

Ehle was found guilty of embezzlement by a jury in Judge Richard E. Burke's court and was sentenced to seven years in state's prison the day before Christmas. In setting Ehle free and giving him a clean bill of health as a probable victim of rotten conspiracy in the circles of a Chicago's second largest manufacturing corporation, the court says:

"There was evidently a great deal of bitterness on the part of Henry Veeder (chief counsel of Swift & Co.) toward the defendant. He (Veeder) laid the matter before the state's attorney and went before the grand jury with the result that the defendant was indicted.

It also appears that he and the officers of Swift & Co. for some reason took an active part in the prosecution of the defendant, assisting the state's attorney, interviewing witnesses and using the private wire of Swift & Co. to procure the attendance of witnesses from Boston.

"It further appears that neither Miss Burns (named as the victim of embezzlement charged) nor Miss Kelley (also named as embezzlement victim) made any complaint and were satisfied with the way in which their matters had been handled and were loath to prosecute the defendant and that Miss Burns refused to be a witness against him until she was threatened by the state's attorney with attachment proceedings to compel her attendance at the trial. The defendant was the only witness in his own behalf."

Daniel G. Ramsay was the assistant state's attorney in entire charge of the prosecution of Ehle. The defense of Ehle was in the hands of Glenn E. Plumb.

#### COAL MINERS REJECT OFFER BY OPERATORS

New York, April 22. — Confirmation was had today that anthracite operators have agreed to eight-hour day demand of the miners and have rejected demand for 20 per cent

wage increase, offering 5 per cent increase instead. Miners will reject the 5 per cent increase offer, it was learned. Conference is continuing behind locked doors, utmost secrecy being observed.

#### GERMANY LEARNS GIST OF U. S. SUBMARINE NOTE

Berlin, April 22.—The Berlin newspapers today published an English news agency dispatch, intimating for the first time that the German-American situation is very serious. The public generally believe the English report to be an exaggeration.

The text of the note thus far has not been published, though it is understood to be in the hands of the official news agency.

The Tageblatt attributes the delay in the publication to the Easter holidays, declaring that it was due to mechanical difficulties. The Lokal Anzeiger, said was possible the text of the note would be held up and published simultaneously with German's answer.

Washington, April 22.—Officials of the German embassy are now fully convinced that the Sussex was torpedoed by a German submarine. This became known to the United Press today, although all comment, official and unofficial, was withheld for fear of embarrassing the German government.

#### INVESTIGATE INCOME TAX OF NEW YORK MILLIONAIRE

Washington, April 22.—The internal revenue bureau today began an inquiry into the income tax paid by L. B. Harkness, Standard Oil multimillionaire, whose estate was settled in New York this week. Court records indicate that Harkness' estate was valued at about \$100,000,000. Estimates of the income on this estate place it at about \$5,000,000 and the income tax on such an income would be about \$340,000. Harkness paid only \$58,035 in 1914, the court records show.