UNIONS ATTACK INDUSTRIAL LAW IN KANSAS COURT

Constitutionality of Tribunal Questioned as Result of Injunction Suit to Prevent Mine Tieup.

Pittsburg, Kan., April 27.—The law which created the Kansas court of industrial relations was put to a test in the Kansas judicial machinery today. Opponents of the law, centered around Alexander Howat, chieftain of the Kansas union miners, this morning attacked it as unconstitutional when the injunction hearing in the case instituted by the state to prevent the calling of a mine strike came up before Judge Andrew J. Curran in the Crawford county district court.

On March 30 Judge Curran granted an order restraining Howat and other union officials from calling a strike. The following week the industrial court convened to investigate the mining industry. Howat and other officials ignored subpoenas and the order of Judge Curran for them to appear as witnesses. Judge Curran found them guilty of contempt and sent Howat and three other officials to jail. After a week of confinement the officials gave bond and now are at liberty pending an appeal to the Kansas supreme court.

Counsel for the miners announced yesterday that they would make a complete attack on the new law alleging it is unconstitutional, so as to send the law to a test as speedily as possible. They deny allegations of a conspiracy made by the state.

The Kansas miners walked out when Howat was sent to jail and the production of coal for the period from April 10 to the present has been practically nothing. Yesterday four-fifth of the mines were reported working. Fewer mines are working today.

Rotary Club Will Hold Annual Election Tonight

The annual election of officers of the Omaha Rotary club will be held tonight at the Fontenelle hotel. The meeting has been called for 6:30 p. m. in the hotel ballroom. No guests will attend. During the evening a report of the recent district convention at Des Moines, Ia., will be made. There will also be a concert by the Shriner band.

Detectives Fail to Find Stolen $5,000 Diamonds

A five-carat diamond stud and a platinum wrist watch set with diamonds are missing from the apartment of Frank Keller, jr., 108 El Beudor, Eighteenth and Dodge streets. The valuables were reported stolen last Friday night when a lone prowler invaded the place. Private detectives are investigating.

Husband Ridiculed Her Church Work, Wife Says

John Van Vliet, Sixteenth and Castelar streets, made fun of his wife's religion and of her and the children's activities in the Presbyterian church, Mrs. Kate Van Vliet, the wife, alleges in a petition for divorce filed in district court yesterday. They were married in 1903 and have three children.

Plan Membership Drive

Plans for a membership campaign for the A. O. U. W of Nebraska will be laid at a meeting of all Omaha members at their hall, Eighteenth and Vinton streets, tomorrow evening.

Grand Masters John Stevens of Beaver City, Judge Joseph Oberfelder of Sidney, Ralph Mosely of Lincoln, Robert Gillan of Auburn and Grand Recorder H. B. Rousey of Grand Island, will be the speakers at this meeting.

Dies at Breakfast.

When eating breakfast at 7:30 yesterday morning at his home, 624 South Twenty-eighth street, Daniel B. May, 53 years old, salesman for the McAlester Fuel company, died suddenly as a result of heart failure. He is survived by his widow and three small sons, Algernon, Beverly and Eugene, and one daughter, Miss Eva May. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

More Than 1,000 Sign Membership Roll of Ak-Sar-Ben for 1920

W. R. Wood, chairman of the Ak-Sar-Ben membership committee, announced at the first meeting of the committee this year at noon yesterday in the Paxton hotel that already 1,168 members are on the list.

"I believe we can reach our goal of 5,000 members in 1920 by July 1, instead of letting the drive drag all through the summer," he said.

Eighty men are on the hustling committee and Secretary Weaver will divide these into teams which will start on active campaign in a few days. The Concord club has pledged itself to get 1,500 members of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Frank Judson, former chairman of the membership committee, will entertain all the present members of the committee at the opening game of the Omaha base ball team at Rourke park.

E. Buckingham, Charles Black, Randall Brown and Gould Dietz were among the speakers at the luncheon.

Plan Municipal Market In Auditorium Basement

A municipal market in the basement of the City auditorium and in Fourteenth street, east of the Auditorium is planned for the summer, according to a statement issued yesterday by City Commissioner Ure.

"Local garden products will be placed on sale at the market," Mr. Ure said. "It is also anticipated that the market will include fruit, eggs, butter, cheese, meats, fish, milk and other staples."

The market probably will be opened June 1.

Authorize Postal Vote At C. of C. Election in June

Authorization of a postal vote at the annual election of officers was decided on yesterday by the executive committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. In the past members of the chamber have been required to deposit their ballots personally. The election will be held the third week in June this year, the board of directors having changed the dates of the fiscal year and elections to June instead of January.

Marriage Finally Ends 20 Years' Engagement

An engagement of 20 years length was ended with the marriage last week in Omaha of Miss Mary Tully and James Smith. The death of Mrs. Smith's mother twenty years ago and the call of duty that she felt in keeping the family together caused the long delay in the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are now in the east but will return to Omaha soon to make their home. Mr. Smith is a master mechanic in the Cudahy plant.

Father Asks for Children At Death of Divorced Wife

Action was begun in district court yesterday by Patrick H. Hughes to get possession of his two children who were given to the custody of their mother, Ruth Hughes, in a decree of divorce granted her four years ago. She died and was buried yesterday at Minden, Neb.

The father's petition alleges that Mrs. Catherine Crawford, a sister of Mrs. Hughes, is threatening to take the children to her home in Missouri.

Catholic Missionaries To Be Blessed Thursday

Sixteen Catholic missionary priests will receive the personal blessing of Archbishop J. J. Harty of this diocese at pontifical high mass at St. Cecilias cathedral Thursday morning preparatory to their departure to China.

The missionaries arrived in Omaha yesterday and are staying at St. Columbans Chinese Mission Home, 5035 Bedford avenue, headquarters of the mission in this country.

The solemn ceremonies at St. Cecilias cathedral will be the first of the kind to be held in America.

Brief City News

Charges Slander—In a voluminous complaint to the city council yesterday, Mrs. Mabel Sainz of this city charges Detectives A. J. Trapp, Charles Van Deusen and Ben Danbaum with slanderous statements against her while testifying in a court case in Blair, Neb., this week. Mrs. Sainz alleges the detectives testified she "was known in Omaha as 'Dirty Neck Mabel.'".

Will Publish Register—Enough funds are still available at Central High school for the publication of the annual graduation number of the Register, according to an announcement made by Principal J. G. Masters yesterday. The periodical has not been published during the past few months.

Airplane In Parade—The Aero club will be represented in the American day parade Saturday. A real airplane, manned by veterans of the world's war, will lead a division of former service men.

Will Discharge Policeman—Following the charge that E. C. Van Leuven, policeman, attempted to buy some whisky from a negro, Chief of Police Eberstein announced yesterday that he would discharge the officer from the department.

Pickpocket Escapes—A pickpocket escaped from the clutches of Fred Williams, 1405 North Fortieth street, on a street car Monday night after Williams caught the man pilfering his pockets. Williams told police he lost nothing.