

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 coal 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 Taubane.

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

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.

It was stated today 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.

While Mr. Rotan is investigating an alleged conspiracy of Philadelphia dealers United States Attorney Kern is searching for evidence of infrequent violations in the coal industry.

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WOMEN MAY ADD SPIRE TO NOTE LEAK INQUIRY

Mrs. Visconti and Another "Mysterious" Witness to Be Questioned on Monday

BOSTON LAWYER COUNSEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The name of a second woman of mystery may be dragged into the House note leak committee hearing.

Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, the first mystery woman, is stated to be a witness before the probe Monday.

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"LIVE WIRES" HAIL ELECTION OF FOUR

Unseating of Conservative Chamber Directors Causes Exultation

FIGHT TO BE CONTINUED

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

The "live wires" of the Chamber of Commerce hail as a victory the outcome of the election of ten directors, in which four of the "old guard" faction were unseated by members of the progressive element.

The beginning of a long-drawn effort for 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 conservative standstillism of the old guard has been effectively smashed."

WILSON SEES SENATORS TO GET ACTION ON BILLS

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

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—President Wilson made another unheralded visit to the Capitol today in an effort to devise a plan for putting his legislative program through Congress without calling an extra session.

The President outlined to Senator Kern the bills which he desired particularly to be voted on before adjournment March 4.

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

FAVORS EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Manufacturer Also Speaks of Higher Pay to Business Science Club

If an employer is to be successful in life he must necessarily have the good will of his workmen, was a thought emphasized in an address made by John T. Hershey, president of the John Spear Stove and Heating Company, at the weekly luncheon of the Business Science Club today at the Hotel Adelphi.

HISTORIC MILL BURNED

\$800 Damage Inflicted on Two-Story Stone Structure

The old two-story stone mill at Betsalem road and Pennsylvania creek, Delaware, owned by the Fairmount Park Commission was nearly destroyed by fire today.

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ROCKEFELLER HEARS SUNDAY

Oil Magnate's Son Present When "Billy" Says "Money Cannot Buy Ticket to Heaven"

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 19.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sat in the front row of the Billy Sunday tabernacle here last night and carefully listened to the remarks of Sunday that "money cannot buy a ticket to heaven."

300 Silk Weavers Strike

SUMMIT, N. J., Jan. 19.—Demanding that they be paid by time and not by piece-work, 300 silk weavers, employed at the Summit Silk Mills here, are on strike.

COUNSEL ENGAGED IN CAPITAL PROBE

James Scarlet and Ex-Judge Gordon Reported Penrose Lawyers

FIGHT ON BRUMBAUGH

Inquiry Probably Will Begin in Two Weeks to Air State Affairs



WILL PROBE BRUMBAUGH CASE

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

The legislative probe, which Senator Penrose has threatened, of alleged irregularities in the Brumbaugh administration, will be directed, it was learned today, by former Judge James Gay Gordon, and possibly by James H. Scarlet, formerly a State Senator and counsel for the probe in the big State Capitol scandal six years ago.

Former Judge Gordon has indicated that he has accepted the commission, but Mr. Scarlet is at Danville, Pa., and it has not been learned whether or not he will accept.

Mr. Scarlet's activity in prosecuting the Capitol grafters resulted in the conviction of Joseph M. Huston, the architect of the \$15,000,000 building.

It is also stated that the probe will be in the open and not behind closed doors. Two weeks from next Monday night, probably, the joint committee of the House and Senate will meet and start its investigation.

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Representative Moore, followed Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, who is leading the fight on the "pork barrel." Mr. Frear pointed out that there are seventy-seven towns in Pennsylvania having post-office receipts in excess of \$10,000 annually that are not provided with Federal post-office buildings.

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

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

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The demand amounts to a twenty per cent increase, it was stated.

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 honor.

IOWA TO PROBE ILLEGAL COAL TRUST

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 19.—Inquiry into the illegal 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 Bergehusen, 3506 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 Corriere d'Italia says that 510,000 Syrians have 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 representatives 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 rebels 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 Havas Agency from Rome, dated the 17th, quoting an official communication 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 is to be 99.52 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 February 1.

