

FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR INDICTED

TOWN ELECTIONS IN COUNTY TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Much Interest Being Shown by Citizens in Several of Municipalities.

Several towns in Marion County will hold municipal elections next Thursday, and there is much interest in the annual affair in various communities while in one or two there is little or no interest because there is but one ticket in the field.

There is additional interest in the election at Rivesville on account of the fact that the people there will vote on a proposed change of the corporate limits of the city. The matter has been the basis for a great amount of controversy during the last several months. There are three tickets in the field at Rivesville and a like number at Fairview. It is likely that there will be only one ticket in the field at Monongah although this is not certain, while Worthington and Farmington will have two tickets for the voters to select from.

There seems to be a peculiar situation existing at Farmington in that several persons nominated for office have refused the nominations, making the problem of making up two tickets or even one hard one. While the situation seemed unsettled there, according to reports received here at 2 o'clock, it is thought that the matter will be cleared up by Monday with a definite lineup of tickets to be given.

The tickets in the various towns, with the exception of the ones at Rivesville, which appear elsewhere in this paper, follow:

At Rivesville
Three tickets are in the field at Rivesville for the municipal election. One is the Citizens' Progressive ticket, the Peoples' Union ticket and the Peoples' Progressive ticket.

Mayor—George Hamrick.
Recorder—J. S. Freeman.
Councilmen—L. M. Dalley, T. Miller, M. E. Nicholson, D. W. Layton and J. C. Keener.

The Peoples' Union ticket follows:
Mayor—B. W. Duval.
Recorder—P. A. Barthlow.
Councilmen—Otha Bowman, J. Ballah, Lee Toothman, W. R. Lewis Kirk.

Following is the Peoples' Progressive ticket:
Mayor—J. Williams.
Recorder—E. J. Jacobs.
Councilmen—C. C. Ashcraft, M. Billingslea, Henry King, C. Osborn and Jesse M. Wood.

The Citizens' ticket follows:
Mayor—E. J. Millan.
Recorder—W. B. Leonard.
Councilmen—F. M. Billingslea, S. Beck, H. B. Corbin, A. D. Sand and L. McIntire.

At Monongah
Whether there will be more than one ticket in the field at Monongah appeared uncertain today, according to the best information that could be secured. One of the city officials could be approached would admit nothing.

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MALPRACTICE IN REMOVING TOOTH CHARGED IN SUIT

Jury Selected to Try Case of Hospital Superintendent Against Dentist.

Malpractice in extracting a tooth, resulting in a broken jaw bone is the charge which forms the basis of a suit which was started in the Circuit Court this morning against Dr. Clyde H. Neill, a local dentist. The plaintiff in the case is Miss Margaret J. Leatham, superintendent of the Cook Hospital.

The case has been pending in the Circuit Court for several years but has been continued from time to time. This morning, with Special Judge Trevey Nutter on the bench, the jury was drawn and sworn to try the case. By agreement of counsel the taking of evidence was then postponed until Tuesday morning, January 2, at 9:30 a. m.

The jury is composed of S. H. Sbriver, A. G. Hawkins, I. S. Martin, Elmer Wilson, Fred M. Billingslea, W. W. Hayhurst, Jesse L. Floyd, Brooks Manley, D. M. Harmon, J. H. Ashcraft, D. Demario and C. L. Clayton.

Two days are expected to be taken up in the trial of the case, and Judge W. S. Meredith dismissed the remaining jurors until Thursday, January 4.

AUTO LICENSES ARE VALID UNTIL JAN. 15

CHARLESTON, Dec. 30.—Automobile licenses issued for 1922 will be recognized as valid until January 15, 1923, C. E. Hiner, chief of the automobile department of the State Road Commission announced today. Because of a fire which interfered with the electric power at the state industrial school at Pruntytown, it was impossible to have the license plates ready for use January 1, and the extension of the time limit became necessary, but Mr. Hiner was certain that plenty of plates would be available and that all automobiles could be equipped with their 1923 numbers by the middle of next month.

The West Virginia authorities have announced that they would recognize as valid the 1922 Ohio license plates and those of other states until February 1, and have requested other states to recognize the West Virginia 1922 licenses until February 15.

