

# MELLON, OBJECT OF UNION DRIVE, • VERY POWERFUL

Secretary of U. S. Treasury of Great Influence in Coal Industry.

HOLDINGS WORTH MILLIONS

Family Figures in Many Big Corporations of Pennsylvania.

*Times Staff Correspondent*  
WASHINGTON, July 29.—It may be said on high authority that the coal, steel, railroad and public utility connections of Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the United States Treasury, are now under the closest scrutiny by friends of the striking coal miners who want the United States Senate to call Mellon on the "carpet."

The Pittsburgh Coal Company, an \$80,000,000 concern, is the backbone of the soft-coal operators in Pennsylvania.

The Mellons of Pittsburgh are powerful figures in the Pittsburgh Coal Company. Secretary Mellon was one of its directors until he entered the Cabinet. His place was taken by his brother, Richard B.

Other Large Holdings

Richard B. Mellon also succeeded his Secretary as a director of the Pittsburgh By-Products Coke Company, a 10,000,000 concern; also the Electric Carbon Company; the Minnesota By-Products Coke Company, capitalized for 1,000,000; the Pennsylvania Water Company; the Carbonium Company; the Aluminum Company of America, 20,000,000; the Standard Steel Car Company, 5,000,000; the Steel Car Forge Company, 1,500,000; the Tri-Cities Water Company, 700,000.

Through their string of banks and trust companies, the Mellons control hundreds of millions of capital, much of which represents investments in coal, steel and allied industries. Their Union Trust Company has total assets of \$148,000,000, and the Mellon National Bank, \$125,000,000.

# LEAGUE AGAINST TOBACCO MEETS

President of Kentucky W. C. T. U. on Program at Bethany Park.

*By FLORENCE HACKLEMAN*  
*Times Staff Correspondent*  
BETHANY PARK, Ind., July 29.—The No-Tobacco League goes into convention here Monday, July 31. Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp, State president of the Kentucky W. C. T. U., will lecture at 11 o'clock. Prof. E. E. Ramsey of Bloomington, Ind., will have charge of the afternoon campaign against the weed.

The Epworth League sessions close tomorrow. The classes have been large and well organized. The Life-Service program will be held Sunday morning.

The Disciples of Christ are also holding their convocation here.

Indianapolis people who have registered here recently are George Conner, Melvin Spencer, Earl Springer and Velma Root.

## GIFT APPRECIATED

Mme. Foch Thanks American Legion for \$5,000 Donation.

National officials of the American Legion offices here have received a letter from Mme. Foch, wife of the French general, expressing appreciation for the legion gift of \$5,000 for welfare purposes in France.

Five French war orphans will be reared and educated with the money, the letter said. Marshall Foch was presented with the donation during his tour of America last December.

## SUES ON OLD INJURIES

Joseph J. Cole Jr. Asks \$75,000 From Wreck 17 Years Ago.

Set out to recover \$75,000 for damages alleged to have been caused in a rail road wreck seventeen years ago has been filed in Circuit Court by Joseph J. Cole, Jr. The action is directed against James E. Davis, director general of railroads of the United States, the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis; the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, and the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western Railroads.

## BOUND TO GRAND JURY

Six Elwood Men Face Federal Booze Charges.

Six residents of Elwood, arrested in raids on soft-drink places by Federal prohibition officers, were bound over to the Federal grand jury at a hearing before Charles W. Moores, United States commissioner, yesterday.

Five defendants, Marshall Laub, John Stroud, Ed Kelley, Ralph Case and Lawrence Gaunt, were released on bonds of \$500. Raymond Taylor went to jail in default of bond.

## CORONER STARTS PROBE

B. R. Vance, 62, Dead as Result of Auto Accident.

The coroner today started an investigation into the death yesterday of B. R. Vance, 62, Hancock and Bellefontaine St. Vance was struck by a Sanitary Laundry truck. Arthur Kranes, Sixty-Seventh St., and Essex Ave., driver of the truck, was ordered held until the coroner could complete investigation.

*Where There Are Wild Men*  
CHICAGO, July 29.—"Wives of Wilson Ave. wild women" broke up her home. Mrs. Adeline Mackett declared in a divorce suit. Her husband wouldn't resist them, she said.

Automobile Stolen  
Elza Roving, Greenwood, Ind., parked his automobile at Morris St. and Kentucky Ave. A thief took it.

## OMELET

*By United News*  
NEW YORK, July 29.—If the crow left any eggs in the crow's nest of the American liner Samland, there's a crow's egg omelet now.

