

Power In Opinion. Health In Suspenders. Island of Hogs, Good-by. Moving Pictures Teach.

Public opinion apparently still has some power. The Governor of New York announced his intention to give the street car trust of the greatest American city what it wanted—the right to break a contract.

Some person is advertising this: "Be Comfortable, Wear Suspenders." You may smile, but that is important advice.

The tight belt is one dangerous kind of foolishness. The high or tight collar pressing on the pneumogastric nerve and the great blood vessels of the neck is equally foolish.

"Be comfortable, wear suspenders, wear a loose collar, and give your interior machinery a chance," is excellent advice.

Hog Island will now finally close. The spot where hundreds of millions were spent, wasted, and stolen, "may become a barren waste."

A barren waste where hundreds of millions were thrown away, and a small amount bid by a "junking concern" for the stuff that is left.

It reminds you of the end of the huge, useless Colossus of Rhodes, broken up for the metal and carried away on camel-back by a junk dealer.

Will moving pictures injure the minds of young people, and cut down the reading of good books? They will not, although John Cotton Dana, head of Newark's public library, one of the ablest, most useful librarians, thinks they will.

When our kind of writing repeated hieroglyphics—those that wrote in pictures thought that literature was doomed. Writing was made too easy.

When printed books replaced hand-written, illuminated manuscript, literature was dead. It was too cheap.

When Daguerre proved that he could use sunlight to make pictures, art was on its last legs.

But Ruskin knew that photography would make great works of art familiar to everybody, also great buildings and all the wonderful things on the planet, and thus increase intellectual interest and intellectual effort.

What still photography has done in a small way, moving pictures, planting ideas instantaneously, will do in a great way for millions of human beings.

"Give light and the people will find their own way." Give knowledge, in any form, and the people will use it, and find their way.

Income tax authorities tell you that only one man in the United States reports, for taxation, an income of five million dollars. Any one of six big lawyers in the United States can name a different list of six men, every one of the thirty-six with five million dollars income at least.

This does not mean necessarily that the rich are dodging the income tax. Some take stock dividends instead of cash dividends; the Government gets nothing—and the Supreme Court has allowed it.

Others have their money invested in securities that cannot be taxed. A doctor or little business man, with ten thousand a year, must pay taxes. The man whose millions are invested in State or municipal bonds pays nothing on the income.

In England they arranged matters so that the man who works to earn his income pays less than the man who gets his income without working. In this glorious republic we have it arranged so that the man who works to earn his income is taxed, whereas the man who gets his income from invested cash, doing no work, can escape income tax entirely.

Congress ought to change that, and the people ought to change it, but they won't. We are not yet ready in this country to give up Government by dollars entirely.

COURT REFUSES TO QUASH MATEWAN MURDER INDICTMENTS

WEATHER. Cloudy tonight, Friday probably fair; not much change in temperature. Lowest temperature tonight, about 25 degrees.

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STRIKERS FAIL TO BALK TRIAL

Claim That Grand Juror Was Improperly Selected Overruled in Matewan.

23 SHOUT OUT 'NOT GUILTY'

Fear of Bloodshed Renewed When One of Defendants Is Found Armed. By S. D. WEYER, International News Service. COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 27.—The State scored in the first legal skirmish with the defense in the Matewan gun fight trial today when Judge Robert D. Bailey sustained the motion of the prosecution to deny the plea of the defense to quash the indictments charging twenty-four men with murder.

Immediately after this ruling the court addressed twenty-three of the defendants telling them they were charged with the murder of Albert C. Felts, the first case taken up by the State. DENY GUILTY IN CHORUS. To Judge Bailey's question of guilt or innocence the twenty-three men answered in a chorus: "Not guilty."

The only one of the two dozen men not involved in the Albert Felts charge is Evers Frey. Following the "disarmament" order issued late yesterday, a distinct note of tranquility brooded over the court room when the second day's session of the gun fight trials opened this morning.

The order had been strictly enforced, from the distinguished legal luminaries for the prosecution and defense down to the crippled and be-whiskered old negro who is one of the fixtures among the spectators in the gallery.

ALL ARE SEARCHED. All were carefully searched for weapons and every man who "toted" a gun had to deliver it up. The spectacle of men accused of murder sitting on the defendant's bench with revolvers visible in their hip pockets must not be repeated, the judge ordered. The only men who wore weapons in the court room today were High Sheriff Pinson and his deputies and a couple of army of officials attached to the Federal troops still in this region.

