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Mail Train Suspects Arraigned

Not Guilty Pleas Entered by Attorneys on Behalf of Seven Men and Women Under Arrest.

Total of Bonds $130,000

Not guilty was the plea entered by Attorney J. J. Hess, representing the seven men and one woman held by federal authorities in connection with the robbery of the Burlington mail train in Council Bluffs November 13 at the formal arraignment of the octet in the Bluffs yesterday before United States Commissioner W. A. Byers.

All eight of the prisoners waived preliminary hearing and were ordered held under heavy bond to the federal grand jury.

Merle and Orville Phillips and Fred E. Poffenbarger are charged with robbing the United States mails. Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Daly, Hugh A. Reed, Clyde R. Poffenbarger and Fred A. Poffenbarger are charged with concealing money they knew was stolen from the United States government.

Bonds Are Fixed.

The bonds fixed by the United States commissioner follow:

Fred E. Poffenbarger, $35,000.
Orville Phillips, $25,000.
Merle Phillips, $20,000.
Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Reed and the other two Poffenbargers, $10,000 each.

The bonds total $130,000. No effort was made to secure bondsmen. Commissioner Byers stated these bonds might be reduced if all the stolen money should be recovered, intimating the heavy bonds named were to forestall any possible effort to use portions of the stolen money to secure the release of the prisoners.

Called Greatest Robbery.

United States District Attorney E. G. Moon pronounced the robbery "the largest attack against the United States mail in the history of the country," but made no estimate of the loot stolen.

Deputy United States Marshal Fred Shoemaker and Internal Revenue Agent Summer Knox were the only witnesses who testified in behalf of the government at the arraignment.

Considerable time was consumed during the arraignment by Shoe-

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Drive Opened to Make Chicago Dry

Thirty-Two Persons, Including Six Policemen, Indicted Under Volstead Act.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The long expected federal drive to make Chicago dry opened with United States, state and city authorities co-operating for the first time since prohibition became law.

Thirty-one persons, including six policemen, 22 saloonkeepers, a railroad official and two officers of a Louisville distillery, were named in indictments charging violation of the Volstead act returned before Judge Kenesaw M. Landis by a federal grand jury.

Simultaneously Judge Landis issued injunctions closing eight saloons and cafes, some of them operated by the saloonkeepers indicted.

Attorney General Edward J. Brundage of Illinois, applied to the judge for injunctions closing 72 more saloons as public nuisances, and the defendants were ordered to appear before Judge Landis later in the day.

Those indicted by the grand jury are all involved in the alleged sale of 1,000 cases of whisky shipped here from the Grand Dad distillery at Louisville on a forged government permit. "Mike De Pike" Heitler, proprietor of a notorious resort, who heads the list, is under arrest on complaint of saloonkeepers, who claim that, after selling the whisky to them for $200,000, Heitler conspired with Chicago policemen to steal it back.

Surgeon General of Navy To Go on Retired List Friday

Washington, Nov. 24.—Rear Admiral W. C. Braisted, surgeon-general of the navy since 1914, will go on the retired list Friday, Secretary Daniels announced, to be succeeded by Rear Admiral Edward H. Stitt.

Dr. Stitt is considered, Mr. Daniels said, an authority on tropical diseases and one of the ablest members of the navy medical corps. He is now head of the naval medical school here and was called into consultation early in the illness of President Wilson.

Admiral Braisted, the secretary said, had "gained distinction for himself and the navy by his able and efficient service in peace and in war."

League Sends to Wilson Message About Armenia

New York, Nov. 24.—The assembly of the league of nations, meeting in Geneva, has sent a communication regarding American co-operation in Armenian affairs to President Wilson, according to a cable message received at the Near East headquarters here today.

The message was from Walter Smith of Philadelphia, one of the American delegates to the International Phil-Armenian conference, which also has been in session in the Swiss city. He said the communication to the president was decided upon at yesterday's meeting of the assembly.

Alleged Bandit Leader Held on $35,000 Bond

Fred E. Poffenbarger.

Fred E. Poffenbarger is suspected of being the leader of the bandit gang that held up Burlington train November 13, it was intimated at the arraignment of the prisoners before United States Commissioner Byers yesterday, when bonds for his release were fixed at $35,000. This is the highest bond fixed for any of the eight prisoners.

G.O.P. Leader May Relinquish Whip In Next Session

Representative Mondell Confined to Bed After Fall; Injured Leg May Have to Be Rebroken.

