Government Retains Grip It Took on Miners

125 ARE INDICTED AS IN CONSPIRACY ON COST OF COAL

More Than Half Are Operators; Accusations Are Made by Special Federal Grand Jury; Can Be Fined $10,000 and Imprisoned.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 11.—Indictments charging conspiracy have been returned against 125 mine operators and coal miners by a special federal grand jury in United States district court here.

The charge, as reported, is conspiracy under the Lever act to enhance the price of necessaries by restricting distribution, limiting manufactures by other means and conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, as defined in the criminal code.

Names of those indicted will not be announced, except as each defendant is served by a United States marshal with the indictment notice, it was said. All the men are said to be active in the so-called central competitive field, which embraces Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and western Pennsylvania. More than one-half of the defendants are said to be mine operators.

The indictments are drawn under sections four and nine of the Lever act and section 37 of the criminal code. The penalty upon conviction is said to be a fine not exceeding $10,000, or imprisonment for not more than two years or

Grew Out of Coal Strike.

The grand jury was called into special session to investigate affairs of the coal operators and miners on December 17, 1919.

It was said that the jury examined more than 300 persons in prosecuting its investigation. Among those examined were: Dr. H. A. Garfield, former federal fuel administrator; Cyrus Garnsey, assistant to Dr. Garfield; and many coal operators and mine union officials.

Judge A. B. Anderson, of the United States district court, announced that a federal grand jury investigation was to be made December 4, 1919, when L. E. Slack, then district attorney, who was appointed special assistant district attorney after his term expired, to aid in the investigation, issued a statement setting forth the purpose and scope of the proposed investigation. The fundamental purpose set forth was to determine "whether this is a government of law or a group of men."

Judge Anderson's determination to call the grand jury was based largely, according to the statement, on alleged facts disclosed in an information filed with the court in connection with the coal strike. In this information it was set forth that the miners' union officials had violated the injunction issued by the court and that there were indications that a conspiracy to violate the Lever act might be traced far beyond the officers of the United Mine Workers and the mine workers themselves.

Tainted Elk Meat Is Alibi for Accused Poison Olives

Chicago, March 11.—Contaminated elk meat and not poisoned olives, probably was responsible for the death of five persons at Java, near Kalispell, recently, according to Sprague, Warner & Company, wholesale grocers, who had sold the stuffed ripe olives eaten by the Montana family.

Federal officials traced the deaths to bacillus botulinus, after liquid from the olive bottle had killed a guinea pig.

The grocers claim, however, that the victims had eaten meat from an elk carcas known to have been tainted.

Federal chemists have not completed their investigation of olive samples contained in eight states of the union, following the deaths in the west.

Quiz to Summon Hoover on Crisis Sims Charges

Washington, March 11.—Herbert Hoover will be called to testify in the senate investigation of the navy's conduct fo the war.

Rear Admiral Sims told the inquiry committee that Mr. Hoover had an intimate knowledge of the situation in Europe at the time America entered the war and asked that he be summoned to substantiate the admiral's testimony with regard to the gravity of the allies' position at that time.

Admiral Sims said he would like to have the former food administrator called before he proceeded further, that there should "be no doubt in my mind that I have substantiated the part of my letter in which I described the seriousness of the crisis which we faced in 1917 and pointed out how near to disaster the lack of action by the department at that time brought us."

COAL DIGGERS

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ferences with the operators called by Secretary Wilson after the government had obtained an injunction to end the coal strike their representatives receded from this and agreed to accept Mr. Wilson's proposal for a 31.6 per cent increase in wages and with a seven-hour day.

The approximate increase of 35 per cent which it was reported Mr. White would recommend in his report to the president Friday was said to have been worked out on the same basis as was that of Secretary Wilson and that the increases in the cost of living since November had been added.

Commission Basis was Tonnage.

Wage increases were said to have been calculated by the majority of the commission on the basis of tonnage for pick and machine mining, a percentage increase for yardage and dead work, and a flat advance in the pay of day laborers. The increse is not uniform for all mines, varying in accordance with costs of production. According to some calculations the general advance probably would amount to 27 per cent or more.