The foretopmast was struck by lightning and destroyed. No man was touching the mast at the time and crow's nest was empty.

# INFANTRY MOVES TO RIFLE RANGE

151st Regiment, Under Col. Wray De Prez, to Spend Week on Marksmanship.

*Times Staff Correspondent*

CAMP KNOX, Ky., July 29.—The 151st Infantry, Col. Wray De Prez of Shelbyville commanding, will move to the rifle range at Muldraugh tomorrow, where it will encamp for one week to receive practical instruction in the use of the rifle. The men will be allowed to shoot all the courses in order that they may attempt to qualify as marksman, sharpshooter or expert riflemen.

The 152d, sister regiment in the 7th Infantry Brigade, is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow. It will be given a one-week intensive training course and then sent to the range.

Brig. Gen. William Everson, commanding the brigade, will remain in camp at least one week longer, he said.

Both artillery regiments will begin firing Monday.

Passes to Louisville were issued to the men today. They must report back to camp, however, at midnight tonight.

Religious services will be held tomorrow for the artillerymen in camp. The infantry outfit will hold chapel at the range after camp is made.

# GASOLINE PROBE ONLY SLUMBERING

Senate Committee Plans to Resume Hearing Soon, It Is Announced.

*Times Staff Correspondent*

WASHINGTON, July 29.—That Senate investigation to find out why the price of gasoline was boosted skyward so abruptly just as good weather began is still very much alive, although it has been extremely quiet during the last few weeks.

Before the end of a month open hearings will begin, according to Senator McNary, vice chairman of the La Follette sub-committee appointed to probe the industry.

A drop in the price of oil, followed by a reduction in gasoline prices in some cities, has taken place since the committee undertook its work. A general reduction by which the whole country will benefit should follow, Senators believe.

The questionnaire answers give the Government facts which will serve as the basis for the most exhaustive study of the oil industry ever made.

## WOMAN IS HURT

Street Car Hits Auto and Forces Truck Into Pole.

A street car last night hit an automobile driven by S. S. Willoughby, 57, 5703 Rawles Ave., and knocked the machine across the street in such a way that Elbert Gardner, 21, of 1831 Highland Pl., was forced to drive his truck into a telephone pole to avoid collision with the auto. The accident occurred at Hamilton Ave. and Washington St.

Mrs. Willoughby was bruised and suffered a severe nervous shock.

## 'COP-ETTE' ENDS BRAWL

Murderous Family Carries Fracas to Courtroom.

*By United News*

NEW YORK, July 29.—Fist fights waged with primitive fury kept police busy when Mrs. Minnie Reissler, wife of "John the Barber," two of her sons and her brother, Max Katz, burst into the home of Mrs. Reissler's sister, Bertha Katz, and left her on the floor dead with five bullets in her body.

As the four were brought into Kings County Court the rival factions charged. A policewoman named Maia knocked some heads together and stopped the war.

## FACES THREE CHARGES

Motorist Arrested Following Accident — Youth Run Down.

Following an accident Ben E. Flatt, 44, N. Alabama St., was arrested last night on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, assault and battery and driving on the left side of the street.

Flatt's automobile struck Willard Robinson, 15, of 5922 E. Washington St.

Find Abandoned Auto.

The police last night found an automobile owned by Elza Roving of Greenwood, abandoned, east of the city on the Brookville road. The car was reported stolen from Morris St. and Kentucky Ave. Thursday.

## GOOD WILL INVOLATE

Judge Hand Rules on Sales Affecting Alien Owned Property.

*By United News*

NEW YORK, July 29.—Judge Augustus N. Hand in Federal Court ruled the alien property custodian, in deeding away seized property, had no authority to sign over the good will of a corporation.

## Optimists Plan Picnic

Arrangements for its annual August picnic were made at the weekly luncheon of the Optimists' Club at the Lincoln Hotel.

# TREATY OF PEACE IN RAIL STRIKE BEING WRITTEN

President Believes Both Sides Will Accept His Suggestions.

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Executive to Ask Congress to Put Teeth in Law on Labor Board.

*By ROBERT J. BENDER*  
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WASHINGTON, July 29.—Four or five more days and the present rail strike probably will be over. President Harding and spokesmen of the shopmen are equally confident.