By E. C. SNYDER,
Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Fears that House Leader Mondell will not be able to take charge of the republican program when congress meets on December 6 were expressed by some of the prominent republican members today.

Mr. Mondell, who has been about on crutches suffering from a broken leg, fell down the steps of his house, 2110 O street Northwest, last night, and is back in bed under a specialist's care. His crutch broke as he was descending the steps and he fell heavily. How serious are the injuries has not been determined.

This has been a hard year for Mr. Mondell. His strenuous work in congress forced him to go to his home to recuperate before the campaign. There he fell from a haymow, suffering two fractured ribs. Then he had a belated attack of "influenza," followed by laryngitis, and was unable to speak for two or three weeks just at the time that he was expecting to take an active part in the campaign.

While on an inspection trip at Shoshone dam, on October 19, he stepped on a boulder, which rolled over, and Mr. Mondell's leg was broken. The surgeon who attended him said that the small bone of the leg was broken and the pain he suffered was due to torn ligaments.

Mr. Mondell returned to Washington last Friday and had the cast removed from his leg, though still using crutches and unable to put any weight on the fractured limb. Saturday in his office at the capitol the leg commenced to pain intensely and he called in a bone specialist. An X-ray picture was taken and disclosed that the large bone of the leg had suffered a compound spiral fracture and the bone was knitting together on an angle, so that it will probably have to be rebroken. Mr. Mondell suffered intense pain all night, and the specialist was called again today.

Attempt to Obtain Release of Alleged Bandits Is Withdrawn

Attempts to get John J. Bohmer and Consuelo Bohmer out of jail yesterday on writs of habeas corpus were dropped when complaints were issued against them by the authorities.

They are two of seven persons arrested Monday night on suspicion of being a gang of bank and post-office robbers. They were held for investigation.

When a writ of habeas corpus was issued yesterday morning for the two Bohmers, District Judge Troup set 3 o'clock for hearing the argument and evidence. Chief of Police Eberstein filed an answer.

At 3 o'clock the attorney for the Bohmers, Harry Fleharty, notified the court that he would dismiss the habeas corpus action.

The three women were released by Detective Chief Van Duesen on $1,000 bonds each.

Mrs. Dessie Ryan, wife of one of the men, is reported to be in a critical condition. She had two operations before coming to Omaha, she told police. She has been removed to a hospital.

Butter Lower in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Butter dropped from 1 to 3 cents a pound on the local market as a result, trade leaders said, of an oversupply, including large Argentine stocks. Creamery extras were quoted at 53 1-2c, a drop of 3 cents.

Thanksgiving Paper

The Evening Bee will publish the regular Home Edition as usual Thanksgiving Day, but because of the holiday the early noon and final night street editions will be suspended.

Man Kills Family of 4 With Axe

Pender Farmer Crushes Heads Of Wife and Three Children After Slaying Goose For Thanksgiving.

Hangs Self From Rafter

Pender, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—After killing a goose for Thanksgiving dinner, George H. Dinklage, 32, a farmer living eight miles west of this city in Wayne county, used the axe to kill his wife and three children. A fourth child, a baby 1 year old, is in a hospital her suffering from a blow from the axe but physicians have hopes for its recovery.

Dinklage at the noon hour spent considerable time consulting his books and according to his hired girl, Miss Ionjes, appeared depressed over the low prices of farm products and continually referred to the fact that he would lose considerable money this year.

Wife's Head Caved In.

He went to the home of a neighbor where he purchased a goose which was taken to a henhouse for slaughter. His wife and children accompanied him when he went to kill the goose for Thanksgiving dinner.

After killing the goose he apparently turned on his wife as her dead body with head caved in from blows from the ax was found in the building. Ella, 3, his daughter, was also found dead beside her mother.

Glenn, 4, apparently ran from the scene. His body was found in the granary, where he had been hung from a rafter with a rope tied around his neck and his head caved in. He was alive when found, but died in a hospital here before regaining consciousness.

Kills Baby in Bed.

Dinklage then went to the house, where his daughter, Edna, 2, and the baby were in bed. Edna was killed by a blow from the axe and the baby seriously hurt.

He then went to the granary, where he mounted a rafter, tied a rope around his neck, cut his throat with a razor and jumped off. He was dead when found.

Miss Tonjes was upstairs in the house writing and discovered the crime when she came down stairs and found little Edna dead in bed and her baby sister hurt. She ran out to the chicken house crying for help and found Mrs. Dinklage.

