

GRAND JURY INDICTS 54 IN U.S. COURT

Expected Sensational Bill Against Member of Omaha Police Department Not Among the Indictments.

FEDERAL BODY FAILS TO NAME PROFITERS

Alleged Mail Bandit Is Cleared of Charge—Bluffs Merchants Are Indicted Under Lever War-time Act.

The federal grand jury, in session since Monday, late yesterday afternoon returned indictments against a total of 54 defendants within the jurisdiction of the Omaha division of the U. S. district court.

Threatened sensational indictments against a member of the Omaha police department, which it had been declared might be the result of the grand jury's deliberations, failed to materialize.

Another interesting feature of the action of the jury was the failure to indict any Omaha individuals or firms on a charge of profiteering as the result of the recent investigation of the department of justice in connection with the work of Mrs. C. G. Ryan, federal fair price commissioner for Omaha. Mrs. Ryan, it is said, expected that indictments under the Lever act, would materially assist her in the effort of the government to lower the high cost of living. The single indictment under the Lever act to prevent profiteering was that of Louis and Moses Bernstein, merchants of Council Bluffs.

Though the members of the grand jury were dismissed, United States District Attorney Elliott of Lincoln may call them together again to consider additional evidence in a number of cases.

Mail Bandit Cleared. H. H. Hatch, alias R. C. Baker, alleged to have been the leader in an attempted wholesale jail delivery of federal prisoners several weeks ago, in which a plot to kill the jail attendants and escape was frustrated, was indicted on a charge of fraud through the sale of show property.

Earl Lauver, alias Arthur F. Olson, imprisoned some time ago as the bandit who held up and robbed the Overland Limited of the Union Pacific railroad of \$8,000 several weeks ago at Lane's cutoff, was not indicted. Lauver, it was said, has been released from custody several days ago when he succeeded in establishing his innocence of the hold-up. Lauver's arrest was based on the fact that a revolver belonging to him was found in one of the mail cars.

Louis and Moses Bernstein, merchants of Council Bluffs, were indicted on a charge of conspiring to (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Son of Clergyman of New York Sought for \$2,800 Bond Thefts

Syracuse, N. Y., April 15.—Otto Von Burden, jr., son of the dean of German Lutheran clergymen of central New York, and himself a prominent church worker here, has fled and is probably now on his way to Alaska. He was declared today when he was charged with the theft of \$2,800 worth of registered Liberty bonds by the Syracuse office of Foster & Adams, New York brokers.

It was revealed only today that Von Burden has been missing since April 4, the quiet search which was meantime prosecuted having failed to locate him. His father, who some time ago was said to have made good a forgery committed in Philadelphia for which the son served two years in prison, expressed belief today that the missing man had gone to Alaska, where he spent two years while in the army.

Von Burden also spent a year in jail in Wilmington, Del., it was said, for stealing jewelry from a girl.

Institute Nationwide Hunt For \$50,000 Pearl Necklace

Cleveland, O., April 15.—The loss of a \$50,000 pearl necklace by Mrs. Alice Hickox, prominent society and club woman of Cleveland, became known today when police instituted a nation-wide search, after private detectives and Pennsylvania railroad officials had spent nearly a month on the case.

The necklace contained 93 gems and a diamond clasp. It disappeared on the night of March 23, Mrs. Hickox said, when she was enroute from Washington to Cleveland.

Strike of Longshoremen On East Coast Settled

New York, April 15.—The strike of 4,000 longshoremen against the United Fruit company, in effect from Boston to Galveston, has been settled and the men will return to work Friday, it was announced here by J. F. Riley, president of the New York district council of the International Longshoremen's association.

John Reed Is Alive

Washington, April 15.—John Reed, an American magazine writer, reported recently to have been executed in Finland, is alive and well, according to an official reply received at the State department today from the Finnish government. Reed is under indictment at Chicago charged with conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

Pershing Declares Labor Must Be Given Fair Deal

"Labor in Nebraska is especially honorable, and the laboring man there is held in high esteem. Through his intelligence he occupies an important place in the community. He is not carried away by vague or idle theories of government and does not follow false or revolutionary leaders. Nebraska labor maintains a sane and patriotic attitude towards our institutions and stands ever ready to defend them. It is for all of us to see that he always receives the consideration due him and his family, that he be not allowed to suffer in competition with paper labor in or from foreign lands."

