

POVERTY, ABUSE  
TURNED MINERS  
TO RADICALISM

Three Babies Starved in  
Harlan County; Caskets  
Were Refused.

This is the seventh and last of a series on conditions in the Harlan county (Ky.) mine strike zone where terror conditions have prevailed for months. It is written by John Moutoux, a staff writer of the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, barred from courtrooms because of an editorial in this newspaper dealing with the verdict in a murder trial in the district.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 12.—Violence and hunger in Harlan county coal fields offered fertile ground for apostles of radicalism, and representatives of the I. W. W., National Miners Union and International Labor Defense trooped in.

They said to the jobless miners: "Join our organization and we will feed and clothe you and your families." The miners joined.

William Turnbull, president of District 10, of the United Mine Workers of America, charges that the radicals were brought in by the coal operators, to break up the union and prejudice the people against the miners. Several of the witnesses before former Governor Flem Sampson's investigating commission expressed the same opinion.

Didn't Catch 'Red'

The commission asked Sheriff Blair about this. He was asked in particular about one Rice, National Miners' Union Organizer.

"He was an awful strong National Miners' Union man," said Sheriff Blair. "He was very active in distributing literature, especially at night time."

"Why wasn't he indicted for syndicalism?" the commission asked.

"We never did catch him with it," the sheriff replied.

At the same time, scores of miners, who had never before heard of the strange doctrines preached by these organizations, were taken out of their homes at night, abused, locked up under heavy bond, and finally released. Their only crime, testimony indicated, was possessing some of the pamphlets or copies of the Daily Worker, distributed by Rice.

Joined I. W. W. for Food

The commission found that many of those who joined the I. W. W. or the National Miners' Union, it was learned, were not only fired, but also blacklisted, and now find themselves unable to get jobs "in this section or even beyond."

Three Babies Starve

"The mine operators will absolutely not tolerate them," Judge Hays, commission member, told circuit Judge D. C. Jones. "Can you tell me what has caused such conditions?"

"I don't know, Judge Hays," replied Jones. "I don't have anything to do with the operation of the coal mines."

The commission's report is filled with evidences of the stark poverty which drove the miners into the camps of food for their families. S. S. Pope, farmer and property owner, told of three babies in one row of houses dying from starvation.

"Do they get milk?" the commission asked Pope.

"No. They live mostly on corn bread." Then he added: "Those people whose babies died had nothing to bury them with. They asked the county to bury them and the county judge refused caskets."

"Why?"

Buried in Boxes

"He said there was an agreement not to bury any more paupers unless it was those in the poorhouse. The neighbors got some rough lumber and made some boxes and buried them. One was buried in the neighborhood cemetery, the other two in Tennessee."

Pope told the commission that "no one who is a sympathizer with the union men is called to jury service," and declared that "since April, every man who does not sympathize with the coal operators is called a 'red.'"

He owns fifteen homes at Catron's Creek.

Murder Case Near End

By United Press

MT. STERLING, Ky., Jan. 12.—William Hightower, mine union leader accused of conspiracy to murder during a mine labor war, will know his fate within a few hours, for his case should go to the jury not later than Wednesday.

Eighty witnesses have been examined by the state in more than two weeks of testimony designed to support the allegation that the Evans (Ky.) mine union chief advocated violence to win a strike.

A like number of witnesses have been presented by the defense in its effort to refute the state's accusations, which grew out of Harlan county coal field labor troubles.

A few rebuttal witnesses remained to be heard today before Judge Henry R. Prewitt—the jurist who expelled reporters of the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel from his courtroom because of that paper's editorial attitude—begins his formal instructions to the jury.

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Game? Well, They're Standing It



If police captain Jesse McMurry and telephone operator E. E. McClain get through the present week, they'll be able to sleep with a radio loud speaker's din in their ears throughout the night.

