

JOHN D. JR., IS HIT

J. R. LAWSON CHARGES OIL KING'S SON IGNORES TOILERS EVEN WHILE THEY STARVE.

RAKES THE FOUNDATION, TOO

Official of United Mine Workers Says Institution Seeks to Substitute Philanthropy for Justice—Tells of Suffering Among Workers.

New York, Feb. 1.—Coming almost straight from the office of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., where he had a "friendly chat" with him over conditions in the mines of Colorado, John R. Lawson, a member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers for the district including Colorado, read before the federal commission on industrial relations on Friday a scathing indictment of Mr. Rockefeller and the attitude he had displayed before the commission.

The policies and purposes of the \$100,000,000 Rockefeller foundation and the recent utterances of young Mr. Rockefeller on the witness stand were assailed by Mr. Lawson.

In assailing the Rockefeller foundation he asserted that one of the causes of industrial discontent was that very philanthropy and the feeling that the millions "spread over the world in showy generosity" were derived from the "money withheld from the wages of the American working class."

Mr. Lawson criticized young Rockefeller for his lack of knowledge of the conditions among employees of the Colorado Fuel company, and said he was "equally as ignorant and indifferent as his trusted executives."

"Your body can well afford to let the testimony of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., bring your investigation to an end," Mr. Lawson told the commission.

"Out of his mouth came a reason for every discontent that agitates the laboring class in the United States today, and if remedies are provided for the injustices that he disclosed a long step will be taken away from industrial disturbance."

Mr. Lawson told of the shooting of striking miners in Colorado, the shattering of miners' homes, how hundreds were "dumped in 1903 into the desert without food or water," while others were driven over the snow of the mountain ranges.

The philanthropy of the Rockefellers Mr. Lawson referred to as follows:

"Health for China, a refuge for birds, food for Belgians, pensions for New York widows, university training for the elect—and never a thought or a dollar for thousands of men, women and children who starved in Colorado; for the widows robbed of husbands, children of their fathers."

"There are thousands of Mr. Rockefeller's employees in Colorado who wish to God they were in Belgium to be fed, or a bird to be cared for."

258 ON THE VIKNER PERISHED

British Casualty List Shows Reserve Men and Boys Went Down With Armored Merchant Ship.

London, Feb. 1.—A casualty list issued on Friday shows that the British armored merchant vessel VIKNER, which was lost off the coast of Ireland several days ago, carried a crew of 258, composed of naval reserve men and boys belonging to the mercantile marine, all of whom perished. Among the crew were 24 royal naval reserve men from Newfoundland.

The admiralty report announcing the VIKNER's loss said all on board had undoubtedly perished.

MRS. ROGERS IS INDICTED

New York Grand Jury Returns Indictment Charging Murder on Two Counts Against "Love Wife."

New York, Feb. 1.—The Bronx county grand jury returned an indictment on Friday charging murder on two counts against Mrs. Ida Sniffen Rogers, the "love wife" of Lorry Elton Rogers. Mrs. Rogers caused the death of her two children by giving them bichloride of mercury. She is in Lebanon hospital suffering from the effects of the same drug and could not be removed, although a bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

300 OF 6,000 SURVIVE FIGHT

Of Inhabitants of Pilsken, East Prussia, Only Women, Children and Aged Are Left Alive.

London, Feb. 1.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says: "The Russians occupied Pilsken (East Prussia) after a day's shelling. The garrison suffered heavily before retiring. Of the population of 6,000 only 300 women and children and aged persons remained."

Ludwig Goes to the Front

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—King Ludwig, accompanied by Gen. Baron von Kressenstein, the Bavarian war minister, left on Thursday on a two weeks' visit to the Bavarian troops on the western war front.

Tried to Assassinate King

London, England, Jan. 30.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen gives a report that an attempt was made several days ago to assassinate King Constantine of Greece at Patras.

WARNING GIVEN ITALY

KAISER OBJECTS TO MOBILIZATION PLANS, IT IS SAID.

Germany May Send Ultimatum to Rome—Turks Remove Vice-Governor Who Violated Consulate.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Jan. 29.—Austria and Germany are growing daily more alarmed at Italian war preparations and are augmenting their troops along the Italian frontier.

Germany especially is pouring regiments from Bavaria into Tyrol, it being understood that the German general staff is controlling all the Austrian military plans. Prince von Buelow, German ambassador to Rome, speaking to Italian statesmen, made it clear that if armaments and the concentration of troops on the Austrian boundaries continued, the central empires would be obliged to denounce the treaty of the triple alliance and send an ultimatum to Italy demanding guarantees for the maintenance of strict neutrality with the alternative of being considered an enemy.

