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PRICE ONE CENT

COAL CONSPIRACY PROBE CONTINUES

Rotan May Seize Printer's Books for Evidence Against Exchange

PLEA IN COURT POSSIBLE

Application for Instruction to Produce Documents Considered. List of Witnesses Grows

District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan today resumed his investigation into an alleged conspiracy of a group of Philadelphia retail ceal dealers to raise prices.

Six or seven men who are closely identified with the retail coal industry in this city will be examined today by Mr. Rotan and Assistant District Attorney Taulane. These men will be quentioned particularly regarding the price cards which were distributed among a large number of dealers prior to the price gouge of December 20. On these cards were printed prices witch were to go into effect December 20, and a majority of the deplers raised their prices accordingly. The District Attorney is seeking to place the responsibility for these cards on certain organizations and individuals,

The cards were printed by J. B. McCullough, a printer of 1511 Federal street. Mc-Cullough delivered them to A. L. Cohn, proprictor of the Victor Coal Company, Thirteenth street and Washington avenue, he said. Cohn is a member of the Coal Exchange.

EXCHANGE DIRECTOR NAMED V. A. Baldi, of Baldi Brothers, Twelfth atreet and Washington avenue, alleges that one of the cards was left in his office by Frank Mathews, a director in the Philadelphia Coal Exchange. Frederick Gettz, Jr. a coul dealer at Thirteenth street and Washington avenue, alleges that Cohn left one of the cards in his office, saying it was from the Coal Exchange.

Mr. Rotan said today it was his intention to get to "rock bottom" in the investigation. It is said that he may get a court order for the production of certain books and correspondence which might throw light on the alleged conspiracy.

MAY SETZE BOOKS It was stated tiday that the District Attorney may seize the books of McCullough, the printer, in an effort to get the truth of Cohn's alleged transactions with the printer, Assistant District Attorney Tablane 1: assisting Mr. Rotan in the probe.

While Mr. Rotan is investigating an alleged conspiracy of Philadelphia dealers, United States Attorney Kane is searching for evidence of interstate violations in the coal industry. He is being assisted by Edward A. Gann, special assistant to the Attorney General at Washington.

PLASTER CAST "DUN" FOR PHYSICIAN'S BILL

Patient Sues Doctor for \$50,000 to Compensate for Forced Incarceration

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 19 .- Charging that a physician refused to release him from a | terney, as counsel, the committee intends to plaster cast until his bill was paid, Wil- go to the bottom of her reported story nam flam Sirl today made suit for \$50,000. Sirl ing a newspaper man and Secretary to the said he was placed in the cast following an President, Joseph P. Tumutty. operation in which a piece of bone was removed from his leg and added to his

The doctor said he would keep me I the cast for two months," said Siri. "At the end of that time I hadn't paid all of the bill, for he kept me in the cast two weeks more until I scraped together the money."

LOST FLYERS REPORTED DEAD UNDER MACHINE

Search Party Goes to "Black Hole" to Investigate Story Told by Sonora Indiana

EL CENTRO, Cal. Jan. 19 .- Another re port of the finding of the hodies of Lieutenant Colonel Hishop and Lieutenant Robertson was brought here today. This one is to the effect that the two bodies are under the wreck of the aeroplane in the Black Hole region of the Sonora desert.

This report reached here via the Cudahy ranch, south of the border, headquarters for several searching parties. The story was told by Indians.

searching party was dispatched from A searching party was dispatence from Cudahy ranch to investigate. As the last reports of the missing eviators were that they were flying toward the Sonora desert some credence is given this story here.

'DIAMOND JIM' BRADY ILL, BUT REMEMBERS FRIEND

Told to "Cut Out" Business, He Dares Order and Sends \$150,000 to Baltimore Surgeon

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 19.—James Buchanan Brady, New York millionaire broker and patron of shores, who has been ordered here by New York specialists under order to "cut out the stock ticker," dancing and all other amusements, because of a "bad heart" condition, was able to take a Beardwalk cuting today in a wicker coupe with a valet us his attendant.