She then ran out to a field where two of Mrs. Dinklage's brothers were working and notified them of the crime and fell in a faint. She has been prostrated since that time.

Janitors' Demand For 50 Per Cent Raise In Wages Refused

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Janitors, many of whom are not citizens of the United States and can barely speak its language, are demanding an increase in wages, averaging 50 per cent. It has been shown that some of them are making $5,000 a year and ride to and from their work in costly automobiles.

A committee of the real estate board today refused the demand and put the case up to the Chicago Tenants' association, which has a membership of 20,000. Without exception, the tenants are against any further increases to the janitors and today said they would shovel their own coal and clean their own apartments rather than submit to any further gouging. If the demands of the janitors are granted the additional expense would be passed along to the tenants. It was shown that in several flat buildings, the janitors are making $600 a month, aside from the numerous bribes the tenants are forced to pay him to get any work done. The proposed advance would bring the straight salaries of these janitors up to $1,000 a month.

Nebraska City Man Fined After Arrest in Hotel

Nebraska City, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Vern Pugh pleaded guilty here to immoral conduct and was fined $00. Pugh and a Miss Alexander were arrested at a local hotel where they had registered as husband and wife. Word was received that they had been married later at Auburn. There was no prosecution of the girl.

South Side Stock Market Closed for Thanksgiving

Announcement is made that the barber shops of the South Side will be closed all day Thursday and in accordance with the usual custom, the live stock market will be closed also Thanksgiving day. All stock received will be yarded and cared for, but the scales will be closed and no business wil lbe transacted.

Contest Thayer County Commissioner Election

Hebron, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—A. L. Scott, who was defeated in the race for county commissioner for the Second district, has filed a petition contesting the election, alleging errors in the count of the ballots. W. A. Birkholz was declared elected, according to the count at election time, by 16 votes.

Thanksgiving in Geneva.

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Christian church here. The sermon will be preached by Rev. James A. McKeeman, of the Congregational church. The final foot ball game of the season will be played here in the afternoon by Geneva and Chester High school teams.

Sheyboygan Citizens Overrid[illegible] Council by [illegible]g War Relic

[illegible]is., Nov. 24.—[illegible] the music of "There'll [illegible] Hot Time in the Old Town [illegible]onight," between 5,000 and 6,000 citizens drew the captured German siege gun from the tool house where it was consigned by the majority vote of the nine socialist aldermen of the common council and placed it in the municipal park here last night.

The socialist aldermen were forced to watch the procession as it passed the city hall, where they were in session, while the minority aldermen who had voted against the banishment of the relic sent up cheer after cheer.

Headed by former service men carrying a casket labelled "the nine votes," the gun, drawn by a rope pulled by more than 1,000 persons, followed the band.

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Farmers Vote Against Plan to Declare Strike

Curtailment of Production Is Opposed by Nebraska Delegation to Union Convention in Kansas City.

The Nebraska delegation to the National Farmers' Union convention in Kansas City last week voted unanimously against the proposed farmers' strike, according to C. H. Gustafson, president of the Nebraska Farmers' union and head of the delegation.

"We want the public of the state to know," said Mr. Gustafson, "that the Nebraska farmers are against any curtailment of production.

"This measure calling for a curtailment of production in an attempt to control prices, passed the national convention, it is true, but the Nebraska delegation voted solidly against it.

"We want the general public set right as to the attitude taken by the farmers of their own state."

The delegation was composed of C. J. Osborne of Sidney, Ben L. Peters of Albion, H. G. Keeney of Cowles, A. K. Frost of Plainview, John Havecost of Hooper, and O. E. Wood of Bethany, besides Mr. Gustafson.

Mr. Gustafson was recently made chairman of the national marketing committee of the National Farmers' union at a meeting in Chicago. He is actively identified with every farmers' organization in the state with one exception.

Thanksgiving Gift Warms Tiny Feet

Autumnal Offering to Bee Shoe Fund Aids Shivering Little Children.

Your thoughtfulness and a little part of your plenty will lessen the misery of the little children of Omaha's very poor.

This is THANKSGIVING time.

Show thanks for the bounties which you enjoy by giving a little of your abundance.

Little children in fatherless, poverty-stricken homes, with overburdened mothers, suffering untold hardships, are waiting for the gift which you may make to this fund, which will mean warm shoes for their feet through the winter.