That Italy is prepared to "act quickly" is not doubted by the Italian press. She has now an army of 2,000,000 men under arms. Half of these are at training camps. The other half has been distributed among strategic garrison posts, with heavy concentrations at the extremes of the line—Milan and Venice.

December 5 it was announced in Rome that there were three German army corps—in all 130,000 men—in Trentino and that these had replaced the Italian-speaking Austrian levies, which had been sent against the Russians in Galicia.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 28.—The thermometer here Wednesday registered 42 degrees below zero, the coldest of the winter.

Petrograd, Jan. 28.—The Persian city of Tabriz, now held by the Turks, is being rapidly fortified by German engineers, according to a dispatch from Tiflis.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who had been ordered to take a complete rest for ten days on account of an attack of indigestion, was reported as not seriously ill.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 28.—General Noriel, insurgent leader, and two aids convicted of the murder of a political enemy in 1912, were hanged.

London, Jan. 28.—A sharp earthquake shock was recorded by the seismograph at the West Bromwich observatory. It was admitted that the seat of the disturbance was somewhere in Turkey or Greece.

CONGRATULATES THE KAISER

President Extends Cordial Felicitations to German Emperor on His Birthday Anniversary.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson on Wednesday sent the following congratulatory cablegram to Emperor William of Germany on his fifty-sixth birthday:

"In behalf of the government and people of the United States, I have the pleasure to extend to your majesty cordial felicitations on the anniversary of your birth as well as my own good wishes for your welfare."

"WOODROW WILSON."

Amsterdam, Jan. 29.—Emperor William arrived at Thiel on Wednesday and a great forward movement by the German troops in Flanders has begun. Passchendaele was occupied by the Germans.

Berlin, Jan. 29 (by wireless).—An imperial decree of amnesty for persons undergoing punishment for minor offenses against military law was issued here upon the occasion of the kaiser's fifty-sixth birthday.

SHIP MEASURE IS ADOPTED

Senate Passes Fletcher Bill Providing for Organization of a Shipping Organization.

Washington, Jan. 28.—By a strict party vote, the senate commerce committee on Tuesday adopted a favorable report on the Fletcher substitute for the ship purchase bill and by the same vote rejected the Lodge amendment, which declares that no interned ships of belligerents shall be purchased. The Fletcher substitute provides for the organization of a shipping corporation under the laws of the District of Columbia, the United States to subscribe through a shipping board for at least 51 per cent of the stock. The shipping board is to consist of the secretaries of commerce and the treasury, with three additional members.

Alabama Bank in Trouble

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 1.—The Jefferson county Savings bank, with \$1,635,021 deposits, is in the hands of the state banking department. Slow paper caused the suspension, according to the directors.

Son of Ex-President Captured

Paris, Feb. 1.—Captain Claude Casimir Perier, son of a former president of France, has been made a prisoner by General von Klueck's army, near Soissons, according to dispatches received here.

WILSON VETOES BILL

EXPRESSES REGRET FOR HAVING TO RETURN IMMIGRATION MEASURE UNSIGNED.

SAYS IT IS TOO RADICAL

Chief Executive Asserts That Literacy Test and Restrictions Which Accompany It Constitute Radical Change in Policy of the Nation.

Washington, Jan. 30.—The immigration bill was vetoed on Thursday by President Wilson in the following message to congress:

"It is with unaffected regret that I find myself constrained by clear conviction to return this bill without my signature. Not only do I feel it to be a very serious matter to exercise the power of veto in any case, because it involves opposing the single judgment of the president to the judgment of the majority of both houses of the congress, a step which no man who realizes his own liability to error can take without great hesitation, but also because this particular bill is in so many important respects admirable, well conceived and desirable. Its enactment into law would undoubtedly enhance the efficiency and improve the methods of handling the important branch of the public service to which it relates, but candor and a sense of duty with regard to the responsibility so clearly imposed upon me by the Constitution in matters of legislation leaves me no choice but to dissent.

"In two particulars of vital consequence this bill embodies a radical departure from the traditional and long-established policy of this country, a policy in which our people have conceived the very character of their government to be expressed, the very mission and spirit of the nation in respect of its relations to the peoples of the world outside their borders. It seeks to all but close entirely the gates of asylums which always have been open to those who could find nowhere else the right and opportunity of constitutional agitation for what they conceived to be the natural and inalienable rights of man; and it excludes those to whom the opportunity of elementary education has been denied, without regard to their character, their purposes, or their natural capacity.

