

GREATEST BATTLE IN WAR NOW IN PROGRESS

German Making Desperate Efforts to Break Through

PRACTICES ARE OF DOUBTFUL LEGALITY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 26.—Some of the practices of nation wide associations of manufacturers and dealers in farm machinery are characterized as being of doubtful legality, tending to limit competition and increase prices, while a large part of them are held to be proper for protection of legitimate interests, in a report by the old Bureau of Corporations submitted today to President Wilson. The report was drawn before the bureau was merged with the new Federal Trades Commission.

Almost every important manufacturer of farm machinery, the report says, is a member of the National Implement and Vehicle Association, while the dealers have organized the National Federation of Implement and Vehicle Dealers' Associations which is composed of numerous state

and interstate associations. The two organizations are national in scope and work in close co-operation.

Efforts of manufacturers to fix wholesale prices, control of retail prices, concentrated control of patents, opposition of dealers to direct transactions between manufacturers and consumers, as well as efforts to reduce costs of manufacture and distribution, are reviewed at some length. The fight of organized dealers against competition of mail order houses, the report says, has been carried to the extent of efforts to have postal rates revised to increase the charges on packages and to curtail advertising facilities of mail order houses by persuading manufacturers who sell through dealers not to advertise in farm papers which carry

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ANNUAL REPORT OF TONOPAH MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA FOR FISCAL YEAR

The following excerpts are made from the thirteenth annual report of the Tonopah Mining company of Nevada for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1915. This company has paid, on a capitalization of 1,000,000 shares at a par value of \$1 each, 38 dividends since April 22, 1905, and has declared the 39th, checks for which will be received early this week. The amounts vary from a quarter of a million to \$400,000 and total the sum of \$12,600,000. In addition to this the preferred stock and interest have been retired, amounting to \$380,557.51, making the net profits of the company to date, exclusive of its tangible assets, including cash on hand, about thirteen million dollars. The excerpts follow:

The board of directors submits the following report of operations of your company for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1915, and the condition of your property on March 1, 1915:

Tonopah Placers Company

The Tonopah Placers company was formed to hold and operate the placer property acquired at Breckenridge, Colorado. The Tonopah Mining company of Nevada holds 83 1/3 per cent of the stock of said company.

Three dredges were put in operation in May and June, 1914, and continued operating until about the middle of December, when they were shut down on account of winter weather. Necessary repairs were made to these dredges, during winter months.

Eden Mining Company

The option on the property in Nicaragua was exercised the latter part of January of this year, and the Eden Mining company was formed to hold and operate this property.

The Tonopah Mining company of Nevada owns 555,000 shares of the stock of the Eden Mining company, upon which no value has yet been placed on our books.

Contracts have been placed for the machinery necessary for an hydro-electric power plant for this property, and the engineers are at present on the ground installing same. Sufficient ore has been developed to warrant the erection of a mill, and it is anticipated that within a year the first unit of this mill will be in operation, with a capacity of 100 tons per day.

Mizpah Extension Company

An option running for a period of two years has been taken upon the property of the Mizpah Extension company of Tonopah. Your company assumed charge of the development work on January 7, 1915, to determine the extent of the ore bodies, and sufficient work can be done within this period of two years to determine whether or not your company should acquire this property.

A suit was entered during the year against the Tonopah Extension Mining company for damages caused by

that company mining ore within the boundaries of the Tonopah Mining company's property. The suit has not yet come to trial. Expert counsel has been retained, as a question involving extra lateral rights will have to be determined.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. A. R. Parsons, superintendent of the mill, which occurred on March 3rd, 1915.

Mr. Parsons had been in the employ of the Desert Power and Mill company from its beginning, and assisted in the construction of the mill. The development of the process of treatment of ores was directed by him and stands as a monument to his ability and industry. He was a young man of exceptional ability and integrity. During his short life he accomplished much in promoting the efficiency of his profession, and contributed much of value to science. His death may be considered a loss to his profession.

Mr. F. F. Heydenfeldt who has been acting superintendent during Mr. Parsons' illness has been appointed superintendent to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Parsons' death.

It is pleasing to again record the continued loyalty and attention to duty during the past year of the employees of your company and its subsidiary companies.

By order of the board of directors,
C. A. HIGBEE, Secretary.

April 16, 1915.

Report of Mr. W. H. Blackburn
(Superintendent of mine)

No improvements of importance were undertaken during the year.

At the present time we are doing all of our mining and hoisting of ore on the day shift, with the exception of the Sand Grass development work, which is being done by two shifts per day.

The discontinuance of night shift work at the older shafts was brought about by our commencing to ship dump ores on the first of May, 1914, at the rate of 3000 dry tons per month. Shipments from the mine averaged 9468 dry tons per month. The monthly shipments of both mine and dump ore are shown in the attached statement of ore shipped to mill. The gross value of mine ore shipped was \$17.96, dump ore \$9.62, and the combined value was \$16.25 per dry ton.

