

## MINE WORKERS CHOOSE OFFICERS

Report of Tellers is Approved by Convention—Protests Are Not Pressed.

### PRESIDENT LEWIS MAKES SPEECH

He Says "Obstructionists" Are Only Playing Into Hands of Operators.

### CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE

Operators Are Asked to Come to Indianapolis for Joint Session.

### DEFINITE PLAN FOR MERGER

Special Committee is Appointed to Draft Agreement for Consideration with Metal Miners.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 21.—At the close of today's session of the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, the report of the tellers of the balloting for international officers was declared to be final. Protests by the opponents of Thomas J. Lewis, re-elected president, that the votes of certain local unions might be shown to be of questionable validity were not pressed.

The new set of officers, which will take charge of the administration on April 1, follows:

President—Thomas J. Lewis, Bridgeport, Ohio.  
Vice President—Frank J. Hayes, Springfield, Ill.  
Secretary—Edwin Perry, Oskaloosa, Ia.  
President Lewis, in accepting re-election, declared that his political enemies within the organization were succeeding only in supplying ammunition to the operators, whom the bituminous coal miners are to meet on February 1 to negotiate a new wage contract. The "obstructionists," he said, by delaying the proceedings, were piling useless expense upon the local unions, which support the delegates in the convention.

Operators Asked to Indianapolis.

President Lewis opposed a motion, put by his rival in the presidential contest, William Green of Coahucan, O., that the operators of the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana should be invited to come to Indianapolis for the tri-state joint conference with the miners, instead of meeting them at Toledo, as arranged.

The motion, however, was carried and the international officers and the presidents of the districts included in the tri-state agreement, with the addition of the Illinois district, were appointed a committee to ask the operators to change the meeting place to this city.

The report of the tellers of the balloting was read in the convention of the organization in this city today, but the anti-Lewis party succeeded in postponing a vote on its adoption until afternoon.

The convention was to a tumult before and after the report. "Insurgents" supporting William Green, attempted to delay the report. After noisy demonstrations on both sides and cries of "put him out," directed against the speakers, it was determined to hear the report first and the protests afterward.

After the report was read, Green demanded the vote by districts in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania and district No. 26 of Nova Scotia. The tellers had in hand only the totals and, in the uproar, the chairman adjourned the convention until afternoon.

Alleged Spy Riles Convention.

A man of the name of Rivers of Alabama stirred the convention of the United Mine Workers of America to a high pitch of excitement today, though he was not present. If he had not left the city, President Lewis said, he probably "would go now," for he was "a secret agent of the operators of Alabama."

"Kill him!" shouted a delegate.

There was a laugh at this, but no laugh when there were general cries of "Throw him out!"

"He has vanished," said President Lewis.

W. B. Fairley, executive board member for Alabama, said Rivers attended last year's convention as a delegate and had with him a deputy sheriff from Alabama, "an officer that has no business in a miners' meeting."

Rivers was a member of the local union at Carbondale, Ala., before the great strike in that state, Fairley said, and since then has been, he declared, at intervals in the employment of the operators of the state as a confidential agent.

Definite Plan for Merger.

A definite plan for a projected merger of the organized metal and coal miners of the United States and Canada will be laid before the convention by a committee representing the coal miners here assembled and a visiting committee sent by the metal miners of the Western Federation of Miners.

President Lewis of the United Mine Workers today named its conference committee as follows: T. L. Lewis, president; John H. Walker, district 12; J. R. Lawson, district 11; E. S. McCullough, district 34; C. P. Gilday, district 7; Jacob Ritter, district 13; Patrick Gilday, district 2.

The conference committee of the Western Federation of Miners is as follows:

Charles H. Meyer, president; C. E. Mahoney, vice president; William Davidson, executive board member; James Devlin, Daniel Holland, M. J. O'Connor and J. D. Cannon.

The two committees immediately will take up the work of framing a coalition contract that will bring about either an amalgamation, with one set of international officers and one treasury, or an offensive and defensive working agreement that will permit the independent existence of the metal and coal miners' organizations.

