

INDICT 125 MINERS AND OPERATORS

Conspiracy in Violation of the Lever Law Charged in Indianapolis Action

PENNSYLVANIANS AFFECTED

Indianapolis, March 12.—An indictment charging conspiracy in violation of the Lever fuel control act and the federal criminal code, naming 125 coal operators and miners as defendants, was returned in federal court here yesterday by a special grand jury which has been investigating the coal industry since December 17, 1919. More than half of the defendants are operators, it is said.

Bond was fixed by A. B. Anderson, United States district judge, at \$10,000 in some of the cases and at \$2000 in others. The defendants will be arraigned on May 4. Names of those indicted will not be made public until they are arrested.

Over acts are charged against the coal men in the indictment, which contains eighteen counts. It is understood that many of the violations charged bituminous miners, but took place prior to the signing of the armistice.

The indictment was brought under Sections 4 and 9 of the Lever act and

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A Death Blow to High Cost of Shoes

Polkey of Co-operation, Public Partnership Now Governing the Royal (Men's) Boot Shop Sends Prices Tumbling

Following closely on Lord Mallaly-Pulling's successful attempt to reduce clothing prices in London and the American Woolen Company's co-operative stores' success in Lawrence, Mass., the Royal Boot Shop (N. W. Cor. 15th and Market and 1204 Chestnut St.) new co-operative policy should be viewed with considerable interest, as it is brand-new in Philadelphia.

"It is the most practical adoption of the co-operative idea to a store that is not run entirely from altruistic motives," says its organizer, Polkey A. Hill, the owner and manager of the Royal (Men's) Boot Shop, known from coast to coast as one of the shrewdest shoe buyers and factory detail men with a wide knowledge of men's shoemaking. "We are making an honest effort to reduce the exorbitant cost of shoes by sharing our profits. We've cut them to one-half one-quarter the usual make-up. Instead of \$7 to \$9 a pair, the customary retail profit, we are only making from 75c to \$2. This profit, figured against the present cost of manufacturing, is very low indeed. We can't control the cost of making, of course, but we buy direct from three factories on a quantity basis, eliminating the middle men and aiming to sell on a wholesale price. And our selling costs are the lowest in Philadelphia. The result is, we are able to offer the very best shoes that can be made in America at \$3 to \$6 less than the usual prices. For example, we offer shoes at \$7 that sell everywhere for at least \$10. Our highest price is \$11 for shoes comparable in every particular to those selling elsewhere at \$17 to \$18.

"The first floor foot shops on Market and Chestnut St. average their selling costs from \$2.40 to \$3 a pair, and with their extra net profit added on, it is readily seen why the public pays the inflated prices for shoes today. "You can see that with gross profits of from 75c to \$2 a pair we stand to lose thousands of dollars if we do not sell huge quantities of shoes. We are confident, however, that Philadelphia men will be quick to see the advantages of this new selling idea of practically taking them into partnership, and our sales will mount accordingly. Close figuring allows us a modest profit that no one can begrudge. After our sales pass the 1500 pair a week mark, we will make another smashing cut on prices."

"The co-operative idea in selling shoes at retail is a brother idea to 'Co-partnership in Industry,' which is gaining favor in America's leading industries, and it is the aim of the owner of the Royal Boot Shop to adopt the 'Co-partnership Plan' every employer who shares in the profits of this firm in the near future. The plan is being worked out at present and will be introduced here on a wide scale. It looks as though Mr. Hill has hit upon a practical solution of the problem of 'Paying Too Much' for the things we need. If so, he deserves all the success the Philadelphia public will accord him, and if it works out as it did with the American Woolen Stores in Lawrence, Mass., prices in other commodities besides shoes will follow suit and take a much-needed drop."

Section 37 of the criminal code, and charges in general that miners and operators conspired to enhance the price of necessities by restricting distribution, limiting manufacture and by other means, and by conspiring to commit offenses against the United States, as designated in the criminal code. The penalty on conviction is a fine not exceeding \$10,000, imprisonment for not more than two years, or both fine and imprisonment.

It is not expected that any arrests will be made this week, as two or three days will be required to prepare the papers for serving.

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