President John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, who has been in New York attending the negotiations between the authracite miners and operators for a new wage scale, came to Washington Thursday night to acquaint himself with the situation and to confer with other union officials, who had preceded him. He refused to make any statement in advance of the filing of Mr. White's report.

Louisville Numbers 234,891 Population

Washington, March 11.—The census bureau announces the following 1920 population figures and increases:

Louisville, Ky., 234,891, an increase of 10,963, or 4.9 per cent.

St. Joseph, Mo., 77,735, an increase of 332, or 0.4 per cent.

Chambersburg, Pa., 13,171, an increase of 1,371, or 11.6 per cent.

ACENDANCY OF WOMEN DOOMS NATION TO DECADENCE SAYS PSYCHOPATH; DRY U. S. A SIGN

Chicago, March 11.—Dr. William J. Hickson, head of Chicago's psychopathic laboratory, declares that "decadence of the nation can only result from the ascendancy gained by women in affairs."

"The women have secured the drop on the men in this country," said Dr. Hickson. "The nation has put its head in the noose of Puritanism and degeneration of individual and national fiber is inevitable."

Dr. Hickson said the situation is "typical of the modern Puritanical mania," and added:

"The church movements are typical. They, with prohibition and the so-called direct standard of morality, result in a deterioration of masculine physical and mental virility. There is a falling off of creative ability. The lowering of the birth rate already is noticeable. American pep, which was the result of a masculine-dominated country, soon will be a thing of the past.

"The effeminization of man already is noticeable. The male today is inferior in most respects to the female. He is aping her in the matter of clothes. He bows to her legislation and vaguely whoops it up for her reforms. He is fast taking second place and with his fall there is no question that production in the United States, mental and material, will decline."

NEGRO SLAYER IS ELECTROCUTED; PRAYS FOR GIRL

Execution Witnessed by Brother of Victim, Citizen Committee and 20 Soldiers and Guards.

Eddysville, Ky., March 11.—Petrie Kimbrough, alias Will Lockett, convicted negro slayer of Geneva Hardman and confessed slayer of four other women, died in the electric chair at Eddysville prison at 4:32 this morning.

There were slight signs of emotion in his face as he was placed in the electric chair and the black cap lowered over his head.

Two brothers of the Hardman girl and seventeen Lexington citizens, together with eight soldiers and 12 prison guards, witnessed the execution.

Continually during the night the negro was heard praying and singing hymns. He declared that he was ready to die and that he prayed for the little ten-year-old Hardman girl whom he killed and for the entire Hardman family.

LaFollette Faction Runs Own Delegates for G. O. P. Convention

Madison, Wis., March 11.—Freedom of speech and press, the defeat of the treaty of peace and of the league of nations and the repeal of the espionage law are some of the provisions in the platform of the "LaFollette Progressive Republican delegates" candidates to the national convention. There are two sets of Wisconsin Republican delegate candidates for the national Republican convention in the primaries here April 6. One delegation is uninstructed and the other is running under the LaFollette label.

The platform is opposed to compulsory military service in time of peace, is for the abolition of injunctions in labor disputes, demands economy in government and condemns recent extravagances, favors soldier bonus payment by the federal government and is for the Great Lakes deep water way plan.

Smokeless Inventor Dies in Omaha of Flu

Omaha, March 11.—Dr. Hugo William Weightman, said to have been the inventor of smokeless powder, died in a local hospital of influenza. For ten years prior to 1917 Dr. Weightman was professor of anatomy and surgery at Creighton University.

PAPER COMPANIES RAISE PAY.

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Beginning March 16, the Hawley Pulp and Paper company and the Crown Willamette Paper company announce increases in wages that will affect 2,000 men and add approximately $225,000 annually to the payrolls of the two companies.

JOYCE FOR FARM LOAN BOARD.

Washington, March 11.—William N. Joyce, Berkeley, Cal., was nominated today by President Wilson to be a member of the federal farm loan board to succeed George W. Norris, resigned.

Rationalize Dry Law, Says Cardinal; Is Basis of Unrest

New Orleans, March 11.—The key to the prohibition problem in the United States to the extent, at least, of allaying the mutterings of discontent against its enforcement, rests in he hanads of congress, His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, in New Orleans for his annual visit, declared: "If congress were to place a liberal interpretation upon the question of what constitutes an intoxicating beverage such as would permit the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines, yet maintain the spirit of the prohibition amendment," the cardinal said, "much would be accomplished toward solving a problem now becoming acute and destined to become more and more a basis for unrest in America."

