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GRADED CAUSED STRIKE, IT SAYS

Bishop Donahue Testifies He Was "Agreeably Surprised" by the Good Living Condition of Miners.

PRICES IN COMPANY STORES EXORBITANT

Churchman Blames Temper of Both the Mine Operators and Their Employes for Strife.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Greene of the coal operators as well as the miners, Bishop J. P. Donahue of the Catholic church told the senate investigating committee today, was the fundamental cause of the West Virginia strike. Exorbitant prices in company stores, from 15 to 25 per cent above the market, he gave as one instance on the part of the operators.

The bishop was on a commission which investigated conditions on Paint creek and Cabin creek. He was agreeably surprised by the living conditions of the miners.

"Of course, we found no Turkish rugs, but we did find fairly comfortable workingmen's homes," said the prelate.

"Were the men contented?" asked Senator Kenyon.

"I can best answer in the words of Witness Griffith, who said the men would not be satisfied until they owned the mines."

Coming to the cause of the strike, the bishop quoted a line from the Psalms, "The rich man flaunts his wealth and sets the poor man on fire," and declared it applied to the situation in West Virginia. He added that infidelity had been taught to the miners, that they had been taught that the saying, "The poor we have with us always," was a farce and that the miners had just as much a right to automobiles and to live in Kanawha street as the coal operators.

Views on Labor Unions. Senator Borah contended that if laboring men were not ambitious they would become industrial slaves.

"Ah, but not so, if property owners are not filled with greed," returned the bishop. "I believe men should hold property not as their own but as trustees for others and that trusteeship should be shown by acts."

Senator Martine asked Bishop Donahue if labor unions were not organized, in his opinion, for the good of the members. The bishop hesitated until the question was repeated, then said:

PUERTO PLATA IS SHELLED FROM SEA

U. S. Gunboat Des Moines Rushed to Dominican Port, where American Lives and Property Are Endangered in Civil War—Big Damage Feared.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Puerto Plata, in the Dominican republic, where a revolution is in progress, is being shelled by Dominican gunboats with great danger to American lives and property. Jose M. Esteve, American vice-consul there as reported today, the gunboat Des Moines is today at Guantanamo, coaling for the run to Puerto Plata, where she is due tomorrow.

Puerto Plata has been in the hands of the Dominican rebels ever since the latest revolution started with the announcement of the governor that the state had seceded from all allegiance to the central government. The present danger to Americans and their property comes from the attempt of the Dominican government to force the rebel stronghold to capitulate.

Until the receipt of today's dispatch, state department officials had not thought the flare-up would be serious. The supposed leader of the uprising is Hector Velasquez, one time provisional president of the republic. Previous incense advises gave no indication that any fighting had occurred.

So far as naval activities here are informed, the Dominican navy consist of two or three converted yachts, armed with 6-pounders and machine guns. They could cause enormous damage to an unfortified town like Puerto Plata, especially since it is largely of wooden construction and might easily be set afire.

Miss Wilson Intercedes For Little Blind Girl

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—The little blind daughter of Rural Mail Carrier Sherry at Mandale, O., may ride with her father over his route, although a postoffice regulation expressly forbids it, because Miss Jessie Wilson, the president's second daughter interceded for the little girl and got Postmaster-General Burleson to issue a special permit.

FIVE SITES PROFFERED FOR PELLAGRA HOSPITAL

For Treatment of Disease Near Raleigh—Supreme Court to Decide City Case.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Sept. 8.—The chamber of commerce Tuesday night will offer the choice of five sites for the location of a proposed hospital for the treatment and study of pellagra in this section. Several citizens have come forward with locations, and these will be submitted through the business organization here. John C. Drewry is president.

Not until the state supreme court determines whether or not the city had the right to sell its sidewalks will the sale of the market house property to the Tucker estate be confirmed. There is little doubt of the city's right to sell sidewalks, and the case that will be carried up will be for the purpose of forever securing the title. It is expected that work will begin at the new market house site by the last of the month.

Neither President Finley nor Vice President Andrews of the Southern railway will be able to attend the hearing here today for the purpose of investigating the sale and dismemberment of the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad.

One of the largest fall dockets to confront the officers has been arranged in Wake county for this week. 125 cases being enrolled. All these will have to be disposed of in a single week. Included in the number are two murder cases. The remainder run the gamut from larceny to assault with deadly weapon.

KING MANUEL'S PRESENT REPORTED TO BE HELD

Lisbon Customs Authorities Said to Be Concerned About Inscription.