"Restrictions like these, adopted earlier in our history as a nation, would have very materially altered the course and cooled the humane ardors of our politics. The right of political asylum has brought to this country many a man of noble character and elevated purpose who was marked as an outlaw in his own less fortunate land, and who has yet become an ornament to our citizenship and to our public councils. It is impossible for me to assent to it in the form in which it is here passed.

"The literacy test and the tests and restrictions which accompany it constitute an even more radical change in the policy of the nation. Hitherto we have generously kept our doors open to all who are not unfitted by reason of disease or incapacity for self-support or such personal records and antecedents as were likely to make them a menace to our peace and order or to the wholesome and offensive relationships of life. In this bill it is proposed to turn away from tests of character and of quality and impose tests which exclude and restrict; for the new tests here embodied are not tests of quality or of character or of personal fitness, but tests of opportunity.

"If the people of this country have made up their minds to limit the number of immigrants by arbitrary tests and so reverse the policy of all the generations of Americans that have gone before them, it is their right to do so. I am their servant and have no license to stand in their way. But I do not believe that they have. I respectfully submit that no one can quote their mandate to that effect. Has any political party ever avowed a policy of restriction in this fundamental matter, gone to the country on it and been commissioned to control this legislation? Does this bill rest upon the conscious and universal assent and desire of the American people? I doubt it. It is because I doubt it that I make bold to dissent from it. I am willing to abide by the verdict, but not until it has been rendered. Let the platforms of parties speak out upon this policy and the people pronounce their wish. The matter is too fundamental to be settled otherwise.

"I have no pride of opinion in this question. I am not foolish enough to profess to know the wishes and ideals of America better than the body of her chosen representatives know them. I only want instructions direct from those whose fortunes, with ours and all men's, are involved.

"WOODROW WILSON."

Gen. Pau to Command Russ. Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 1.—Dispatches from Geneva, the press bureau asserted, state that Gen. Paul Pau, France's one-armed hero, is en route to Warsaw to take command of one of the Russian armies.

Germany Arrests British Colonials

Berlin Feb. 1.—A dispatch reaching here from Hamburg says that all British colonials in that city, with the exception for the time being of the Australians, have been arrested and interned in Ruhleben.

Man Leaps to Death

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Frank T. Crawford, wealthy Yale graduate and son-in-law of the late Luther Lavin Mills, killed himself by leaping from the third floor of his residence. Despondency caused by illness caused act.

JEROME IS DISMISSED

ATTORNEY GENERAL OUSTS HARRY THAW'S NEMESIS.

Action Believed to Have Disposed of One of Greatest Obstacles to Slayer's Freedom.

New York, Jan. 28.—W. T. Jerome, for nearly nine years known as Harry Kendall Thaw's nemesis, was removed on Tuesday from his position of special deputy attorney general of the state of New York by Attorney General Woodbury, and at once ceased his fight to have Thaw sent back to Matteawan insane asylum.

The reasons that actuated Attorney General Woodbury are embodied in the telegram of dismissal which he sent to Jerome. The telegram in part reads:

"You and Mr. Kennedy ought to be congratulated upon the successful culmination of your efforts for the return of Harry K. Thaw to the rightful jurisdiction of the courts of this state. The case will now be handled by the attorney general's office. I thank you for your services.

"EGGURT E. WOODBURY."

Thus ends the long prosecution of Thaw by Jerome. And thus one of the greatest obstacles between Thaw and freedom is removed. Thaw's friends are openly predicting that Thaw's chances for victory in his coming fight are now more than bright.

Jerome has been connected with the case since the night the Pittsburgh millionaire shot and killed Stanford White, nine years ago next June. Through both sensational trials, through three habeas corpus hearings, and through every recourse to law, old and new, Jerome raced with Thaw, and always barred the gate. After 18 months of waiting, the unrelenting Jerome fetched Thaw back to New York—the final chapter in the most remarkable prosecution in criminal annals.

BOERS ARE STILL FIGHTING

Rebels Putting Up Stiff Resistance, Despite Official Announcement Uprising Had Been Crushed.

Pretoria, South Africa, Jan. 28.—Despite the recent official announcement that the Boer uprising in South Africa has been completely crushed, the rebels in Bechuanaland are still putting up stiff resistance against overwhelming forces. It is announced that in the fight at Upington, on the Orange river, on Sunday, six members of the Union defense force were killed and 23 wounded. The rebels lost nine killed and many wounded. One hundred and twenty-five rebels, dressed in German uniforms furnished by the governor of German Southwest Africa, were captured. Commandant Stadler, the rebel commander, who was wounded, has since died.

AMNESTY GRANTED TO MANY

Kaiser's Decree Sets Free Persons Undergoing Punishment for Minor Offenses—Fifty-Sixth Birthday.

