

COPPER MINERS IN APPEAL TO WILSON

President Asked by Wire to Settle Strike. ARE AWAITING AN ANSWER

Mine Owners in Michigan Assart They Will Not Consent to Mediation With the Western Federation.

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 2.—Among the hundreds of miners and members of the Western Federation of Miners who gathered here for the closing of the New Year's day on their way to early services in the churches of the copper country, hope was high that a settlement of the troubles that have kept the district in an uproar and paralyzed business for more than five months was in sight as a result of the efforts of United States Solicitor Denmore. The miners telegraphed to President Wilson asking him aid.

In several of the churches the officiating clergymen spoke of the dawn of the new year, and expressed the hope that tranquility would soon succeed turmoil.

Everywhere was heard but the one question: "Is there any word from the president?" Word was anxiously awaited either from Washington or Pass Christian that the federal government would see its way clear to attempt a settlement of the difficulty.

Hope for U. S. Action. Much apprehension was expressed, however, by the conservative and thinking element of the copper country over the dispatch from Washington that there was considerable doubt as to whether the government could properly proceed to mediate under the terms of the Erdman act.

The Erdman law authorizes mediators to act only in disputes pertaining to railroads where questions of interstate commerce are involved. It is not seen how a board constituted under the act could step outside its prerogatives and act in the Michigan dispute, yet it is hoped that the president may suggest that a board might act in an unofficial capacity, and though it be outside its statutory duties.

The principal matter taken up by the miners at their meetings during the day was the matter of returning to work on the basis of the Erdman act. A statement several weeks ago that all the striking miners who chose to return to work must report January 2. The mining management gave it out that any miner failing to report for duty at that time would not again be employed in any of the Calumet mines.

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The mine managers continue firm in their determination not to recognize the Western Federation of Miners, and hold that there is nothing the federal government can properly do to bring about mediation if the federation is to be a party to the negotiations. Therefore, they assert, if the Western Federation is not to be considered in the situation there is nothing to settle. They also say that the imported guards and the 500 deputy sheriffs under Sheriff Cruse may then be dismissed.

On the other hand, the union demands that the federal government intervene under the amended Erdman act. The grand jury to investigate the Meyer kidnaping and assault charges is made up of 20 men, picked from a list of 100 drawn in March of 1913, long before the calling of the copper miners' strike. These 20 men are all well known citizens, half a dozen of them being business men, seven or eight employees of the mining companies, including two with families, half a dozen laborers and men of other occupations. About half the members of the grand jury stated, in examination, that they were members of the citizens' alliance.

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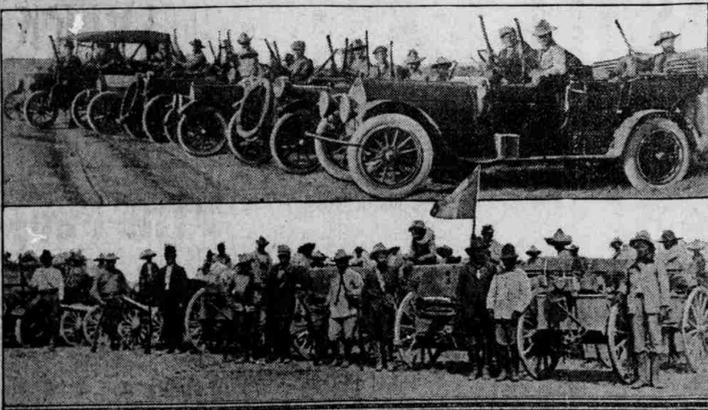
Steel Bonuses \$2,000,000. New York, Jan. 2.—The distribution of the yearly bonus which the United States steel corporation gives to its officers, heads of departments and other employees, based on its earnings, will probably be made next week. About \$2,000,000 will be given out.

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E. & O. Train Hit Head On. Charlestown, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Trains on the Valley branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad collided head on seven miles south of here late yesterday. Fireman Yates was killed.

AUTOS USED BY REBELS IN THE CAPTURE OF VICTORIA



The upper photograph shows six high-powered automobiles loaded with 23,000 rounds of ammunition which were rushed with all dispatch to the rebel ranks when they captured the city, and the lower photograph shows the rebels in the city of Victoria from the federates, and before the cannons and machine guns which, together with a large drove of horses, a wagon load of rifles and ammunition and camp equipment, were captured by the rebels when they put the Huerta followers to flight.