The "basis for compromise and settlement of the strike," which Harding outlined in his conference with T. De Witt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, is now being put into a formal written proposal. This will be submitted Tuesday to a conference of 148 rail executives called at New York by Cuyler and to a conference of ninety shopcraft leaders called at Chicago by Bert M. Jewell the same day.

*Terms of Settlement*

It embodies:

1. The shopmen are to return to work immediately under the wage scale and working conditions decided by the Railway Labor Board July 1, pending a rehiring by the board.

2. The railway executives are to stop the practice of "farming out" shopwork contracts.

3. As to seniority rights:

(A) The shopmen to return to work with restored seniority rights, except as in the case of shopmen on the seniority lists at the time the strike was called and remaining at their posts during the strike.

(B) The shopmen to bring a test case on the question of seniority rights before the railway board with assurances that the executives will abide by the decision of the board.

*Purpose of Proposal*

The second of the seniority proposals is said by authorities to be included in the President's formal suggestion to cover the possibility of the rail executives positively refusing to agree upon the first named basis.

Whether the formal proposal will include an agreement by executives to abide by decisions of the labor board and drop pending litigation contesting those decisions, had not been finally decided late Friday. Whether it is embodied or not, it is the intention of the President to "put teeth" into the act at the next session of Congress.

## VOTE IS CLOSE

Community Clubs Against Removal of Butler College.

A resolution favoring the removal of Butler College from Irvington to Fairview Park was defeated by delegates to the Indianapolis Federation of Community Clubs at the Chamber of Commerce last night.

It took two ballots to decide the question, the second ballot standing twelve to eleven against removal. The resolution was introduced by A. E. Calland, president of the Mapleton Civic Association, and the opposition was led by William T. Quillin of the Englewood Hunting Hundred.

## HUGHES OPPOSES BILL

Secretary of State Against German Claims Measure.

*By United News*

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Secretary of State Hughes is preparing a letter to the Senate opposing a bill to the Senate opposing the United German claims bill.

The measure, creating an all-American commission to settle war claims against Germany and Austria, is regarded by the Executive Department as inopportune.

Interference of Congress in the satisfactory work now going forward, Hughes is expected to say, would only hamper progress.

## SPENCER RULES COAL

Government Work of Distribution by Priorities Under Way.

*By United Press*

WASHINGTON, July 29.—With the selection of Henry B. Spencer, general purchasing agent for the railroad Administration during the war, as administrator for the presidential coal committee, the actual work of allocating coal cars, distributing coal and exercise of priorities is under way.

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# The Right to Work

Being the first of six messages to the Public, based on resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Employers of Indianapolis, and having for their purpose the awakening of the Public to its interest and its responsibility in obtaining just settlement of the present railroad and miners' strikes.

The Public can not afford to have the railroad and miners' strikes settled "at any price."

A settlement that does not definitely preserve the right of individuals to work, will eventually be too costly.

There is at stake in the present disputes an outstanding American principle which is of far greater importance to our citizenship at large than the wages of a few or the hours they shall work.

This principle was clearly reiterated by President Harding in a public address on July 4, when he said—

"A free American has the right to labor without any other's leave. It would be no less an abridgment to deny men to bargain collectively. Government can not tolerate any class or group domination through force. It will be a sorry day when any group denomination is reflected in our laws. Government and the laws which Government is charged with enforcement, must be for all the people, ever aiming at the common good. \* \* \* Liberty is gone in America when any man is denied by anybody the right to work and live by that work, it does not matter who denies."

It is because independent workmen have been willing to take jobs in mines and railroad shops when other men quit these jobs, that the wheels of American industry have kept turning.

The Independent operator and miner are the sole source of the nation's fuel supply today. But for their uninterrupted and steadily increasing production, a union monopoly would establish complete control of the coal fields, and the public would pay the artificial and uneconomic burden which an unconditional surrender of the operators would impose on the industry.

Any settlement of the miners' strike that would establish a monopoly control of coal production would make possible the closing of every factory door, the suspension of every public utility and the driving of every worker from his job. It would make possible a lockout of the farmer and the factory worker and a boycott of the public.

Such monopoly control means a stagnant fuel industry, inefficient production and artificial fuel costs.

This is the price that every fuel buyer would pay if the strike is settled on terms that do not guarantee to every man the right to work in the mines, regardless of membership in labor organization, church or political party.

One of the conditions which the striking railroad men impose, in considering terms of settlement, is that all non-union workmen shall be discharged. "Liberty is gone in America when any man is denied by anybody the right to work and live by that work," says the President of the United States.

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