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JOHN D., JR., SAYS U. S. JUDGES BEST IN STRIKE ARBITRATION

Son of World's Richest Man Discusses His Moral Responsibility for War in Coal Fields.

BUSINESS AND UPLIFT UNMIXED

Oil King Forty Per Cent Owner of Colorado Fuel and Iron.

WITNESS ONE OF DIRECTORS

Knows Only What Company Officers Tell Him of Conditions.

EVERYTHING IS LEFT TO THEM

Members of Committee Ask Why He Has Not Carried His "Well-face" Work Into the Mine Zone.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., son of the world's richest man, testified today before the house committee about the question of his moral responsibility for the industrial strike, which has kept the coal fields of southern Colorado in turmoil for six months.

What He Tells Committee. That he and three other directors represented his father's interests of about 40 per cent in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, the central figure in the big coal strike.

That as a director he had fulfilled all of his interest and responsibility in the company, which he placed the officers, "competent and trusted men," in charge of the company's affairs.

That he knew nothing of conditions in the strike district except from reports of the officers of the company.

That the strike has been a fight for the "principles" of freedom of labor, and that he and his associates would rather that the present violence continue and that they lose all their millions invested in the coal fields, than that America should be divided into two camps of working men and those who are to work for them.

That he favored arbitration in industrial disputes generally, but that in the present instance he supported the officers of the company in their refusal to submit the question of unionizing the mines to arbitration.

Doesn't See Analogy.

In support of these conclusions Mr. Rockefeller was kept busy for hours explaining, defending, and arguing. He asserted that employer and employee were "fellow men and should treat each other as such," but could see no analogy between the unionization of workmen and the combination of capital.

Members of the committee spoke of Mr. Rockefeller's interest and work in various "uplift movements" and asked why he had not gone about welfare work in the Colorado coal fields in a similar way.

Did Same as Always.

"I did just exactly as I have done in all my investigations," he said, "I picked out the best qualified men I could find, placed them in charge and trusted them to do their best."

No amount of cross-examination could shake this statement. At the hearing drew to a close Mr. Rockefeller said that he would consider arbitration of the dispute in the Colorado fields if he could be assured that a fair and unbiased board of arbitration could be secured. He suggested federal judges as the best qualified to serve on such a board.

FOURTH TRIAL OF DR. HYDE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 6.—The fourth trial of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, charged with the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, was continued indefinitely when called in the criminal court here today. The attorneys agreed to wait until the appeal of the state supreme court on the appeal of the county court from using county funds to pay the expenses of the trial.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Unsettled; probably rain, turning to snow.

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hours, Temp., and Comparative Local Record.

Table with columns: Normal temperature, Deficiency for the day, Total excess since March 1, Normal precipitation, Deficiency for the day, Total rainfall since March 1, Excess for the period, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909.

Table with columns: Reports from Stations at 7 P. M., Station and State, Temp., High, Low, Wind, Clouds.

Mitchell Advocates Fixing of Prices by Coal Producers

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Organization of coal mine operators so they may agree on prices was advocated by John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, today before the federal commission on industrial relations. He argued that the government should have supervision over such an arrangement. Forty per cent of all coal mined in the United States was wasted, he said, because mine operators cannot dispose of it at a profit.

Mr. Mitchell thought a federal industrial council with power to investigate causes of threatened or pending industrial strikes would be of great value provided it had no other power of compulsory arbitration. "The coal miner is so much better off today than he was in 1887 that there is no basis of comparison," said Mr. Mitchell. "But I believe the miner should be among the best paid workers in America."

Wilson Says Daniels is an Enlightened Man of Ability

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Wilson today enunciated the principle that is guiding him in the selection of public servants, expressing the view that he did not believe in choosing men who would decide questions in a certain way, but those whom he knew to be just and fair. The president remarked that, to him, it seemed that justice was the hardest thing in the world to obtain and that it required more courage and conscience than any other one thing.