MOVE FRIDAY TO NULLIFY DECREE GRANTED TO MARY

Nevada Attorney General Declares He Has Left No Loophole—Charges Collusion and Fraud.

Carson, Nev., April 15.—Attorney General Fowler has postponed until Friday the time at which he will file the suit of the state of Nevada against Mary Pickford and Owen Moore to set aside the decree of divorce granted to the moving picture actress at Minden six weeks ago.

The delay, Fowler explained today, is due to necessary minute revision of the complaint in which he desires to leave no loophole for successful attack. The attorney general stated that more than ordinary care is being given to the wording of the document, which will contain some extremely novel allegations, from a legal standpoint, in addition to setting forth the charges of fraud and collusion against the defendants and their agents.

The greatest interest in the probable form of the complaint is being manifested by the legal fraternity of Nevada as well as by the public at large. Fowler, however, is scrupulously guarding the document during its stage of final preparation, while he still is working over time to repel the attacks of more or less conscientious objectors to his proposed action.

One of the chief topics of conversation both here and in Reno today is the visit made to Fowler yesterday by Glenn Hurst, moving picture distributor and exhibitor of Reno, and Frank J. Byington, real estate man and brother of former District Attorney Lewis F. Byington of San Francisco. They pleaded with Fowler to delay the filing of the suit against Mary Pickford, claiming that she and Douglas Fairbanks had long been considering the establishment of a studio in Reno and that the contemplated suit by the attorney general might endanger the plan. Fowler declined point blank to consider any delay.

Chicago Suicide Is Identified as Missing Ex-Sailor From Wayne

Wayne, Neb., April 15.—(Special.)—Similar to the initials of their son, who disappeared from his home April 5, and the initials found on the clothing of an unidentified man who police said had taken his own life in Chicago April 8, led Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson of Wakefield to go to Chicago, where they identified the body as their son, Clarence R. Johnson.

Newspaper dispatches told of police finding the body in a rooming house with a gas jet open and the only identification marks being the initials C. R. J. on the clothing. The son of Clarence R. Johnson, 22 years old, had left Wayne when he was employed in the clothing store of Fred Blair, without telling anyone of his intention of leaving the city.

Mr. Johnson served 22 months in the navy during the war and on his return accepted the clerk's position, and apparently was satisfied and happy. No explanation for his act could be given by either his parents or employer.

The body was taken to Sioux City for burial by the parents.

Wife of American Soldier Says Mexicans Kidnaped Her

El Paso, Tex., April 15.—Mrs. R. L. Sanford, 25 years old, wife of a horseholder of the Eighth cavalry, U. S. A., Fort Bliss, was kidnaped by two Mexicans near an El Paso entrance and taken to Juarez, where, according to her story, she was mistreated by 15 Mexicans.

Mrs. Sanford said she was abandoned in the street late at night, where, being discovered by police, she was seized and taken to jail. She was released and crossed the Rio Grande and told her story, which is being investigated.

Salvador Will Adhere To the League of Nations

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, April 15.—The republic of Salvador will adhere without reservation to the league of nations, it was announced here. Reports that the national congress of Salvador had decreed a Latin-American court of arbitration with the United States excited were declared to be absolutely false.

Plan to Open New National Park to Visitors May 15

Salt Lake City, April 15.—Zion National park, southwest Utah, created last year by act of congress, will be opened to visitors May 15, according to official word received from the national parks service, Washington, D. C. Formal dedication, however, will take place at a later date, the advices stated.

INSURGENTS TAKE 2 TOWNS IN SINALOA

El Fuerta, Important Mining Camp, and San Blas, Railway Junction, Captured by Sonora Republic Forces.

CARRANZA TO SEND BIG EXPEDITION TO FRONT

Secessionists Have Large Command of Fully Equipped Yaqui Indians, Said to Be Among Best Soldiers.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 15.—Military forces of the "new republic of Sonora" have crossed the state line of Sinaloa capturing two towns and are continuing toward Culiacan, capital of the neighboring state, thus taking the aggressive in the state's fight against the Carranza government of Mexico.

El Fuerta, one of the most important mining camps in Sinaloa, about 15 miles from the Sinaloa-Sonora boundary and San Blas, a railroad junction point, have fallen to the Sonora forces, according to official information received here.