CANADA A VAST CENTER OF MUNITION MAKING

MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—J. W. Clavel, chairman 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 Edward Island. More than 400,000 men and women are at present employed in those factories, he said.

MANY NARROW ESCAPES AT \$100,000 HOTEL FIRE

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 19.—Firemen carried two elderly women from the West End Hotel and fifty other guests had narrow escapes when fire swept that hostelry today. Damage is estimated at \$100,000. The West End Hotel, a four-story brick structure, is one of the landmarks of the city. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

430,000 GERMANS CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS IN 1916

PETROGRAD, Jan. 19.—Four hundred and thirty thousand Germans, including 570 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 125 cannon, 1661 machine guns and 421 trench mortars and 9 throwers.

COLORADO "SPUDS" COMING EAST UNDER GUARD

DENVER, Col., Jan. 19.—A de luxe special train containing forty-five cars of Colorado potatoes, valued at \$25,000, left here today under guard 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. Weiz, who has figured this winter in high cost of living investigations as the "egg king of America," has abdicated. Weiz 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 in eggs.

PRO-ALLY BRAZILIANS IN ATTACK ON WILSON

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 19.—The pro-Brazilian League has just adopted resolutions 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-Germanism 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 confiscation 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 war 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.

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 destroying Allied merchantmen.

Had a consort—apparently a captured ship—manned by a German crew.

Confined the Radnorshire's crew under decks for five days with Hindoes 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 barely 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 Radnorshire's skipper had "doused" his lights.

Had a speed of at least eighteen knots.

Radnorshire's crew donned lifebelts when the German came alongside.

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BUEENOS AIRES, Jan. 19.—The German raider is still at large, and it reports from Rio de Janeiro today are correct, 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 herself.

In the meantime, the greatest sea hunt in history is on in the South Atlantic. Allied warships are concentrating to sweep the most dangerous menace to Allied shipping that has yet sailed the high seas into a corner and destroy her.

Amazement at the raider's audacity grew here today. From the log of the British steamship Radnorshire, one of the victims, it was learned that the German calmly took moving pictures of her destruction of various ships.

The belief grew here today that the raider is the Moeve, of previous raiding fame. This identification came after additional questioning of survivors landed at Pernambuco. Rio de Janeiro dispatches stating that the British steamer Yarrowdale had arrived at St. Vincent Tuesday with 400 persons of the crews of eight victims of the raider aboard also quoted those survivors as to this identification.

The Rio report as to six additional ships sunk by the German was unconfirmed. It did not list the ships or whose fate there was anxiety, and it may be that this list of six is merely a restatement of the number 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 by the original raider by this time has undoubtedly armed and transformed some of the more speedy vessels among her prizes into additional raiders and that additions to the toll of destruction could be expected.

The most graphic story of the raider's method of destruction was told in the log of the captain of the British steamship Radnorshire, brought ashore with the survivors aboard the Hudson Maru, at Pernambuco.

"At 10:30 on the night of January 7, following our departure from Pernambuco, we sighted a vessel ahead," the log related. "At that time we were traveling without lights—having received warning to watch out for possible raiders—and as soon as we sighted the vessel we changed our course. Then we saw two strangers, and a second time shifted our course, hoping to slip away unseen in the darkness. But the two vessels had apparently sighted us, despite our lack of lights, and then gave proof of this by immediately putting on full speed and bearing down on our direction. I cramed and by beliers and did my best to hurry.

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WILSONS WILL ATTEND DEWEY HOME FUNERAL

President and Wife Also Will Witness Official Obsequies. "Middies" 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 at the home.

Chaplain J. B. Franier, 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 burial service 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 merely under orders, but as his friends. Accordingly, the 1227 "middies" will march to the Dewey home and escort the body to Capitol Hill. The younger officers of the navy have also pledged to accompany the body on foot instead of carriage, as had been suggested. Two thousand Spanish war veterans will be in the column.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and moderately cold tonight, with lowest about 22 degrees; Saturday increasing windiness; moderate westerly winds.