

PROPOSED BILL ASKS FEDERAL COAL CONTROL

Trade Commission Would Supervise Industry by Calder's Measure.

DEMANDS MINE FIGURES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Supervision of the coal industry by the Federal Trade Commission probably will be provided in a bill now being drawn by Senator Calder, Republican, of New York.

The proposed bill is the result of Calder's report to the Senate that coal profiteering is a "national disgrace" partly responsible for the serious housing shortage and is retarding reconstruction generally."

Calder's bill would call for creation of a separate bureau of the Federal Trade Commission with which coal operators, wholesalers, jobbers and retailers would be compelled to file regular reports on the total tonnage produced and handled, profits and profits.

Seven bills are now being drafted by Calder to carry out the recommendations of his reconstruction report. These include the measure on coal and the following subjects:

1. Transportation to prevent "ex parte" orders by the I. C. C. because, Calder said, priority orders have retarded building and invited profiteering.

2. To abolish the cost-plus reconstruction system.

3. To revise taxes and to grant limited exemption to real estate mortgages which would encourage investment in homes and building.

4. Broadening of the home loan bank bill.

5. Creation of a housing bureau as a clearing house for knowledge on construction work.

6. Revision of the postal savings system to consolidate all Federal thrift activities under the postal savings branch of the Postoffice Department.

MUNCIE CITIZENS HERE TO TESTIFY

Gene Williams Awaits Turn Before Grand Jury.

The Federal grand jury proceeded with its investigation of reputed violations of Federal laws at Muncie in a very business-like manner today. The presence around the entrance to the jury room of a number of important witnesses and the activities of Federal agents who are known to have been in the Delaware County seat for several weeks, was an indication.

Among the persons who are thought to know considerably about the operations of Muncie law violators, who were observed in the crowd outside the jury room, were Gene Williams, former deputy prosecuting attorney of Delaware County, and John Moles, former member of the Muncie police force.

Williams has been in the limelight lately because of his suit for \$100,000 damages filed against Muncie because he was reported frame-up in which he charges they tried to involve him in the robbery of post offices at Spletland, Gaston and elsewhere. Moles is said to know a great deal about the violation of prohibitions laws in and around Muncie.

The presence of certain other persons waiting their turn to appear before the grand jury indicated that the Government is investigating not only the violations of the liquor, electric and postal laws at Muncie but also of the drug laws. It was hinted that Muncie is the center not only of a whisky ring, but also of a band of dope smugglers.

Federal agents continued to interview witnesses in a room apart from the grand jury room before they were taken before the investigating body, giving rise to a report that the authorities are having some trouble in getting witnesses to tell the whole truth while in the jury chambers.

A large number of negroes, some of whom used to be prominent in underworld affairs in Indianapolis, were among those outside the jury chambers.

LEADERS TURN SEARCHLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

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But Mr. McClure is popular with the rank and file of the Republians members of the House. They do not hesitate to say so. This does not mean, however, that he will not be elected, for many things can happen between the first meeting of the members of the House and the party caucus on the night before the convening of the Legislature.

Members of the same may happen before that time if Mr. McClure defeats Jacob D. Miltzberger of Muncie, who is really popular, but there appears to be little doubt that they will happen.

There are reasons why Mr. McClure should be elected Speaker, from certain viewpoints. He was a member of the old Railroad Commission and of the Public Service Commission. As a member of these commissions he was said to be much more friendly to the public than the usual public service commissioners.

The next Legislature will be the crucial one for the public utilities. The public is aroused about constant increases and there will be a demand for the abolition of the Public Service Commission. Some legislators, who still remember they have constituents back home, are likely to make a movement to have this accomplished.

The public utilities do not desire to have the Public Service Commission, otherwise known as the "state rate raising commission," abolished. Its abolition may make it harder to obtain higher rates. Consequently they desire to have in the speakership a man who is known to be friendly to them.

The meeting recently in opposition of members of the House to the plan. Thereby the purpose of the meeting was accomplished. It revealed the fact that considerable pressure will have to be brought to bear to put McClure over. Public utilities ordinarily have considerable influence with legislators; so do incoming Governors. This is especially true when the latter announce they will make no appointments until after the assembly convenes.

Therefore, it is up to the assembly to be good. Indications are that it probably will.

ROTARIANS HEAR BEVERIDGE

MARION, Ind., Dec. 16.—Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, ex-United States Senator from Indiana, addressed 200 business and professional men here last night on the subject of "The State of the Nation Under John Marshall." Mr. Beveridge's address was delivered following a dinner given by the Rotary Club in his honor.

Aids Benefit Fund



OTIS IGELMAN.

A program that promises entertainment as a melody will be given at an Old Melodies Concert to be given by leading musicians in the city. The receipts of the concert, which is being given under the auspices of Elks Lodge, will become a part of the benefit fund for providing happiness for unfortunate children and aged people Christmas day.

The Harmony Saxophone Story Ever Told.

The members of the quartette are Paul Bonham, Wallace Davenport, George Johnson and Carl Schey. Messrs. Bonham and Davenport were members of the Saxophone Quartet in the Rainbow Division.

Messrs. Schey and Joslin have appeared in a number of concert engagements.

A medley of old songs will be played by Pasquale L. Montani, harpist.

Otis Igelman will play "Love's Old Sweet Song" on the violin. He will be accompanied by Mr. Montani.

PALS SOUGHT IN HOTEL HOLD-UP

Women Suffering After Battle With Three Room Thugs.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Police hoped today to round up the two "pals" of Lawrence Handlbow, 22, of Richmond, Va., who staged the most sensational hold-up in weeks by invading the rooms of two men and their wives at the Hotel Astor.

Although covered by revolvers, Owen C. Linthwaite and H. L. Worley, New Jersey suburbanites, began to battle the robbers. Mrs. Linthwaite and Mrs. Morley assisted their husbands in the fight which raged for half an hour, wrecking the room. Not until Mrs. Linthwaite broke a window on the second floor was the intruder attracted to the melees.

When police arrived, they found the four guests sitting on Handlbow who had been knocked unconscious. In his pockets, police said were rings and bracelets snatched from the women. The two who escaped had managed to snatch \$92 from Linthwaite's pocket.

The women were suffering today from kicks and blows delivered by the robbers. Their frocks were torn in the struggle.

Kiwanians Elect Officers for 1921

The following officers were elected last night at the annual election of the Kiwanis Club at the Hotel Seville: President, Henry L. Dithmer; vice president, Walter T. White; treasurer, Edward M. Morris; board of directors (the three years), J. A. Kehler, Robert F. Daggett and O. B. Iles, and for one year, Paul Donald Brown. With the exception of Mr. Iles, who was on the independent ticket, all of those elected were on the regular ticket.

In connection with the election there was a dinner, with a musical program and a talk on the Kiwanis activities.

It was decided that Dec. 29 should be observed as "ladies' night" and a special program will be arranged for the occasion, including the installation of officers.

HELD ON TIGER CHARGE.

MARION, Ind., Dec. 16.—Jesse O'Geese, 25, a Mexican, is in jail here facing a charge of manufacturing intoxicating liquor, following his arrest in Muncie. The still which the police say O'Geese owned here was raided, and the reputed operator had fled to Muncie.

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MACK SENNETT'S "Love, Honor and Behave"

6-REEL SUPER COMEDY

Tom Moore in "STOP, THIEF!"

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