Reward Offered for Army Officer Charged With Embezzlement

SEATTLE, Wash., April 6.—Fifty dollar reward has been offered by the government for the arrest of Captain J. H. Griffiths, U. S. A., deserter. He is described as being 45 years old, five feet, ten and one-half inches tall, weight 150 pounds, light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, smooth shaven.

George Cornwallis West and Mrs. Patrick Campbell Are Married

LONDON, April 6.—The decree of divorce granted to Mrs. George Cornwallis West, formerly Lady Randolph Churchill, and a daughter of the late Leonard Jerome of New York, was made absolute by the divorce court today, the requisite period having elapsed since the first decree. The grounds were desertion and misconduct. Mrs. Cornwallis West will in future be known as Lady Randolph Churchill.

High Court Divided Over Contempt Case

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison contempt case was today restored to the docket of the supreme court for argument April 20 before the entire court.

MRS. PEART, PROMINENT SALVATIONIST, IS DEAD

NEW YORK, April 6.—Mrs. William Peart, wife of the secretary of the Salvation Army in the United States, and second in Miss Booth in command of the army in this country, died today at her home in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Patents conveying 2,500 acres of public coal lands in Anita county, Wyoming, to Thomas Swedden and Daniel F. Harrison, will be cancelled by a supreme court decision today which held the patents were gotten through fraud. The land has coal fourteen feet thick. The entrymen swore it had none.

PREACHER DEPORTED FROM DENVER MAY DIE

Rev. O. L. Spurgeon, Des Moines Minister, is in Critical Condition.

BADLY BEATEN BY KIDNAPERS

His Attack on Catholic Priesthood Causes Riot.

MADE IMMORALITY CHARGES

Physicians Uncertain as to Outcome of Injuries.

HURLED AWAY IN AUTOMOBILE

Taken from Car Over Twenty Miles from City, Given Few Dollars and Told to "Hit the Track."

DENVER, April 6.—Physicians attending the Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon of Des Moines, who was kidnaped last night by unknown persons, taken to a point north of the city, beaten and released with a warning not to return, today refused to permit any one to visit the patient, and expressed uncertainty as to the outcome of his injuries.

Spurgeon was brought to a local hospital early today. After a thorough examination physicians reported that in the beating administered by his kidnapers he suffered a broken nose and other serious injuries. Efforts of the police to learn the identity of Spurgeon's assailants had been unsuccessful up to noon.

The kidnaping last night followed a small riot Saturday night, during a lecture in which Spurgeon accused the Catholic priesthood of immorality. Seven men are said to have visited the hotel and overpowered Police Sergeant George Merritt, who with Spurgeon was placed in a high power automobile. Shortly thereafter Merritt was released and the kidnapers continued their flight to a point twenty-four miles north of Denver.

Finally he reached the house of Deputy Sheriff George W. Rucker of Adams county, where he was located by city detectives and brought to the hospital.

Mrs. Spurgeon Starts for Denver.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 6.—Mrs. Otis L. Spurgeon, wife of the Des Moines minister who was deported from Denver yesterday, left for Denver today to be the bedside of her husband.

Dr. Spurgeon formerly held an appointment as pastor of a Baptist church in Naahua, Ia., but resigned about a year ago to become national secretary of the Knights of Luther, with headquarters here.

SPURGEON IS KNOWN AT BLUFFS

Has Some Relatives and Many Friends in Iowa Town.

Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon, the Des Moines Baptist minister, who was twice mobbed in Denver Saturday night and Sunday, has relatives and friends in Council Bluffs. A number of messages were sent to Denver asking for information.

Spurgeon gave a series of lectures in Council Bluffs a few months ago in a Masonic temple. He is one of the founders of the Knights of Luther, a national organization, and has been establishing lodges in Iowa and adjoining states since last spring. In January he took part in a debate of a week's duration with a Catholic clergyman in Arkansas. In connection with his lodge work he went to Denver last Saturday.