NINE PERISH IN GALE

TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS THE NEW JERSEY COAST. Stranded Ships Are Engulfed by High Waves and Crews Die With Rescuers Near.

Seabright, N. J., Dec. 29.—Nine men perished in a terrific gale that swept along the New Jersey coast on Friday at the rate of 90 miles an hour and hurling the sea upon the land like a tidal wave. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

This storm felt the full effect of the city. Houses were blown or washed away. The city's lighting plant was put out of commission. Three lives were lost. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

While the storm was battering this city an ocean tragedy was being enacted on the coast off Seaside, N. J. Three boats were driven ashore.

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BIG CONCERNS FAIL

SIEGEL STORES CORPORATION IN HANDS OF UNITED STATES COURT. UNABLE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS

Company at Chicago Is Not Involved in Receivership in Eastern Cities—Business Will Be Continued by the Receivers.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Ancillary receivers were appointed on Tuesday in the United States district court for six corporations in which Henry Siegel and his family are large owners, on the petition of the Siegel Stores corporation.

The concerns did an annual gross business estimated at \$40,000,000, but it is understood that their Christmas business did not come up to expectations and they found themselves hard pressed by curtailment of banking credit. The failure had been discounted in the financial district and had no effect on the stock market.

The companies for which receivers were named are: Fourteenth street store, New York; Simpson-Crawford company, New York; a department store, New York; Siegel Stores corporation, Boston; a department store, New York; Siegel & Co., bankers, New York; Henry Siegel & Co., wholesalers, New York; Merchants' Express company, New York.

The Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper company of this city is not allied with any of the stores in trouble and was no way involved. Siegel, Cooper & Co. of Chicago, although its stock is controlled by the Siegel Stores corporation, likewise is not affected.

On the other hand, its business is declared to be in a highly prosperous condition. The banking business was conducted in connection with the Fourteenth street store in this city, but the amount of deposits or the number of depositors was not made known.

Efforts will be made to reorganize the chain of stores as soon as possible. Meanwhile the business will be conducted by the receivers.

The Siegel Stores corporation, which has brought the action against the Simpson-Crawford company, the Fourteenth Street store, the Merchants' Express company, Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, doing a wholesale and banking business in the name of Henry Siegel & Co., acquired all of the properties indicated, as well as the entire stock of Siegel, Cooper & Co. of Chicago and the Simpson Realty company, a New York corporation.

The capital stock of the Siegel Stores corporation is \$7,790,000 common and \$2,000,000 preferred. The officers are: Henry Siegel, president; F. E. Vogel, vice-president and treasurer; Robert J. McKeekin, secretary; directors, Henry Siegel, F. E. Vogel, Max Pam, J. R. Butler, Joseph Basch, W. J. Maloney and Isaac Kelm.

\$350 for Army and Navy. Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—Mayor Perkins' expense account, submitted to the council, shows that he spent \$350 to entertain the secretary of war and secretary of the navy.

Illinois Editor Kills Worker. Decatur, Ill., Jan. 2.—Carl Fereoon, editor of the Illinois Central Strike Bulletin, shot and killed Tony Musser, a union workman, in the Central shops in Clinton, following a fist fight in the Interurban station in Clinton.

Quit Bathing Twenty Years Ago. Belleville, Ill., Jan. 2.—William Knaus of Chicago, sixty-six years old, who says he stopped bathing 20 years ago when he quit working, is in jail for bathing out of a fine of \$100 imposed by Magistrate Underwood.

Von Klein Gets One to Four Years. Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—Edmund E. C. Von Klein of Chicago, under conviction of having lived polygamously in Portland with Miss Ethel Newcomb of San Francisco, was sentenced from one to four years in jail.

President Wilson Is Now 57. Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 30.—President Wilson was fifty-seven years old Sunday, and letters and telegrams of congratulation poured in on him. The majority were from persons hitherto unknown to the president.

Mutinous Troops Are Shot. Pekin, Dec. 29.—Lined up in squads of ten, 200 mutinous soldiers and their commander were shot to death here. The men were executed by the order of President Yuan Shi-Kai for their revolt.

