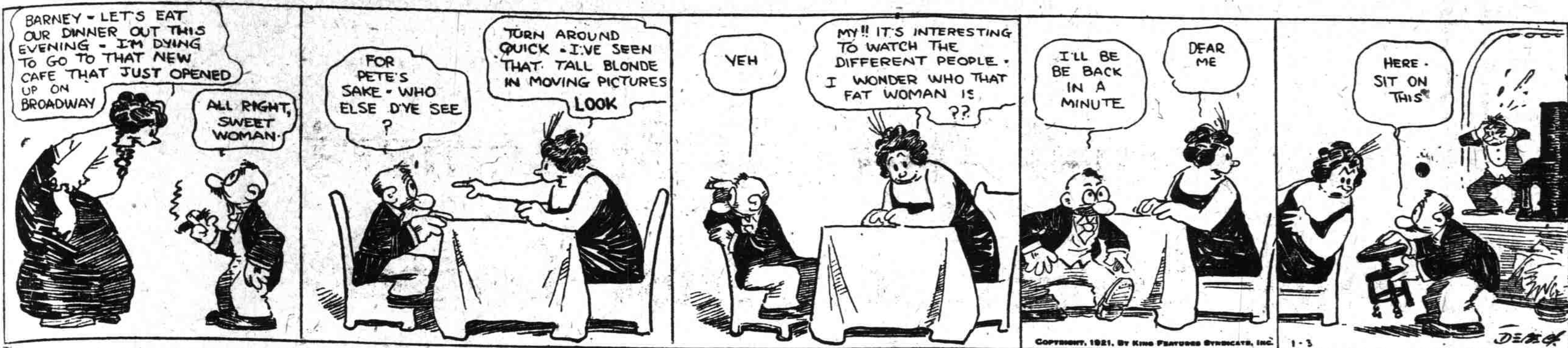


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MINGO AND PIKE HAVE BEEN A BATTLEGROUND

West Virginia and Kentucky Counties Famed for Moonshine and Feuds

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 2.—Since the early days when first settlers from Virginia fought their way to the western country against bands of hostile Indians, Mingo county, West Virginia, and Pike county, Kentucky, just across its border, have been almost continuous battlefields.

Mingo county's latest struggle is between the coal operators and the miners, but after a series of outbreaks which attracted country-wide attention, federal troops are maintaining order. After the early settlers had disposed of the Indians, the moonshiners took the field and for years fought and sometimes vanquished the hated revenue agents, protected as they often were against attack in the high hills and deep valleys that cover this section. Then came the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud of the 80's and 90's, which resulted in the practical wiping out of the McCoy family, and which caused two state governors to take a hand in its suppression. For some years after the feud the moonshiners again took the field, and although prohibition is now a law of the land, the "making of licker" has never been given up entirely in these hills.

Still another chapter of blood was written in Mingo when efforts were made this year to organize the coal miners. An unhappy climax came about in Matewan, W. Va., on May 19, 1920, when in a fight in the streets ten men were killed, seven of whom were guards of a private detective agency, sent into the district to elect union miners from company homes. Since the Matewan fight Mingo has been the scene of other disorders and railroad mining properties have been destroyed by explosives. Intermittent warfare between operators, guards and miners and their sympathizers followed in such proportions that Governor Cornwell, of West Virginia, called on the federal government for troops. When a provisional battalion was sent to Mingo, martial law was declared here and several other towns and villages.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The first case in which the powers of the railway labor board under the new federal transportation act have been invoked to settle a strike threat has been set for hearing before that body for tomorrow. It has to do with demands made upon the Norfolk and Southern railway by its trainmen and conductors which have been hanging fire since last February. The strike vote was ordered December 2 by officers of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and, according to reliable information, resulted overwhelmingly in favor of the strike.

December 11 the railway labor board notified the company and the unions that it had assumed jurisdiction in the controversy and that no further action was to be taken until instructions were received from the board. A few days later W. C. Turner, vice president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and Val Fitzpatrick, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, were summoned to appear here. The demands of the men modified an agreement dated October 18, 1917, and embodied requests for increased pay on mine service runs and changes in certain working conditions which the railway management asserted meant increased wages generally. Added to this was a conflict of opinion as to whether the controversy should be submitted to the federal board.

President Maher of the company asserted that the transportation act provided that all such controversies should be submitted to the board, but Mr. Fitzpatrick took issue with these views, because he said they "imply that all controversies regardless of rights, wages or fundamental instructions submitted to the labor board for adjudication."

"If such conclusions were accepted," continued Mr. Fitzpatrick's statement to President Maher, "then the railway would be in a position to force submission to the labor board of every question that arises, regardless of its merits. Thus, things that are fundamental and the inherent rights of men would be dependent upon the views of nine men, which results, from the employees' standpoint, would be doubtful and questionable."

