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FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS 25 STRIKE LEADERS

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 2.—Twenty-five leaders of the United Mine Workers of America today stand indicted by a federal grand jury at Pueblo in connection with the southern Colorado coal strike.

International President White, Vice President Hayes and Treasurer Green were charged with maintaining a labor monopoly. John Lawson, a member of the district board, and Adolph Germer, Robert Ulich, A. B. McGarry, James Morgan, Charles Batley and Edgar Wallace were charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Fifteen other leaders were indicted but their names will be withheld until the arrests are made.

BRAND WHITLOCK MINISTER TO BELGIUM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Wilson this afternoon will nominate Brand Whitlock of Toledo, Ohio, as minister to Belgium. Mayor Baker of Cleveland, one of the original Wilson men, requested the nomination and it was understood that all opposition to Whitlock's confirmation has been removed.

ASK PRESIDENT FOR USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—At the request of Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, representatives conferred at the White House last night for the purpose of getting the use of the city's schools for public meetings.

FEDERALS EVACUATE CHIHUAHUA CAPITAL

JUAREZ, Dec. 2.—Chihuahua City, capital of Chihuahua state, has been evacuated by the Mexican federals, according to rebel advices received here tonight. The troops are reported to have been started out.

The evacuation leaves the city open to rebel possession. The report says Salvador Mercado, the military governor, with 200 federal troops left on foot for Ojinaga, on the border near Maria, Texas and General Jose Inez Zalazar and Pascual Orozco with over 1000 federals retreated to the mountains west of the city, and hundreds of civilians, including women and children who were on the verge of starvation, started to walk to the American border.

General Villa tonight telegraphed the details of the evacuation to Carranza at Hermosillo saying the proposed advance toward Mexico City would be expedited.

"The report of the capitulation of Chihuahua is authentic," said Villa. "If it came in an official dispatch which said the city was evacuated Sunday, I will send a force to intercept Mercado and also to capture Orozco and Zalazar. We will be nearing Mexico City within a month."

MUNICIPAL EXTRAVAGANCE.

THE city tax levy of last year was 9.9 mills, on a valuation of \$5,982,817, yielding \$59,229. For the present year the levy, as recently fixed by the city council, is 12 mills on a valuation of \$5,502,522, yielding \$66,030.

Out of this year's revenues were paid the extra expenses incurred in constructing the Bear Creek bridge approaches and the removal and construction expenses of the Jackson street bridge. Notwithstanding the fact that no extra expenses are to be met this year, except the needless purchase of the Little Butte ranch, and the money spent this year in bridge construction saved, the council has increased taxes approximately \$7,000.

This increased taxation is unjustifiable at the present time. Instead of figuring upon spending more of the taxpayers' money, the council should be practicing economy and spending less. The levy should have been \$7,000 lighter instead of \$7,000 heavier.

The minimum fixed salary list of city employees is given by the city recorder as \$35,100. To this must be added extra police and extra men employed in the street and other departments. A glance through the list reveals many possible economies, savings that any man would make in the conduct of his own business, and that there is no excuse for not having made in the conduct of the public business since the first of the year.

The city pays a city engineer \$150 a month, with practically no engineering to be done. It pays a street commissioner \$100 a month, an assistant street commissioner \$75. What is the need of two? It pays an electrical inspector \$75 a month, a plumbing inspector \$75, with scarcely anything to do in either office. It provides a water superintendent at \$125 a month, two assistant water superintendents at \$90 each in addition to the reservoir caretakers and day labor. In addition to this it runs and maintains two automobiles for official use—which includes trips by councilmen to Crater lake and fishing trips to the Rogue at public expense.

Business methods would abolish all these offices, make one man city engineer and superintendent of public works, giving him general charge over all these departments. He should direct all work, and employ needed assistants. One automobile is sufficient and it could be kept in repair by the firemen, who would be glad of occupation that does not interfere with their duties. Only necessary street work should be done and the payroll kept down. These economies would save 50 per cent of the present payroll.

The police department does not need to be kept at the same strength that it was during the days when a million dollars a year was being spent in public improvements, half as much more in other works, and floaters from all sections drifted here. One day man and two night police ought to be sufficient to handle the situation. There are now four on the regular force and always an extra or two. If experience proved the need of additional police they could be added.

A close scrutiny would probably reveal economies that could be made in other departments, were business methods employed—the intent being not to be parsimonious or cripple the public service, but to be as economical as possible.

As the city does not secure economy under a salaried mayor and council, but instead gets increased taxation to support superfluous officials, a return to the old methods, whereby leading citizens regarded it an honor to serve the community and gave freely of their time without remuneration, should be tried. Taking the salaries off, which are not sufficient to be an object to the class of citizens desired, would result in a saving to the taxpayers of \$2,200 a year, or half a mill of the tax levied—and every half mill counts these days.

It would be interesting to know what the council plans to do with the extra money sweated out of the taxpayers—probably name a few more superintendents with little or nothing to do.

Water With Radio Activity

HOT LAKE SPRINGS, Ore., Dec. 2.—Pitchblende, the substance from which radium is obtained, is an oxide of uranium. Uranium is a metallic element. Pitchblende is spelled as one word and as two. Sometimes it is used as a hyphenated word. However, Webster gives it as one word.

Much interest has been created in pitchblende because of the wondrous cures of its product—radium. Water which passes over a deposit of this oxide becomes highly radioactive, and it is this radio-activity which gives the waters of hot springs their heat and efficacy. To be efficacious the water must be used in its natural state. If bottled it loses its curative properties, and in a little while becomes absolutely worthless.

The Sympathy Sponge

To the Editor: Of all sad and deplorable figures on this earth's stage, it is the Sympathy Sponge. The men who have lost his pip and all grasp on life's activity because of a business failure that he has very narrowly lived for. The "it's all off" expression creeps over his brow, his eyes search the distant horizon, his voice drags, his walk lags, and his hands go deeper into his pockets, as he stands on the street curbing and waits for a companion with whom to exchange sad stories and absorb sympathy. He falls to see, or purposely leaves out the personal mistake that caused his awful failure. A mistake unacknowledged is never righted, and so he is on the downward road.

He who shrinks at the critical moment of the game, because he does not know it is the critical moment, loses the short chance of victory, but by seeing his mistake and making an immediate change of attitude, there is still a chance, with redoubled effort, to win the day. But, if instead, after noting the mistake he recalls into the grouch habit, there is little hope for his prosperity, and he can usually be seen pointing the finger of scorn at the successful and crying unfair.

two strong hands and good health; nor will it acknowledge business ability made useless by stagnation. The man who acquires the "down and out" attitude has built his own tombstone, and consequently receives the sympathy of the dead. A little tuning up mentally and a more liberal contribution to the common happiness would go a long way towards changing "Hard Times" for a few existing Medfordites, who because of their own misjudged calculations, lost their grip and are sliding down the road of failure instead of sighting the side paths that might help them to regain the main road to their seemingly lost fortune. (Inspired by the few Medford Curbers.) (A "would be" street sweeper.)

PENDLETON REJECTS COMMISSION FORM

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 2.—Commission form of government was defeated by 184 votes according to a complete count today of the votes cast in yesterday's election. W. F. Matlock was re-elected mayor and Lee Moorhouse re-elected treasurer without opposition.

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If you have Lung Trouble, do not be misled by reports of cures of other people to relieve that affliction. No specific has as yet been found. Eckman's Alternative is a medicine for throat and lung troubles which has been successfully used in many cases. If you are sick, it might be wise for you to investigate its merits and its use may be of great benefit to you. It is sold everywhere. 233 Seventh Ave., New York.

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