

TWENTY-FIVE ARE SHOT IN DISORDER IN CUBAN CAPITAL

Havana Police Clash With Spectators at Funeral of Laborer.

SEVEN WOUNDED BY FIRING INTO STREETS

Printed Notices Calling For Vengeance Against the Police Posted.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Twenty-five persons were wounded today in encounters between the police and persons attending the funeral of a laborer killed in Sunday's demonstration against the high cost of living and the police's gathering along the route of the funeral procession.

Seven persons, including two policemen, were wounded by pistol shots a quarter of a mile distant from the home of the laborer, as his coffin was being carried toward the cemetery on the shoulders of a group of brother laborers.

Reports as to the cause of the encounters are conflicting. The police claim that efforts were made by the crowd to attack them, while the laborers assert that the police provoked them by indiscriminately wielding their clubs against inoffensive men and women spectators of the funeral.

In prominent parts of the city tonight printed notices were posted, calling for vengeance against the police. These were removed by the authorities last night and the indications seemed to be that there would be no further trouble.

It is estimated several thousand laborers were in the funeral procession, while tens of thousands of persons lined the streets through which the cortege passed.

DR. SCOTT REFUSES TO FURNISH \$15,000 BAIL

Physician Charged With Murdering Girl Elects to Stay in Jail.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—Dr. Christopher G. Scott, charged with killing Miss Elizabeth Ford Griffith, his office assistant, and central figure in the most mysterious Louisville murder cases in many years, refused to furnish \$15,000 bail bond at the conclusion of arguments on motion for bail in police court here today.

The little Gardner girl, after being confined in the detention home on the charge of delinquency, was released on nominal bond pending a trial in juvenile court.

CUBAN SUGAR MAY BRING 20c PRICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The public probably will have to pay 20 cents a pound for the advance crop of 9,000,000 pounds of Cuban sugar now being delivered and distributed here, according to a statement today by Federal Food Administrator Williams.

"This is due to the fact that dealers here are required to pay a higher price to the Cuban producer for the crop which is in advance of the regular output," said Mr. Williams. "We cannot control the prices charged by the Cubans."

4 PER CENT INCREASE IS HIGHEST SAY OPERATORS

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Coal operators from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania at a conference today declared that they would assume no increase in miners' wages above the 14 per cent granted in the strike settlement.

ELECTION IN NEW ZEALAND.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 29.—A cable to the Vancouver World from Sydney, N. W., says the latest New Zealand licensing poll figures wipe out the prohibition lead and give confidence a majority 1,522. Nearly 29,000 "absent" votes were counted.

When Emma Lands

By Billy Borne



COAL COMMISSION HOLDS FIRST MEET

Begin Preparations to Probe Wages of Miners.

Last of Coal Restrictions Modified by Director-General Hines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Preliminary arrangements for the investigation of wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry, as provided in the coal strike settlement, were made at the initial meeting today of the commission of three appointed by President Wilson.

The members of the commission—Henry M. Robinson, of Pasadena, Calif., representing the public, Rembrand Peale for the operators and John P. White for the miners—established semi-permanent headquarters in the department of labor building and were understood to have discussed the matter of organization.

While the commission was preparing to take up the questions of the strike, Director-General of Railroads Hines, who has had charge of coal rationing, modified the last of the restrictions put into effect during the strike—that prohibiting exportation of bituminous coal.

Under the strike settlement plan agreed to by the miners and in which it is expected that the operators will participate in spite of objections made to it by operators' association, the President's coal commission has power to fix wages and working conditions in the mines, and prices of coal to the public, if its decision is unanimous.

Speaks Before Child Welfare Luncheon.

Says Attitude of Nation Toward Question Will Be Supreme Test.

whole problem of Americanization would be met in 20 years if the nation could systematically grapple with the child problem and insure proper conditions of birth, education and nutrition.

"We have amply demonstrated in this country that if this sort of thing is to be accomplished it must be developed out of the conscience of every separate community," Mr. Hoover said.