Reports that six other states, Michoacan, Morelos, Tamaulipas, Tabasco, Campeche and Jalisco, had joined forces with the Sonora movement against Carranza remained unconfirmed tonight. It was known that agents and sympathizers with the Sonora movement were active throughout the republic seeking aid.

New Revolution.

Reports to military headquarters here contained the information that President Carranza plans to send thousands of troops against Sonora in an effort to put down the uprising. Leaders of the Sonora movement declared that by this plan a new revolution has been born.

More than 3,000 troops already have entered Sinaloa, it was said, and among these is a large command of fully equipped Yaqui Indians, who are conceded to be among the best soldiers in Mexico. Other troops are being shifted to the Sinaloa forces and to guard the line between the two states.

Four hundred troops were expected here tonight from Canasa to undertake the defense of Agua Prieta and the district between here and Pulpito Pass, through which it was reported Carranza intends sending an army into this district. There are more than 500 Sonora troops already stationed in the pass and reinforcements are being sent there.

Federals Join Secessionists.

Sonora officials declared today that Carranza troops in Sinaloa in large numbers are joining the Sonora forces. It also was reported that the commanders and crews of the two Mexican gunboats Guerrero and Chiapas deserted to the Sonora government and placed both vessels at the disposal of Gen. P. Elias Carranza, military commander-in-chief.

Military headquarters at Hermosillo announced that Gen. Arnulfo Gomez, who for several years had been in command of Mexican federal troops in the state of San Luis Potosi, had revolted with his entire army and declared himself against Carranza. This announcement had been expected by Sonora officials. Gomez is a citizen of Sonora and it was stated he had 2,500 soldiers under his command who were recruited from Sonora.

All of Sonora now is under military rule. All saloons have been closed by a decree of the state and the entire resources of the state are at first call of the army. The Southern Pacific de Mexico, an American-owned railroad, seized by the state government the day before the state succeeded to stop a strike on the road, is being used chiefly for the military and trains no longer run on schedule.

Man Claiming to Be Friend of Chicago's Mayor Held as Forger

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, April 15.—Daniel B. Southard of Kansas City, who said he was a friend of Mayor Thompson, State's Attorney Hoynes and Municipal Judge Howard E. Hays, was arrested yesterday afternoon at the Congress hotel by Detective Sergeant Carton and McFarland of the detective bureau on a charge of passing a worthless check.

Southard, according to the detectives, is accused of passing a worthless check for \$350 on the Commerce Trust Company bank at Kansas City. The check was on the First National bank of Denver and when put through the bank was learned to be worthless. While in Kansas City Southard posed as a representative of the Revere Motor company. The Chicago police were notified that he had come to Chicago and the detectives found him late yesterday afternoon at the hotel.

Southard told the detectives he would fight extradition. He was taken to the detective bureau where he remained but a short time before he was released on bonds of \$2,500.

House Leaders Planning Three-Day Recess in May

Washington, April 15.—House leaders, it was learned, are planning three-day recesses beginning May 15, under a gentlemen's agreement that no business will be transacted until the senate is ready to recess for the summer. This is expected to be early in June and under present plans the recess will continue until September 1.

A Platform Built of Stone



PERSHING WILL BE FORMIDABLE MAN AT CHICAGO

Washington Post and Baltimore Sun Declare General's Statement Makes Him Forceful Contender.

By F. H. BARROW.

Washington, April 15.—(Special.)—General Pershing's personal pledge, made Wednesday night at the Nebraska association reception in his honor, being his first public statement acknowledging his appreciation of the honor paid him by his fellow Nebraskans in nominating him for the presidency, was a topic in political circles here yesterday. Heretofore the public has had only the assurances of those close to the general, and the absence of a definite statement from Pershing himself has encouraged the belief, assiduously circulated in certain quarters, that the general himself was not giving the matter serious consideration.

Commenting on the general's statement, the Washington Post this morning says it "dispels all doubt and uncertainty as to Pershing's attitude toward a nomination for the presidency, and will very greatly strengthen the hands of those who have been urging his selection, as well as give notice to the public that a forceful contender must be reckoned with at Chicago if the republicans of Nebraska give him the primary vote a favorite son has the right to expect, and that Pershing will no doubt receive."

"The general's statement puts him squarely in the republican contest," says the Baltimore Sun, "and his candidacy got away to a flying start at the meeting of the Nebraska society last night."