For during the past few days it has been "moving week" at police headquarters with the resultant tattoo of carpenters' hammers interspersing the phone calls received by Captain McMurry and McClain.

Despite the clatter, both the captain and the operator have been able to shout their way through the din without benefit of throat lozenges.

The "moving week" was necessary with the reinstallation of the Gamewell system at headquarters and a change in the quarters for the police captain on duty.

The Gamewell system was shut off for five and one-half hours and moved from the third floor to the first floor room which houses McClain and his telephone switchboard.

The captain's office was moved to a partitioned space in front of the new Gamewell room. The quarters formerly used by the captain will be transformed into a Bertillon room.



Upper: Captain of police Jesse McMurry in his new office.  
Lower: Telephone operator McClain trying to work to the tune of carpenters' hammers.

INSULL BUYS IN  
TRACTION LINES  
AT LOW FIGURE

Three Routes Sold by Court  
on Minimum Bid of  
\$155,000.

Three Indiana traction lines, bonded for \$3,845,000, were sold today for \$155,000 to B. P. Shearon of Chicago, representing the Insull interests, on order of Judge Russell Ryan of superior court five.

The bids, low figures set by the court on Dec. 15, will be presented to Judge Ryan next Monday for approval.

Properties sold by the receiver, Elmer Stout, Fletcher-American National bank president, and the bids were as follows:

Indianapolis & Martinsville Rapid Transit Company, \$30,000; Indianapolis & Northwestern Traction Company, \$75,000, and the Indianapolis, Crawfordsville & Danville Electric Company, \$50,000.

Shearon was the only qualified bidder. A letter was received from the Midwest Machinery Company stating that if there were no bidders for the Martinsville line, and if the court would reduce the minimum price, the concern would bid.

Operation of the three lines, which were subsidiaries of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Company, was discontinued Oct. 17, and the only tangible assets are the overhead lines and rails, it was pointed out.

The T. H. I. & E. was purchased

Boy Is Sought



Ivon C. Johnson

Police search was started today for Ivon Carleton Johnson, 14, of 970 North Olney street, brother of patrolman Mowery Johnson, not seen since Thursday, when he left his home to go to Shortridge high school.

Patrolman Johnson and other members of the family have sought the boy at the home of relatives and friends without avail.

Ivon weighs 145, has blue eyes, and is blond. He was wearing a blue suit, tan overcoat, black shoes, gray hat and white shirt when last seen.

by the Insull interests a year ago, and, with the Union railway, now is operated as the Indiana railroad.

The Insull properties own a large portion of the bonds of the companies, some of which were acquired at the price of \$80 for each \$1,000 bond.

Shearon was unable to state whether the Indiana railroad would operate over the three lines.

AUTO CRASHES  
SIDE OF SCHOOL

Careens Over Playground  
After Accident.

An automobile involved in an accident at Forty-second and Ruckle streets today leaped the curb, skidded seventy-five feet across the playground of the St. Joan of Arc Catholic school and smashed against the building.

No children were in the yard at the time of the accident.

The car, which careened across the school grounds was driven by Paul Porter, Negro, 21, of 2088 Columbia avenue. The other car, which turned around three times in the street, was operated by Eugene Fawley, 23, of 6516 North Ferguson street, a chauffeur.

When Porter's car hit the building, a wheel poked through a basement window and a bicycle owned by Richard Koss, 4124 Graceland avenue, pupil, was demolished.

Neither driver was arrested by patrolmen Harry Centerbury and Arthur Lowe, who investigated.

Charged With Drunken Driving  
Carl Walter, 925 East Fortieth street, faces trial today on charges of drunken driving and drunkenness, following an accident Monday.

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John Gilbert, now a state prison inmate, has been identified as one of the bandits in the robbery of the Hartford City (Ind.) bank, Oct. 2, E. L. Osborn, head of the state criminal identification bureau, was informed today.

Gilbert recently began serving a term following conviction of a charge of still possession.

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