## Beef Trust Will Be Attacked by Attorney General

Proceedings Will Soon Be Instituted by Department of Justice Under Sherman Law.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Proceedings will soon be instituted by the Department of Justice against the so-called beef trust, with headquarters at Chicago. Complaint of alleged operations of the trust in restraint of trade have been investigated by the department. Suit probably will be brought under the Sherman anti-trust law.

## Lovett Allowed to File Views

President of Union Pacific Will Give His Views of Merger Dismissal to Wickersham.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Judge R. S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific railroad, has been given leave to file with the attorney general a written memorandum of his views on the request made of the government to dismiss the suit instituted by it to dissolve the merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads.

This decision was reached at the conference yesterday between Attorney General Wickersham, Frank B. Kellogg and C. A. Severance, representing the government, on the one hand, and President Lovett, Maxwell E. Fort, counsel of the Union Pacific, and one or two other officials of the road, on the other.

The suit was brought under the Sherman anti-trust law on the ground that the merger of the new road was in restraint of trade.

The following statement regarding the conference was made today at the Department of Justice:

"Judge Lovett and his counsel and associates, submitted to the attorney general their contention that the government had failed in the suit against the Union Pacific railroad company and the Union Pacific railroad to establish the fact that the transaction therein constituted a violation of the Sherman act, and, therefore, that the suit should be dismissed.

Upon the adjournment of the meeting leave was given to Judge Lovett to file a written memorandum of his views, which the attorney general will take under consideration before reporting to the president his recommendations respecting the request to dismiss the suit."

## Paid Money to Black-Handers

Several Victims of Ohio Blackmailers Testify in Trial at Toledo.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 21.—A threat to kidnap some of his ten children induced Fabiano Chinciola, a fruit dealer of Cincinnati, to give up \$1,500, according to his testimony in the trial of the fourteen alleged Black Hand conspirators here today. Chinciola said the payment was made in a room over the saloon of Francesco Spedara, in Cincinnati, October 18, 1908. Spedara and Salvatore Arrigo, whom he knew, received the money.

The threatening letter demanded \$3,000, he said, but he could not raise that much. He received a letter telling him how to pay the money, and he drew it from the bank. He journeyed to Pittsburgh and paid \$600 to some man whom he could not identify. Baptiste Marcuro of Columbus, O., testified that he received four letters from Valley City, N. D., each demanding \$5,000. He paid \$300 through a third person, but could not tell to whom the money went. Ignazio and Augustina Amari of Columbus, O., testified that they fled to Sicily after dynamite was exploded under their house in the spring of 1908. They received another Black Hand letter in Italy.

E. F. Weber, a banker of Meadville, identified the signature on a letter to Salvatore Lima as being that of Peppino Galbo.

## DENIES MORSE IS FAVORED

Warden of Atlanta Penitentiary Asserts Lee King Is Employed in Library.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Captain William H. Moyer, warden of the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., was at the department of justice today and entered an indignant denial of the published stories that special privileges were being accorded to Charles W. Morse, the New York banker. Captain Moyer said it is true that, after having been removed, the mistake of Mr. Morse has been allowed to grow again. Mr. Morse, he said, was employed in the library and was being treated precisely as any other prisoner in the institution.

Houlahan to M. K. & T.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 21.—Reports are current in railroad circles here today that Edwin Hawley will place P. H. Houlahan at the head of the operating department of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad as general manager. Mr. Houlahan is a former manager of the Chicago & Alton railroad.

## Father Rigge is Doubtful About Alleged New Comet

Father William J. Rigge, professor of astronomy of Creighton university, is disposed to question the appearance of a genuine comet in the southwest Thursday evening.

"I think it must have been a peculiarly formed cloud," said Father Rigge. "and not a comet. While it is true that Halley's comet is now due, and is visible under favorable conditions through powerful telescopes, yet it could hardly be identified as a comet by unskilled observers. In any event its appearance through a telescope would be that of a small star, and could only be seen at present in the southwest in the evening and early in the morning only under the conditions named.