"From now on it is certain that General Pershing is in the field," says the Philadelphia Inquirer, commenting on the Nebraskan, "and he will be a candidate to be reckoned with."

Further discussing Illinois primary returns here today from the viewpoint of its bearing on the general's standing, the Washington Post states that most markedly, Illinois' rebuke to the policy of candidates invading the territory of favorite sons, seeking to undermine them at home.

Late Returns Boost Lowden Plurality Over Gen. Wood to 75,897

Chicago, April 15.—With only 207 precincts out of 5,690 in the state missing, Governor Lowden's plurality over Gen. Leonard Wood in Tuesday's presidential primary today reached 75,897.

The figures from 5,483 precincts, including 2,448 in Cook county, are: Lowden, 235,748; Wood, 159,851.

Hoover Will Not Enter Primary in Maryland

Baltimore, April 15.—Following a meeting of Hoover men, it was announced that it had been decided that Mr. Hoover would not enter the republican presidential primaries in Maryland at this time.

MOVE TAKEN FOR IMPEACHMENT OF SECRETARY POST

Charges Made That Labor Department Head Exceeded Authority in Deportation Cases.

Washington, April 15.—A resolution looking to the impeachment of Assistant Secretary Post of the labor department, for his attitude toward the deportation of radicals, was introduced by Representative Hoch, republican, Kansas, after a conference with republican leaders.

The resolution would direct the judiciary committee to investigate charges made against Chairman Johnson of the immigration committee and others and if the evidence warranted to report a resolution proposing impeachment.

The measure was referred to the house rules committee, which will decide whether it should be made a special order of business before the house. There was no indication when the rules committee would act.

The resolution charges that Secretary Post has flagrantly abused his power in connection with deportation of aliens from the United States.

Plan to Limit Liquor Prescriptions to 100 a Year to Each Doctor

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, April 15.—Acting upon suggestions from members of the medical profession, prohibition officers here are planning to limit the number of liquor prescriptions of each physician to 100 a year. The announcement created consternation in the ranks of scores of alleged doctors who have found the prescription game highly profitable.

It also created a stir in the ranks of several students who have decided to take up the study of "medicine" with a view to stepping into a lucrative practice as soon as they could grab a diploma and write prescriptions. Reputable physicians desire to step on this scandal right now and their letter to Captain Howard, prohibition enforcement director, reads, in part:

"It is absolutely certain that in normal times liquor is rarely prescribed by physicians. To allow more than one book of 100 blanks per year to any physician is simply an effort to defeat the law and degrade the profession of medicine to the level of the bartenders' vocation and to encourage fraud and drunkenness."

No Decision Is Reached On Peace Resolution

Washington, April 15.—The republican joint peace resolution and other similar measures were considered by the senate foreign relations committee, but no decision was reached. It is said the committee was "far from an agreement."

Democrats were said to have criticized the house measure as an alleged invasion of executive prerogatives. Some of the republicans favored a simple resolution, confined to a statement terminating the war, eliminating the treaty of Versailles and repealing war-time legislation.

POLICE USED TO QUELL STRIKE OF N. Y. TEAMSTERS

Sympathizers Attack Several Trucks in Market District and Police Reserves Are Called Out.

New York, April 15.—Police reserves were sent to the west side market district today, where several hundred teamsters, chauffeurs and porters had walked out at a time when New York was virtually cut off from its food supply by rail.

Several trucks were attacked by strike sympathizers.

The strike of the teamsters, chauffeurs and porters has tended to aggravate the already serious food situation here. The men handled perishable foods from the freight yards to the market. They struck because their demands for high pay had been rejected.

Gradual subsidence of the rail strikes was seen by railroad officials, although they admitted the situation still is serious.

Returns of groups of strikers on several lines at nearby towns and the steady improvement in passenger service, due chiefly to the success of volunteer crews in operating commuters' trains, gave the road-officials much encouragement.

The Pennsylvania announced that with nine volunteer yard crews at work, movement of coal for New York public utilities was partially resumed this morning.

Raise Express Ban. Out of the Pennsylvania station through train service was reported 80 per cent normal, a decided improvement over yesterday.

The ferries this morning made a new high record for passenger transportation from the New Jersey shore to Manhattan, the Pennsylvania alone bringing in 22,396 persons.