SENTENCES OF I. W. W. MEMBERS ARE SUSPENDED

Commutation Made by Harding on Condition That Convicts Leave Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The sentences of eight members of the Industrial Workers of the World, convicted in the Haywood case of conspiracy and violation of war-time laws, were commuted by President Harding today, to expire at once, on condition that the eight prisoners leave the United States and never return.

All of the men are subject to deportation, and it was a condition of their commutation that they return to their own country the day the commutation would be void. It was further said that the President had reached the decision that should any one of them return, they would be apprehended and returned to Leavenworth Penitentiary to serve out the remainder of their sentences.

The men whose sentences were commuted were: Aurelio Vincenti Azuara, sentenced to twenty years; C. J. Bourg, ten years; Peter Green, ten years; Harry Lloyd, five years; Burt Lorton, ten years; Samuel Scarlett, twenty years; Archie Sinclair, ten years.

The prisoners will be given sixty days in which to arrange for their departure and will be required to give bond on their departure from prison that they will appear at a stated time and surrender themselves for deportation.

\$460 STOLEN FROM IDA MAY BOARDER

Charged with stealing \$460 from a boarder at Ida May, John Bardy-on was given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Blocher this morning. A number of witnesses testified for the state, and Justice Blocher was of the opinion that Bardy-on should be held for the action of the grand jury. Bond was fixed at \$1,000.

The money was taken during a Christmas celebration at a house in Ida May on Christmas night. Bardy-on was arrested and has been confined in the county jail. The defendant is represented by Attorney Victor Shaw.

2 FOUND DEAD IN PRIVATE GARAGE

Federal Prohibition Agent and Woman Believed Overcome by Fumes.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 30.—Walter A. Neely of this city, a federal prohibition enforcement agent, and a woman identified as Mrs. Annabelle Gleason, mother of three girls, died today in Mercer Hospital here a short time after they had been found together in an automobile in a private garage. The motor was running and it is presumed that they were overcome by fumes. Neely, a widower, was a veteran of the recent war.

Neely served as a first lieutenant with 11th Michigan Gun Battalion, 29th Division, and was wounded twice in the Argonne. He became an enforcement agent in January of this year.

FINANCIERS MAY SETTLE QUESTION OF REPARATIONS

Government Feels That International Capitalists Can Make Adjustments.

WORLD IN JEOPARDY

Hughes Thinks Peace in Danger If Forcible Collection is Made From Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Disclosure by Secretary Hughes, in his New Haven speech last night, of the belief of the Washington government that an international commission of financiers, including Americans, might well be called in to recommend a method of settlement for the reparations crisis, apparently leaves the next move in the hands of the allied premiers.

The American suggestion, Mr. Hughes specified, was offered as an alternative in the event that the premiers at their Paris meeting next Tuesday fail to find a basis for adjustment of their views "among themselves."

The secretary stressed the view that settlement by the premiers was to be hoped for. He pointed out that failing such an agreement, the world might be facing the employment of forcible means to collect reparations from Germany and outlined the danger to world peace the American government foresaw in that course.

The plain warning to allied statesmen that the United States could not look with favor on attempted forcible collection was reiterated by Mr. Hughes in his address, and the financial commission plan put forward as an alternative that would open "opportunities" for American help.

As a first condition of appointment of an economic commission, however, Mr. Hughes specified that the whole question of Germany's capacity to pay and methods of payment must be "taken out of politics." The problem must be squared with economic facts alone, he said, and relieved of all the questions of sentiment and clashing political opinions and counter charges.

It was this method alone, the secretary's statement plainly indicated, which in the view of the American government would make possible American economic aid to Europe.

Secretary Hughes' address and Senator Borah's withdrawal of his navy bill amendment requesting the President to call an economic conference combined to clear the air considerably with regard to the effort of the American government to be helpful in the reparations tangle. It had been made plain that the administration saw no present hope of accomplishing good results through the method proposed by Senator Borah.

There was nothing here, today to indicate that the American government had in mind to take any other initiative other than to suggest informally, as Mr. Hughes had done, a way in which the Allied Premiers themselves might seek the aid of American economic strength in restoring Europe. Neither the White House nor the State Department would give any definite information.