Will you give a thought to these little, shivering, helpless tots?

If so just send or bring a contribution to The Bee office. It will soon be converted into shoes for needy, worthy little feet.

Previously reported	$224.00
D. R.	2.00
Blanche Hood, Wahoo, Neb.	2.00
A Lover of Children, St. Paul, Neb.	2.00
A Working Girl	1.00
Three-in-One	15.00
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. R. S. W.	2.00
Total	$249.00

Tilden Farmer Gets Highest Price for Hogs

Leo Rutjen of Tilden, Neb., had the distinction Tuesday of receiving the highest price paid anywhere in the United States that day for a load of hogs at the Omaha market. Mr. Rutjen received $10.50 a hundred pounds for his hogs, which was 25 cents higher than the top price at Chicago, 30 cents higher than at Kansas City, 40 cents higher than at St. Joseph and 25 cents higher than at Sioux City.

Hogs went down to as low at 9.25 a hundred Wednesday, with the top price, $9.80. About 10,000 hogs were marketed at the local yards, which with receipts for Monday and Tuesday, totaled 33,372 head as against 20,238 the same period last week and 31,337 for the same period last year.

Geneva Pilgrim Pageant Witnessed by Large Crowd

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The crowd which turned out to the program celebrating the tercentionary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth could not all gain admission to the Auditorium and many failed to witness the pageant ore hear the address by Charles H. Sloan. The pageant was entitled, "The Pilgrams" and was presented by 100 pupils of the public schools.

Youthful Chicken Thief Must Serve 30 Days in Jail

Nebraska City, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Herman Rausch, youthful chicken thief, appeared before Judge Begley in the district court and pleaded guilty to stealing chickens the property of O. C. Miller and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail.

More Blessed to Give Than to Receive

News Item—America to aid Kiddies of Europe. Plans of Eight Relief Organizations to feed starving children announced by Hoover. Will cost $23,000,00.

Criminal Case Is Completed in Record Time

Negro Convicted of Robbery Charge in District Court in One Hour and 28 Minutes; Escaped During Riot.

A record of one hour and 28 minutes for impaneling a jury, taking evidence of 15 witnesses, making arguments, giving charges to the jury and getting a verdict was made in District Judge Troup's court yesterday afternoon at the trial of Joe Green, alias Willie Johnson, negro, charged with robbery of William Bates, 116 South Ninth street, the night of September 19, 1919.

Green was arrested soon after the robbery and was one of the prisoners who escaped from the county jail the night of the riot and fire, September 28, 1919. He was re-arrested here a month ago. When re-arrested he denied his identity, declaring he was a different person. When his finger prints were taken they showed unequivocally that he is the same man.

Deputy County Attorney Kubat prosecuted the case. Bailiff Joe Marrow whose experience goes back 17 years, declares it is the shortest criminal trial on record in the district court. Green will be sentenced to three to 15 years in the penitentiary.

Farm Hand Is Held By Police as Suspect In Robbery of Bank

Sioux City, Ia., Nov. 24.—A man whose name and address were given as Fred G. Holton of Porterville, Cal., employed on the farm of Roy Holman, near Oto, Ia., was arrested last night in connection with the robbery of the Oto State bank Monday. Holman was arrested as an accomplice. Leo Mak, cashier of the bank, who was bound and gagged, said he identified the men. The robbers got $1,200.

Pacific Naval Planes to Fly to Panama and Back

Washington, Nov. 24.—The aerial force of the Pacific fleet will leave San Diego, Cal., three days after Christmas for a flight to the Panama canal and return, covering approximately 6,500 miles, the Navy department announced. The air squadron will spend New Year's day at Banderas bay on the west coast of Mexico in the state of Jalisco 1,250 miles from San Diego. From that point no rest will be taken until the planes reach Balboa, where they are due January 12. No announcement was made as to the number of planes to make the trip.

Military Funeral Will Be Given Irish Policemen

London, Nov. 24.—Full military honors will be paid on Friday to officers who were slain in Dublin Sunday morning, it was announced last night. The funeral will be public and the bodies will be drawn through the streets on gun carriages.

Dublin Paper Raided.

Dublin, Nov. 24.—Troops raided the offices of the Freeman's Journal early this morning and searched vainly for men wanted in connection with recent disorders. It was declared at the newspaper office that none of these men were ever employed there.