## CZAR AND MIKADO REPLY TO KNOX

Both Nations Reject for Neutralization in Manchuria

### JAPAN HAS NO OBJECTIONS

Note is Friendly in Tone, but Conclusions Are Not Qualified.

### BASIS OF RUSSIAN OPPOSITION

Proposition is Held to Be Without Intrinsic Merit.

### AMERICANS ARE DISAPPOINTED

General Feeling that Adoption of Scheme Would Have Had Effect of Minimizing Prospect of War.

TOKIO, Jan. 21.—The reply of the Japanese government to the United States proposal for the neutralization of the Manchurian railways was handed to American Ambassador O'Brien this afternoon. It is a polite rejection.

No intimation of the contents of the memorandum of reply is given, but the best information obtainable indicates that the communication is brief and that the declaration to accept the neutralization proposition is based on several grounds, the chief of which are:

The American plan would be of no advantage whatever to Japan.

It would afford no advantage to China.

It would not change the commercial situation in Manchuria, where Japan is adhering strictly to its pledges of an open door and equal opportunity.

It is understood that the reply is couched in terms of friendly appreciation of the American purpose, but it is not of an argumentative character and its conclusions are not qualified.

### Russia Opposes Plan.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—Russia's reply to Secretary Knox's note proposing the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads was delivered to Ambassador Rockwell today.

The Russian communication rejects the proposal for the neutralization of existing railroads. It states also that the Russian government considers the alternative proposition for its participation in an international syndicate for the construction of the Chin Chow-Aigun line acceptable in principle, but because of the political and strategic importance of the enterprise and its bearing on the East Chinese railroad Russia will defer a final answer on this subject pending the receipt of information as to the principles of the American project.

Russia reserves the right to pass upon all such projects as affecting its political, strategic and economic interests.

The note of reply "throughout is in a friendly tone and the American proposition is criticized strongly on its intrinsic merits."

### American Officials Disappointed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Press telegrams from Tokyo and St. Petersburg received this morning stated that the proposal of the United States for the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads had been rejected by both Japan and Russia, were read with great interest at the state department.

There is no doubt that the result of Secretary Knox's effort to eliminate the Manchurian railroads from the policies of the far east, thus minimizing the danger of war, is a keen disappointment to the officials. Whether the matter will end with the action of Japan and Russia, is problematical.

It is believed to be quite possible that with the rejection of the proposition to neutralize the railroads in Manchuria owned by Russia and Japan the United States may urge its attention to the question of financing in conjunction with Great Britain and other European nations the construction of the proposed railroad, which will run from Chin Chow to Tientsin.

This road will tap the Russian Trans-Siberian road at Tientsin. This proposition formed a part of Secretary Knox's alternative neutralization plan and it seems probable that all of the powers, including Russia and Japan, may signify their willingness to co-operate with the United States in neutralizing this particular road.

### WEDS. IN HOSPITAL CHAIR

German Takes This Means of Saving Fortune Left Condi.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Propped up in an invalid chair, Fred Hardeck of Reinbeck, Ia., a victim of premature senility, was married yesterday afternoon in the university hospital to Miss Anna Holb, to save an estate of \$15,000.

Hardeck was recently left \$15,000 in a German estate upon the condition that he marry. On the point of death for almost a month, he rallied upon receipt of the news, and yesterday afternoon before the senior medical class he was married by Rev. H. C. Hoerlein.

Hardeck is 52 years of age. He has been in the hospital for a year and it is practically his home. However, now his new wife will take him to Reinbeck, where they will live. The bride is 37 years of age.

The wedding took place in the reception room of the university hospital. The ceremony was held in a room in the hospital in the invalid chair and two nurses stood near at hand, ready to administer stimulants should the patient show fatigue from the ceremony.

## "Hog on Ice"



From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

## CANNON RULES FOR LLOYD

Speaker Holds that Democrat Has Right to Resign from Committee.

