

MAY ASK COURT TO DECIDE COAL BODY'S POWERS

Many Watch for Eleventh-Hour Effort to Dodge State Price Fixing.

LAWYERS IN MEETING

Between 700 and 800 coal suits contesting the action of the coal commission and affecting the entire State of Indiana will be filed in the Marion County courts tomorrow, according to an announcement this afternoon.

It is understood that each retailer, buyer and operator will file a separate case.

A suit contesting the action of the Indiana State coal and food commission in fixing a margin of \$2.25 a ton for the handling of coal by the retail dealers was expected to be filed in the interest of retail coal dealers late this afternoon, or Saturday morning before Judge Harry Chamberlin of the Marion County Circuit Court.

It was announced at the office of County Clerk Richard V. Sipe that counsel had secured several hundred summonses for witnesses and defendants in the contemplated suits to be brought in behalf of the small coal dealers.

Up to 6 o'clock this afternoon no action had been filed, however, attaches of the court said.

ESCHBACH SAYS TIME LIMIT COMES SATURDAY.

Under Indiana statutes any action contesting the orders of the commission must be filed within ten days after the making of a price order.

Because of the time caused in formulating the order, Jesse Eschbacher of the coal commission stated that the time limit expires Saturday night.

Counsel for the retail dealers have been in conference for several days in an effort to determine what action should be taken in the courts to contest the \$2.25 margin which the retailers claim is too small.

It is known that counsel for the coal operators are trying to decide if operators should go into court to test the validity of actions of the coal commission.

It is probable that the operators will file action in the Federal Court if counsel agrees to resort to the courts instead of ignoring the orders of the commission.

It is the opinion of the coal operators ignoring the orders of the commission, that the State will be forced to resort to the courts to enforce obedience of the orders.

DITHMER EXAMINATION CAUSES POSTPONEMENT.

Due to a long examination of H. L. Dithmer of the Polar Ice and Fuel Company by James Noel, counsel for the coal commission, the hearings of other Indianapolis retailers, scheduled for today, were continued until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

Conditions concerning the coal industry in Indianapolis, the matter of labor prices, prices of necessary commodities to sustain business organizations, the coal market, weather conditions and discussions of mine prices and brokers' prices for coal delivered to the above named company took up the entire morning.

Retail coal dealers of Indianapolis operate about one-half of their business according to Mr. Dithmer, under contract obligations for shipments of coal.

The remainder obtain coal on the open market whatever sources they may reach.

Mr. Dithmer stated that the prevailing price of coal in the city is \$2.25 a ton, less than other dealers said, and his firm learned of the prices of other dealers by calling them over the phone and asking the price of coal and then fixed their own price according to the cost of doing business as near as possible to that of their competitors.

FRIED TO OBSERVE STATE ORDERS IN THE TRADE.

Since the orders of the commission the Polar Ice and Fuel Company had received six cars of mine-run coal at \$4 a ton through the aid of the commission. Five cars of Brazil block had been received since the order, but was purchased before the commission's order was passed.

Says Oct. 6 Mr. Dithmer stated that his company had tried to observe, whether (Continued on Page Two.)

Says 'Small Son' Was His Age—and Bald!

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Asking an annulment of his marriage to Mrs. Eugenia F. Thompson, Dr. Charles B. Hancock told the court he had written about his own age—39. She told him, he said, that she had a "small son" out West, where she had divorced her first husband. The doctor said when he met the "small son" he found he was his own age and bald-headed.

BRITISH FEAR REVOLT FROM MINERS CRISIS

Reds Believed Back of Move, but Union Leaders Deny This.

MEN GO OUT SATURDAY

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The general strike throughout the British coal fields will go into effect tomorrow, when more than 1,000,000 men will lay down their tools.

Federation of Miners officially announced this afternoon. The following statement was issued:

"In view of the Government's unsatisfactory reply, the executive committee has telegraphed all coal mining districts for work to cease tomorrow."

With strike notice expiring tomorrow and strong evidence that a majority of miners are bent on walking out, doubled efforts will be made to fortify the country against its severest strike test.

The first strike measure adopted by the government became effective today, when authorities at Newport, one of the most important export centers, forbade further shipping of coal.

While a strike will be expensive for the nation, the miners will lose five million pounds weekly in wages. Apparently all efforts at settlement have failed.

Miners rejected every proposal submitted by colliery owners and the government.

The government has placed an embargo on the exportation of coal.

George T. George told the miners' leaders that the government had made every possible.

The entire coal controversy has centered around nationalism.

Although apparently submerged while battles were taken on the wage question, it again has bobbed to the surface.

The miners have raised now for more than eighteen months, beginning early in 1919, when the miners demanded nationalization of the industry, wage increases and shorter hours.

STRIKE MAY BOOST U.S. COAL PRICE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Attempts to hold declining American coal prices are expected by government officials in case British miners carry out their threat to strike.

The excuse for the boosts would be the cry of a world coal shortage.

George H. Cushing, director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, to—

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FAVOR MAKING STREET WIDER

Board Members Would Defer Action on Jog Till Later.

Widening of Sixteenth street from Roosevelt avenue to Fall creek so as to provide a broad thoroughfare clear across the north side from the east to west corporate lines, favored by a majority of the board of public works.

George Lemaux, president, announced today.

Mr. Lemaux also stated that he and Board Member Thomas R. Riley favor the postponing of all action looking to the elimination of the jog at Fall creek at Sixteenth street at the present time because the widening of Sixteenth street will change conditions so that different action than that now contemplated may have to be taken.

A resolution for cutting off the north west corner of the intersection of Sixteenth and Fall creek will be voted on at a majority vote.

Property owners have protested against both plans.

Widening of the street would remove one of the principal objections to the establishment of a motorcar car line there, other officials point out.

Mr. Lemaux said he believes the proposed car line in Virginia avenue, South street and Kentucky avenue should be started before winter.

Dr. Henry Jameson of the company proposed the board to investigate the advisability of establishing the new line.

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Assistant City Engineer John Elliott said the proposed car line, emptying into White River, two miles distant, could not be built for almost two years.

The storm-sanitary sewer was proposed because the Parker Tire and Rubber Company had agreed to pay more than its legal share of the improvement.

Bids for sewer in Moreland avenue and Third avenue were taken as follows:

Shea Construction Company, \$3.37 per lined foot, and Columbia Construction Company, \$5.64.

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G. O. P. FORCED TO NEW MOVE BY DEMOCRATS

Statement Issued to Offset Stand of Covenant Republicans.

SIGNED BY 31 LEADERS

By ED L. KEEN.

United Press Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Republican national leaders are elated over the statement of thirty-one prominent advocates of international cooperation to promote peace, supporting Senator Harding for the presidency.

The statement was signed by Elwin Root, George Wickersham and other prominent Republicans, whose position hitherto has been regarded as lukewarm toward Harding.

In the Democratic camp it was held the Republicans had published the statement as a necessary offset against recent declarations of other prominent Republicans of their intention to support Cox for the presidency.

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Gossiped About Him, Pastor Asks Divorce

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 15.—The Rev. Vincent C. Webb, pastor of the Lowell (Mich.) Baptist Church, has begun suit for divorce from Hazel Hazel.

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RYAN WON'T TELL WHAT HE PLANS TO DO

Not Discussing Candidates Nor Campaign, He Says to Interviewer.

BUT HE'S FOR ANY DRY

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—William Jennings Bryan may yet throw himself into the national campaign.

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