

Combination to Maintain Coal Prices Charged

Dealer Says He Was "Put Out of Business"—Investigation of Statement by Senate Committee Planned.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Charges that a combination exists in the coal trade to maintain high prices of coal here and to shut off the supply of coal to dealers who cut rates, were put before the senate committee considering the Calder coal regulation bill by J. C. L. Ritter, who said the "combination" put him out of business.

Chairman LaFollette ruled that the committee would get further with the inquiry after Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, declared the witness had "established a prima facie case of conspiracy to violate anti-trust laws on the part of a local association," and moved that Department of Justice agents be summoned to explain their attitude.

"The coal men's association had a meeting," Ritter asserted he had been informed by a customer, who added "and they put you right out of the business. You aren't a coal man any more."

Told to Raise Price. Another man representing a coal mining company suggested to him, Ritter continued, that he "raise his prices 25 cents a ton each week until he get only 10 or 15 cents below the association price," which was a figure fixed during 1919 and 1920, according to the witness, by an association of local coal dealers.

He refused, he said, and after April, 1920, he could not get any coal.

He didn't "lose any money, but did have a lot of fun," he added. He had a man in his employ "who reported every day on all my business to the association" and had a Department of Justice agent along with me for so many days they thought he was working for me, too."

No prosecution has been instituted under anti-trust laws, Ritter said, but a civil suit had been brought, although his attorney had informed him, he said, that "this bunch is too strong for us."

Serious Charges. Names, dates and jocular remarks were all put in the record, as the witness proceeded.

"This is a serious thing," Senator Reed interjected. "The penitentiary doors are opening for these men if they are guilty of what you say."

"They are guilty," Ritter retorted. "The only reason I am up here is because the poor people have to buy their coal from these people and pay the prices. I've had my fun with them. But the first of last April I had to step out; the coal that was considered was all dirt, and they could have the laugh on me if any customer had to burn it."

Shipping Board Probe Nearing Conclusion

Washington, Feb. 8.—Congressional investigation of shipping board activities probably will be completed this week, Chairman Walsh of the special house committee announced. The committee must report its findings before adjournment of congress, March 3.

E. N. Hurley, former chairman, Secretary of the Interior Payne, a former chairman of the board, and the present chairman of the board, Admiral Benson, will be heard.

Merton E. Farr, president of the American Shipbuilding company of Cleveland, denied charges by former shipping board officials that his company made excessive profits on ship construction and had been required to change to a cost-plus basis.

Former Monarch Protests Against British Mandates

London, Feb. 8.—Prince Emir Feisal, former king of Syria, in behalf of his father, King Hussein of the Hedjaz, has protested to the British government against the mandates for Mesopotamia and Palestine, contending they are not in accordance with pledges given to Hussein by the British government. The Arabs, he adds, do not object to help from Great Britain and desire the continuance of the alliance existing during the war. He suggests that the expenditure Great Britain is making might be saved by helping the Arabs to form a government of their own under British advisors for territories in question.

Man and Woman Stowaways Discovered Aboard Liner

Boston, Feb. 8.—Two stowaways, a woman and a man, were brought here today aboard the steamer Susquehanna and the ship's officer scented a romance. Neither one would admit knowledge of the other, however.

Minnie Probst, 25, a German and Julius Franzak, a Russian Pole, had slipped aboard at Bremen and secreted themselves in the coal bunkers. The ship will proceed to New York and only stop here to put the 2,000 passengers through the disinfection process because of congestion at Ellis Island.

Plant of Slav Newspaper At Trieste Is Destroyed

Trieste, Feb. 8.—The plant of the Slav newspaper Edinost was destroyed when a group of youth entered the building armed with sledge hammers and broke up the linotype machines and the presses.

The Edinost recently published hostile articles against the treaty of Rapallo which settled the controversy between Italy and Jugoslavia. The plant had been used to print a new socialist daily paper following acquisition of the plant of the socialists by the communists.

Building Trades Council Head Given 5 Years in Pen

New York, Feb. 8.—Robert P. Brindell, president of the building trades council, convicted of extortion from builders, was sentenced today by Supreme Court Justice McAvoy to serve from five to 10 years in state's prison.