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Sentiment Crystallizing for Paying Miners Here by Check as Result of Recent Holdups

Sentiment of paying the coal miners of Northern West Virginia by check is once again being urged by coal operators, following in the wake of the cruel murder of Paymaster Dennis of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., near Pittsburgh, last Saturday. The mining regions all over the country are stirred, it is said, by the dangerous practice of paying miners in cash.

Less than two years ago a daring robbery was committed at Lowville, Monongalia County, when the paymaster of the New England Fuel & Transportation Co. was held up and robbed. The greater portion of the payroll was recovered after one of the highwaymen was shot and killed. At that time the sentiment was crystallizing in this region for the payment of miners by check.

Within the past six months the Purple Heart interests with mines along Scott's Run, endeavored to pay the men by check. At that time Commissioner McCullough, when asked to express an opinion, said that "as far as the joint agreement was concerned, nothing could be construed to mean that the miners must be paid in cash." The West Virginia state laws, however, specify currency as the means of paying the miners. He suggested, however, that banking arrangements be made after working hours.

Many coal operators in this region are in favor of making an effort to have the state law changed. They contend that although pay rolls are insured against loss, the daring acts of highwaymen are such that they jeopardize the lives of paymasters. Just what will result in the renewed move to pay by check is a matter of conjecture.

Last Minute News

To Strengthen Navy
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A supplemental appropriation of . . . 6,500,000 for modernization of battleships was requested of Congress today by President Harding, who transmitted a letter from Secretary Denman, declaring that as a result of the arms conference in Europe, the nation must adopt a new policy regarding its capital ships if they are to be maintained at a standard of efficiency comparable to that of similar vessels of foreign powers.

Football Star Killed
WOODBURY, N. J., Dec. 30.—Clarence Alexander Wray, a member of the 1919 University of Pennsylvania football team, and Lewis A. Brunner of Philadelphia, died early today as a result of injuries received when a Pennsylvania Railroad train struck their automobile here last night. Miss Catherine M. Johnston, Philadelphia and Miss Elizabeth M. Price, Washington, D. C., were injured.

The party was on its way to a dance at the Woodbury Country Club when it was struck by an electric train from Atlantic City. Wray and Brunner died in a hospital from fractured skulls.

Wray was a star on the Pennsylvania team. He was a brother of Lud Wray, also a Pennsylvania star.

One Killed in Fire
ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 30.—At least one person was killed and two blocks of frame business buildings were destroyed in a fire here today. Two other persons are reported missing.

Bandits Get \$20,000
CLEVELAND, Dec. 30.—Armed bandits this morning held up the paymaster of the Ferry Cap and Screw Company and escaped with the \$20,000 weekly payroll. The robbers entered the offices of the company with pistols drawn. The paymaster, just returned from a banker with the money, heavily guarded by an armed escort, was caught unexpectedly by the sudden raid.

Turks Reinforce Troops
ATHENS, Dec. 30.—The Turks are sending reinforcements in the direction of Mosul, the rich oil district, the ownership of which is in dispute at the Lausanne conference according to advice to the Central News from a reliable source.

A division of 6,000 Turkish troops, it is stated, has already left Van for Mosul.

MEN SHOOT GIRL AND POLICEMAN

17-Year-Old High School Girl Injured—One of Gunmen Shot—Others Escape.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—One of three men early today shot a high school girl as she was en route from a school entertainment, killed a policeman and in turn was shot and probably fatally wounded by another patrolman. The girl, Miss Minnie Finkelstein, 17, was shot through the hip. Her wound was not serious. The dead officer was William J. O'Malley, a probationary policeman.

Miss Finkelstein said the three men accosted her and another girl as they were walking with her brother and another high school student. When she protested one of the men began firing a pistol, all three running when the girl fell. Patrolman O'Malley, hearing the shooting, dashed up only to be shot three times. His partner shot the gunman.

At the hospital the wounded man refused to identify himself.