The first question taken up was the plea of abatement entered by the defense yesterday asking that the indictments be set aside on the ground that one of the grand jurors who handed up the indictments was not properly selected. To this plea the prosecution made an effective counter-argument.

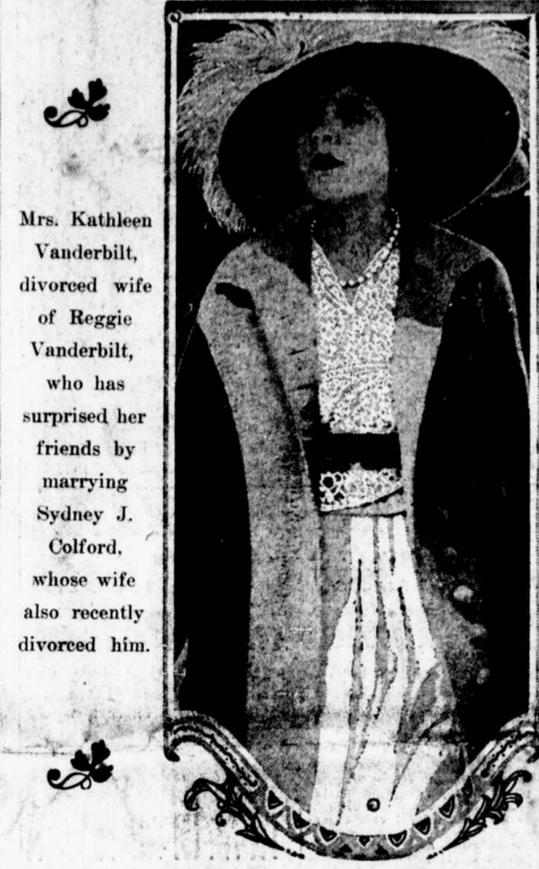
DEFENDANT IS ARMED. A furor was created in the courtroom late yesterday afternoon when, after an adjournment had been taken, Prosecuting Attorney Wade Bronsca appeared before Trial Judge Bailey and informed him that one of the defendants in the courtroom was armed with a pistol. He was seen switching the weapon from one pocket to another, the prosecutor declared, by Tom Felts, head of the Baldwin-Felts agency, whose two brothers were among those who died in the bloody duel at Matewan.

The court made no effort to ascertain the identity of the defendant carrying the gun, but announced that every man entering the courtroom (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

COOKS SAY GHOST LOOKS LIKE GOAT

Other Cambridge, Md., Culinary Experts Assert It Appears As Kangaroo. CAMBRIDGE, Md., Jan. 27.—Housekeepers of Cambridge, who have their own dishes to wash after supper while their colored help go serenely home before dark, are blaming their troubles on a ghost that is frequenting the Park Lane section of the colored district. The story is that the ghost appears sometimes as a goat and sometimes as a kangaroo, that it is visible but intangible, and people have shot at it point-blank without killing it; that men have come so close to it they could put their arms around its neck, only to find it vanishes from their grasp and sight.

"Reggie" Vanderbilt's Ex-Wife Now Mrs. Colford



FORD CUTS PRICE OF FARM TRACTOR

Reduced to \$625—Figure May Rise Again if Expected Sales Fail.

DETROIT, Jan. 27.—A reduction of \$165 in the price of Fordson tractors, effective immediately, was announced by Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company. The tractor formerly sold for \$790 and has been listed under the order at \$625.

This price change has been made possible through lower costs of materials and the fact that we are now located in our new tractor plant with greatly increased economic manufacturing facilities in immediate connection with our foundry and machine shops and large blast furnaces, Mr. Ford said.

There is no change in present Ford car and truck prices, which are already at the lowest possible figure, and now, with rock bottom reached in the tractor price, a further reduction in price of either the car, truck or tractor is out of the question. In fact, the big price cuts have been made in anticipation of continuous maximum production, and increases may be necessary before long if a large volume of new business is not obtained. Therefore present prices of Ford products cannot be guaranteed against possible increases.

Warren C. Anderson, director of the Five Ford Motor Company Corporations in Europe and chief representative of the American company, with offices in London and Paris, resigned today.

Mr. Anderson placed his written resignation on the desk of Edsel Ford, president, soon after noon. Both Edsel Ford and Henry Ford were in conference with a group of Eastern bankers, and Mr. Anderson was unable to see them personally.

