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COAL AND IRON POOL SMASHED

Columbus & Hoeking Stock Makes Sensational Drop of Nearly Sixty Points.

TWO FIRMS ARE INVOLVED

J. M. Fiske & Co. and Lathrop, Haskins & Co. Suspend.

CHARGE OF FRAUD MADE

Creditors Allege Preferential Transfers and Concealment.

ENTIRE MARKET IS AFFECTED

Close is Weak, with Values at Low Ebb—Rumor that Other Firms Will Suspend Today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—There was an episode in the New York Stock exchange today more spectacular in many respects than the recent Hoek Island fiasco. With a break of more than 60 points the so-called Columbus & Hoeking coal and iron pool was smashed, two stock exchange houses were forced to suspend and the market generally underwent severe declines, involving the heaviest trading since the day of Edward H. Harriman's death.

Turkish Palace Ruined by Fire

Building in Which Parliament Sits and Finest in Country Accidentally Burned.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 19.—The palace of Chiragan, where Parliament sits, was practically destroyed by fire of accidental origin today. The Chamber of Deputies was burned out and the senate hall was so badly damaged that it cannot be occupied again.

Kansas Appeals Guaranty Case

Attorney General Jackson Will Seek to Overturn Adverse Decision.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 19.—Alleging that the United States circuit court had no jurisdiction and that error was committed by Judge Pollock on December 23 last in granting a temporary injunction preventing the state bank commissioner from enforcing the provisions of the Kansas bank deposit guaranty law, Fred S. Jackson, attorney general of Kansas, in Kansas City, Kan., this afternoon filed an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals. Judge Pollock today granted the appeal from his previous order, which later was a virtual declaration that the law was unconstitutional.

School Children March to Safety

Fire Drill Used When Roof of Building Collapses at Coffeyville.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Jan. 19.—A fire drill held today probably saved many lives, when, following the collapse of the roof over a portion of the McKinley school building, 35 children formed in line and marched from their rooms in safety. Not one of them was hurt.

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HUGHES TALKS TO INSURANCE MEN

Representatives of Twenty Million Policyholders in Conference at Washington.

HONEST COMPANIES ARE SAFE

State Control Will in No Way Interfere with Their Interests.

DAY OF CORRUPTION PAST

People Can Better Be Trusted Than Legislators Who Can Be Bribed.

FEDERAL CONTROL NOT LIKELY

Executive Says that Supervision by United States is Impossible Under Recent Decisions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—At the third annual meeting of the association of life insurance presidents today, Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York, addressed the executive officers of life insurance companies, representing 20,000,000 policyholders and nearly \$4,000,000,000 of assets, declaring his faith in life insurance as an American institution. He insisted that no life insurance organization which is honest and economical in its arrangement need fear state control nor expect to suffer from legislation.

Walsh Behind Prison Bars

Aged Chicago Banker Becomes Convict 6861 at Leavenworth.

WARDEN OLD FRIEND OF BOYHOOD Entrance into Cell Marked by No Display of Sentiment—Formal Good-Bye to Son and Son-in-Law.

LEAVENWORTH, Jan. 19.—Maintaining the same brave attitude that he has displayed ever since the first indictment, John R. Walsh today began his five-year sentence in the federal prison here for misapplying the funds of the Chicago National bank.

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Back On the Main Track.

DIVISION AMONG COAL MINERS

Most Powerful Labor Organization in the World Devotes Day to Playing Politics.

LEWIS REGIME IS ATTACKED

Opposition Charges President with Packing Convention.

STRONG DENIAL IS ENTERED

Mr. Lewis Defends His Actions in Most Vigorous Language.