The mining costs are as follows:
Direct\$3.50
Indirect60
Total\$4.10

At the Sand Grass shaft development work was done on the veins on the upper and lower contacts with the West End rhyolite on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th levels. A small amount of ore has been encountered

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CHICAGO, April 26.—James Maher, national supreme director of the Knights of Columbus, died today, aged 55.

OPINION SEEMS TO BE GROWING IN ROME THAT ITALY AND AUSTRIA ARE DAILY GROWING CLOSER TO CONFLICT

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 26.—What some observers are inclined to pronounce "the greatest battle of the war" is under way on the Yser canal. Official reports are meagre and contradictory, but it is believed that the Germans are making desperate efforts to break through to French channel ports. Dispatches say the Kaiser and Von Hindenburg from the east are en route to the Yser front. Uzsok pass, the Carpathian gateway to Hungary, is again becoming the scene of sanguinary fighting. Warsaw, as the German objective, is dimmed by the importance of keeping the Russians out of Hungary. The opinion is growing in Rome that Austria and Italy are drifting inevitably toward war. A diplomat quotes Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, as saying that it will be impossible for Austria to accept Italy's demands. Italian refugees from Austria say the frontier is fortified by the Austrians with concrete trenches and heavy artillery. Peppino Garibaldi, grandson of the statesman, recently talked with King Emmanuel, and said he received the impression that Italy is ready to enter the war with the allies.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN BELMONT MINE

Mike Yalison, a young Greek, employed by the Tonopah Belmont Development company, was the victim of a frightful accident Saturday afternoon shortly before 3 o'clock. That it was due to his own carelessness and failure to obey instructions does not relieve his sufferings in the least. He was tamping a hole with drill steel, which is contrary to regulations, when the concussion set off the dynamite. The drill struck him a glancing blow in the forehead, crushing in the frontal bone and exposing the brains. The blast broke both his eyeballs, rendering him hopelessly blind. A superficial injury to the body was also sustained.

The unfortunate miner was taken from the place of the accident, the western slope on the 1100, and rushed to the Mine Operators' hospital. One operation is the only hope of saving his life and that is the removal of the crushed bone and inserting a silver plate. He was taken to Reno today. The operation will be performed tomorrow. Whether Yalison lives or dies, the state industrial commission will pay \$5000 either to him or his surviving relatives. In the meantime the state and Mine Operators' association will spare no expense to save his life, although it will be impossible to restore his eyesight.

NINTH ANNUAL BALL BY THE ELKS TONIGHT

THIS PARTY IS TONOPAH'S GREAT ANNUAL EVENT IN SOCIETY

This evening the great social event of the season, the ninth annual ball by Tonopah lodge, No. 1062, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will take place in Miners' Exchange hall. It will not be public, due largely to the limitations of the hall, but will be for the members of the local lodge, visiting Elks and their ladies. It is expected that some very modish toilettes will be displayed. At all events, it will be an evening of gaiety, with music the best that can be secured, decorations tasteful and in line with the spirit and traditions of Elksdom, while the banquet, which will be served at midnight in the Elks' home, will be the product of the best art and skill of local caterers. Dancing will probably be resumed after the banquet, at least it will be on the program if desired.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HIS ACTIONS ARE VISIBLE

A NUMBER OF CONFIDENTIAL LETTERS ARE READ IN LIBEL CASE TRIAL

(By Associated Press.)
SYRACUSE, April 26.—A series of confidential letters from the files of the late Thomas Platt while he was representing New York in the United States senate, were read to the jury in the William Barnes suit against Theodore Roosevelt. Some were signed by the colonel. In nearly all the writers discussed the candidates for office in the state gov-

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1915	1914
5 a. m.	40	35
9 a. m.	47	40
12 noon	53	46
2 p. m.	56	48

ITALY IS DRIFTING TOWARD THE ALLIES

GERMANY WILL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO PRESERVE NEUTRALITY

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, April 26.—An energetic campaign is being conducted by the Italian press in behalf of the allies. Telegrams from Petrograd appear, warning Italy that if she doesn't soon intervene, she will lose everything. Representatives of Berlin and Vienna papers are active, and seek to convey the impression that every measure will be taken to prevent Italy from abandoning her neutrality.

COURT CASES SET

Judge Mark R. Averill today set the district court calendar as follows: Thomas Ross et al. vs. Mike Kelly et al.; Porter Bros. vs. E. E. Palmer. The case of McCrimmon vs. Lucy was set for tomorrow and on Wednesday there will be trial of the case of Moran vs. Jones.

ernment and in reply to a question Roosevelt said he had consulted freely with Platt about affairs at Albany, knowing and realizing that he was a "boss" of the Republican party in the state. The colonel denied that such conferences constituted an "invisible government." "My actions," he asserted, "were as visible as could be."