### DEMOCRATS WILL HOLD CAUCUS

Chairman Clayton Announces a Committee of Seven to Outline Course to Be Pursued by the Minority.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The right of Representative Lloyd of Missouri to tender his resignation as a member of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee was today announced in the house by a ruling made by Speaker Cannon. Mr. Lloyd tendering his resignation. A vacancy upon that committee was made and it probably will be filled when the house assembles next Monday.

Bill to relieve William Holdenwick, assistant treasurer of the United States at Chicago, from responsibility in the loss of \$173,000 stolen from his office and to pay registers of land offices back fees collected by them were passed by the house. The day was largely devoted to a discussion of various private claim measures.

At 5:08 o'clock p. m. the house adjourned until Monday.

The senate was not in session.

The joint congressional committee appointed to investigate the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy will hold a preliminary meeting tomorrow. Chairman Clayton of the democratic caucus announced the appointment of the following committee to consider the course to be pursued by the democrats in the matter of the composition of the investigating committee: Messrs. Slason (Miss.), Hitchcock (Neb.), Dixon (Ind.), Palmer (Pa.), Rainey (Ill.), Rucker (Mo.), Kitchin (N. C.).

### Guggenheims Grip

### Soft Coal Fields

### Secure Options on Eighty Per Cent of New River Fields in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Local representatives of the Guggenheim interests have secured options on 80 per cent of the New River coal field, which comprises 200,000 acres, as part of a plan to combine the entire bituminous coal interests of southern West Virginia, the Fairmont field and the holdings of the Pittsburgh Coal company. This will give the Guggenheims control of about 75 per cent of the soft coal of the country.

### ERIE REJECTS WAGE DEMANDS

Forty-One Other Railroads Will Take Similar Action in Short Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The Erie railroad this afternoon formally rejected the demands of their trainmen and conductors for increased wages. The rejection followed a friendly conference of the road's officials and a committee of employees.

Forty-one railroads have yet to act on the demands of their men, but by an understood agreement they will reject them. Conferences will follow the rejection.

### POWER SITES TO STATES

Senator Carter Will Introduce Bill Providing for Cession by Federal Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Senator Carter will introduce a bill which, in effect, will turn over to the state any government land chiefly valuable for use in the development of water-power. The plan is the result of a conference between Senator Carter and western governors.

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## Tusk Hunters Slaughtering Wyoming Elk

File of Nine Dead Animals Found in Jackson's Hole—Vigilance Committee Organized.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 21.—Game Warden Sorenson reports that a gang of tusk hunters has been slaughtering wild elk. In Jackson's Hole he found nine dead in one pile.

A report from Jackson, Wyo., says the citizens there have appointed a vigilance committee and have warned the tusk hunters to leave the state within forty-eight hours.

Citizens of Utah county are circulating a petition in opposition to the Gros Ventre winter elk reserve requested by congress.

## Willing to Make Place for Roosevelt

Representative Cocks of Oyster Bay District Will Retire if Ex-President Will Run.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Confirming the story of his readiness to retire from congress in favor of former President Roosevelt, Representative Cocks of New York, who represents the Oyster Bay district, where the Roosevelt home is located, added today that he had informally talked over the subject with Mr. Roosevelt.

Representative Bradley, according to Mr. Cocks, is likewise willing to give way in the house of Mr. Roosevelt in the event the ex-president should desire to enter congress.

The conversation took place one night last February. "The talk was entirely informal," said Mr. Cocks, "and the president's expressions were given in a tentative way. Incidentally the fact that John Quincy Adams had occupied a seat in congress subsequent to his presidential term was brought up."

"Mr. Roosevelt believed that the holding of a presidential office did not bar any man from later taking up other public duties. There was a reference to the possibility of his again re-entering a presidential contest, but it was just passing chat."

"I want to say to you that the Roosevelt friends are loyal supporters of President Taft. I do not think that Mr. Roosevelt has made up his mind yet what to do."

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## COLLEGE MERGER PLAN OFF

Bellevue Trustees Make Formal Declaration of Independence.

### CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR MONEY

With Consolidation Scheme Blocked, Effort Will Be Made to Secure \$150,000 to Insure Permanence of Old School.

Trustees of Bellevue college, in session Friday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association building, formally and finally voted to reject the proposition to merge with Hastings college as ordered by the Presbyterian synod at its last session.

By taking this action the trustees have made a declaration of independence from the synod and will endeavor to rehabilitate the finances of the school and place it on a sound financial basis. Plans were made for an immediate campaign to be launched at once to raise funds to insure the future life of the school.

The following resolutions were adopted by the trustees after the merger proposition had been coldly turned down:

"Resolved, That the board of trustees recognizes that Bellevue college is a trust committed to it for maintenance, protection and development at Bellevue, and we hereby express our determination to maintain the college in its integrity at Bellevue with all its present functions unimpaired; that we recognize the necessity for an immediate and aggressive financial campaign along the lines suggested by the executive committee in October, and that we take up and unrelentingly prosecute a campaign for the securing of funds to the amount of \$150,000 at least, \$20,000 of this amount to be applied to current expenses and \$130,000 to be invested as endowment, and we, the trustees, pledge our individual and collective active support in this endeavor, and we invite the friends of Christian education throughout the state of Nebraska and the east to join in this work, so that while the permanence of Bellevue college is assured, its effectiveness may be kept up to a standard of assured competence."

Hastings college has already given out the impression that it is weary of the whole matter and will do nothing to coerce or dissuade Bellevue from its position.

The legal action filed by Bellevue to enjoin the merger probably will be dropped now in view of the formal action of Bellevue and Hastings' attitude.

Those present at the conference were Dr. Edwin Hart Jenks, H. E. Maxwell, Robert Dempster, Judge A. L. Sutton and Henry T. Clarke of Omaha, Dr. W. A. Kearns of Beatrice, Dr. H. H. Braden and Mr. Burth of Bellevue, Dr. W. H. Betz of South Omaha and Dr. McClure of Council Bluffs.

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## MEAT BOYCOTT IS SPREADING

Movement to Combat High Prices is Assuming a National Character.

### MANY THOUSANDS ARE ENROLLED

Kansas City and Cleveland Are Taking the Lead.

### LOWER PRICES ARE LOOKED FOR

Packing Houses in Western Cities Expected to Make Reductions.

### DES MOINES RETAILERS MAKE CUT

Prices Will Be Raised Again as Soon as Stocks on Hand Are Gone—Lower Prices at Milwaukee.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The movement to combat the high prices of meat spread rapidly today and is assuming a national character. Coincident with the growth of the movement came announcements from Milwaukee and Cleveland that the price of meat had dropped. In Milwaukee two retail butchers quoted porterhouse steak at 10 cents a pound, sirloin at the same price and other meats in proportion. The wholesale price of beef fell off 15 cents a hundred pounds in Cleveland.

From Denver came the report that Samuel Dutton, president of the Western Hotel Men's Protective association, announced that the proposition of cutting down the consumption of meat would be brought before his organization at a meeting to be held here on January 22. Dispatches from Baltimore, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Memphis, Pittsburgh and other cities told of the rapid growth of the movement. Cleveland, credited with being the originator of the scheme now has 30,000 names enrolled in the crusade, while Kansas City reports 60,000.

The heads of the leading packing houses of Kansas City and Chicago refused to discuss the effect of the movement upon their business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—New York today joined forces with its sister cities in making a fight on the high prices of meats. Scores of laboring men and others are making pledges to abstain from using meat for thirty days, while many others are only eating meat once a day. Mrs. Anita Comfort, prominent in club circles, has come forward with a suggestion that 1,000,000 housewives unite to force prices down.

Cleveland Expects Lower Prices.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 21.—Now that the meat boycotting move which started here this week as a remedy for the increased cost of meat has become general local packers and dealers expect lower prices in the Kansas City and Chicago wholesale markets.

While the number of pledges of abstinence is not great compared to the total population the movement is growing.