No reason was given for the resignation. Instead of going to Baltimore, detectives went to Petersburg, Va., where they arrested Emmett B. Blackwell, a negro.

"MRS. HARDING BLUE" IS LATEST SHADE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—"Mrs. Harding Blue" is to be fashion color in garments for women this spring, according to an announcement by a Fifth avenue firm today.

HUGE LOBBY TO BACK PAY BILL

7,000,000 People Expected to Get Behind Measure for U. S. Reclassification.

A huge lobby having behind it the united support of approximately 7,000,000 persons, is forming to bring pressure upon Congress to pass the Lehibach reclassification bill, according to developments in the fight for pay revision within the several days and the plans of action for the next week proceeding committee hearings.

TREMENDOUS BACKING. In the respect of co-ordinated effort, perhaps no other piece of legislation ever has had such a tremendous backing. The importance of reclassification to the wage earning class as a whole is being emphasized by the last minute interest evidenced in the bill.

At a meeting last night of representatives of twenty groups of skilled tradesmen in the Government service, a program was mapped out for support of the Lehibach bill which will enlist the entire strength of the American Federation of Labor with a membership of nearly 5,000,000, affecting about fifty international unions.

Leading these skilled tradesmen, because of superior numbers in the Federal service, is the International Association of Machinists, with a membership of more than 300,000. Added to this support will be more than 3,000,000 women represented in various organizations throughout the country which already have been lined up. In addition, there will be support of more than a half million Government employees, whether they are included or not under reclassification.

PLAN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN. When the Lehibach bill is reported from the committee it is planned to throw this huge strength behind the measure by an intensive publicity campaign among labor and other organizations and use the influence of said bodies on the Hill through personal solicitation of Congressmen.

The final program is yet to be completed. The skilled tradesmen have been asked to confer with Luther C. Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, through whom the efforts of the skilled tradesmen, and the clerical and scientific groups of the Government service will be co-ordinated.

These latter two groups have already started on plans for support of the above mentioned organizations with assurance that there will be a united stand on the bill.

PALMER PLAYED AS 'UN-AMERICAN'

Baltimore Attorney Denounces "Lawless Methods" Pursued in Govt. Red Raids.

The methods of Attorney General Palmer and his subordinates of the Department of Justice were again criticized today before Senate Judiciary Committee by members of the committee of twelve lawyers who charged Palmer with disregarding the law and Constitution in conducting his so-called "Red" raids.

CALL OBJECT O. K. "We have every sympathy with the general object Mr. Palmer wishes to achieve, namely, peace and security of the United States, but we have none at all with the lawless methods by which he has sought to obtain it," Emery H. Niles, a Baltimore attorney, declared.

Niles saw active service overseas as a captain in the 31st Field Artillery. He said he spoke for not only himself, but his father, former Judge Alfred S. Niles, of the Baltimore supreme bench, who is a professor of Constitutional law at the University of Maryland Law School.

"We feel that such methods as Mr. Palmer and his agents employed are the opposite of Americanism; that they are the most effective means of destroying Americanism, and that they should be condemned by all Americans," the younger Niles declared.

PEOPLE NOT INFORMED. "The fact is that very few Americans know what was done in regard to the alien raids last winter, and very few of those who are told believe that any real rights were violated. Most people dismiss the subject with the thought that if a few poor aliens' liberties were infringed, there were a great many guilty ones who escaped, and so no real harm was done."

SHE MARCHES MAN WHO ATTACKED HER TO JAIL

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 27.—At the muzzle of a shotgun, an unidentified woman yesterday marched Mike Ruzs, a miner, two miles across the country, and turned him over to a deputy sheriff after he had attempted to attack her in her home.

First Photo of "Miracle Baby" Sent by "Divine Power"



HAROLD AND VIVIAN ROBBINS. Here is the "Miracle Baby," six-months-old Vivian Robbins, and her brother, Harold, photographed at their new home at Redondo Beach, Cal. Mrs. Ada Robbins, young and pretty mother of baby Vivian, conceived her children some months ago when she said that the child was given to her by a divine power. She believes absolutely that a child which had died on October 1, 1919, was restored to her through the intervention of inhabitants of the spirit world.

Present Phone Rates Stand Until June Under P. U. C. Edict Due Today

The Public Utilities Commission this afternoon will order the continuance until June 1 or later of the present rates charged by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

An order, decreeing these rates remain effective after they expire on January 31, has been drawn by Walter C. Allen, executive secretary to the commission. It will be approved at the commission's meeting at 3 o'clock.