War Objectors Given Freedom

All Men Released on Merits of Cases, Secretary of War Baker Announces.

Washington, Nov. 24.—All army conscientous objectors imprisoned during the war have now been released from custody, Secretary of War Baker announced tonight. A total of 33, the statement said, have been discharged by recent orders, including B. J. Salmons, who started a "hunger strike" while confined in a government hospital here a month ago.

The cases of the 33 conscientous objectors who remained in custody some weeks ago have now been finally reviewed by the secretary of war, Mr. Baker's statement said, "on the recommendation of the adjutant general's office and the remainder of sentences remitted and the men discharged.

"Each case has been considered on its merits and the principle on which they have been considered is to remit so much of the sentence as exceeds the normal peace time penalty for the offenses charged.

"The major part of these men have been in confinement for more than two years. These last discharged were men who had refused to do any sort of work while in confinement.

"Benjamin J. Salmons, whose case has attracted some attention, was the last case disposed of by reason of the fact that legal proceedings instituted in the civil courts have delayed consideration of his case."

Knox to Introduce His Peace Proposal

Washington, Nov. 24.—Senator Knox of Pennsylvania said today that he planned to reintroduce at the approaching session of congress, his resolution to declare a state of peace with Germany. This plan, the former secretary of state said, would be followed despite the veto of a similar resolution by Presirent Wilson.

Senator Knox indicated that he did not expect passage of the resolution before the special session of congress next spring after President-elect Harding is inaugurated.

Dry Chief Glad of Chicago Move to End Liquor Crimes

Washington, Nov. 24.—Prohibition Commissioner John F. Kramer, in a public statement yesterday charging lack of co-operation by the Chicago police department heretofore in prohibition enforcement, welcomed in the crime raids now being conducted by Charles Fitzmorris, the new chief of police, an indication that the department would now assume a part of the burden of ridding Chicago of its illegal liquor traffic.

No Trace of Poison Found In Stomach of Utah Nurse

Salt Lake City, Nov. 24.—State Chemist Herman Harms reported to the county attorney that he could find no trace of poison in the stomach of Frances Korous, nurse, who was found dead in Liberty park lake here on November 6, after having been missing since October 17.

Bomb Kills Two.

Cork, Nov. 24.—Two persons injured by the explosion of a bomb in Patrick street last evening died later at a hospital and two others are reported to be in a critical condition. Sixteen persons were injured by the bomb.

Rail Officers Seek Cache of Box Car Thieves

Secret Service Men Following Clues Unearthed in Bluffs Mail Robbery Probe; Alcohol and Sugar Sought.

Members of the secret service departments of several railroads, assisted by federal sleuths, are combining efforts to locate a huge cache in or near Council Bluffs, where organized gangs of boxcar thieves are believed to have secreted their loot. They are working on clues unearthed during the recent Burlington mail robbery investigation.

Squads of special agents searched more than a score of suspected homes in the city Tuesday and yesterday, but failed to locate any loot. This leads them to believe that the gang members have a concealed common cache for their stuff. Twenty-seven sacks of sugar and 10 half barrels of alcohol are some of the things the agents hope to recover.

The sugar was stolen from a Burlington train between Pacific Junction and Council Bluffs. The freight train was a long one and was being guarded by a special agent, H. L. Johnson. While he was watching several merchandise cars, however, the thieves threw the sugar to the ground from a car near the end of the train. It was picked up later with automobiles.

Thieves have concentrated their attention upon alcohol shipments, with the result that a stock of at least 10 half barrels is known to be hidden in Council Bluffs. The stuff was consigned to hospitals or wholesale drug houses, but is now being dispensed for beverage uses.

Man Returned to Toronto To Face Trial for Murder

Portland, Ore., Nov. 23.—John Doughty, former private secretary to Ambrose J. Small, missing millionaire theater owner of Toronto, Canada, left here today for Toronto in custody of Austin P. Mitchell, chief of detectives of the eastern Canadian city. Mitchell said they would stop in Chicago between trains to obtain $100,000 in Canadian Victory bonds which Doughty said he had deposited there after stealing them from his employer. Doughty was arrested at Oregon City, near here, Monday after nearly a year's world-wide search for him.

Famer-Labor Party Chiefs Will Confer in Chicago

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The national committee of the farmer-labor party will meet in Chicago, December 10 and 11 to consider plans for the future, Frank Esper, national secretary, announced. Mr. Esper said he would present his resignation at that time.