No visible bad effects in the way of valualization of "Diamond Jim" today in forwarding a feed

mend Jim" today in forwarding a deed for a \$150,000 home in Baltimore to a John Hopkins physican, who six years ago operated on him in the Baltimore Hospital. Brady had already given the surgeon a fee af \$100,000 and three Packard automobiles.

THE WEATHER

Bun sets ... 5 23 p.m. | Moon rises . 2 36 s m. hum sets ... 5 23 p.m. | Moon souther 7 29 s m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTAUT STREET Low water. 40:42 a.m. | Low water. 40:40 p.m. High water. 10:13 a.m. | high water. 10:40 p.m.

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair and moderately cold tonight, with lowest about 22 degrees; Saturday increasing cloudiness; moderate westerly winds.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Chamber Directors Causes Exultation

Unseating of Conservative

FIGHT TO BE CONTINUED FIGHT ON BRUMBAUGH

Unusual Vote Polled Demonstrated Spirit of Membership. Good-Natured Rivalry

The 'live wires' of the Chamber of

commerce half as a victory the outcome of

he election of ten directors, in which four f the 'old guard" faction were unseated by members of the progressive element. Final count of the ballots cast yesterday vas accomplished early today, nearly welve hours after the close of the polls Analysis of the vote shows, according to the jubilant "live wires," that the rank and file of the Chambers membership, as shown by the individual votes east, tavers a change in the board of directors. They assert that the average vote polled for all the "live wire" candidates is over 00, while the 'old guard" average is 444. On this basis of computation the progressives declare they actually polled a majority of the votes cast; the success of the six winning conservatives being accomplished through the power of corporation oting, where, in some instances, a single representative was able to vote twelve times

for the candidates of his choice. The beginning of a long-drawn effort to next year is under way, according to the live wire" campaigners, who regard the seating of four of their members on the directorate as indicating that "the con servative standpattism of the old guard has been effectively smashed," and say the election emphasized the protest of the city

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WILSON SEES SENATORS TO GET ACTION ON BILLS

President Confers With "Steering Committee" to Complete Program of Legislation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—President Wilon made another unheralded visit to the Capitol today in an effort to devise a plan for putting his legislative program through longress without calling an extra session. The President immediately went into conence with Senator Kern and the other others of the Democratic "steering com-

The President autlined to Senator Kern Mrs. Visconti and Another the bills which he desired particularly to be voted on before adjournment March 4. This program includes the remainder of his railroad legislation recommendations and a corrupt practices act that will be effec-

At the conference it was pointed out that the House still must pass ten of the regular supply bills for the support of Gov-ernment departments, and that the Senate has acted on none of the fifteen bills. BOSTON LAWYER COUNSEL

FAVORS EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Manufacturer Also Speaks of Higher Pay to Business Science Club

If an employer is to be successful in life his workmen, was a thought emphasized in an address made by John C. Hershey, pres-ident of the John Spear Stove and Heating Company, at the weekly function of the lness Science Club today at the Hotel

Mr. Hershey, who was formerly president of the Salea Managers' Association of this city, also said that the eight-hour-day period of labor is something which should command the attention and thought of all employers, and that an increase in wages accordance with the rumors, the hearings. gething else that they should consider since the experience of the average work-ingman is that it is difficult to keep page with the present price of home commodities

HISTORIC MILL BURNED

8800 Damage Inflicted on Two-Story Stone Structure ,

The old two-story stone will at Bensaler road and Petnypack Creek, Holmesharz owned by the Fairmoint Park Commission was nearly destroyed by fire today. It had been unoccupied for many years until recently when it was occupied as an

after it had convened to discuss selection office building by Jay & Zimmerman, con-of counsel, and brought to light today, Lawson urged appointment of Whipple as tridge over Pennypack Creek. The fire the one lawyer completely equipped for started from an overheated stove while the away. The loss is estimated at \$800.

HIST! HO! A SPY! AND AN INNOCENT MAP-MAKER IS NABBED; TISH! TUSH!