The American railway express announced that its embargo had been lifted on shipments to Chicago for today.

British Buy Many Cars From American Concerns. London, April 15.—"These are critical times," is the conclusion of a writer for the London Times who has been sent to America to investigate at its source the danger of an American motor car invasion which will hamper the development of the British automobile industry.

LABOR BOARD CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Vote Stands 31 to 24 After Four Hours' Discussion Behind Closed Doors—Roll Call Taken on Wallace W. Hanger

U. S. OFFICERS ARREST MANY STRIKE LEADERS

Department of Justice to Ask List of Insurgents on Each Road, With View of Possible Prosecution of Agitators.

Washington, April 15.—The railroad labor board was confirmed today by the senate.

The vote on the nominations came after four hours' discussion behind closed doors. Only one roll call, on the name of Wallace W. Hanger of the public group, was demanded. It was reported to have resulted, 31 to 24, in favor of confirmation, with some democrats as well as republicans voting in opposition. A few republicans were said to have favored his confirmation.

The action of the senate in confirming the members of the labor board will permit an early test of the theory that the board's consideration of railroad labor's wage demands would ease the strike situation and work generally to alleviate unrest in that class of workers.

Situation Improving. Attorney General Palmer said he believed that the chaotic condition created by the walkout was improving, but he declared that the Department of Justice was not relaxing its efforts in any direction.

United States district attorneys in every strike town are making local arrests of agitators and strikers. In these, it was said, were cases where specific law violations have occurred.

Mr. Palmer declared such matters were not for "headquarters" consideration, reiterating that the government expected the district attorneys to act on their own initiative with respect to prosecution of violators of laws.

Canvass All Lists. Department officials have practically decided to canvass the lists of all strikers and was expected to ask officials of all railroad lines affected by the strike to furnish the same information as was requested of the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines Tuesday. Attorney General Garvin said he expected these lists of names to divulge the identity of the "borers from within" in the recognized labor organizations.

The department has card indexed the records of more than 60,000 radicals and the names of strike leaders and agitators will be traced through these records in an effort to establish connections with previous activities.

Break in East. The first sign of willingness on the part of the eastern strikers to negotiate came last night when Edward McHugh, chairman of the strike committee, sent a message to the railroad labor board stating that the men would welcome an opportunity to lay their grievances before the board. He asserted, however, that the men would not return to work pending a hearing. The transportation act, under which the board functions, provides that no consideration shall be given to claims of men actually on strike.

Chicago Situation Good. Strike strikers reported to be returning to work in the number of cities and in Chicago, where the unauthorized walkout had its origin, and brotherhood officials said the backbone of the strike was broken.

The insurgent leaders, however, contending that the strikers remained unshaken and denied charges expected General Palmer that radical influences were behind the strike.

In Michigan the industrial tieup continued serious, with estimates that 150,000 workers, the largest number in Detroit, were idle. Additional passenger trains were announced because of the coal shortage.

Ohio cities reported industrial plants and coal mines closed at many centers, throwing 100,000 workers out of employment.

Brotherhood officials announced at Cleveland that 500 men voted to return today and that all the strikers employed by the Erie railroad, and 80 per cent of the men employed in the Collinswood yard of the New York Central were at work. Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen officers named more than 50 cities in which strikers had resumed work.

Judge Denies Kansas Union Leaders New Trial. Pittsburg, Kan., April 15.—Judge Andrew J. Curran of the Crawford county district court overruled a motion for a new trial in the cases of Alexander Howat, Thomas Harvey, August Dorchy and R. B. Foster, sent to jail last Friday for contempt of court in refusing to testify before the court of industrial relations. The motion was presented by Phil H. Gallery, attorney for the miners.

California Oil Company Re-Elects Two Officers. Bakersfield, Cal., April 15.—L. P. St. Clair of Los Angeles and Stanley H. Morishead of San Francisco were re-elected president and vice president of the Independent Oil Producers' agency at the annual meeting of stockholders here. C. B. Bubb of Los Angeles, secretary of the agency, was elected secretary-treasurer.

The Weather

Forecast. Unsettled Friday, with probable rain. Hourly Temperatures: 5 a.m. 52, 6 a.m. 52, 7 a.m. 52, 8 a.m. 52, 9 a.m. 52, 10 a.m. 52, 11 a.m. 52, 12 noon 52.