Several relatives of Mrs. Spurgeon reside in Council Bluffs and he has many friends here, and is widely known throughout Iowa.

Practice of Limiting Liability for Lost Baggage is Upheld

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The practice of railroads limiting their liability for baggage to \$100 unless a greater value is declared by the passenger was upheld today by the supreme court as valid under the Hepburn rate law, even though the passenger has no personal knowledge of the limitation.

LAW AGAINST BRIBERY GIVEN ADDITIONAL FORCE

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Bribing a government employe to violate a duty fixed by his superior, is as much a violation of law as if the duty were fixed by statute. The supreme court so held today in declining valid indictments against Willie N. Birdsall, Thomas E. Brents and Everett E. Van Wert in the northern federal district of Iowa.

PATENTS TO WYOMING COAL LAND SET ASIDE

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"Overboard"



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

THIRTY-EIGHT AVIATORS DIE

Number of Fatalities from Accidents in Air Increasing.

FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY TOTAL

Defects in Machines and Uncertainty of Air Currents Principal Causes—Five Americans Killed This Year.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Death leveled a heavy toll on the aviators of the world for the first three months of this year, according to records kept here. Between January 1 and April 1, thirty-eight men in all parts of the world lost their lives through the uncertainty of air currents or the failure of their flying machines.

The United States with five killed stands fourth on the list, while France leads with ten dead. Germany lost eight in the same period. Great Britain seven, Turkey three, and Chile, Spain, Argentina, Switzerland and Italy one each.

Since Lieutenant Thomas H. Selfridge, U. S. A., was killed at Fort Myer, September 7, 1906, the first man whose death is recorded as due to experiments with heavier than air flying craft, 430 aviators in all parts of the world have died for the cause of science.

Of the five Americans killed this year two were officers, one of the navy and one of the army. One of the civilians was killed in Argentina in an attempted flight across the Andes. Six of the eight German victims and two French were army officers, as were four of the British.

Mrs. Edison Vetoes Return to Work

WEST ORANGE, N. J., April 6.—Although he had written to the heads of the departments at his works that he would be home on Sunday, Thomas A. Edison has been prevailed upon by his wife to remain at their winter home at Fort Myer, Fla., until April 15.

CASH PRIZES OFFERED FOR ESSAYS ON PEACE

NEW YORK, April 6.—To stimulate interest among Sunday school pupils and other young people throughout the United States the trustees of the Carnegie Church Peace union, organized in February, has offered more than 300 cash prizes for essays on "Peace."

The National Capital

Monday, April 6, 1914. The Senate. Mr. McCumber, republican, of North Dakota spoke on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption. The House. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., testified before the mines committee about his father's holdings in the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

Campaign Against Joseph Caillaux Has Many Ramifications

PARIS, April 6.—The extraordinary ramification of the campaign against Joseph Caillaux, the French statesman, conducted by the late Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, were shown during today's inquiry.

Louis Latour, associate editor of the Figaro, in the course of his examination, said: "M. Calmette talked with me in January about the part played by M. Caillaux in the negotiations with Germany concerning the Agadir incident in Morocco, while he was prime minister. M. Calmette had a portfolio in front of him from which he took two documents. These were of a diplomatic character of extreme importance and were so formal and so crushing that their publication would have stripped M. Caillaux of power without any hope of recovery. M. Calmette said that he could not publish these documents without fear of provoking foreign complications. Some days afterward, my friend, Robert De Jouvenel, who knew something about the documents, told me he intended to beg M. Calmette to keep silent."

Other members of the Figaro staff have been summoned to the inquiry.

Threatening Post Card Sent Witness Against Preacher

NEW YORK, April 6.—A threatening postal card sent to Mrs. Hilma Dohi, advising her not to press her charges, was today her contribution to the incidents which have attended the secret ecclesiastical trial of Dr. Jacob E. Price, the Methodist clergyman who is charged with misconduct by nine women members of his congregation. Mrs. Dohi said on the stand that Dr. Price had made proposals to her and "treated her as no man had ever treated her before."