Philadelphian Throws Bridgeport, Conn., Into Frenzy as He Surveys Arms Plant-Detectives Can't Be Fooled: Oh, No, Not They

Otto Barthel, fifty-five years old, of Wal- atlas of your town for the municipal govon Barthel, fifty-five years out of the ton avenue near Fifty-seventh street, went about his business yesterday morning up in Hridgeport. Com. First he measured an oil tank in the rear of the Remington Arms Company and jotted down the dimensions; then he began measuring fances and recording his findings.

Photo by International Film Service.

SHERMAN L. WHIPPLE

Boston lawyer and Democrat, recommended by Lawson and chosen

by the House Rules Committee to conduct the "peace leak" investiga-tion when the committee resumes its hearings on Monday.

WOMEN MAY ADD SPICE

TO NOTE LEAK INQUIRY

"Mysterious" Witness to Be

Questioned on Monday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- The name of

second woman of mystery may be

dragged into the House note leak com-

Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, the first

mystery woman, is slated to be a witness

before the probers Monday. At that time,

with Sherman L. Whipple, noted Boston at-

In questioning Mrs. Vesconti, it is likely

the committee will investigate her rela-

As the rumor goes, this second woman

probably knows the "inside" of the leak

situation, and if the testimony shapes up in

will be more pungently sptcy than at any

Just how far Mrs. Visconti will go toward

infirming Lawson's statement that she

old him of an alleged note leak deal, is

told him of an alleged note leak deal, is problematical. But there is no mistaking the gravity that many followers of the hearings attach to her testimony.

Majority members say Tumuity and the newspaper man will be cleared beyond shadow of doubt. But as the story goes. Mrs. Visconti knows so many newspaper men and—perhaps officials—that she may be to the story of the leak of the story to be the story of the leak of the story of the leak of the story the leak of the story of o

In a letter to the Rules Committee shortly

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and recording his findings.

By this sime a half dozen persons were watching Otto, looking at one another and elicking their toogles in an uninious way. Some one made a telephone call after a bit and the entire detective force of the town as well as that of the Arms Company, was agog. Otte had just finished measuring a hole in the fence and was mumbling names to himself when up from behind

"But the papers, the German accent and

"But the papers, the German accent and the thick glasses," ejaculated the detectives. "A free country this," replied Barthel, "and I'm a citizen."

The Hepkins Company, by whom Imrahel was employed, was informed of its employe's plight this morning. "A more harm less man I never knew," said one of the company officials; "war was out of his ine He talked more about his chicken farm down in Jersey. We sent him to Bridgeport two months age to make this map."

Meanwhile, those twenty detectives are Meanwhile, those twenty detectives are doing a Jerisho around the mapmaker, ex-amining him from every angle. They let nothing escape them—do those sieuths.

"LIVE WIRES" HAIL COUNSEL ENGAGED ELECTION OF FOUR IN CAPITAL PROBE

James Scarlet and Ex-Judge Gordon Reported Penrose Lawyers

Inquiry Probably Will Begin in Two Weeks to Air State





WILL PROBE BRUMBAUGH CASE Former Judge James Gay Gordon (in circle) and former State Senator James Scarlett have been chosen to conduct the proposed investigation into the administration of Governor Brumbaugh threatened by Senator Penrose

The legislative probe, which Senato Penrosa has threatened, of alleged irreglarities in the Brumbaugh administration will be directed, it was learned today, by ormer Judge James Gay Corden, and possibly by James H. Scarlet, formerly a State enator and counsel for the probers in the ig State Capitol standal six years ago. Former Judge Gerden bas intimated that he has accepted the commission, but Mr Scarlet is at Danville. Pa., and it has no been learned whether or not be will ac-

\$15,000.000 building.

It is also stated that the probe will be in the open and not behand closed doors. Two weeks from next Monday night, probably, the joint committee of the House am Senate will meet and start its investigation. State Senator Frank H. Baldwin will be chairman of the committee.

