarly employed in the country he named Clark McKircher, formerly with the anti-trust division of the department of justice.

Denying members of these societies after traveling over the country to attend meetings, ever discuss future prices, but that they talk merely of past and present prices and "exchange views," Mr. Matthews conceded Mr. Untermyer's claim that these business men were "skating on virtually thin ice."

Government's Case Weak

The witness admitted he thought the government had presented a "very weak case" against the American Column company and expressed the hope that proceedings would be instituted against another firm to test and make certain whether or not the Eddy plan is legal. He defended the plan on the ground that it established prices, denying however, that it made them.

Other developments of the day included: Testimony that the National Association of Electrical Contractors, with a membership of 2,500 in the United States and Canada, sends out twice monthly a list of "fair prices" recommended to be charged for electrical appliances and their installation.

Organized Discrimination

Evidence of organized discrimination by the cement manufacturers against contractors and other buyers in favor of dealers through a rule of the Portland Cement association the Portland Cement monopoly of profits above 100 per cent being regularly reported by Terra cotta manufacturers, and testimony that electrical appliances contractors profited 60 per cent and more on the difference between their labor item in day work.

Mme. Galli-Curci to Wed Accompanist in Minneapolis, Minn.

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Mme. Galli-Curci, famous grand opera singer, and Homer Samuels, her accompanist, will be married at the home of the latter's parents in St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis, January 15, according to announcement by C. J. Samuels, father of the bridegroom to be.

The wedding will be a plain home ceremony with but few present. Dr. H. P. Dewey, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, Minneapolis, officiating.

RAIDS IN DUBLIN.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—The military Wednesday made extensive raids and searches of residences and business establishments in Dublin.

FRENCH OUTLOOK FOR NEW YEAR IS EXCEEDINGLY BRIGHT, WITH GOOD CROPS, COAL APLENTY AND PROGRESS MADE IN RESTORING DEVASTATED AREA

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—While the French people have their worries, yet they will begin the new year immensely more confident than they began 1920 because of the extraordinarily good crops, progress in restoring the ruined departments of the north, a plentiful supply of coal and the prospect a year hence of having the period of military service reduced from three years to 18 months.

FRENCH REDS VOTE TO JOIN INTERNATIONALE

Left Wing Gets 3,208 Ballots; Division Is Certain.

Tours, France, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—The French socialist party Wednesday night by a large majority voted in favor of absolute affiliation with the Moscow Internationale.

A motion by the left wing to join the third internationale absolutely was given 3,208 votes, while another motion introduced by Deputy Jean Longuet, of the Center location, requesting the congress to state unequivocally whether it would recognize the barring of Longuet and his followers from the internationale, received 1,022 votes. There were 297 abstentions from voting.

Efforts are now proceeding to keep the socialist party intact, but the probability seems to be that the organization has been split in two.

The three wings of the French socialist congress met separately in an effort to reach an understanding to prevent a split in the socialist party of France before the full session Wednesday night takes up the question of affiliation with the internationale.

While the left and right groups sought earnestly in individual meetings for a common ground for unity, it was currently stated in all sections that few expected anything except the division which has appeared inevitable.

FEDERAL WHISKY PERMITS WILL BE CUT DURING 1921

Great Lakes Cities, Border Points, Both Canadian and Mexican, Regions Will Be Hit Hard, Says Prohibition Commissioner.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press).—Plans for reducing the number of federal permits for handling liquor next year, were announced Wednesday by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer, who said the new issue of licenses would be held to a strict minimum in an effort to check illegal liquor sales.

The greatest reduction will be in wholesale permits under Mr. Kramer's program, but other dealers entitled to operate under the Volstead act will also be affected. The commissioner says he intends to refuse to reissue "between 50 and 75 per cent" of the wholesale licenses now in effect.

The enforcement staff has been engaged for several months in studying the records of the 77,000 odd permit holders to ascertain who have committed offenses under prohibition statutes with the view of eliminating them from the list of those who may handle intoxicants next year.

