

MINERS STARVE IN W. VIRGINIA; SENATORS TOLD

Conditions Are Deplorable, Probers Learn, From Unionist; Companies Blamed.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, April 6.—American industrialism as it works in the West Virginia coal fields was pictured for the Wagner senate committee on unemployment insurance at its first meeting by a B. A. Scott, West Virginia miner and unionist, told the committee that men, women and children were starving in the coal fields of his state.

The first official act of the committee was to vote on motion of Senator Glenn (Rep., Ill.) to bring Scott's recital to the attention of Judge John Barton Payne of the American Red Cross.

"People are starving in the isolated coal regions of southern West Virginia," Scott testified. The Red Cross tells us that they feed only those in the cities. The only relief we have for the jobless miners' families is what is left of a state appropriation of \$165,000 to go to forty-eight counties. This is about gone. I would say that among at least eight thousand families there is not five pounds of food in each house."

30 Per Cent Jobless
"About 30 per cent of the men are totally unemployed," he said. "Some 40 per cent more are working one, two, or three days a week. There is no work except in the coal mines, and conditions in the coal mines of West Virginia border on feudalism."

"All the workers live in company houses, and are treated by company doctors. Most companies force the workers to sign 'yellow-dog contracts.' Any one speaking of unionism is fired and dispossessed. They receive no money, only company scrip called 'tin money.' This is good at the company store, but prices at the company store are exorbitant."

"The miners work by the piece, getting 28 cents a ton. They work nine to twelve hours a day. The wages run from \$2 a day to \$4.60, and there is no overtime. They have to buy their own explosives. The workers average 140 to 150 days a year when they work. Only one company extends credit to the jobless. This is \$1 a day a family."

Infant Diseases Spread
"Miners' families are not allowed to keep hogs or cows. The usual diet is flour, salt meat, potatoes, coffee, lard, canned milk. For butter they use margarine that costs 20 cents a pound in script compared with 19 cents for two pounds elsewhere. "Rickets and every sort of infant disease have made terrible inroads. "When a miner dies his eldest son inherits his debt to the company. And 90 per cent of the miners are in debt to the companies month after month in normal times. Company scrip, a legal tender, is discounted one-fourth if miners wish to buy outside of company stores. A movie picture house near Ward has a sign: Tickets for adults 30 cents; in scrip 45 cents. Few dare to trade outside the company. "In addition to all this a month ago the men in many companies were given a 10 per cent wage cut. "It appears on the long list of deductions in their pay envelopes as sundries. They wanted to hide the wage cut."

MINISTERS SOON TO BENEFIT BY PENSION

Membership Certificates Mailed to 2,000 Participants.

Ministers and missionaries of the Disciples of Christ churches in the United States and Canada, will begin to benefit immediately under the pension system inaugurated recently, trustees of the pension fund here announced today.

Certificates of membership, dated April 1, are being mailed to more than 2,000 participants. Sunday, May 17, has been designated as mobilization day when church members will begin a nationwide canvass to complete raising for the pension fund an initial reserve of \$8,000,000 toward which \$1,500,000 already has been subscribed. This effort will be led by 1,000 selected leaders who have volunteered their services. Age retirement benefits under the pension plan, fund officials explain, depend largely upon the raising of this reserve fund. When age retirement benefits become effective the entire pension system as approved by members of Christian churches in the United States and Canada will be in full operation.

PROMISE 10,000 JOBS

Chicago Auto Trade Association Announces Spring Sales Drive.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 6.—The Chicago Automobile Trade Association announced today that additional jobs for 10,000 persons would be provided this month by its members in a spring sales drive.

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YE OLD MAN ROGERS WEARS A TIN SUIT

Will Lands Back in King Arthur's Court in Ye Old Days and Changes the Strange Fashions of That Day.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN
CAN you imagine Will Rogers wise-cracking before King Arthur and his beef-eatin' court in the days when cigar lighters and bathtubs were unknown?

But Will Rogers did show the old king all of those things as well as a flock of automobiles.

I am going to tell you about the wisest and best of our funmakers. Will Rogers, in "A Connecticut Yankee," a talking movie version of this Mark Twain story. Lots of liberties have been taken with the story, but I can forgive Will Rogers of anything, even of not washing his neck.

I am going to make this sweeping assertion—Will Rogers is funnier and wiser in "The Connecticut Yankee" than any time in his career. I had the feeling that many times when I was about ready to fall out in the aisle with laughter, that the jokes were Rogers' and nothing else but. That is sufficient. It takes the story a little while to get started but when Rogers as a radio salesman delivers a battery to a

hold, things begin to happen. The head of the house asks him to connect the battery to a powerful series of sets. The man declares that he is able to connect up with sound of the ages and in a second a fantastic announcement about King Arthur's court is announced. Rogers is struck over the head when a heavy piece of armor such as knights wore in the old days, falls over.

Will then starts through the ages when Arthur ruled a kingdom without a bathtub. Will is poked in the rib by a knight in armor and on a horse.

