

GREAT LEGAL BATTLE BEGINS

Lawyers Will Have Fine Pickings in Michigan Election Scandal

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 4.—With arrival here today of the vanguard of the army of attorneys expected to take part in the proceedings, there were indications of probable turns the legal battle may take when the 15 men indicted in connection with the alleged illegal nomination and election of Truman H. Newberry to the United States senate are brought to trial.

That a motion for a separate trial would be made on behalf of Christian A. Beck, of Muskegon, county prosecuting attorney and one of the defendants was announced by his attorney, Colon P. Campbell. His client's case should occupy only a few hours, Mr. Campbell declared, but unless a separate trial is granted he would be forced to spend a number of weeks in court. Other attorneys interested in the defense are understood to agree with Mr. Campbell's stand.

Another probable move by the defense was hinted at by State Senator Verdier, counsel for Former State Treasurer O'Dell and State Senator DeLand and Ryan. Mr. Verdier, in explaining the motive of so many respondents in standing mute when arranged pointed out that by doing so the defendant waives no rights and leaves the way open for a motion to quash the indictments.

Standing mute at arraignment is not a common practice in federal courts, but it is generally believed government attorneys have made plans to meet a motion to quash. It is pointed out that the fact that various individuals were indicted on different counts may have a bearing on disposal of a general demurrer.

Senator Newberry was today advised that he will be admitted to \$10,000 bail. The senator, it is believed will not come to Grand Rapids for arraignment until next Monday, the date set for the hearing. His brother, John S. Newberry, Paul H. King, Allan A. Templeton and B. Frank Emery, all of Detroit, will also be asked to give \$10,000 bond, it was announced. Bail for the other defendants ranges from \$5,000 down to \$1,000.

Twenty-five of these indicted appeared in federal court for arraignment today and pleaded not guilty or stood mute.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Newberry of Michigan plans to leave here Saturday for Grand Rapids to enter a personal plea of "not guilty to a federal indictment charging election frauds."

Senator Newberry conferred today with former Representative Martin W. Littleton of New York, his attorney, and several Republican senators. The investigation authorized by the senate in the Ford-Newberry election contest before the privileges and elec-

tion's committee was understood to have been discussed. According to present plans the committee inquiry would be started in January but probably confined at first to a recount of the Michigan ballots, which will be brought here in the original boxes, with roll books, clerk's tally sheets and other documents. Examination of witnesses will not begin until Mr. Newberry's trial in Michigan has been closed.

CARPENTIER BEATS BICKETT IN BOUT

Anglo-French Prize Fight Won By Frenchman

London, Dec. 5.—Experts in commenting on last night's fight in which Georges Carpentier, of France, knocked out Joe Beckett of England, in the first round concur in saying the victory went to the best man on account of his speed and cleverness.

SOCIALISTS WANT SOVIET RULE

Meeting at Leipsic Shows Bolshevik Tendencies

Leipsic, Dec. 5.—The congress of independent Socialists in session here yesterday, unanimously adopted a program declaring the Soviet system in Germany.

FRANCE PAYS BILLS

American Government Will Pay Twelve Million Francs

Washington, Dec. 4.—Under an agreement with the war department liquidation commission, France undertakes to settle all claims and controversies against the United States arising from American activities in France during the war, the war department announced today. In return the government will pay France 12,000,000 francs and an additional payment later if the claims exceed the original payment.

Members of the commission expect to sail for New York December 5.

Sale of the army transport McClellan to the French government for 2,025,000 francs was announced today by the war department.

The McClellan, formerly the British steamer Port Victor has a gross tonnage of 3,066 tons, and was built in 1885 at Newcastle, England. She was purchased by the government for use as transport during the Spanish-American war.

Carnegie Library Notes.