Love Is Remedy for Girl Asleep Month



Miss Tetta Lehman

The voice of love has awakened one among New York's 66 victims of the sleeping sickness now causing apprehension among medical men. Subconscious knowledge of the nearness of her wedding date, physicians say, may have aided in breaking the month-long sleep of Miss Tetta Lehman when she heard the sound of her fiancé's voice, who said, as he sat by the bedside, "I know she will recover before the day for our wedding." The wedding was set for January 30, and Miss Lehman awakened on the 29th.

Naval Committee Against Holiday

Suspension of Building for Six Months Inadvisable, Senate Body Decides.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate naval committee has concluded from testimony of naval experts that it would be unwise and inadvisable to stop work for six months on capital ships while experts study the best types based on the lesson of the war.

In response to Senator Borah's resolution of inquiry as to advisability of such a move, the committee will probably give the senate tomorrow a report of its conclusions prepared by Senator Poindexter, republican, of Washington, who was instructed to draft it after final committee action today.

The committee acted in executive session. Action was taken soon after members of the naval general board opposed the proposal.

The house naval committee considering disarmament, heard Sir Philip Gibbs, British war correspondent, who said Great Britain would not enter a race with the United States for sea power. England, he said, did not have the money.

Wilson Commutes Sentences Of Four Russian Anarchists

New York, Feb. 8.—President Wilson has commuted the sentences of four Russians, Jacob Abrams, Samuel Lipman, Hyman Lachowsky and Mollie Steimer, from 15 to 20 years in prison, to two years and six months on condition that they then be deported to Russia, their attorney announced.

The Russians, who confessed they were anarchists, have already served about one year and a half. They were convicted for circulation of pamphlets protesting against military intervention by the United States in Russia.

Government to Establish Sweet Potato Syrup Plant

Washington, Feb. 8.—A sweet potato syrup plant is to be established by the government at Fitzgerald, Ga. Under a laboratory process worked out and patented by Dr. H. C. Gore, bureau of chemistry, the commercial possibilities in the manufacture of fine, "highly palatable" syrup from sweet potatoes are to be explored, the Agriculture department announces.

"Many persons think it equal to first-class cane syrup," the statement said.

Subpoenas Being Served For Hamon Murder Trial

Ardmore, Okl., Feb. 8.—Subpoenas for witnesses who will be called during the trial of Mrs. Clara Smith-Hamon, charged with murder in connection with the death of the late Jake L. Hamon, were being served today by Sheriff Garrett and his deputies. The trial is set for March 10.

The witnesses for the prosecution include Frank Ketch, administrator of the Hamon estate, and Sam Blair, Chicago newspaperman.

Convict Surrenders

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 8.—George Humphreys, who escaped from the state reformatory here Friday night and who had been without food since, crawled to the door of John Rowland, farmer, today and gave himself up.

Senate Restores Appropriations To Full Amounts

Slashes of \$450,000 Made by Committee Disapproved When Bills Come Up For Action.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Slashes in appropriations for the Federal Trade commission, the Interstate Commerce commission and the tariff commission, totaling \$450,000, made by the senate appropriations committee, were disapproved today by the senate and the original sums carried in the sundry civil bill as it passed the house, were restored.

As agreed to, the Federal Trade commission was allotted \$900,000, the Interstate Commerce commission \$1,900,000 and the Tariff commission \$300,000. The committee's proposed decreases were \$100,000; \$300,000 and \$50,000 respectively. The senate's action followed a vigorous defense of the commissions by Senators Johnson, republican, California; Walsh, Montana; Thomas, Colorado, and Jones, New Mexico, democrats and Kenyon, Iowa, republican.

Senator Kenyon declared the Federal Trade commission continuously faced opposition from "big business as well as crooked business."

The Iowa senator said he some day, would tell the full story of the war waged against the Federal Trade commission by a certain big industry. He hesitated to tell it, he said, but would, especially since the chamber of commerce had decided to fight the packers' regulation bill.

"On one purchase of dressing gauze made by the government during the war, the Federal Trade commission saved more than \$1,000,000," he said.

The senate adopted an amendment providing for the continuation of services of chaplains in hospitals under jurisdiction of the public health service.