MOORE DEFENDS BILL TO GET CUSTOMS SITE

Congressman, Backing So-Called "Pork" Measure, Calls Its Items Justified

WASHINGTON, Jan 19 .- Defence of the \$38,000,000 omnibus nublic loublings bill which is the object of a biter fight by membera who regard it as a "purk barrel" meanure, was made by Representative J. Hamp ton Moore, of Philadelphia, in a speech it the House today. The bill contains at ltem of \$750,000 for purchase of a site for new customs house in Philadelphia, while Mr. Moore succeeded in having the comlittle put in the measure.

Mr. Moore explained that when he first amp to Congress he undertook the task of getting an adequate appropriation for the Delaware River, but soon found that with 50,000 inites of navigable rivers in the United States he could not get an appropriation for the Delaware unless other members. got appropriations for the streams in which No member," he said, "ean come into

"No member," he said, "can come into this House and run away with his project without respecting the others. This is a great equally no and leveling body. The committee investigates such project and each project stands on its merit."

Representative Moore followed Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, who is leading the fight on the "pork barret." Mr. Frear pointed out that tagre are accent-seven towns in Pennsylvania having post-office receipts in excess of \$10.000 annually that are not provided with Federal postthat are not provided with Federal post-

"Many of the items in this bill." he said, are for appropriations for postoffices in mail towns of the South that do not have emilits of \$10,000 a year." receipts of \$10.000 a year.

Representative Camena, of Illinois, followed Representative Moore in the discussion of the bill, but, infiline him, contended that the bill should not be passed at this time, because of the condition of the Federal

Freamery.

300 Silk Weavers Strike

QUICK NEWS

SECOND CAVALRY TO BE PRESIDENT'S ESCORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- President Wilson directed that the troops of the Second Cavalry, regular army, be designated as his immediate escort for the inauguration parade. There has been a warm controversy participated in by crack independent military organizations from every section of the country for this hence.

IOWA TO PROBE ILLEGAL COAL TRUST

DES MOINES, In., Jan. 19.-Inquiry into the filegal coal trust in Iowa was assured when the Senate adopted the Epps concurrent resolution for a committee of three members from each house to conduct an investigation, with the aid of the Attorney General and various county attorneys.

DUMA'S SESSION POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 27

PETROGRAD, Jan. 19. "The convening of the Duma and the Council of the Empire has been postponed until February 27, due to changes in the Government.

THREE NEUTRAL SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Norwegian steamship Bergenhus, 2006 tons, and the Spanish steamships Valle and Manuel have been sunk by submarines, according to dispatches received here today.

510.000 SYRIANS STARVED DURING WAR, ROME REPORTS

ROME, Jan. 19.—The Corrière d'Italia says that 510,000 Syrians nave died of starvation since the war began. The number of suicides among the population of Beirut and Lebanon has increased to an appalling total.

GOVERNMENT FIXES WAGES IN FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 19.-Negotiations between the Minister of Munitions and repreentatives of employers of men with regard to fixing the wage rates in munition workshops have terminated to the satisfaction of all. The rates of pay per hour, fixed for all grades of workers, average about nineteen cents.

1000 TRIPOLITAN REBELS KILLED IN FIGHT

PARIS, Jan. 19.—Tripolitan rebeis lost 1000 men in a fight January 16 with Italian troops between the city of Tripoli and the frontier at Tunis, according to a dispatch to the Hayas Agency from Rome, cated the 17th quoting an official ommunication issued by the Italian War Office.