Two Shot to Death in Duel. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 29.—Solomon Jackson and Tate Souders of Pineville, Ky., fought a duel in which both lost their lives. The men had trouble over a lawsuit and decided to "shoot it out."

Miss Dahlgren a Deaconess. New York, Dec. 29.—The latest addition to the ranks of society women to enter religious life is Miss Romaina Dahlgren, granddaughter of Rear Admiral Dahlgren. She will enter the deaconess' home.

Milwaukee Store Bankrupt. Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—Left Department Store company of this city filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The firm has been in business here six months. The liabilities are placed at \$200,980, the assets \$226,016.

Admiral George Dewey 76. Washington, Dec. 29.—"Yes, I am seventy-six, but certainly do not feel it," said Admiral Dewey as he greeted callers at his office. Despite the fact that it was his birthday the hero of Manila was early at his desk.

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1913 CROP IS LARGE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ESTIMATE SHOWS BUMPER YEAR FOR FARMER. NO HELP FOR CONSUMER

Washington Report Shows That Only Middlemen Profits by Big Output—Declares Exports Help Keep the Prices Up.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Ten billion dollars' worth of products, \$5,000,000,000 of cash income—a bumper year in spite of droughts and other setbacks—is the 1913 record of 6,000,000 American farms.

The value of the 1913 crops is twice as great as that of 1899; more than \$1,000,000,000 in excess of 1909, and substantially greater than in 1912, although the quantity of production has fallen. Fourteen principal crops average about 20 per cent. higher in price than a year ago, and 4.6 per cent. higher than two years ago. The total values average about 3.8 per cent. higher than a year ago.

Of all the crops, it is estimated, that 52 per cent. will remain on farms where they were produced, and 48 per cent. will be shipped to other parts of the country. On that basis the cash income is estimated by the department of agriculture at \$5,847,000,000 in a discussion of the subject made public.

But despite a record year of crop values and the fact that the number of farms has increased 11 per cent since 1910, the department does not believe a lower cost of living will follow as a consequence.

"However desirable increased production on farms may appear to be from the consumers' standpoint," the report says, "it does not follow that such increased production would result in a lower cost of living to the consumer per farm or per capita of farm population or that prices paid by consumers would be any lower," says the report.

"Retail prices are promptly raised as there is plenty of room for lowering the cost of farm products to consumers and at the same time largely increasing the cash income per farm without increasing farm production."

The condition is undoubtedly a marketing problem which will have to be solved by better organizations of farmers and improved methods of marketing.

"The common phenomenon of record crop values below record production, and of record crop value with low production, is presented by more than half a dozen of the crops of 1913. If the farmer gets a high price, perhaps a very high price in case of a crop of low production, on the other hand he usually gets low prices for the crops which he produces in abundance."

"It seems to be overlooked," the report continues, "that the farmers are producing enormous surpluses for export to foreign countries. Prices are high in other countries as well as in this one. The value of the agricultural exports of domestic production in the fiscal year 1913 was \$1,235,071,219, an amount which has not before been equal."

ALLIANCE MEN ARE ABSOLVED. Witnesses at Inquest of Calumet Panic Testify That Fieid Didn't Wear Badge.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 31.—The inquest into the cause of the Italian hall panic in Calumet Christmas eve, which cost the lives of 72 men, women and children, held the center of interest in the copper country strike district on Monday. A half-dozen witnesses testified, including Mrs. Annie Clemens, leader of the Women's auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners, the organization which distributed the Christmas gifts to the children when the panic in the Italian hall broke out.

The testimony of the witnesses disproved the generally circulated rumors that a man wearing a Citizens' button came up the stairs and deputies stood at the foot of the stairs and beat back those coming out of the hall. All testified to the effect that they had not seen any man wearing a Citizens' button come up the stairs nor any person in the hall wearing such a button.

Chicago Dec. 31.—Charles H. Moyer, who was shot and beaten at Hancock, Mich., by thugs alleged to have been in the employ of the mine owners, will have a bodyguard when he leaves Chicago to resume the work interrupted by the attack on him.

A steel-jacketed bullet, such as is used in automatic pistols, was removed from Moyer's back at St. Luke's hospital. "He is practically out of danger," added Dr. Harsha.