WEATHER

Observations taken at 6:00 p. m., March 11, for the preceding 24 hours.

	High	Low	Pct.
Calgary	46	16	...
Chicago	56	46	.06
Havre	42	20	...
Helena	41	29	...
Kalispell	38	26	.04
New York	58	38	...
St. Paul	46	38	.76
San Diego	62	42	...
Seattle	50	40	.06
Williston	24	20	.01

Weather Conditions—Pacific Slope, Northwest and Canadian Northwest.

Pressure is high on the Pacific slope and low in Alberta province, this combination causing continued mild temperatures throughout Montana and through the east slope region. Temperatures have also risen in Idaho, eastern Washington, and Oregon. During the past 24 hours there has been light precipitation in eastern and extreme northwestern Montana and along the north Pacific coast.

Montana Forecast.

Fair Friday and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Ulster Unionists Ratify Separate Parliament Plan

Belfast, March 11.—Ulster Unionist council has decided in favor of the six Ulster counties being controlled by the Ulster parliament should the new home rule bill be enacted. The council declined to accept any responsibility in regard to the bill, and, it is understood, will make no attempt to defeat it.

Children of Fiume to Be Taken to Italy As Matter of Humanity

Fiume, March 11.—General Caviglia, former Italian minister of war, who is making a tour of inspection along the armistice line, said he had arranged for many children of Fiume to be taken to Italy for humane reasons. Several weeks ago more than 200 were sent to Milan.

ILLINOIS WOMEN BARRED IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Springfield, Ill., March 11.—Attorney General Brundage has ruled that women cannot vote in the presidential primary.

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VILLA KIDNAPING YANKS FOR SAKE OF SOCIABILITY

Yearns for Company in Border Wilds, So Goes Out and Holds Up Few Guests; Won't Harm.

Washington, March 11.—Relatives and friends of Americans kidnaped by Pancho Villa need have no concern as to their safety and may dismiss all fear that they may be held for ransom if they repose full confident in a communication recently received from the Mexican bandit leader. According to his note of reassurance, he has adopted the only practical means he can think of to get in friendly conversation with various representative Americans who cross his trail, and while they are his "guests, they will be treated with every consideration and returned unharmed and unrobbed to their friends."

The substance of Villa's communication was transmitted unofficially to officers of the intelligence branch of the war department.

It was explained in the message that only a vague idea of what was going on in the outside world could be had where he was and the desire to learn more, to gain the American's point of view and a determination to give opportunities to carry back with them some of his own theories of what a government in Mexico should be had caused him to determine to gather Americans his guests wherever he might find them, regardless of their willingness to accept his propositions. He added that, from time to time, others would be brought in, but urged those interested not to become alarmed.

Prince Joachim Held by Military Because Magistrate Wouldn't

Berlin, March 11.—The magistrate refused to hold Prince Joachim Albrecht, of Prussia, for assaulting members of the French mission at the Hotel Adlon Saturday night, saying that a prima facie case had not been made out. The commander-in-chief of the mark, however, ordered the prince detained at Moabit prison.

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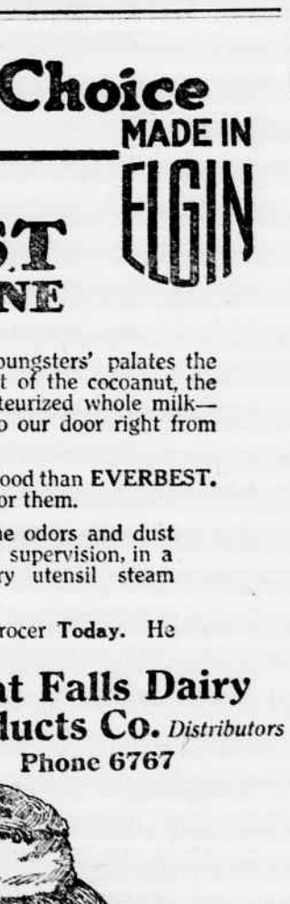
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