Profit Sharing Plan Cuts Wages Too Much, Workers Vote Strike

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 29.—Employees of the Newbern Iron Works & Supply Co., voted Wednesday to disregard the profit-sharing agreement recently entered into with the company and to go on strike. Pay received by the workers last week, the first under the new plan which was based on profits of the concern above operating expenses, amounted to a reduction of 10 per cent from the amount received the previous week.

POSTPONE SECOND OPERATION UPON SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN

Washington, Dec. 29.—Because of an unfavorable turn in the condition of Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who had an operation performed last week, the operation planned Wednesday was postponed. A sudden and unexpected rise in the senator's temperature occurred Tuesday night but it was somewhat reduced Wednesday.

Then, also, there are the large general questions of the future of the Versailles peace treaty, the League of Nations, and the many issues growing out of the peace conference, in all of which France has a very deep concern in what the coming year may bring forth.

Chemical Eye to Catch Rays Signal, Latest of Scientists

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Developments of a "chemical eye" through which the rays of ordinarily invisible light could be seen and which the discoverer said would prove of great help in warfare, was explained Wednesday night by Professor Robert W. Wood, of Johns Hopkins university in an address before the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Professor Wood, during his lecture, demonstrated a machine of his own invention which produced ultraviolet rays invisible to the naked eye. His audience then viewed the rays through a wide angle telescope device which caused them to become visible and to take on a phosphorescent appearance.

These rays and the detecting device were "the result of the war," Professor Wood said, "the government asking a group of scientists to produce a light which would be visible to those who knew of it but which would be invisible to the enemy." This discovery was made shortly after the armistice, the speaker said, explaining that it would be used primarily in signaling but probably could be developed into many other uses.

MRS. MACSWINEY WILL SAIL FOR HOME SATURDAY

New York, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord Mayor of Cork who starved himself to death in an English prison, will sail for home next Saturday after testifying in Washington before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

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Select Ohio Cavalry as Harding's Escort in Inaugural Parade

Washington, Dec. 29.—Troop A, First Ohio Cavalry, Captain Ralph Perkins of Cleveland commanding, has been designated to act as President-elect Harding's personal cavalry escort in the inaugural parade. E. B. McLean, chairman of the inaugural committee, was informed of the selection Wednesday by Senator Harding.

LAY OFF 1,000 WORKMEN AT GOTHAM NAVY YARD.

New York, Dec. 29.—Approximately 1,000 of the 10,500 workers in the industrial departments at the New York navy yard will be laid off next month. Reasons given are lack of appropriations and the fact that no ships are laid up for repairs.

continued confidence of French investors, as shown by the unprecedented success of the last loan, are considered as justifying a greater optimism concerning the financial and economic situation than is held at present.

UNION WORKERS FACE RUINATION, SAYS AUTHORITY

Redouble Efforts to Improve Conditions, Say Catholic Expert.

New York, Dec. 29.—Industrial conditions in the United States and the need for labor laws for the protection of workers were discussed by speakers at the dinner here Wednesday night of the American association of labor legislation, which opened its fourteenth annual meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The Rev. John R. Ryan, professor of industrial ethics of the Catholic university of America, speaking on "State Intervention vs. Industrial Autocracy" at the dinner, declared the "trade unions must fight as hard as they know how against the attempt to destroy them, and all friends of justice must redouble their efforts to improve conditions of employment by legislation." The "one means" which, he said, will suffice for this purpose is a "considerable measure of individual ownership by the workers of the tools of production through co-operative organizations."

"If labor organizations," he added, "could obtain for the working people all the protection and benefits that they need, industrial legislation would be unnecessary and undesirable. It is better that men should do things for themselves, than that the state should do things for them. But we know from abundant experience that the labor unions of the United States are not able to effect the reform in industrial conditions which are urgently demanded. Therefore, we must have recourse to the state. Industrial autocracy, however, holds that neither labor unions nor legislation is necessary. This means a benevolent feudalism which is impossible in this democratic age."