Fire in Prison: Militia to Scene. Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 31.—Fire in the prison here broke out in the Santa Fe caused Governor McDonald, fearing an outbreak by the 300 prisoners, to rush troops to the scene. No attempt to escape was made.

Shot in Pursuit of Fugitives. Joplin, Mo., Dec. 31.—Glover Manning, twenty-two, a bridgekeeper, was shot to death while attempting to arrest two negroes who were being pursued for an alleged assault on an old woman at Hortense, Ga.

Mineral Output \$95,000,000. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 31.—The mineral output of California for 1913 will total \$95,000,000, according to a report announced by F. McNutt Hamilton, state mineralogist. This is an increase of \$1,000,000 over 1912.

Call Sent to 7,500 Banks. Washington, Dec. 31.—Order of the federal reserve act, the resolution to be adopted by banks which wish to enter the system were mailed to every national bank. There are 7,500 in the United States.

Mrs. Blake Is Dying. Englewood, N. J., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Lillie Deveraux Blake, an aged suffrage leader, is dying. She has been in a critical condition since she fell and broke her hip two weeks ago at her home here.

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SAYS BLINDNESS IS PREVENTABLE

Expert Asserts Many Cases Could Have Been Stopped. PUTS SOME BLAME ON M.D.'S

Head of State Institution Declares Large Number of Physicians Are Careless at Births—Pen Warden Reports.

D. A. DNOVAN, Special Columbus Correspondent. THAT one-half of the blindness in Ohio is preventable and that 28 per cent of all the cases in the state school for the blind could have been prevented are startling statements made in the special report of Supt. Edward M. Van Cleave of the Columbus School for the Blind to the state board of administration. Insisting this is a startling showing and ought to arouse interest, he explains that those employed in the past year to awaken public interest in the prevention of blindness. The state is doing all it can for the blind, but what he wants done is a campaign for preventing blindness of the new born. Nearly one-third of the cases that have come to the school since it was opened have been caused by baby sore eyes, and every case could have been prevented by proper and timely medical attention.

Van Cleave declares. He says that criticisms against many practicing physicians, declaring there are incompetent incompetents roaming at large, inflicting untold misery and suffering. As a part of the campaign for preventing blindness he recommends more stringent regulation of physicians.

Forty per cent of deafness is from congenital causes, according to Supt. J. W. Jones of the State Deaf school here in his report to the board. Most of these cases can be traced, and the marriage of blood relatives is one of the most fruitful causes. Blood taints are responsible for many and accidents and illness cause the rest.

Combating Tuberculosis. Two lines of activity in combating tuberculosis are being carried out by Dr. S. A. Douglass of the state sanitarium at Mt. Vernon in his report. One is the eradication of the disease in the home, if possible; the other is the removal of predisposing causes that are outside. He refers to untidy and unhealthy working places and insanitary conditions. He advocates the treatment of the disease in the most vigorous manner at the appearance of the first symptoms.

Colonization, permanent segregation and sterilization are the only means of preventing epilepsy, according to Dr. G. G. Kinson, superintendent of the state hospital at Gallipolis, in his report. If no more epileptics were born, society would be confronted only with those now on earth, he says, and society owes itself the duty of preventing others being born.

Defends Honor System. Defending the honor system, Warden P. E. Thomas of the penitentiary shows that while 333 prisoners were sent out on honor in the present year, only 18 violated the trust and nine were recaptured.

Changing conditions under which a boy lives has brought improved conditions at Lancaster, says Capt. R. U. Hastings of the Boys' Industrial school there. Under present conditions a boy is told he is there for one year, but that longer continuance is dependent wholly on his behavior while there. Humanely responds to a promise of some definite good, Supt. Hastings declares, and he is convinced the new method is a great improvement over the old.

The largest problem at the Girls' home in Delaware is to find suitable homes for the girls who are ready for parole, announces Mrs. John McNamara, acting matron there.

Pathetic Note in Report. There is a pathetic note in the report from Supt. O. W. Kinson of the Old Soldiers' home at Mansfield. He was asked if he considered it a duty of the state to maintain the home longer. In reply he said there were only 38 people there, the average age was 80, some were as old as 90, some had been there as long as 22 years. It is open for soldiers, sailors, marines, their wives, widows and mothers. Women married to veterans since 1890 are not admitted. There is no hospital and no one requiring hospital care is taken in. Only one in five is admitted as they apply. It has been possible, he says, to develop and maintain the atmosphere of a home and keep it from becoming an institution, and he says if these aged people were transferred elsewhere it would be fatal to many.