By Associated Press. London, Sept. 8.—It is reported from Lisbon that the Portuguese customs authorities are still holding up a case containing a wedding present for the deceased King Manuel, who was married to Princess Augustine Victoria of Hohenzollern in Germany last week.

JEROME AGAIN AT COATCOOK

Thaw Prosecutor Appears at Little Town to Face Preliminary Hearing for "Gambling."

THE CHARGE PROBABLY WILL BE DISMISSED

Defect in Warrant Opens the Possibility of Dropping the Case Without Extended Defense.

By Associated Press. Coatcook, Sept. 8.—Harry K. Thaw was temporarily forgotten by the townspeople of Coatcook today and all paths led to the red brick schoolhouse, where William Travers Jerome had promised to appear this afternoon for a preliminary hearing on a charge of gambling.

Jerome was released last week under \$500 bail, and with his departure for Montreal to make arrangements to oppose the habeas corpus writ on which Thaw is to be arraigned next Monday, many of those here antagonistic to his mission remarked that "Jerome has jumped his bail. He'll never show his face in Coatcook again." It was with considerable surprise, therefore, that they heard Jerome's counsel had put his case forward today.

James McKee, the aged justice of the peace who signed the warrant for Jerome's arrest and drove him in court when Jerome did not appear at the first hearing, had no part in today's proceedings. He was superseded by a district magistrate, H. W. Mulvena of Sheerbrooke. Mulvena agreed yesterday to come here and preside.

A. C. Hanson, joint crown prosecutor for the district, was in charge for the prosecution; Jacob Nicol of Sheerbrooke, crown prosecutor of the district, for the defense. This strange state of affairs developed out of Nicol's aiding the New York forces in getting Thaw out of Sheerbrooke jail. He has since been identified with anti-Thaw interests, and after denouncing Jerome's arrest as an outrage, volunteered to defend him. It has strained the relations between him and his associate, Hanson; but the latter has no alternative but to prosecute.

Myford Aitch, the mill hand complainant against Jerome, got leave of absence for this afternoon, so that he could be in court. He said this morning that he had no sympathy with Thaw and acted against Jerome because he thought it was his duty.

"I got in a little trouble one time for playing cards in New Hampshire," he confessed, "and this will sort of even things up."

Thaw evinced great interest in the Jerome case but could get little information from his guards. No one except his lawyers was allowed to see him and most of them are in Montreal. It was still uncertain today when Thaw would be removed there.

Jerome stepped off the train from Montreal at noon, ready to appear in court this afternoon. A small crowd greeted him in silence. He made no statement and was taken at once to his hotel.

Samuel Jacobs, K. C. of Montreal, chief counsel for New York state in its fight to return Harry K. Thaw to Matteawan, accompanied Jerome. They alighted from the train almost directly beneath the window of the detention room where Thaw is held. It was raining and there were not more than 40 idlers at the station. Notwithstanding the open hostility that has been shown to Jerome here no threat was heard today.

The crowd dispersed quickly and drifted toward the courthouse, where the hearing was to be held at 4 o'clock. It was predicted that the charge would be dismissed on a technicality, in that it specified that Jerome played cards in "a railroad station" when as a matter of fact he was more than 50 feet from the station.

U.S. MAY BAR OUT MILITANT LEADER

Immigration Authorities Consider Turning Back English Suffragist as an Undesirable Alien—She Will Be Detained on Landing in Any Event.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—Before Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the British militant suffragists, can be admitted to the United States in October, the time set in the latest announcements for her coming, the immigration authorities will decide whether any of the acts for which she has been imprisoned in England constitute moral turpitude within the meaning of the law and make her an undesirable alien.

Schoolgirl's Body Found In Woods; Youth Missing

By Associated Press. Salem, O., Sept. 8.—The body of Ida Lee, 18 years old, a high school girl, was found in a grove north of here today with a bullet hole through her head. She had been missing since Saturday, when she went mushroom hunting with Oscar Gray, also 18 years old. Gray is missing.

Gray was a high school student and leading athlete. When the couple did not return home Saturday evening an elopement was suspected. Then Jesse Gray, the boy's father, found that his revolver was missing. Alarmed, he notified the parents of the girl, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, and a search was instituted.

Mrs. Theda Allen, the boy's grandmother, living at Patmos, six miles distant, said he appeared at her home Saturday morning greatly excited and then disappeared in the woods.