The following books have been received and are ready for circulation:

Rinehart: Amazing Interlude.
Daisy Ashford: Young Visitor.
Richard Cabot: Social Work.
Wright, H. B.: Re-creation of Brian Kent.
Marshall, Archibald: The Clintons.
Rinehart: Dangerous Days.
Rinehart: Love Stories.
Tolstoi: Anna Karenina.
Kingsley: Yeast.
Joseph Hergesheimer: Java Head.
Chamberlain, G. A.: White Man.
Jan Hay: The Last Million.
Richard Cabot: Layman's Handbook of Medicine.
Russell, A. R.: Inventions of the Great War.
Kipling: Years Between.
Trollope: The Warden.
Marshall: Exton Manor.
Locke, Wm. J.: Far Away Stories.
Wells, H. G.: The Undying Fire.
Crosby, P. L.: Between Shots.
Ross: Russia in Upheaval.
The following children's books, presented by Mr. G. W. Kraker:
Richard Bartram Series.
Lightfoot, the Leaping Goat.
Tinkle, the Trick Pony.
Dido, the Dancing Bear.
Tum-Tum, the Jolly Elephant.
Slicko, the Jumping Squirrel.
Beginning Monday, December 8th, the library will be open between the hours of four and six p. m., instead of 5-7 p. m. as formerly. These hours are adopted for the convenience of the public while the present regulations regarding the use of light and fuel are in force.

Marriage Licenses.

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RAILWAY SERVICE REDUCED

Coal Shortage Causes Trains to Be Discontinued

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Another standstill in plans looking to an end of the soft coal miners' strike marked the 34th day of non-production of coal in most union mines of the nation, as the government prepared for a grand jury investigation at Indianapolis and prosecution of miners, operators or others for violation of the federal injunction or for obstruction of production in violation of the Lever act.

The mines that have been idle virtually all of the time since the strike started November 1 continued so today although for two days there have been reports of return to work of small numbers of men in scattered localities. Production had increased somewhat it appeared but in much of the nation the reserve stocks were being reduced so rapidly that a virtual famine existed in many communities of a number of States and drastic action was taken by railroad and fuel officials.

Them ost drastic order of the day was the order for a reduction in railroad passenger service of one-third in "train miles in the north, central and southwestern railroad regions." The order means cancellation of more trains, curtailment of luxury equipment and increase of cars for trains remaining in service. There is to be no suspension of express or mail trains, however.

Industries continued to close, more drastic conservation rules were made in many States and cities and a number of State executives took action intended to aid in relieving the acute shortage.

While the larger mining corporations announced at Washington that they had agreed to pay the miners slightly more than the 14 per cent wage advance promulgated by Fuel Administrator Garfield, the operators were said to be awaiting the result of the government's legal action at Indianapolis.

I. C. Wells, editor of a coal trade publication, announced in Chicago that private advices from Washington were to the effect that operators were considering a 25 per cent advance to the miners' elimination of Dr. Garfield's plan, and an advance in cost of about 30 cents a ton to consumers. No announcement of consideration of such a plan was made in Washington.

Governor Gardner of Missouri announced the seizure by the State of 15 mines in that State. Mining with volunteers under troop protection, similar to the system used in Kansas, will be undertaken.

Governor Cox of Ohio called a meeting for tomorrow of Ohio miners and operators in an effort to settle the strike in that State.

Governors Shoup of Colorado, McKelvie of Nebraska and Carey, of Wyoming, at a conference in Denver, called on the national fuel administration to appoint administrators in each State, the same request made by governors of seven States in conference in Chicago last Sunday.

Governor Sleeper of Michigan sought to arrange an opening of mines in that State on a basis of the Garfield 14 per cent advance temporarily, any further increase to await final settlement. Operators agreed that coal mined under such an arrangement would not be shipped from Michigan.

Volunteer miners under troops protection will start work tomorrow in Oklahoma.

Kansas volunteers were hampered by rain that froze as it fell. In that State the governor has received word that a fuel famine exists in 75 towns. Municipal wood piles are in operation in many towns.

At Billings, Mont., schools and theaters were ordered closed today and stores went on a seven hour basis. John C. Lewis, president, and John Gay, secretary of the Iowa district of mine workers, were arrested today on citations of contempt issued at Indianapolis.

State troops were ordered withdrawn from the Trinidad, Col., district today.

Non-essential industries generally are cut off from all fuel except enough to prevent fire and freezing.

The Chicago packers were today ordered to arrange for a common cold storage plant and shut down others.

Denver today adopted drastic restrictions on business and industry similar to those ordered in Chicago yesterday.

THE HUNS UNDERSTAND FORCE ONLY

Coercion Necessary to Make Germans Sign Protocol

Paris, Dec. 5.—Coercion is the only argument likely to make an impression upon the Germans and induce them to sign the peace treaty protocol, according to newspapers which declared that this conclusion had been reached at a secret session of the council of five yesterday which Marshall Foch attended. The Petit Parisien says Germany considers she has gone too far, and an unofficial note received from Berlin announced that new negotiators would soon leave for Versailles.