Due to methods adopted by American and other relief bodies the disease mortality among Belgian children is below the pre-war normal, in spite of the fact they went through nearly four years of famine, he declared. Of relief measures generally, Mr. Hoover said:

SAILORS CLING TO WRECK OF VESSEL

Ship Is Being Pounded to Pieces on the Rocks.

Efforts to Rescue Survivors Futile—Many Members of Crew Lost.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29.—Five survivors of the crew of the Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel were battling desperately tonight on the wreck of their ship, which was fast being pounded to pieces on the jagged rocks which form the entrance to St. Mary's Bay, New Foundland.

All day long the fisherfolk from the nearby village of St. Shotts had watched the unequal struggle for life from the tops of the rugged cliffs which frowned down upon the rock. They were absolutely powerless to aid but the fascination of the impending tragedy held the spectators on the storm-swept cliff tops until darkness hid the wreck.

The steamer ordered from St. Johns to attempt to rescue cannot reach the scene of the wreck before tomorrow morning.

AMERICANIZE THROUGH THE CHILD SAYS HOOVER

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to do with this work can claim but little credit. "I feel sometimes that we are perhaps more concerned over the cases of mass misery of other nations than in the individual needs of our own," he said.

TRIAL OF WILLIAM C. HALL IS OPENED

Prohibition Agent on Trial Second Time.

Prosecution Tries to Prove Officers Fired the First Shots.

MANASSAS, Va., Dec. 29.—At the opening today of the second trial of Prohibition Inspector Hall, charged with killing Lawrence D. Hudson, an alleged "bootlegger" near Winchester, Va., last March, the prosecution introduced evidence to show that Hall and three other prohibition agents, indicted jointly with him, fired the first shots in the pistol battle which resulted in the death of Hudson and his companion, Raymond Shackelford.

The automobile occupied by Hudson and Shackelford at the time of the shooting will be shown to the jury tomorrow. At the hearing today the automobile curtains were produced and the punctures were made by bullets fired from the outside.

The defense, in the opening statement, admitted that Hall had shot Hudson but claimed he acted in self-defense as the fatal shot was fired from the outside.

TITLES WILL NOT BE GIVEN CANADIANS THIS YEAR

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—No Canadian names will appear upon King George's 1920 list of new year's honours, it was predicted today.

The shooting occurred on the night of last March 28 on the valley turnpike near Winchester, when the prohibition agents intercepted Hudson and Shackelford in an automobile loaded with whiskey.

The people of the community, enraged over the killing, stoned a hotel in Woodstock, where the prohibition officers and Prohibition Commissioner Peters had taken refuge.

BIG LINER ALLOCATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The shipping board today allocated the George Washington, the vessel which twice carried President Wilson to France, to the American line for service between New York, West, Cork and Southampton.

PEOPLE HINDER EFFORTS TO REDUCE LIVING COSTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The American people, themselves, are hindering the movement in its campaign to bring down the cost of clothing by demanding only merchandise made from the finest wools, declared Howard Figg, assistant to the attorney-general in charge of the high cost of living campaign, today in endorsing the statement issued last night in Boston by William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company.

"We cannot expect the price of clothing to be materially reduced as long as the public demand is directed to the higher priced merchandise, said Mr. Figg. "The retailer as a result of this demand on the part of the public has unconsciously fallen into the habit of displaying only merchandise of the higher price clothing, the result being that the manufacturers of materials entering into the completed suit had to devote their attention to the manufacture of cloth in line with demands of the retail distributor."

STAND ON PENDING R. R. BILLS TAKEN BY BROTHERHOODS

Oppose Legislation Which Would Make Strikes Unlawful.

FAVOR EXTENDING FEDERAL CONTROL

Declaration of Principles Adopted—Gompers Issues Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Representatives of the four big railway brotherhoods and heads of affiliated trades adopted tonight a declaration of principles opposing legislation which would make strikes of railway workers unlawful.

The declaration framed at a conference with President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, declared that the union of railway employees that penalize clauses in workers ceasing their employment should be eliminated.