SPLENDID WORK ACCOMPLISHED SUNDAY ON THE THOROUGHFARE TO GOLDFIELD

The greatest demonstration of public spirit ever evidenced by Tonopah was shown yesterday when a small army of men, armed with picks and shovels, moved over into Esmeralda county and gave such material assistance to the people of Goldfield that before the going down of the sun more than a dozen miles of hitherto uneven roadway had been made smooth. This was accomplished with alacrity and industry, in accordance with a method that had been carefully worked out by the authorities of the Tonopah Good Roads association.

Business men and other citizens of Tonopah, including the mining companies, had responded nobly to the call for money to defray the expenses and about \$500 was quickly

raised by Messrs. Duchaneau and Crumley, who had but a single refusal to report. In addition to money, there were tools, water bags, automobiles and refreshments donated.

The workers left the Mizpah hotel corner beginning at eight minutes before 7 o'clock. More than one hundred of the workers were paid \$4 each and there was a demand for more than twice that number of slips. The paid workers were first sent to the scene, preceded by a committee that had laid out the work and the auto trucks that carried out the tools. The volunteer workers, numbering almost as many as the paid men, were taken out by the autos on their return trips.

The men were divided into squads,

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SUCCESSFUL LANDING IN THE DARDANELLES

FORCES OF THE ALLIES ESTABLISHED BEHIND THE FORTS OF THE TURKS

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 26.—An official dispatch says a general attack on the Dardanelles has begun. The army disembarked successfully, being covered by the fleet. The battle began at sunrise at various points along the Gallipoli peninsula. Despite opposition by the enemy in strong entrenchments protected by barbed wire, it was completely successful. Before nightfall the forces were established. The landing of troops and advance continue.

CHRISTIANS SUFFER HORRIBLE ATROCITIES

THOUSANDS ARE MASSACRED OR FALL PREY TO DISEASE

(By Associated Press.)
DILMAN, Persia, April 26.—The exodus of twenty to thirty thousand Armenians and Nestorian Christians for Azerbaijan province, the massacre of over fifteen hundred of those unable to flee, death by disease of two thousand in the compounds at the American mission at Urumiah, and possibly an equal number of refugees in the Caucasus, is confirmed. Arriving at Julfa, on the Russian border, passport difficulties were added to their troubles. Maddened women threw their children into the river and pools in order to end their sufferings from cold and hunger.

BIG BATTLE STARTS ON MEUSE HEIGHTS

GERMAN ATTACK IS DEVELOPING ALL ALONG WESTERN FRONT

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, April 26.—The German offensive in Belgium is being pushed and several victories are reported. Large numbers of prisoners have been taken, including a thousand Canadians. The German attack is developing over a large part of the western front. Hartmans-Wellerkopf, near the eastern end of the line, has been recaptured by the Germans. On the heights of the Meuse a severe battle has been begun.

ANTI-CARRANZISTAS GIVE MCCLEARY HIS FREEDOM

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, April 26.—Relatives of McCleary, at era Cruz, have received word that he has been released. He had been a Carranza publicity agent.

WOMEN DELEGATES TO HAGUE STRANDED

JANE ADDAMS APPEALS IN VAIN TO AMBASSADOR PAGE

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 26.—The steamer Noordam, with forty American women delegates to The Hague peace congress, today anchored at Downs, unable to obtain permission to proceed up the channel to Rotterdam. Jane Addams has appealed to Ambassador Page, urging him to enlist the aid of the United States government to secure her release and enable the delegates to arrive at The Hague in time for the conference on Wednesday. Mr. Page replied that it was impossible for the embassy to assist. All shipping to Dutch ports has been stopped, he explained.

WOMEN OF MOOSE INSTALL OFFICERS

BANQUET SERVED AND A NUMBER OF POST-PRANDIAL SPEECHES FOLLOW

Woman's Loyal Moose Circle held its installation of officers Saturday night, the following officers being installed: Worthy matron, Amelia May; associate matron, Kate Wood; past worthy patron, Alice Hyland; deaconess, Sarah Somerville; secretary, Carrie Rupey; treasurer, Emma Wenzel; conductor, Susie McCormick; inner guard, Alfonso Gourdiar; outer guard, Emily Peterson; trustee, Mrs. E. A. Koevan. During the business session of the circle one candidate was initiated. The installation was open to the Moose and their families. Dancing was enjoyed up to a late hour when a banquet was served and W. B. Evans acted as toastmaster and was followed with speeches by several of the Moose and the Circle members. The banquet room and tables were decorated with the colors of the order.

WILLIAM HALL SENTENCED

William Hall, who stabbed Aleck Lathan and pleaded guilty to simple assault, was this morning sentenced by Judge Averill to not less than five nor more than six months in the county jail. Application was made to suspend sentence and it was taken under advisement until Friday.

HE LAUGHED AND THE WORLD LAUGHED WITH HIM

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 26.—John Bunny, whose antics as a movie comedian made millions laugh, died today at Brooklyn. He had been ill for three weeks, suffering from complications.