POLICEMAN SLAIN PATROLLING BEAT

Entire Pittsburgh Detective Force Called Out—Three Arrests Made.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—Patrolman Dan Conley, patrolling a beat in the Hill district here was murdered at 4 o'clock this morning. His body, with a bullet through the heart, was found in an alley by a fellow officer who heard four shots a moment earlier.

When word of the murder reached headquarters, Superintendent of Public Safety J. C. Cathoun took personal charge of the case. He ordered the entire detective force and all available policemen rushed to the district, where a dragnet was spread.

By dawn three arrests had been made. Joe Carter, a negro, one of the suspects, lives within a stone throw of the alley where the officer's body was found. Robert Germany, also a negro, and his wife Lena were arrested on information furnished by Police Lieutenant James Rogan. The lieutenant said that Germany stopped him on the street last night and asked him questions concerning Police- man Conley.

Superintendent Cathoun, after a preliminary investigation, said he believed Conley was killed by a person he was trying to arrest. The officer's pistol was in his holster and had not been fired.

KIDNAPED CHILD RETURNED

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—Eight-year-old Mary Giovannangeli, kidnaped eight days ago and held for a ransom of \$20,000, was returned to her home this morning less than twelve hours after her father, Nicola Giovannangeli, East side banker, had reported her disappearance to the police.

DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN IMPLICATED IN WAR FRAUDS

Federal Official Under Wilson Administration Faces Conspiracy Charge.

SEVEN MEN INDICTED

Fraud in Construction of Army Camps and Cantonments Charged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration and six "dollar-a-year" men associated with the Council of National Defense were indicted here today by the special grand jury investigating war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war time army camps and cantonments.

The others indicted are William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clement W. Landolf, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbon and James A. Meares.

The indictment charges a conspiracy to maladminister existing laws and regulations; to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients under the "cost plus" system, which it is charged resulted in a loss to the government of millions of dollars and reduced the morale of labor.

SUPPLY OF CARS DROPPING LOWER

Coal Tonnage for Week Expected to Show Increase Over Previous Week.

With the end of the week at hand the supply of emphasis in Northern West Virginia is somewhat limited, dropping down to 29 per cent today against 35 per cent yesterday.

Mines along the Monongah Division, B. and O., today have a 23 per cent run of cars against 30 per cent yesterday. Along the Charleston Division there is a 20 per cent run of cars against 19 per cent on Friday. The Monongahela is down to 23 per cent today against 49 per cent yesterday. The Morgantown and Wheeling Railway today had a 41 per cent run against 43 per cent yesterday.

A 37 per cent run of cars is on the Western Maryland today. This is against 21 per cent on Friday.

Divisional Placements
Car supply data on the two divisions today is as follows:
Railroads Cars on Plac. Emp. the Div. 7 a. m. Ord.

B. & O.			
Monongah	857	550	2310
Charleston	78	78	392
M. & W.	249	249	595
M. R. B.	177	177	467
W. B. & H. R.	1108	1108	1108
	1489	1162	1253

Friday's Loading
Coal mines of Northern West Virginia on Friday produced 1,572 cars of coal. This compares with 1,015 cars on Friday of last week and 1,225 cars two weeks before. The coal production on the Monongah Division eased up some yesterday because of the car shortage. In fact, practically all of the divisions showed losses except the Monongahela.

Tonnage production on the various divisions yesterday was as follows: B. & O.—Monongah, 853 cars; Charleston, 69 cars; Connellys, 5 cars; Cumberland, 26 cars; M. & W., 78 cars; M. & W., 299 cars; Monongahela, 342 cars; W. M.—W. B. & H. R., 105 cars; B. & W., 70 cars.

Tonnage Will Gain
Indications are that the coal tonnage for the present week will show an increase over last week. Despite the fact that there were but five work days this week and the claims that the miners did not respond to work promptly after Christmas Day.

The car supply was better this week, especially on the B. & O. System, which accounts for the increased production. Twice during the week the 2,200 car mark was passed and a third time the tonnage was within striking distance of it. In the four days of this week there were 3,394 cars of coal loaded against 7,825 cars in the first five days of last week. Last week there was a daily average of 1,450 cars of coal loaded while this week there were 3,156 cars loaded a day on the average over the four day period.