

MINE BOARD IN CLOSED SESSION TALKS CHARGES

Insurance Company Said to Have Made Complaint.

Although officials of the State mining board today refused to divulge the subject matter of an all-day closed board meeting Monday at the Statehouse, it was learned that consideration was given to serious charges brought against the board and some of its inspectors by an insurance company which carries the risk on a large number of miners in the Indiana coal belt.

The mine in question, it was learned, is No. 2, belonging to the Francisco Mining Company, Larz A. Whitcomb, Indianapolis attorney, is receiver to the mine. William Johnson, Vincennes, mining board chairman, was an official of the mine before it went into receivership.

Following regular inspection of the mine recently by John Ellison of Winslow a State mine inspector, the Indiana Reclamation Association sent two of its own inspectors, Thomas Herbert and John Ogilvie, to make a survey. Ellison reported the mine satisfactory, but Herbert and Ogilvie declared its ventilation was poor and the insurance company complained to the board.

Winning board officials scouted the report that they had investigated Ellison's department. They said the meeting was devoted to an informal discussion of problems facing miners and operators. William Mitch of Terre Haute, a board member, excluded newspaper reporters during Monday's hearing. John A. Templeton of Terre Haute and Tyler G. Lawton, other members of the board, and Albert C. Dally, State inspector, also were present.

The whole matter will be considered later, they said.

BARKER PRAISES FAIR

Is Speaker at Convention in Des Moines, Ia.

By Times Special
DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 8.—Indiana's facilities for presenting her annual State fair are second to none in the United States, declared E. J. Barker, Indiana board of agriculture, secretary, addressing a joint meeting of the Iowa Farm Federation and the Iowa Association of County Fairs. Barker told Iowa farm leaders of the \$1,000,000 Indiana State Fair building program.

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Jail Tunnel to Be Used Again

DANGEROUS two-gun bandits now have little chance to escape from deputy sheriffs while being taken from the Marion County jail to the courthouse for trial, according to Sheriff Omer Hawkins.

Hawkins said the underground tunnel from the courthouse to the jail had been cleaned up, lighted and would be put in use again. It had been abandoned for some time. Several repairs were made.

All "bad prisoners" will be taken through the tunnel from now on, Hawkins said.

SCHOOL FIGHT LOOMS TONIGHT

Attempt to Be Made to Set Bid Dates.

An attempt will be made at the Indianapolis school board meeting tonight to set tentative dates for receiving construction and bond issue bids on the new Shortridge High School. It is necessary that four of the five members approve so that the rules may be suspended and a resolution passed setting the dates.

It is not expected that the members will be able to agree on the proposal of receiving the bids while the State tax board is considering whether or not \$1,200,000 may be spent for the new school. The school board has been split since Saturday when business director William H. Book tendered a resolution asking that construction bids be received on Jan. 6, and bond issue bids on Jan. 11. Adolph G. Emhardt objected to such procedure.

Board members also will discuss cafeteria and school publication questions.

CONGRESS TOLD TO JOIN COURT

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immigration law is unfairly preventing relatives of American citizens from entering this country.

Grant authority for mobilization of persons and materials for national defense in times of peril.

Refrain from acting in the alien property dispute until present negotiations of interested parties are concluded.

Improve and complete the veterans hospitalization program.

Seek help from the States to encourage irrigation development.

Shear the shipping board of its assumed authority and let one executive in the Emergency Fleet Corporation operate the merchant marine like a business organization.

Assist in waterway developments.

Gives Dry Law Stand

Assume the burden of prohibition enforcement for the Treasury Department and appropriate sufficient money to prosecute enforcement.

Extend facilities for super-power systems.

Investigate thoroughly whether vast government expenditures in Alaska are justified.

Ascertain if the governor general of the Philippines should not be granted more authority.

Enact a motherhood aid law for the District of Columbia.

Perfect the civil service law, re-serviced.

Make Federal Trade Commission reforms permanent.

Adopt the old plan for reorganization of Government departments.

Give the negro his legal right of protection under the laws of the land.