Expect to Start Work Of Writing New Tariff Bill by February 21

Washington, Feb. 8.—The republican majority of the house ways and means committee has practically completed its program for the new tariff bill and tentative plans provide for the beginning of actual work on the measure February 21.

Chairman Fordney, it is understood, will break from precedent in the drafting of the next tariff, by calling in all republican members to participate in writing the bill.

Minority members of the committee, three of whom will not be members of the next congress, will be on the outside in the drafting. They will be invited in, it was stated, only after the measure is ready to be printed.

Suit Over Shonts Will Dismissed by Judge

New York, Feb. 8.—The \$1,000,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, widow of Theodore P. Shonts, head of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, against Mrs. Amanda Thomas, alleging alienation of her husband's affection, was dismissed by Supreme Court Justice McAvoy on motion by the defense. The court held that Mrs. Shonts had failed to set forth sufficient facts in papers in connection with the suit to warrant a trial.

Mrs. Thomas was the principal beneficiary named in the will of Mr. Shonts. Mrs. Shonts is contesting the will.

Impeachment Urged

Oklahoma City, Okl., Feb. 8.—Impeachment of Lieut. Gov. H. E. Trapp of Oklahoma for alleged fraud and false claims in connection with bond purchases, is recommended in a report read in the house by an investigating committee.

Carelessness Blamed For Vapor Explosion

Washington, Feb. 8.—Federal investigation of the gasoline vapor explosion at Memphis January 24, which cost the lives of 11 persons and serious injury of many more, as well as extensive property damage, indicates that the disaster was "another horrible example" of failure of workmen to heed prescribed precautions in handling explosive matter, says a report made public by the bureau of mines.

Andrew McKinley, a negro workman, opened a tank car of highly volatile "absorption" gasoline without first relieving pressure in the tank as these precautions require, the statement says.

Railway Labor Board Adjoins to Thursday

Chicago, Feb. 8.—The railroad labor board, hearing the controversy between the railroads and their employees over national agreements, recessed until Thursday. At that time, it is said, employees' representatives will appear with a reply to the request for immediate abrogation of the agreements made by W. W. Atterbury, chairman of the labor committee of the American Association of Railway Executives.

Representatives of seven independent employees' organizations completed their testimony today. They asked for certain rules benefiting their members and maintained their right to negotiate agreements with the roads.

New Arrivals in Spring Pumps and Oxfords

Black or Brown Kid; one strap pumps, Louis or Baby Louis heels, the same as illustrated.

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Third Floor—Center

2 Specials for the Tiny Tots

Infants' Shirts

All kinds of sample shirts, button front and double-breasted, cotton and wool, some all wool and silk and wool; these are manufacturer's samples; sizes 6 months to 3 years; special, **59c**

Cashmere Hose

Black and white, sizes 6 months to 3 years; special, per pair, **49c**

Third Floor—East

7 Good Specials in Drugs

1 dozen Aspirin tablets, S. K. F., special, **10c**

Gas mask sheeting, suitable for rubber sheeting, per yard, **1.29**

Turpo, for colds, special, **14c**

Essex peroxide soap, spec., **8c**

White pine cough syrup, special, **19c**

Java Riz or Dora face powder, special, **39c**

Pond's tooth paste, spec., **24c**

Main Floor—West

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Specially Reduced for Quick Selling
Our drapery department is offering some remarkable bargains in curtains and curtain materials. Freshen up the rooms with pretty new curtains as a welcome to spring. Curtain Nets, white and ecru; wonderful value, special, per yard, **75c**

Printed Marquisette and Voiles, special, per yard, **39c**

Marquisette and Voile Curtains, with lace insertion and edge; very special, per pair, **\$2.98**

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Gray Combinettes—Made of high grade, perfect enamelware, with cover, wire ball with wooden handle; special, each, **\$1.49**

Preserving Kettles—6 quart size, perfect gray enamelware with wire ball; special ea. **79c**

Laundry Bags—Made of heavy canvas, large size; special, each, **49c**

Aluminum Kettles—8 and 10 quart size, high grade aluminum kettles, slightly scratched; special, each, **\$1.98**

Old Dutch Cleanser, 3 cans for 24c

Fifth Floor—West

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