Will soon decides that this guy means business. The knight gives him his own language and finally Rogers wisecracks, "Can't thou tell me where in the hell I am in?" From then on the movie is one of the smartest satires upon King Arthur and his court that the screen has reflected.

Will saves his own head by claiming he is a magician. He produces a modern cigar lighter and the darn thing works. That is a miracle in any day.

Rogers and Clarence nearly meet death by being burned at the stake, but Will has a date book showing on that day there was to be an eclipse of the sun. (Clarence is the boy who is nutty over King Arthur's daughter, but the king will not permit the marriage because Clarence is not a blue or red blood, not because of his name.)

So Will is able to cast a cloud over the sun. That saves the lives of Will and Clarence. And Will is rewarded by being made Sir Boss, the headman.

Sir Boss brings all modern equipment to King Arthur's court, including chewing gum, the telephone, roller skates, the airplane and even the Austin automobile and the fighting tanks.

"A Connecticut Yankee" is one of the smartest movies of the year. Here is Will Rogers smartly wisecracking and handing out many a laugh. Here is a big production. One of the treats of the season. Now at the Apollo.

JOAN BECOMES A NEWSPAPER REPORTER

"Dance Fools, Dance" is what might be called a topical movie because the major parts of the story are based upon the killing of a newspaper reporter by gangsters in a tunnel and the shooting down of seven rival gangsters in a garage.

Here is a gangster story with about everything in it but the kitchen sink. The story starts out in one of those blazes of wealth—this time a huge yacht party. Joan Crawford is the very modern daughter of a tremendously rich broker. She and her brother are just wasters. The high light of the yacht party is when the young people throw off their fine clothes and clad only in their undies or less hop off into the water. Even that scene is rather tame these days. Then Joan's dad drops dead when he loses every cent on the market. Father nicely drops dead. That allows Joan and her brother to paddle their own canoe, now yacht. And can you guess what Joan does to make a living? She becomes a society reporter on a large paper. Oh, dear.

The movie really does not get started until Joan rapidly develops from a society cub into a feature writer sent out to find who shot and killed the best reporter on the paper.

And she does. It is her own brother who turned gangster and



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PASTOR, HELD IN KILLING, WISHES 'HE COULD DIE'

Accused of Shooting Down Minister Who Took His Church.

NEVADA, Mo., April 6.—A 67-year-old minister, accused of shooting to death the 43-year-old evangelist who succeeded him as pastor at the little log church at Hall's Bluff, was quoted today by authorities, who held him, as praying that he "could die also."

Preliminary hearing for the Rev. J. A. Brown was scheduled for about the same hour, that a coroner's inquest was scheduled to be held over the body of the Rev. George Rider, 43, of Kansas City.

Rider, who came here three weeks ago to succeed Brown as pastor, was shot Saturday afternoon when he went to Brown's home to ask Brown to preach for him Easter Sunday.

Rider died Sunday. His last words were a prayer that the man who had shot him be forgiven.

Brown resigned from the pastorate last December after a community-wide controversy, in which some members of his congregation objected to his sermon. Rider arrived three weeks ago and opened a revival. It was said Brown received him coldly.

When Rider learned Saturday that his sister-in-law had died in Kansas City, he and Mrs. Rider went to Brown's home to ask Brown to conduct the Easter services so they might go to Kansas City for the funeral.

Witnesses said Rider was shot near Brown's doorstep.

Winners Are Announced

The winners in the Charlie Chaplin contest conducted by The Indianapolis Times and the Playhouse for two weeks, have been selected from hundreds of reviews.

A total of \$35 is awarded as follows: First prize of \$15 to William M. Reynolds, 39 North Keating avenue; second prize of \$10 to Mrs. Eva E. Reynolds, 427 North Chester avenue; third prize of \$5 to John E. Kleinhertz, P. O. Box No. 1241 Indianapolis; and fourth prize of \$5 to Kathryn Murbarger, 3318 West Michigan street.

The prizes will be mailed shortly to the winners.

RASKOB POLLS PARTY

Seeks Ideas on Dry Issue for 1932 Platform.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 6.—If Democratic prohibitionists have a better plan for solving the liquor problem, John J. Raskob is anxious to hear about it.

The Democratic national chairman has sent to all members of the national committee a letter calling for suggestions for possible embodiment in the 1932 platform, and particularly stressing the prohibition issue.

In this connection Raskob said: "Perhaps it (prohibition) is a dangerous complication. So is cancer. So is a dangerous complication. How silly it would be to disregard the symptoms of cancer. How silly it must be for the Democratic party to disregard the prohibition issue because of its supposed peril!"

Attacking the assumption that the two major parties are inveterate enemies, Raskob said they should be regarded instead as "instruments of service."

KING GEORGE IS ILL

Britain Is Disturbed Over Laryngitis Renewal.

By United Press
WINDSOR, England, April 6.—A slight renewal of King George's laryngitis complaint caused some concern throughout Britain today, but was described by the king's physicians as not at all serious.