"On Friday last a number of the representatives of the railroad organizations both shopmen and the train service met at my office and we discussed the situation regarding the railroad legislation and I issued an invitation to the executives of the ten shopmen organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and to the four railroad brotherhoods, asking them to meet in conference with me here today. We began our meeting at 3 o'clock and adjourned after eight. The entire time was taken up with a discussion of the parliamentary situation regarding the bills. We reached these conclusions:

"That it is the sense of the conference that the control of the railroads should be exercised by the government for a period of not less than two years in order that a proper test may be made as to government control.

"That such tests has not been given a fair opportunity during the war times or Anti-strike Clause.

"This conference is opposed to legislation making strikes of workers unlawful. It is the sense of this conference that penalty clauses in pending legislation to meet in conference with me here today. We began our meeting at 3 o'clock and adjourned after eight. The entire time was taken up with a discussion of the parliamentary situation regarding the bills. We reached these conclusions:

MRS. WILLIAM VERMILYE DEPARTS FOR NEW YORK

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Mrs. William Grey Vermilye left Harrisburg late today for New York, declining to make any statement as to her plans.

WARRANT FOR ARREST OF BEATRICE VESTER ISSUED

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Dec. 29.—A warrant for the arrest of Beatrice Vester, on the charge of murdering J. Stanley Brown, son of a wealthy Detroit manufacturer, was issued today as a result of information given by Miss Gladys Summit of Battle Creek, Mich.

of this demand on the part of the public has unconsciously fallen into the habit of displaying only merchandise of the higher price clothing, the result being that the manufacturers of materials entering into the completed suit had to devote their attention to the manufacture of cloth in line with demands of the retail distributor. As a consequence, there has been a very little cloth of a good quality at a reasonable price manufactured.

"I am informed by the manufacturer that he can today manufacture cloth of a good quality at a price far below the prevailing prices if the wholesaler and retailer will devote a certain percentage of their operations to the distribution of this quality, which would have the effect of causing a reduction of from 25 to 50 per cent in the present prices of mens clothing."

LABOR HEADS FIND FAULT WITH PLAN TO SETTLE UNREST

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Suggestions of the President's industrial conference for the settlement of labor unrest drew fire today from organized labor in the first of the public discussions invited by the commission in its report, published today.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said the failure of the conference to recognize definitely the organizations of workers—trade unions—as the basis for representation, was a fatal omission; while Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, noting the absence of reference by the conference to collective bargaining or the necessity for organizations of workers, said anyone who would avert or postpone industrial conflicts could not ignore these principles.

Mr. Gompers declared the commission should reconsider the question of definite recognition of trade unions in order to make possible the confidence and co-operation of wage earners which can be expressed only through organizations of their own making.

"Any plan to establish or maintain anything like a fair relations between workers and employers must avoid compulsory features," he declared. "Any proposal for compulsory labor is repugnant to American sovereignty and citizenship."

Mr. Morrison said the declaration against government employees, joining the American Federation of Labor, would indicate that the commission has been affected by the temporary wave of anti-unionism.

"In no solution to empower the President and a cabinet officer to select representatives of workers to adjust disputes. The workers must have this power themselves."

20 MORE ARRESTED IN ROUNDUP OF REDS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Twenty-two arrests were made here today in a raid on the quarters of a communist society. The raid was made by local police under the direction of Senator Lusk, head of the Lusk legislative investigating committee which convenes here Wednesday.

Senator Lusk said much documentary evidence was taken in the raid connecting L. C. A. K. Martens, "soviet ambassador," with propaganda work here. The roster of the local branch was also found containing 400 names. Senator Lusk said the police have been instructed to arrest as many more as possible.

MORE FATALITIES FROM POISONOUS LIQUOR RECORDED

Alleged Ring Leaders of "Wood Alcohol Gang" Arrested in N. Y.

FOUR MORE VICTIMS DIE DURING THE DAY

Two Men and a Woman Picked Up Unconscious on Gotham Streets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—With six men in custody, alleged ring leaders in a conspiracy to stock New York, New Jersey and New England with poisonous substitution for whiskey, federal, state and city authorities were united tonight in a vigorous pursuit of the purveyors of the poisonous beverages which have caused scores of deaths and hundreds of cases of blindness and illness.