Berlin, Jan. 28 (by wireless).—An imperial decree of amnesty for persons undergoing punishment for minor offenses against military law was issued here upon the occasion of the kaiser's fifty-sixth birthday. Imperial clemency is thus extended to persons undergoing disciplinary punishment inflicted by the military commanders, to those upon whom fines have been levied and to those sentenced to six months or less by court-martial. The decree also sanctions the annulment of investigations against soldiers on active duty for transgressions and offenses against the civil law committed prior to the call to arms.

READY TO PAY FOR CATTLE

U. S. Government Now in Position to Reimburse Stock Owners for Animals Destroyed.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The department of agriculture announced on Wednesday that it now is in a position to reimburse stock owners whose cattle were killed in the fight against the foot-and-mouth disease.

President Wilson made available \$2,500,000 for use in the campaign by the department when he signed the urgent deficiency bill.

TURKS NEAR SUEZ CANAL

One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Ottoman Troops Within Five Miles of the Waterway.

Athens, Jan. 29.—The advance guard of a Turkish army of 120,000 men under Djemal Pasha and a corps of German officers is within five miles of the Suez canal, according to dispatches from Cairo on Wednesday.

A Family Affair

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 1.—In the same court on the same day Paul Gilbert was sentenced for assault, his son, Frank, aged twelve, was convicted of robbery, and another son, William, was convicted of truancy.

SUBMARINE IN RAID

GERMANS SEND THREE BRITISH SHIPS TO BOTTOM.

RAIDERS EASILY MAKE ESCAPE

Was Same Vessel Which Sunk British Battleship Last September When 246 Drowned.

London.—The toll taken by the German submarine U-21 in its raid in the Irish sea in the vicinity of Liverpool still stands at three ships—the steamers Ben Cruachen, Linda Blanche and the Glisco, the latter a small vessel. The crew of the Killoran has been landed on the Isle of Man by a coastwise steamer.

In addition a German submarine also has torpedoed two British steamers in the English channel near Havre—the Toko Maru and the Iearia. The Irish sea raider easily made her escape and shipping interests, confident that she has returned to her base, ordered a resumption of normal traffic.

This under-water Emden is the same vessel which last September torpedoed in the North sea the British cruiser Pathfinder, with a loss of 246 lives and later destroyed two British steamers off Havre.

In addition to the three-vessels she is known to have sunk, at least five other steamers were chased by her. These included the steamer Graphic with 100 passengers, Ava, Kathleen and Edymion. All these vessels escaped in zigzag flight. The Allen liner Scandinavian, from St. John, N. B., January 22, for Liverpool, with 500 passengers on board, learned of the raid of the U-21 and put into Queens-town. After remaining in Queens-town for a short time she proceeded for Liverpool.

Struck While Stationary. A member of the crew of the British steamer Tokomaru, which was sunk in the English channel supposed by a submarine, has arrived in London and thus describes the disaster.

"The officers and crew had just finished breakfast when the explosion occurred. The ship was virtually stationary, seeking a pilot. The vessel tilted over immediately and soon had a heavy list.

"The captain ordered the boats cut and in fifteen minutes everyone was away, but saved virtually nothing. The general opinion of the crew was that it had been torpedoed, but no sign of submarine was seen."

Will Stay Till Enemy Quails

Berlin.—"We will stay on hostile territory until the enemy is vanquished or has collapsed," was the assertion made by Emperor William in personally conferring the iron cross on a German soldier, according to a report printed by a Cologne news paper.

U. S. Will Retain Rights

Washington, D. C.—The United States government does not intend to be drawn into any negotiation or discussion with foreign governments as to whether or not it has the right to buy belligerent ships, until the bill pending in the senate is enacted into law and there is a decision as to where the purchases are to be made. The Washington government, it may be stated on the highest authority, confident of its rights under international law, does not intend to surrender its right to bestow the American flag on its own or private vessels, bought after the outbreak of hostilities, if the transaction is in every sense proved to be of a bona fide character.

Kills Wife, Daughters and Self

New York.—Armed with a magazine rifle equipped with an automatic slencer, Herman Auerbach, a wealthy real estate operator, who had become despondent because of financial reverses, shot and killed his wife and two daughters as they slept, and then, returning to his own bed, killed himself. His son, Lester, a high school student, was the only member of the family left alive. Auerbach's wealth was estimated recently at nearly \$1,000,000, but securities he held are said to have depreciated.

Steamer Dacia Sails

Galveston, Tex.—The steamship Dacia has departed from Galveston for Rotterdam with 11,000 bales of cotton to be transhipped to Bremen. The Dacia cleared January 22. Its delay here is yet unexplained and its agent and master said they did not know why it was waiting. The Dacia's cotton cargo is valued by the shippers at \$800,000, or 16 cents a pound laid down in Bremen.