State Probing Death of Negroes in Prison Cell

By Associated Press. Richmond, Texas, Sept. 8.—The suffocation of eight negro convicts in an underground cell on the state prison farm Saturday night today, aroused an investigation backed by the governor of Texas, the attorney-general's department, the prison commission and the local police authorities.

Twelve negroes, as a punishment for laziness in picking cotton, were locked in the cell over night Saturday. The cell roof is double with air holes so placed that no two shall coincide. There are six of these roof air holes and four in the floor. Many times before this cell had been used for confining several convicts at a time but with no fatal results.

Wednesday has been set for the hearing of three guards arrested in connection with the investigation.

ZAMAONA AT HAVANA ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

Huerta's Supposed Representative Says He Comes on "Purely Private Business."

By Associated Press. Havana, Sept. 8.—Manuel De Zamacona, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, arrived here today on the steamship Esperanza from Vera Cruz. He immediately transferred to the steamer Prince George bound for Key West.

Senor De Zamacona said the report that he was going to Washington as the special representative of President Huerta was untrue.

"I am going to the capital on purely private business," he said. Further than this the Mexican diplomat declined to talk.

INHERITANCE TAX IS URGED

Senator Norris Would Have Government Take 75 per Cent of the Larger Bequests.

SENATOR CLAPP IS MORE RADICAL STILL

Effort to Reduce the Duty on Cut Diamonds to Ten per Cent Is Defeated.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 8.—The democratic tariff bill introduced by Majority Leader Underwood five months ago and passed by the house four months ago today, may pass the senate before adjournment tonight.

When the measure was called up early today by Chairman Simmons of the finance committee, it was the intention to hold the senate in session until a vote was reached. Leaders of both sides agreed that the bill surely would be reported back to the house sometime tomorrow. In conference the measure is expected to be debated less than two weeks.

After some preliminary discussion today Senator LaFollette took the floor for his first general discussion of the bill, having deferred his amendments to the wool and cotton schedules until the coming of the debate. He expected to talk about four hours.

Senator Norris, progressive republican, called up his tax amendment proposing a tax on inheritances, graduated from one per cent on \$5,000 up to 75 per cent on bequests exceeding \$50,000,000. He said it was designed to break up immense fortunes.

Senator Clapp, progressive republican, said he would support the amendment, although he believed the time had come when the government should go further and not allow people of great wealth like the Astors "to take what does not belong to them from the people."

Senator Norris took the case of Vincent Astor to illustrate the effect of his amendment. The younger Astor, he said, did nothing to accumulate the fortune of \$80,000,000 he received from his father.

"Under this proposed amendment," said Senator Norris, "the tax Vincent Astor would pay to the government would be \$42,799,500. He would then have more than \$37,200,000 tipped into his lap—a fortune made by millions of people of the United States, a fortune which the accumulation of which he did not sweat a drop, a fortune accumulated without an effort of his hand or brain. Such a tax would not be robbing Mr. Astor."

Senator Dillingham's amendment to turn back each state's income tax for good roads with the provision that each state appropriate a like amount, was lost. Foreign books were returned to the free list as originally provided by the house.

Senator Smoot moved to reduce the duty on cut, but not set, diamonds, pearls and other precious stones from 20 per cent to 10 per cent. He said that he would not object to the high duty were it possible to collect it, and prevent smuggling. The senator held in his hand eight pearls, which he said cost \$78,000.

"I move the senator pass them around," said Senator Reed. The amendment was lost.

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Ship Arrive. By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 8.—Arrived this morning, the British liner, Empress of India, from London.

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Sept. 8.—Dr. Louis W. Sambon of the British school of tropical medicine is a visitor in this city today, along with Dr. R. M. Gilman, and Dr. F. E. Garrison, United States government physician at Georgetown, as the guest of the Medical Society of South Carolina. It is today investigating pellagra conditions here.

Cyclists Killed. Cologne, Germany, Sept. 8.—Gus Lawson, an American cyclist, and Schumann, a German rider, were killed and Meinhold, the German's wheelmaker, was fatally injured here today in the course of a motor-paced bicycle race for the 100 kilometer championship. The Mrs. of Lawson's motorcycle burst.

Tennessee Legislature in Extraordinary Session. Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 8.—The Tennessee legislature convened in extraordinary session today to consider proposed legislation covering a wide range of subjects. Governor Hooper in his special message recommended the enactment of a "blue sky" law, an anti-pass law, a law prohibiting Sunday business and various measures for the benefit of labor.

Two Years Delay in Thaw Case? Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Dominion officials here foresee a delay of possibly two years before final decision in the case of Harry K. Thaw.