OBJECTORS WIN ONE POINT

Organizers Who Are Delegates Will Not Draw Pay from General Treasury During the Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 19.—The most powerful unified labor organization in the world, the United Mine Workers of North America, played politics bitterly all of today in its convention at the Elks club and finally rebuffed its international administration. The "fillbusters," so called by President Thomas Lewis, succeeded in carrying by a large majority to suspend during the convention the salaries of the international organizers who are in attendance as representatives of the Elks club district, and to put upon the unions the expense of their support as delegates.

The delegates divided in the debate on the motion. The leaders of the insurrectionists were Frank J. Hayes, who probably has been elected international vice president, and who now is secretary of the Illinois district of the Elks club; William Green of Ohio, Lewis' opponent in the election for president; John H. Walker, president-elect of the Illinois miners and Lewis' defeated rival for the international presidency last year; Duncan McDonald, now the president of the Illinois district; and Francis Feehan, president of the Pittsburgh district. The anti-administration speakers charged that the international organizers, being under the control of President Lewis, had been called into the convention in the expectation that they could further the interests of the administration; that some of them had solicited delegates from the Elks club local unions, supposed to be unable to send delegates, and that they should have remained in their districts attending to the duties for which they were paid.

A dangerous centralization of power resulted, it was maintained, which threatened the interests of the individual districts. Lewis Defends. After his opponents pleaded their cause, President Lewis made a statement flatly denying that he had asked international organizers to help him forward his policies in the convention or that he had ever caucused the organizers. He had called some of them to the convention, he said, so that the delegates might have firsthand information of the progress of organization in non-union coal mining fields. Continuing, Lewis said: "But it is not the international organizers that are bothering these men. In their intense desire to discredit the Elks club workers in the mines, they have issued circulars of their own. Read the scurrilous circulars that have been issued assailing my character and my work. Ever since the miners of this country placed a gavel in my hands my enemies have done all in their power to discredit my administration. They have sowed the seeds of division and disruption in the organization."

In defense of the integrity and devotion of the international organizers President Lewis declared: "If you would know the perils that beset these men go into the coal fields of West Virginia, Kentucky, Elkhart Ridge, West Virginia, the mountains of Tennessee and parts of the fields of Pennsylvania, Missouri and more that I might mention. If you are suspected of being an organizer you will give good account of yourself or you will be executed out by armed men, and if you resist you will stay there crippled." After President Lewis had closed his speech there was further argument until a motion to end the debate was carried by a vote of 123 ayes and 47 nays. The original motion then was put and carried. The reports of President Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer Edwin Perry and Vice President McCullough were read and the convention adjourned for the day.

Report of President.

"The application of common sense should be the basis of the new method of promoting industrial peace in the mining regions," according to a report of President Thomas L. Lewis. President Lewis declared that an important problem before the organization was how to organize the mine workers in the nonunion mining district. He said: "South and east of the Ohio river in the states of Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, nearly 120,000 mine workers are employed. Of this number, but a small per cent of the total are organized, and what is true of the states named also applies to a large section of the bituminous and anthracite districts of Pennsylvania as well as Colorado. Costly and unsuccess efforts have been made to organize these districts through the medium of strikes. The amount spent for aid alone in support of strikes in the states of Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Colorado since the year 1900 amounts to nearly \$5,000,000, and to this large sum should be added the amount of money spent to maintain a number of organizers in those districts."

In denying a widespread belief that the mine workers seek to organize in the states named to curtail the shipment of coal west, President Lewis said: "We should declare in the most emphatic manner that it is not our purpose to organize the nonunion mining districts to curtail their coal production. We must convince the operators of those states that we are sincere in our position. We will then have removed the greatest obstacle in the way of organizing West Virginia and the other states named."

The report states that the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania employs 174,000 mine workers, about 80,000 of whom are organized, and explained the condition by saying: "An investigation and study of the anthracite situation convinces me that the industry in the most unorganized of the mine workers to be better organized is due principally to their own indifference."

Mr. Lewis declared that the wage agreement now in effect in the anthracite region does not provide a proper standard of wages and is not what the mine workers desire. And, in regard to the present agree-

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