BRITISH WAR NOTES TO YIELD SIX PER CENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The public offering price of the \$250,000,000 five and one half per cent one and two year British notes in to be 39.52 and interest for the former and 99.07 and interest for the latter, both to yield six per cent. The syndicate expires on February 15 unless sooner terminated by the managers, and delivery of the notes in temporary form and payment therefor is to be made shortly after

CANADA A VAST CENTER OF MUNITION MAKING

MONTREAL, Jan. 19 .- J. W. Clavell, chalrman of the Imperial Munitions Board, said today that authorized expenditures of \$200,000,000 have been made on munition factories in Canada thus far and operations are now being carried on in 600 plants located in every province of the Dominion, except Prince Maward Island, More than 400,000 men and women are at present employed in those factories

MANY NARROW ESCAPES AT \$100,000 HOTEL FIRE

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 19.-Firemen carried (we elderly women from the West security the End Hotel and fifty other guests went that hostele Capitol grafters resulted in the conviction today. Damage is estimated at \$100,000. The West End Hotel, a four-story brick of Joseph M. Huston, the architect of the structure, is one of the landmarks of the city. The cause of the fire is unde-

430,000 GERMANS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS IN 1916

PETROGRAD, Jan. 19. Four hundred and thirty thousand Germans, including \$770 officers, were captured by Russian troops during the year 1916, according to figures published by the Service Journal today in reviewing Russia's war achievements for the twelve months past. In addition to these captures of men Russian forces also took 525 cannon, 1661 machine guns and 421 trench morters and 9

COLORADO "SPUDS" COMING EAST UNDER GUARD DENVER, Col., Jan. 19 .- A de luxe special train containing forty-five cars of

colorado potatoes, valued al \$25,000, left here today under music for eastern points. A special watchman is in charge of each car. The shipments are destined to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Peoria, Cleveland and other eastern cities.

"EGG KING" ABDICATES; TO ENJOY MILLION PROFIT CHICAGO, Jan. 19.-James E. Wetz, who has figured this winter in high cost

of living investigations as the "egg king of America," his abdicated. Wetz announced today that he had withdrawn from the Chicago Egg and Butter Board and was going south with his family to spend some of the cool million which he reaped from his corner to eggs.

PRO-ALLY BRAZILIANS IN ATTACK ON WILSON

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jun. 19.—The pro-Entente Brazilian League has just adopted obitions condemning what it calls an attempt by President Wilson to establish a protectorate over South America under the guise of Pan-Americanism. The league further protests against the general policy of President Wilson toward South America on the ground that it induces pro-Germaniam while expressing satisfaction over the notes just sent to the American Executive by the Allied Governments.

ENGLAND MAY SEIZE PRIVATE PROPERTY

LONDON, Jan. 19.-England may resort to the conflucation of private property if such a step becomes necessary to the successful prosecution of the war. A. Bonar Law. Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech at Glasgow, referred to a previous address in which he had said that if the people did not subscribe to was loans voluntarily they might be made to do so. He said that he did not believe that any such drastic steps would be necessary, but that the Government is prepared to carry them out if necessary.

LAUNCHES FIGHT FOR 25,000 NAVAL MILITIA

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- A naval militia of 25,060 instead of 9808 is the alm of a campaign faunched today by Captain Thomas F. Magruder, chief of the Division of Naval Militia Affairs. No State at this time is recruited to its maximum strength

DESTROYER SEEKS RAIDER OFF DELAWARE CAPES

On the lookout for the German valder in the Atlantic, a British destroyer stopped the Norwegian steamship Sendra off Winter Quarter Lightship yesterday, within sight of land a short distance below the Delaware Capes. After a few quen tions were asked, the Sendra was allowed to proceed.

RATIO OF INSANITY IN NEW YORK 1 TO 261

NEW YORK, Jun. 19.-One out of every 261 persons in New York State is SUMMIT. N. J. Jan. 10.—Demanding that they be paid by time and not by piccswork. 200 slik weavers, simble and not by piccswork. 200 slik weavers, simble and an and under treatment in an in State Hospital Communion for the demand amounts to a twenty per cent increase, it was stated.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—One out instance and under treatment in an in State Hospital Communion for the 1916. The total number of insance crease, it was stated. insane and under treatment in an institution, according to the annual report of the State Hospital Commission for the fiscal period from October 1, 1915, to June 10, 1916. The total number of insane patients under treatment in institutions in the

OCEAN RAIDER TOOK 'MOVIES' OF SHIPS SUNK

Radnorshire's Captain Describes Destruction of His Craft by Rover

THINK CORSAIR IS MOEWE

Log of the Radnorshire, Victim of German Raider

THE German raider took moving pictures of her work in destroy-

ing Allied merchantmen. Had a consort—apparently a cap-tured ship—manned by a German

Confined the Radnorshire's crew under decks for five days with Hindoos and "other rough-necks."