Site for Iowa Building at 'Frisco Dedicated

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 6.—Governor George W. Clarke and Supreme Court Justice Horace E. Deemer of Iowa were speakers on the program of dedicating the site of the Iowa state building at the Panama-Pacific exposition today. Proceeding the dedicatory exercises Governor Clarke and Justice Deemer, with Lieutenant Governor S. R. McKelvie of Nebraska were guests at a luncheon. A review of troops at the Presidio military reservation and a formal reception at the exposition followed the exercises.

JUDGE M'CLAIN MAY RETURN TO UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, Ia., April 6.—(Special.)—The return of former Justice Emil M'Clain to Iowa City to take a professorship in the law school of the State university is a probability, according to information given out here yesterday. Judge M'Clain was a member of the Iowa supreme court from 1901 to 1913 and was twice chief justice of that body. He left Iowa last year to take a position in the law school of Stanford university and will return here to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Barry Gilbert. Judge M'Clain was chancellor of the local law school before going to the state supreme court.

W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens Dies in Portland, Me.

ILLNESS OF SEVERAL WEEKS

She Presided at the National Convention Held in Omaha Five Years Ago and Was Well Known Here.

PORTLAND, Me., April 6.—Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance union, died here today. She had been ill for several weeks with kidney trouble.

Mrs. Stevens, who was born in Dover, Me., seventy years ago, continued to the last the temperance work of which she devoted most of her life. Her mind remained clear and late last week she was able to dictate correspondence in connection with the duties of her office, which she had held since 1908.

With her when the end came was her husband, Michael Stevens; her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt of this city, and Miss Anna Gordon of Evanston, Ill., vice president of the Women's Christian Temperance union.

Mrs. Stevens was informed a few hours before her death of secretary Daniels' order barring alcoholic liquors from the navy.

"It is splendid," she exclaimed. "It is another step forward toward national prohibition for which we are so earnestly striving."

Her last words to those outside her home were: "Give my love to all white ribbon friends in the state, the nation and the world."

Mrs. George Covell, president of the Federated Women Christian Temperance Unions of this city, was very much shocked at the news of the death of Lillian M. N. Stevens, the national president.

"No doubt memorial services will be planned for her as soon as Women's Christian Temperance union members are apprised of her death," she said. "She was a splendid woman, of wonderful executive ability, an able parliamentarian, and a woman of commanding presence. She has been in Omaha twice with the vice president, Miss Anna Gordon, in the spring preceding the national Women's Christian Temperance union convention which was held in Omaha about five or six years ago, when they came to make arrangements for the convention, and then when she presided at the convention. She was vice president of the national organization when its president, Miss Frances Willard passed away, when she served out the term as president and was elected president at the next convention. That was about twelve or fourteen years ago, and she has served continuously since then."

The local federated Women's Christian Temperance union organizations which will participate in memorial services if they are held include the Omaha, Frances Willard, West Side, North Side, South Omaha and Benson branches.

CONVENT AND THREE PARSONAGES ROBBED

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—The convent of the Sisters of St. Francis and three parsonages in the same neighborhood were invaded apparently by the same burglar yesterday, according to reports made to the police today. At the convent, the intruder chased one nun about the building and choked another who went to her sister's rescue. She was frightened away finally when one of the nuns blew a police whistle. The burglar got a pocketbook containing a few dollars. In turn, the police believe the same man then visited the parsonages of the Holy Trinity Catholic church, the St. Teresa's Catholic church and the Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, but was frightened away from each before he had obtained much plunder.

VILLA IS PREPARING TO ASSAULT FEDERAL ARMY AT SAN PEDRO

Hill Girt City Twenty-Six Miles from Torreon Will Be Scene of Next Battle.