Answers Critics

Tax reduction was viewed by Coolidge as almost a panacea for anything that ails America. Apparently in answer to charges that the administration tax plan is framed to benefit the rich, the President said:

"All these economic results are being sought not to benefit the rich, but to benefit the people. They are for the purpose of encouraging in-

dustry in order that employment may be plentiful. They seek to make business good in order that wages may be good. They encourage prosperity in order that poverty may be banished from the home. They seek to lay the foundation which, through increased production, may give the people a more bountiful supply of the necessities of life, afford more leisure for the improvement of the mind, the appreciation of the arts of music and literature, sculpture and painting, and the beneficial enjoyment of outdoor sports and recreation, enlarge the resources which minister to charity and by all these means attempting to strengthen the spiritual life of the Nation."

Pleads for Court

Pleading for adherence to the world court, Coolidge declared:

"It is difficult to imagine anything that would be more helpful to the world than stability, tranquility and international justice. We may say that we are contributing to those factors independently, but others less fortunately located do not and cannot make a like contribution except through mutual cooperation.

The old balance of power, mutual alliances, and great military forces were not brought about by any mutual dislike for independence, but resulted from the domination of circumstances. Ultimately they were forced on us. Like all others engaged in the war whatever we said as a matter of fact we joined an alliance, we became a military power, we impaired our independence. We have more at stake than any one else in avoiding a repetition of that calamity. Wars do not spring into existence. They arise from small incidents and trifling irritations which can be adjusted by an international court. We can contribute greatly to the advancement of our ideals by joining with other nations in maintaining such a tribunal."

Touching the coal tie-up he said:

"Authority should be lodged with the President and the Departments of Commerce and Labor, giving them power to deal with an emergency. They should be able to appoint temporary boards with authority to call for witnesses and documents, conciliate differences, encourage arbitration and in case of threatened scarcity, exercise control over distribution."

"If anything were needed to demonstrate the almost utter incapacity of the National Government to deal with an industrial problem," he continued, "it has been demonstrated with our experience with" Muscle Shoals. "This problem seems to me to have assumed a place all out of proportion with its real importance. It probably does not represent in market value much more than a first-class battleship, yet it has been discussed in the Congress over a period of years and for months at a time. It ought to be developed for the production of nitrates primarily, and incidentally for power purposes. This would serve defensive, agricultural, and industrial purposes. I recommend the immediate appointment of a small joint special committee to receive bids, which when made should be reported with recommendations as to acceptance, upon which a law should be enacted, effecting a sale to the highest bidder who will agree to carry out these purposes."

National Defense

"Never before in times of peace has our country maintained so large and effective a military force as it now has." It is "well-trained, well-equipped and high in morale." A law should be adopted "giving broad authority for mobilization in time of peril of all resources of the country, both persons and material." No radical change in the organization of the air service "seems necessary." The War, Navy and Commerce Departments should be provided each with an additional assistant secretary "not necessarily with statutory duties, but who would be available under the direction of the secretary to give special attention to air navigation." Two additional brigadier generals should be provided for the Army air service. Temporary rank corresponding to their duties should be awarded to active flying officers in both the Army and Navy.

The budget expenditure of \$650,

000,000 for veterans should be sanctioned. Minor administrative changes suggested by veterans organizations should be enacted. The hospitalization program should be completed.

Congress should "resist every effort to weaken or break down this most beneficial" budget system, he declared. Without it "all claim of economy would be a mere pretense."

Coolidge left no opportunity for misinterpretation of his position. His statements were clear and concise. In the very opening paragraph of his message he pointed to the need for moderation. He asked that Congress respect the rights of the States and permit them to retain their own sources of revenue and their own obligations.

The new tax bill cutting about \$325,000,000 from the present levies was to be taken up immediately after reception of the message in the House.

Five days of general debate are scheduled, followed by a week of discussion and amendment under the five minutes rule. A final vote on the measure is expected Dec. 19. Incidental business may retard its swift passage through the House, but leaders promise it as speedy a

trip to the Senate as is possible, certainly by the Christmas holidays.

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