Whiting Williams, former vice president of the Hydraulic Pressed Steel Co., who spent several months with mill workers in this country and England urged establishment of national and state employment bureaus.

"Movie" Star Weds Tobacco Merchant

New York, Dec. 29.—The marriage of Coconino to John Platogio, New York tobacco merchant, was announced here Wednesday night. The ceremony took place at Greenwich, Conn., last Sunday.

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57 ALLEGED BOOZE SELLERS ARRAIGNED IN WISCONSIN JAIL

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 29.—Bonds to a total value of \$75,000 were deposited with United States Commissioner Cate here late Wednesday afternoon, following arraignment of 57 men taken in the liquor raid at Hurley, Wis., Tuesday, upon charges of having intoxicating liquor in possession, selling intoxicating liquor, or both. All furnished bail and were released.

Thirty-seven saloonkeepers and bartenders filed individual bonds of \$1,500 each, while 20 patrons each placed \$1,000 in bonds to insure their appearance at a hearing, the date for which was not set.

Setting a precedent in this county arraignment of the raid victims was made in the county jail, where the men had been confined since their arrival Tuesday evening. This was because of lack of available room elsewhere to handle the defendants, attorneys, officials and bondsmen. After objecting to this procedure, Major J. A. O'Neill of Iron-

COAL SITUATION, PACKER CONTROL BEFORE HARDING

Information on Naval Construction Imparted by Congressman Kelley

D. B. Wentz, "Coal Baron," and G. O. P. Treasurer Confer at Marion.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 29.—A wide variety of subjects, including the coal situation, packer control and the naval building program, were talked over by President Elect Harding Wednesday in a dozen conferences which kept him busy from early morning until late at night.

The coal production problem was presented to him by Daniel B. Wentz, of Philadelphia, president of the National Coal association, who furnished detailed information about the present rate of production and the outlook for the coming year. Mr. Wentz was accompanied by Fred W. Upham of Chicago, a prominent coal and treasurer of the republican national committee.

Naval Construction.

On the subject of naval construction, the president elect sought information from Representative Patrick A. Kelley of Michigan, chairman of the house subcommittee, which handles naval appropriations. Means of cutting down expenditures without crippling national defense were discussed at length. Mr. Kelley suggesting that while the present building program was being completed, an international agreement might be perfected for limitation of armaments. He also urged that the naval reserve plan be perfected as an inexpensive guarantee of sufficient naval personnel.

A committee from Chicago, headed by S. B. Stafford, president of the Chicago Livestock exchange, took up with Mr. Harding the question of government regulation of the livestock industry and presented a plea that during the next four years, the business should not be harassed unduly by legal restrictions.

Publisher Calls.

Another caller was Victor F. Lawson, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, who said his conference concerned domestic problems. Charles B. Warren of Detroit, former republican national committee chairman for Michigan, also called to see the president elect.

The day brought no outward developments regarding cabinet selections, but the impression was given by those close to Mr. Harding that at least one or two members of his official family would be definitely chosen in the near future. It has been generally expected that the first to be settled upon will be a secretary of state and secretary of the treasury, and that other appointments will be announced later.

34 Reds Plan Fight Against Deportation in Boston U. S. Court

New York, Dec. 29.—Counsel for the "deportee" league" as the 34 alleged aliens at the Boston immigration station, awaiting forcible return to Russia, have styled themselves, met here Wednesday to discuss means of blocking deportation proceedings which will be tried in the Boston federal court Thursday.

Not only the legality of the deportation orders, but also means of returning the prisoners to Russia will be threshed out for all the deportees at which Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania.

DIXON DISMISSES CABINET JOB TALK; REMAIN GOVERNOR

Missoula, Dec. 29.—Governor-elect Joseph M. Dixon, whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with Harding's cabinet as possible choice for secretary of the interior, when seen by an Associated Press correspondent declared that, having been elected governor of Montana, he could not see his way clear to resign the position, no matter how flattering an offer might come to him.