The king was said to be progressing as well as could be expected in view of the old trouble which almost cost his life two years ago.

King George was not, however, confined to his bed over the weekend.



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New Senator



He's the new United States senator from Vermont. Warren R. Austin, above, running as the Republican candidate, won the special election to fill the seat held by the late Senator Frank L. Green.

Austin, a prominent attorney and former state legislator, defeated his Democratic opponent, Stephen M. Driscoll, by a majority of almost two to one.

FULLER BOOMED FOR FIGHT JOB

Leslie to Be Approached; Two Tentatively Picked.

Governor Harry G. Leslie is to be faced directly with the proposal to give one of the three boxing commission positions to Bert Fuller, who managed the successful Leslie campaign for Governor, it was learned today.

About sixty applications are on file now for the position of commissioner, with but three commission positions to be filled.

Fuller's appointment is to be sought by a mutual friend of both the Governor and Fuller.

Fuller at one time was a prize fighter and sparring partner of the heavyweight champion Jim Jeffries. He was also an early-day dirt track automobile race driver.

Leslie already has made overtures to at least two persons for commission positions, it was reported at the statehouse today. They are Lee Peisvie, Salem banker, and Andrew Weisberg, South Bend hotel man and backer of the boxing bill.

Others who have been reported as being sought by the Governor include Norman A. Perry and the boxing professor at Culver Military Academy.

In addition to the numerous persons seeking positions as commissioners, there are at least fifteen applicants for the \$3,000 secretaryship and the position of attorney, which also pays \$3,000 for part time.

Louis R. Markum, former Indianapolis member of the house of representatives, is seeking the secretary position, after having been disappointed by Leslie previously in an appointment with the department of conservation. Today it was learned that he will not get the job either.

Two Delphi Men Killed

By United Press
DELPHI, Ind., April 6.—Vincent Ray, 40, and Everett Crump, 45, both of Delphi, were killed instantly today when the automobile driven by Crump was struck by an eastbound Wabash passenger train.

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Blast Fired at Act by Carnegie Foundation After Survey.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, April 6.—"A handful of men sitting around a table in Washington, in an atmosphere heavy with ignorance and cigar smoke, crippled the chief industry of a country 3,000 miles away."

Such is the characterization of the Hawley-Smoot tariff bill in the new world economic survey of the Carnegie Foundation for international peace, just off the press.

Citing the "limited" tariff revision of the United States last year as a primary factor in the existing world-wide depression, the book denounces the methods by which the new rates were achieved as "a throwback to the age of savage conquest."

James T. Shotwell, general editor of the Carnegie Foundation's history of the World War, is general editor of the economic series. The volume contains a foreword by Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the foundation, and president of Columbia university.

The analysis shows that the Hawley-Smoot bill increased United States import duties on 890 commodities.

"Following the passage of the act, there came from every corner of the world a volume of angry protest and retaliation which has not diminished to this day. The act was a blow struck by one nation at the economic stability of sixty nations. It was a blind, desperate effort of a great country to hang on to the top of the ladder by kicking at every other country."

The history of the Swiss watch-making industry is cited as a typical example of how the American tariff wall contributed directly to the breakdown of business.

"The Swiss republic is, to a large extent, a nation of watchmakers. She has no natural resources. She imports all her raw materials."

"She has been shipping to the United States approximately \$11,000,000 worth of watches every year. Our new tariff closed the doors of many of her factories."

"This is not world order. It is world anarchy."

Changes Mind



Unwilling to stay the required six months in Paris before starting divorce action, Mrs. Charles Levine is reported to have decided not to institute proceedings against her husband.

The wife of the aviation promoter is pictured above as she returned to New York from France.

BABY FALLS 14 FEET

Child in Critical Condition as Result of Tumble.

A 2-year-old child was in critical condition in Methodist hospital today as result of a 14-foot fall Sunday afternoon.

The baby was Anna Campbell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Campbell, 1625 Ingram street, who tumbled from a second-story window at her home.

PARKING BAN TO STIR FIGHT

Expect Protest on Proposed Plaza Ordinance.

Protest against elimination of parking about the World War memorial plaza is expected from several organizations when city council acts tonight on the new city traffic ordinance.

The council is expected to pass the ordinance in its present form except for the plaza provision, which may be amended or killed.

The ordinance empowers police to impound cars improperly parked and includes a blow at all-day parking by banning parking in the downtown area from 7 to 9:15 a. m.

Another important section provides traffic on four-lane streets shall keep to the right, except to go around traffic moving ahead. It abolishes the present slow and fast lanes.



SHIRLEY BROTHERS

Funerals

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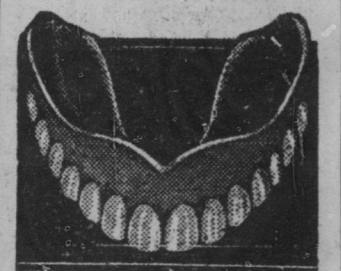
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