The capture of at least a score or more of the poison dispensers is expected, according to the federal officials. In the meantime the toll of death and serious illness caused through drinking wood alcohol and other illicit concoctions continued to mount in New York and adjacent cities. During the day four more deaths were recorded, one each from Newark, Elizabeth, Passaic, N. J., and one from New York. In addition two men and a woman were picked up unconscious on New York streets and two men in Passaic in a similar condition, all four being critically ill tonight from alcohol poisoning.

Officials Aroused. Thoroughly aroused by the ever-growing list of fatalities, the authorities held several conferences during the day at which co-operation was planned between the different federal and municipal departments. Colonel Daniel L. Porter, supervising revenue agent for New York, who is at the head of the campaign for the federal government, declared tonight that New York City is the headquarters for the country in the wood alcohol industry and that it is his duty to tell how far the authorities of the trade extend.

The two most important arrests made so far, according to the federal agents are those of John Romanelli, a Brooklyn undertaker, and Samuel Saleby a Brooklyn druggist who are accused of being the principals in the distribution of the poison throughout New England. The two men were released tonight on \$25,000 bail pending further examination.

The remaining four men are Adolph Panarelli, former school-keeper, Casarito, Licenzato, Amelio Deloma and Luigi Pucca, Italian grocers. Panarelli has made a statement to the authorities in regard to the method employed for distribution of the liquor in New England, and was stated tonight by the federal agent for the government. Two of seven barrels of liquor which Romanelli is accused of having sold are said to have been bought by a Bronx school-keeper. This morning, according to Colonel Porter, came to Panarelli after the sale and denounced him for having charged him \$2,300 for wood alcohol.

Warned Salesmen. Panarelli was advised Romanelli's agent claims, Colonel Porter said, that he took a sample of the liquor to a druggist who confirmed the school-keeper's word that it was poison. He had told him that he then contacted Nathan Saltsberg, Harvard County school-keeper over the long distance telephone, not to sell any of three barrels of the liquor he had bought. Saltsberg told him, he continued, that he had sold a barrel of the liquor to a dealer in Chicopee, Mass., and smaller quantities to other dealers in Hartford but that he would try and recover as much of the liquor as he could. Later he was informed by Saltsberg that he had not got back his advice, and a barrel which had been sold in Chicopee. After reading of the deaths from wood alcohol poisoning in Connecticut and Massachusetts, Panarelli went to a lawyer, and on his advice, surrendered himself to Revenue Agent Dobbs.

A still and 1,500 gallons of liquor were seized tonight in a raid in the basement of an apartment house in the Bronx by city detectives. Three men were arrested who described themselves as Louis Deito, an ice dealer; Vitolo Cello and Joseph Giuseppe, laborers.

Another death, that of John Smith, 55, was added tonight to the toll of wood alcohol poisoning. He lived in a Fulton street lodging house where four others have died from drinking poisonous liquor.

Hotel Man Arrested

CHICOLEE, Mass., Dec. 29.—Mr. Edward Lyons, proprietor of a half-hotel in Hadley, was arrested this afternoon on three warrants sworn out by State Detective Joseph V. Daly, of Northampton. The arrest resulted from the latest number of deaths throughout this section from the drinking of "whiskey," alleged to have contained wood alcohol.

Lyons is charged with manufacturing and causing the death of Michael Schinkin, of Hadley, who died Sunday night. It is alleged he drank some of the poisonous liquor said to have been purchased in the Hadley hotel. Lyons was released under \$6,500 on this charge. The other two charges refer to illegal liquor selling. He will be arraigned in district court in Northampton, tomorrow morning.

According to District Attorney John H. Schoonmaker of Ware, Lyons secured the liquor from Alexander Perry, of this town, who is also under arrest on the charge of manslaughter. Two of the five gallons which Lyons is claimed to have purchased were sold, the other three being destroyed. Although several persons are ill in hospitals and homes no new deaths resulted today. Many of those ill came from Pittsfield, where they had died in Connecticut valley from drinking the poison.