PLACE NATURAL STRONGHOLD

Its Defenses Must Be Approached Over Flat Country.

WRIT DENIED TO MEXICANS

Prisoners Interned at Fort Bliss Must Stay There.

SPAIN PREPARING TO PROTEST

Objection Will Be Made to Villa's Proposed Expulsion of All Spaniards from City of Torreon.

TORREON, Mexico, April 6.—(Via El Paso, April 6.)—The town of San Pedro, twenty-six miles northeast of here, will in all probability be the scene of the next battle. San Pedro, a hill-girt city whose natural defenses must be approached over a flat country, held a federal garrison all the time the battle of Torreon was being fought, but its force was prevented by a rebel column from coming to the assistance of General Velasco.

Recently a comparatively small force of rebels attempted to take the town, having underestimated the strength of the garrison, whose real numbers were developed by the attack.

General Villa has been building up his force in the last few days for a renewal of the assault. The defeat of the federals at San Pedro would, it is said, remove the last federal force from this district.

The whereabouts of the troops driven from this city last week is not known, although it is believed that Velasco is headed for Saltillo. The Spanish colony ordered out of this city by General Villa probably will be placed aboard trains for Juarez tomorrow.

Writ Denied Mexicans. FORT WORTH, Tex., April 6.—United States Judge Meek this afternoon denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus filed by the 3,000 Mexicans interned at Fort Bliss, Tex., after Villa had driven them from Ojinaga, Mexico.

SAULSBURY, Mexico, April 6.—General Carranza today confirmed the report that General Villa had ordered the expulsion of all Spaniards at Torreon.

The exodus was to have begun today but it is reported that the switch yards are so congested with rolling stock brought in after the battle laden with supplies that the necessary trains cannot be made up today.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Mr. Riano, the ambassador from Spain, received official notice today of Villa's expulsion of Spanish subjects from Torreon and prepared to make representations in protest of Secretary Bryan. Spain not only objects to their expulsion, but also to the confiscation of their property, which is estimated to run into the millions.

Will Not Embarrass Carothers. The cancellation by the Huerta government of the acquiescence of American Consul Agent George C. Carothers, because

Proposes County Ticket Made Up Newspaper Men

ELLENDALE, N. D., April 6.—(Special.)—Noting the fact that the newspaper men of Dickey county have spent much time and space in boosting other men for public office, with no fitting return, and without themselves being honored or even suggested for place, the Ellendale Leader is out with a suggestion that the newspaper men band together and get in line for every office in sight. It contends that with every paper in the county boosting for the newspaper men's ticket and no other candidates, the journalists would have a good chance to win, and the candidates out of the fold would come to appreciate better than they now do, the value of newspaper support.

It suggests the following ticket of newspaper men: Treasurer, Alex R. Wright of the Oakes Times; judges, J. M. Nield of the Forbes Republican; clerk, Ed A. Smith, formerly of the Oakes Republican and Ellendale Leader; auditor, J. E. Melton of the Ellendale Record; registrar of deeds, J. M. Field of the Monong Journal; state's attorney, H. H. Perry, formerly of the Ellendale Record; superintendent of schools, Frank Jarvis of the Oakes Journal; sheriff, F. R. Goddard of the Ellendale Leader; coroner, Oscar Perry, formerly of the Ellendale Record.

Footwear Fancies

Every woman loves dainty footwear. In former years she had comparatively little opportunity to gratify her fancy in this respect. Now every color and style of footwear is in use from the most sturdy slipper to the sturdiest boot.

Leathers in colors never seen before, fabrics of unusual shades and patterns, heels that range from a single "lift" through every conceivable curve to a three-inch "Louis," tongues and buckles, ribbons and buttons—all are waiting to delight the eye of the discriminating woman. You can learn from the advertisements in The Bee what the retailers are prepared to sell you and the prices thereof. Read these announcements carefully and save time in making your selections.