There is a possibility, a slight one, however, that the commission may see fit to make a few minor changes in the rates.

The rates to be continued follow: Limited service, business or residence, fifty or less calls a month, \$4; two-party line business, forty or less calls per month, \$3; two-party line residence, thirty-five or less calls a month, \$2.50. Unlimited residence, \$5.50, and special rates for switchboard service.

A last minute change of opinion may cause some alteration of the decision, which will delay its issuance until tomorrow. However, Engineer Commissioner Charles W. Kutz, chairman of the commission, feels sure the order will be made public late this afternoon.

Accountants for the commission have been busy during the past two weeks going over the figures presented by the telephone company. Commissioner Kutz said today he found the figures were correct in every detail.

The fact that the company is only earning 3.52 per cent on its valuations will be the chief reason for the continuation of the rates. The commission has always indicated that it should earn at least 6 per cent. However, in this case the telephone company is only seeking a 4 1/2 per cent return on its valuation.

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY MISSING FROM EMBASSY

The police have been asked to look out for thirteen-year-old Louis Jongbloet, son of Mrs. Louise Jongbloet, a cook employed at the Argentine embassy, 1000 New Hampshire avenue northwest. The boy left the embassy yesterday to go to the Western High School, of which he was a student, and has not been seen since by his mother. It is said he withdrew almost all of the \$50 he had in bank.

PLEDGE BARED BY FRANKLIN

American Concern Agreed Not to Commit Overt Act Against England.

"ALL AMERICAN," HE INSISTS. Company President Declares Any Aid Given Rivals Is Merely Incidental.

Even though the International Mercantile Marine has a contract with the British government to pursue no policy "injurious" to British trade and shipping interests there is no British influence exercised in the control or policies of the company, it was asserted today by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the company, when he appeared before the United States Shipping Board to explain the agreement.

DEFENDS AMERICANISM. Franklin made a positive and emphatic defense of the International Mercantile Marine's "Americanism," which, he asserted, was 100 per cent. "We appreciate this opportunity," he told Admiral Benson, chairman of the board. "Our company is clearly an American company owned by Americans."

Only a small percentage of the company's stock, Franklin said, was owned abroad. Of the 5,600 shareholders who own the stock, he said, 4,500 are Americans. The rest are scattered in America, about 5 per cent in Holland, 1 per cent in Canada, and less than 1 per cent in England. The company owns 1,010,000 tons of shipping.

\$30,000,000 IN DIVIDENDS. "We have paid American shareholders \$30,000,000 in dividends," said Franklin. "The whole question involved is whether this American company, paying good dividends to American shareholders, does not contribute to the well being of the American merchant marine. We think it does."

"I have been associated with this company since 1902, and never in that time have I seen anything or heard anything that would indicate any British control or restriction of operating our ships as we please. "Neither the British government nor any British interests can exercise any control over the I. M. M. Neither our actions nor our policies are submitted to any British interests."

DENIES SECRET AGREEMENT. Franklin said he particularly deplored the existing impression that secretly surrounded the agreement of the International Mercantile Marine with the British government. There was no secrecy, he asserted, as the 1903 agreement, which the Shipping Board is investigating, has been published in the press and in Government documents. "Franklin further declared he had sent copies of it to William Denman in 1917, when Denman became chairman of the Shipping Board."

Franklin explained in detail to the board the reasons for entering into the various agreements with the British government. He said his company owned Belgian, Dutch, and British ships as well as American ships. These agreements, he said, were advantageous to his company in a business sense and they did not operate to the detriment of the American merchant marine.

TELE OF SALE PLANS. Franklin read into the record the correspondence between Government officials and the International Mercantile Marine regarding the proposed sale of its British tonnage to a British syndicate in 1918. These negotiations were stopped at President Wilson's request on November 20, 1918, and the ships subsequently were taken over by the American Government.

JAPAN GETS NEW WEDGE IN SIBERIA

Supreme Council's Action in Recognizing Letv and Esthonia Displeases U. S.

Action of the Allied Supreme Council in extending recognition to Letv and Esthonia is in direct opposition to the policy of the United States, it was learned today.

The State Department takes the view that any attempt to create independent border states of Russia will prolong the eventual settlement of the Russian situation. These states, the State Department holds, cannot exist without outside aid, and the extension of such aid would lead to further trouble with Russia.