His statement follows: "You will appreciate the fact that any discussion by me involving the makeup of Mr. Harding's cabinet is a very delicate matter. At the same time, I am free to say that, having been elected by the people of Montana to serve as governor, I can see no possible situation in the immediate future, no matter how flattering it might be, that would tempt me to resign the place to which I have been elected. It would seem like a breach of faith to do otherwise.

"It may be that I take the matter too seriously, but that is my notion of it. Under ordinary circumstances, I would have been glad to serve as secretary of the interior. The position means everything to the west. In many ways it would be a far easier place than the governorship, but as I see it, my duty at this time is right here in Montana."

"ITALY NOT WORTH DYING FOR," PARTING WORDS OF POET AS HE FLIES AWAY

Complete Recognition of Treaty of Rapallo Is Given by Legionnaires Representatives at Abbrazi Conference With General Ferrario of Italian Government; Director of National Defense of City of Fiume.

Rome, Dec. 29.—D'Annunzio has issued a proclamation declaring that it is not worth while dying for Italy. He said he was leaving Fiume by airplane.

This was semi-officially announced here Wednesday afternoon, together with the announcement that the Fiume agreement may be regarded as concluded.

Settlement of the Fiume question based on recognition of the treaty of Rapallo, disbandment of D'Annunzio's legionnaires and general amnesty, is expected some time Wednesday following receipt of late advices from the blockaded area. The suspension of hostilities previously ordered has been prolonged.

Negotiations for surrender are proceeding with the municipal council of Fiume, to which D'Annunzio has ceded his powers.

IRISH KINFOLK PLAN RELIEF FOR STARVING

Senator Walsh of Helena Is Member of National Council.

New York, Dec. 29.—Formation of the American committee for relief in Ireland, with a preliminary fund of \$300,000, to complete organization work and start relief, was announced at a meeting here Wednesday of business men of Irish ancestry from various parts of the country.

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, heads the list comprising the committee's national council. Morgan J. O'Brien was elected chairman of the temporary executive committee, and J. J. Puley, president of the Emigrant Industrial Savings bank, treasurer.

Others on the national council include Thomas F. Ryan, Providence, R. I.; Michael E. Doloy, Providence, R. I.; Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, bishop of Detroit; J. Rogers Flannery, Pittsburgh; J. K. Mullen, Denver, and P. H. Callahan, Louisville.

INFLIT HEAVY LOSSES

An armored car advanced against the regulars and inflicted heavy losses, the Alpini throwing themselves on the ground and continuing the struggle for some time. Major Dambara, in command of the Alpini, rode through the gardens on horseback and rushed toward the car but was wounded twice and his horse was shot dead. When the fire ceased, Major Dambara was able to struggle toward the car and upon entering it found three dead legionnaires and two seriously wounded commissioned officers.

Wounded regulars have been taken in motor lorries to Trieste and Gorizia, where special hospitals were organized. The number of men taken to these hospitals increased steadily.

Regulars Handicapped

The regulars found themselves handicapped in the fight against the legionnaires. They were armed only with rifles, while the D'Annunzio troops used hand grenades and machine guns and besides had laid mines so thoroughly that every step the government soldiers were in danger of being blown up.

Two houses in Fiume have already been destroyed by mines. The wounded men say the regular troops were instructed not to fire unless absolutely obliged to do so, while the legionnaires have taken every advantage to inflict the heaviest possible losses upon their assailants.

Rice "Banquet" at \$1,000 Plate to Aid Starved Tots, Success

New York, Dec. 29.—One thousand of New York's men and women of wealth paid \$1,000 or more each here tonight to sit at a plain board table and eat boiled rice.

The "banquet" was a testimonial arranged for Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European relief council, of America's effort to succor the 3,500,000 starving children in Europe.

ARBITRATION MAY SETTLE HARBOR BOATMEN'S FUSS

New York, Dec. 29.—Differences between harbor boatmen and their employers, which had threatened to develop into a strike January 1, may be settled by arbitration, it was indicated Wednesday after state mediators had interviewed opposing parties.