Parley P. Christensen of Salt Lake City, farmer-labor party candidate for president, will attend.

The Weather

Forecast.

Thursday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	34	1 p. m.	33
6 a. m.	34	2 p. m.	33
7 a. m.	34	3 p. m.	33
8 a. m.	34	4 p. m.	34
9 a. m.	33	5 p. m.	35
10 a. m.	33	6 p. m.	37
11 a. m.	33	7 p. m.	32
12 noon	33	8 p. m.	32

Shippers' Bulletin.

[illegible] shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: [illegible] east and south, 20 degrees; west, 20 degrees.

Irish Row Is Debated in Commons

Former Premier Asquith Expresses Abhorrence for Riots And Urges Immediate Steps For Pacification.

Cure With Government

By The Associated Press.

London, Nov. 24.—The eagerly-awaited debate in the House of Commons on the Irish question was inaugurated this afternoon when Former Premier Asquith, leader of the opposition, moved his resolution, expressing abhorrence of the recent Dublin assassinations, condemnation of reprisals, and urging the taking of immediate steps to bring about Irish pacification.

The motion was a composite resolution, combining the independent liberal and labor motions, and sponsored by Mr. Asquith, Donald MacLean and Arthur Henderson.

The former premier declared there was only one way of escape, and that the first step lay with the government. This, he said, was to discontinue the reprisals. He believed, he said, that an overwhelming majority of the Irish people and of the crown forces had no sympathy with reprisals.

Condemns Sunday Riots.

It was difficult, said Mr. Asquith, to speak with restraint of Sunday's assassinations in Dublin.

"They were cruel, cold-blooded murder," he continued, "and can only have been the work of men who have lost all sense of humanity and honor. The very gravity of such crimes as these—I am afraid it's a mistake to say they are decreasing—makes it all the more necessary that the executive shall be able to encounter them with a clear front and clean hands."

Sir Hamar Greenwood, the chief secretary for Ireland, was loudly cheered on rising to answer Mr. Asquith.

"The vast majority of the people of Ireland are not in favor of murder," he said. "They want peace, and they are getting peace because the forces of the crown are breaking the terror."

Sir Hamar declared the vast majority of the Irish people were on the best of terms with the soldiers and police.

Bulletin Distributed.

"The murder gang in Ireland," he continued, "issues a document known as the Irish Republican Bulletin, and that murder gang sends the bulletin to persons in England and to newspapers in England. Some of them publish it. What amazes me is that the London liberal

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Planes Ordered By U. S. Held Up

Inter-Allied Military Commission Prevents Shipment From Germany.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND
(Universal Service Staff Correspondent.)

Berlin, Nov. 24.—With domination in air service evidently the goal set for themselves by England and France the inter-allied military control commission in Germany has prevented the shipment of 11 of the former junker all metal airplanes which were ordered by America.

These airplanes, according to today's newspapers, have been lying in the harbor at Hamburg for some time ready for loading for shipment to the United States notwithstanding the provision of the Versailles treaty regarding the building of commercial aircraft.

The treaty forbids the building of commercial aircraft for a period of six months after the ratification of the treaty which period expired July 10.

The government's protest against the alleged arbitrary action of the commission has thus far had no effect in having the airships released. The action of the commission follows close upon a demand made by England and France for two new passenger-carrying Zeppelins, the Bodusee and the Nordstern, neither of which was rebuilt from warcraft or had ever been in war service.

The Berliner Zeitung Am Mittag says it is understood that the allies' plan to divide 11 junker machines ordered by America among themselves. The general impression in aircraft construction circles is that England and France propose to throttle all aircraft construction in Germany by this action and also seek to discourage America from placing orders in Germany.

California Democratic Leader Held on Indictment

Los Angeles, Nov. 24.—F. Ray Groves, Los Angeles, secretary of the democratic state central committee, and his two brothers, Ralph Groves, former prohibition enforcement director here, and E. C. Groves, were arrested on indictments returned by a federal grand jury. Although the indictments were not made public, it was said by officers that they charged conspiracy to violate the Volstead prohibition enforcement act.

Probe of Kansas City Coal Prices Opened

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—A federal grand jury investigation of coal prices in Kansas City was ordered by Judge Van Valkenburgh.

The court's order to proceed with the investigation begun several months ago by agents of the Department of Justice, came after Judge Van Valkenburgh upheld the constitutionality of the Lever act, under which the probe is being conducted.