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 4.—(Correspondence Associated Press)—There are prospects for an enormous sugar crop in Hawaii in 1921 with comparatively low prices prevailing, according to a review prepared by the Hawaiian Trust company and published by the Honolulu Star Bulletin. According to this source, Hawaiian planters will realize an average price of not more than six cents for next year's crop.

On the other hand, says the review, there are indications for an increased production of sugar next year. The Hawaiian plantations are represented as being on a sound financial basis despite the present depression, but some of them, says the review, will not be able to pay their taxes next season. The Hawaiian Trust company's report says that the Crockett refinery in California, approximately 90 per cent of the stock of which is owned in Hawaii, has suffered a loss of several million dollars this season owing to inability to dispose of sugar at a price keeping with the figure at which the phases were made. Consequently, the Hawaiian planters seemingly have been able to offset their losses. The report adds: "We understand that since July 14, 1920, the Hawaiian sugar plantations have shipped to the Crockett refinery in California approximately 120,000 tons of raw sugar. We understand also that the carry-over on December 31, as now estimated, will be in the neighborhood of 80,000 tons."

D'ANNUNZIO TO LEAVE AFTER VISITING ROME

He Will Give Back All His Medals To King and Then Quit Native Country

TRIESTE, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.) Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio will not remain in Italy following his retirement as head of the "regency of Quarano," it is asserted here. In well informed circles, it is declared he will place the hands of the king all medals awarded him during the war, including the gold medal for valor, the highest Italian decoration, and then leave the country.

Delegates from the Fiume council did their utmost to induce General Cavaglia, in command of Italian government troops in Dalmatia to allow the poet-soldier to leave Fiume at the head of his legionnaires, but the general sternly refused. Exchange of prisoners taken during the fight at Fiume began today, 185 regulars being surrendered and 100 legionnaires being returned to Fiume. Order is being maintained in the city by special police organized by the national council, while the Italian government has offered a special list of soldiers, should their services be required.

Ubaldo D'Annunzio, the poet's son, tried to enter Fiume yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by Gino Bert, a journalist, who tried to pass him through the lines, but he was discovered by regular forces and turned back. The provisional government of Fiume has begun the disarmament of the legionnaires. All the poet's ships will leave the harbor of Fiume tomorrow and will be taken to Pola. Within five days, none of the poet's troops with whom he has held Fiume against the world, for 18 months, will remain, and all arms in the city will be turned over to Italy.

N. AND W. STRIKE WILL BE CONSIDERED TODAY

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ANOTHER OFFENSIVE IS PLANNED AGAINST TICK

North Carolina Landowners' Association Will Ask Legislature for New Law

By JULE B. WARREN RALEIGH, Jan. 2.—Strengthened by the backing of the supreme court in upholding the rules and regulations of the board of agriculture for the eradication of the cattle tick, enemies of the tick in North Carolina are preparing to move with considerable force on the general assembly in an effort to get a state-wide tick eradication law passed. Such a bill was introduced in the extra session of the legislature in 1920, but was held out for political reasons. These reasons centered around the belief of some of the more experienced legislators that it would be impossible to carry such a law through both branches of the general assembly on the eve of a general election.

On the whole the individual members of the legislature believe the tick eradication measure will be the salvation of the cattle business in the state, but they hesitate to force the law on folks who do not believe the tick is such a bad fellow that it will pay to eradicate him, especially when eradication practically means the building of fences in counties which have not adopted the stock law. Some members of the extra session frankly expressed the belief that the passage of a state-wide tick law would practically defeat the Democratic party in some of the eastern counties.

The campaign against the ticklish tick is being waged largely by the North Carolina Landowners' association of Wilmington, which is sending out a large amount of propaganda against the pest. Those counties which have gone through the throes of eradication are well satisfied with the results, and the enemies of the tick believe the law would prove a blessing in disguise for those counties which are not yet willing to accept the eradication measures.

RACING ASSOCIATION DEFIES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S THREAT

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—In spite of the threat of wholesale arrests made by District Attorney Marr, the racing season at the fair grounds track, under the auspices of the Business Men's Racing association, opened on Saturday with one of the largest crowds ever assembled at a local track. Although the district attorney was yesterday served with an injunction to prevent the proposed wholesale arrest of alleged gamblers at today's opening, he announced that he would entirely disregard the injunction for the reason that the civil court issuing it did not have jurisdiction in the premises.

The opening of the track in Orleans parish, following the closing of the season and Jeffish parish Friday, was watched with interest by local racing fans, and the presence at the track of large numbers of policemen caused much speculation as to what might occur in the event the district attorney should disregard the injunction.

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