Had orders to spare all passengers and all vessels carrying big cargoes. Sent the Hudson Maru, "prison ship," off to Pernambuco with bare-ly enough water and sea biscuit for

crew and prisoners. Sank the Radnorshire on January

8, two other vessels on the 9th and a third on the 10th—all by exploding bombs on either side, after taking choice of cargo and permitting crews to leave with personal belongings. Sighted the Radnorshire at night

in spite of the fact that the Radnor-shire's skipper had "doused" his Had a speed of at least eighteen

Radnorshire's crew donned life-belts when the German came along-

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Special Cable Service of United Press and (Copyright, 1917, by United Press.) BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 19:

The German raider is still at large, and if eports from Itlo de Janeiro today are corect, has increased her score of merchant ship victims by six. By this time she may not be alone in her depredations-it being accepted here that she has transformed one or more of her prizes into raiders like her-

In the meantime, the greatest sea hunt n history is on in the South Atlantic. Allied warships are concentrating to sweep the most dangerous menace to Allied shipping that has yet salled the high seas into

corner and destroy her. Amazement at the raider's audacity grew ers today. From the log of the British steamship Radnorshire, one of the victims, t was learned that the German calmly took moving pictures of her destruction of variaus ships.

The belief grew here today that the raider in the Moewe, of previous raiding came. This identification came after addiional questioning of survivors landed at Pernambuco. Rio de Janetro dispatches stating that the British steamship Yarrowdale had arrived at St. Vincent Tuesday with 480 persons of the crews of eight victime of the raider aboard also quoted those survivors as to this identification.

The Rio report as to six additional ships unk by the German was unconfirmed. It did not list the ships over whose fate there was anxiety, and it may be that this list of six is merely a restatement of the numher of Allied vessels which recently left South American ports or which were due to arrive, and about which there has been no information for some time. On the other hand, it is pointed out here that the orig-inal raider by this time has undoubtedly armed and transformed some of the more needy vessels among her prizes into addional raiders and that additions to the toll

tional raiders and that additions to the top of destruction could be expected.

The most graphic story of the raider's method of destruction was told in the log of the capitain of the British steamship Radnorshire, brought ashore with the survivors aboard the Hudson Maru, at Pernambuco. "At 19:30 on the night of January 7,

following our departure from Pernambuco, we sighted a vessel ahead," the log re-tated. "At that time we were traveling without lights—having received warning to atch out for possible raiders-and as so as we sighted the stranger we changed our course. Then we saw two strangers, and a second time shifted our course, hoping to sup away unseen in the darkness. But the two vennels had apparently sighted us, de-spite our lack of lights, and then gave proof of this by immediately putting on full speed and bearing down in our direction. I cram-med by boilers and did my best to hurry

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WILSONS WILL ATTEND DEWEY HOME FUNERAL

President and Wife Also Will Witness Official Obsequies. "Middles" to March

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 .- President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson will not only attend the great public funeral of Admiral Dewey at the Capitol tomorrow, but will be among the mourners at the family's private service

Chaptain J. B. Frazier, U. S. N., who will conduct the Capitol service, arrived in Washington today. He said the rites will be simple. There will be no oration In addition to the reading of the burish ervice there will be only music by a chorus of 300 and a quartet.

Before he died Admiral Dewey told Secretary of the Navy Daniels that he desired the Annapolis midshipmen to attend not mercly under orders, but as his friends Accordingly, the 1227 "middien" will march to the Dewey home and succet the body to Capitol Hill. The younger officers of the navy have also elected to accompany the body on fact instead of carriages, as had been suggested. Two thousand Spanish war veterous will be in the column.