Roberts Found Guilty

North Platte, Neb.—Roy Roberts has been found guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of Vernon Connott August 2, and sentenced to death. The verdict was reached by the jury after it had been out more than twelve hours.

30 Years for Killing Ma-in-Law

St. Louis, Mo.—Edward Ellebrecht, 23 years old, was convicted of the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Farragher, last July and sentenced to thirty years in jail.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Gothenburg was visited by a \$10,000 fire last week.

Grand Island is planning a \$100,000 sewer system.

North Bend will have a new \$25,000 church in the spring.

The jitney buss has already made its appearance at Lincoln.

Fire destroyed the home of Chas. Ash at Auburn last week.

Omaha's new million dollar hotel will be opened February 25.

The Ericson Journal has been made the official paper of Wheeler county.

There were 3,809,000 swine in Nebraska January 1, according to a federal report.

Congressman-elect Shallenberger will give a Washington's birthday address at Hastings college.

Hastings college and the Kearney normal school are arranging a series of debates for the near future.

By a preferential primary for the postmastership of Fremont, N. W. Smalls, veteran editor, was chosen.

Forty-two relics picked up on the battlefields of Europe are now on display at an Omaha department store.

The next meeting of the Nebraska farmers' congress will be held in Omaha November 29 and December 1 and 2.

The first mothers' pension in Cass county has just been awarded to Mrs. Stella Persinger, who has five young children.

James W. Fairhead has been promoted from the position of assistant cashier of the First National bank at Syracuse, to cashier.

Word has been received at Omaha from the Pasteur Institute at Chicago that the dog which bit several people was infected with rabies.

Robert I. Elliott, former deputy state superintendent, has taken up his duties in the mathematics department of the Kearney normal school.

The Fairbury Baseball association has consummated a deal whereby they become owners of the Superior franchise in the Nebraska State league.

Over fifteen hundred sacks of apples were given to visitors at the corn and apple show at Lincoln by the Central Fruit Growers' association.

The Scottsbluffs beet sugar factory used 210,000 tons of beets last year. The amount paid the farmers was \$1,400,000. The season has just closed.

Rev. M. E. Lumbaca of Wilton Junction, Ia., has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church at Dunbar and will take up his duties in two months.

Governor Morehead and Douglas County Treasurer W. G. Ure will address the county treasurers' state meeting at Hastings February 9 and 10.

Money contributed by school children for a Nebraska building at the San Francisco exposition will be returned to the districts contributing the money.

The Dawes County Fair association has elected: President, William Donohue; vice-president, William Chisholm; treasurer, Ben Loewenthal; secretary, J. F. Lawrence.

On account of ill health Miss Catherine Butt, postmistress at Unadilla for nineteen years, has resigned and a civil service examination will be held February 20 to fill the vacancy.

That cement is better building material than other materials is the object of the meeting of the Nebraska-Cement Users, which will be held in Omaha the first week in March.

Because he failed to secure a new lease on his farm Chris Christensen of Winslow, drank carbolic acid and died within a few minutes. He was 59 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

State Auditor W. H. Smith has declined to register \$6,000 of bonds issued by the town of Kimball for water purposes because the issue was made under two conflicting sections of the statute.

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Farmers' elevator company of Silver Creek plans were made for the erection of an elevator within a short time. Several thousand dollars have been collected.

"A bill to make Nebraska a large manufacturing center" is the title of a proposed law which will be presented in the Nebraska legislature by Representative F. M. Broome, and which is being promoted by the Commercial club at Alliance.

Companies A, B, C and D of the Fourth Infantry, Nebraska National guard, and the regimental band—all located at Omaha—will be subjected to federal inspection on March 2, 3, 4 and 5. Orders to that effect have been issued by General Hall.

Under the direction of Mayor Ingaham of Hastings a committee of the council has begun investigation looking to dollar gas in Hastings and a reduction of the price of electric current for cooking purposes from 6 to 3½ cents per kilowatt hour.

State Treasurer Hall has purchased the bonds of two Nebraska school districts in the total sum of \$40,000. The bonds bear 5 per cent. The districts selling the bonds were No. 33 of Platte county (Creston), and No. 26 of Fillmore (Exeter). Each district sold \$20,000 worth.

Miss Mabel Gould, a Kearney helpess, aged 39, has been taken to the hospital for insane at Hastings after having been judged insane before the sanity board. Miss Gould is the owner of properties valued at \$40,000 and heir to a portion of her father's estate valued at \$60,000.