Makes No Recommendations. Reporting for the Soldiers' home at Sandusky, Supt. W. R. Burnett says he has no recommendations to make.

Will Aid Ohio Courts. It is expected that Ohio courts will have a good chance to get caught up with the back work when the new workmen's compensation law becomes operative in 1914. The new law will help matters by automatically cutting down or reducing the number of personal injury suits that now are estimated to constitute at least 35 per cent of all the litigation in Ohio. After the compensation measure gets well under way, the number of personal injury suits, it is promised now, will become a negligible quantity.

Political Opponents in Business. Ex-Treasurer D. S. Creamer, a Democrat, and ex-Deputy State Auditor A. W. Beatty, a Republican, who have been political opponents for many years, have formed a business partnership to act as consulting agents for persons wishing expert knowledge on questions of taxation, securities and insurance. They will establish headquarters in Columbus the first of the new year. They were boys together in Belmont county. They fought each other in county and state politics.

Used Rubber Stamp to Forge. Although unable to either read or write, Jerry Norman has been brought to the penitentiary to serve a term of one year for forgery. He was convicted at Dayton several months ago, but was released on probation. When the word came to the penitentiary that Norman was up to his old tricks again, the officials were inclined to place no credence in the report, but an investigation developed that it was true. Norman was found to be using a rubber stamp to work his forgery stunt.

SAYS HE'S GOING BACK TO 'TRADE'

Freud Pickpocket Tells of His Future Plans. DECLARES IT PAYS BETTER

Man Says With Good Luck and Adequate Protection He or Any Other Efficient Pickpocket Can Clean Up \$400 a Week.

Columbus.—Charles Moran, a skilled workman, is going back to his trade in the penitentiary next month after a term of two years. Because of his more than average intelligence Moran has been holding a desk job in the front penitentiary office for several months.

"Going to Work at Trade." "Charlie, you are going to be free soon. What will you do then?" asked Frank O'Blennes, secretary to Warden Thomas.

"I'm going to work at my trade," Moran replied.

"I didn't know you had a trade."

"Yes, I have a good one, and it pays much better than most."

"What is it?" O'Blennes asked.

"It's called pick-pocketing. I've been here 'pocket-picking' the prisoner nonchalantly answered.

Moran was sent up from Lancaster, where he was caught while "lifting" the wallet of a farmer. He had been following the farmer through a campaign train. Indirectly, he admits, he separated himself from his "pals" and followed the farmer when he caught sight of the large size of his "roll."

For some uncertain reason the farmer declined to join the crowd at the station, and Moran finally took a chance of relieving him anyway.

If it had not been for his intended victim's vigilant wife Moran might have succeeded. She saw his deft dive into her unsuspecting husband's hip-pocket and shrieked an alarm. A crowd closed in and Moran was caught "with the goods."

"It's all in the game," Moran explained. "O'Blennes, which tells of his catch all over, though, and this time it was my own carelessness. But twice in 23 years I've so had."

Moran readily acknowledges that he would have done "trick" many times often and longer except for the protection which he and his pickpocket partners were able to buy from police and detectives of various cities.

With good luck and adequate protection, Moran says, he can make an efficient pickpocket can clean up \$400 or \$500 worth of diamonds, jewelry and cash in a week. This loot, he says, is usually auctioned off among the members of the "lifting" fraternity themselves at regular meetings. Each usually has a specialty and knows "fences" where he can dispose of it most profitably.

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Bible Verse Gives Oil Tip. Book of Zechariah, which tells of the making of a craft to set aright the babe Moses, who was afterwards found by the daughters of Egypt's ruler, is responsible for the development of a new oil field in Egypt, according to a statement made by a geologist and oil and gas expert, who has just arrived in Wooster.

"Where there is a pitch, there is oil," reasoned the geologists of the Standard Oil Co.

Three wells, each producing about 40 barrels of oil per day, have been completed, and the territory is to be rapidly developed," said Whitcomb. "It was Chief Geologist Alphonse of the Standard Oil Co. who first broached the proposition of