THE COAL INQUIRY

Federal Grand Jury Called to Make Investigation

Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—Upon the heels of its institution of contempt proceedings against officials of the United Mine Workers of America, the government has taken steps to broaden the scope of its prosecutions in connection with the strike of coal miners and will investigate alleged violations of the Lever fuel control act and the Sherman anti-trust law by miners, operators and others.

United States District Judge A. B. Anderson today obtained a special session of the federal grand jury here next Monday morning and immediately afterward a statement was given out by United States District Attorney L. Ert. Slack and Dan W. Simms, special district attorney who is aiding in the injunction proceedings declaring that the time has arrived to determine "whether this is a government of law or a group of men."

This morning six officials of the United Mine Workers of America who yesterday were charged with criminal contempt for alleged violation of the federal courts injunction against the strike, appeared at the federal building and furnished bond of \$10,000 each for their appearance in court next Tuesday. They were John L. Lewis, acting president of the organization; William Green, secretary-treasurer; Ellis Searles, editor of The Mine Workers' Journal; Percy Tettlow, statistician, and Edward Stewart and William Mitch, officials of District No. 11.

The charges against 73 other miners' representatives of violation of the injunction were printed and certified today and copies were being mailed tonight to all court districts in which defendants reside. It was stated that as soon as this information is received in the various districts, capias will be issued for the arrest of men named in the charges and removal proceedings to procure their appearance in court here will be instituted.

The grand jury investigation, called primarily to deal with charges against coal operators, will cover all phases of the controversy in the coal industry and will be nationwide in its scope, it was stated. The statement of government attorneys brought out that the investigation was intended not only to furnish relief in the present coal crisis but that the government expects to prosecute all violators of the law and will see that they suffer the penalties provided by law. The Lever law carries a penalty of \$5,000 fine or imprisonment not to exceed two years in the penitentiary. It was stated that the determination to begin the grand jury investigation came as a result of disclosures, in the proceedings against the miners' leaders, which tended to show that the coal operators as well as the miners were in conspiracy to violate the Lever law. Agents of the department of justice two weeks ago started an investigation of alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law by operators, and the evidence collected by them has been added to that secured in previous investigation of the miners.

ITALIAN STRIKE COMES TO END

Rome, Dec. 5.—The order for the discontinuance of the general strike has been generally obeyed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

White—Belton Odum, Alcolu, and Roberta Hodge, Alcolu.
Colored—Caz McFadden, Brogdon, and Rebecca James, Brogdon; Robert Herriot, Sumter, and Rebecca Young, Sumter; Albert Sims, Oswego, and Rebecca Hagood, Oswego.

ALLIES ALLOTING PRE-WAR DEBTS

Supreme Council Assigns Share to Jugo-Slavia

Paris, Dec. 5.—The amount of the share of the pre-war debt of Austria-Hungary to be borne by Jugo-Slavia was considered by the supreme council today.

Mexico Short on Toys.

Mexico City, Nov. 29.—The approach of Christmas finds a dearth of toys in Mexico with no apparent means for greatly increasing the supply. In former years Germany has provided unlimited number of gim-cracks which found ready sales here but this source of supply was closed by the war. Other countries have been slow in entering this field of industrial activity. United States manufacturers have shown intentions of putting their toys on the market here but the goods have not arrived in appreciable amounts.

The buyers of toys in Mexico have a special liking for novelty designs, such as dolls that dance when a string is pulled. They prefer what is known to the trade as the "active toy."

House Rents High in Mexico.

Mexico City, Nov. 29.—House rents in Mexico City are four times higher than in the United States, according to figures issued recently by the department of Commerce and Industry. Newspapers commenting on such high prices say that there has been a fifty percent increase in rents in the past two years.

Mrs. Leon Scott Entertains.


Central Atlantic, Southwestern and Northwestern States are, said Mr. Vreiling, the favorite fields for investment of life insurance funds in farm loans. The principal companies had placed \$556,245,000 in farm mortgages in these sections.

Mrs. Leon Scott has issued invitations to a card party to be given on Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Louise Carson whose marriage to Mr. Edward H. Martin takes place on December the tenth, at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. E. Scott Carson on North Main St.

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