

MINER RISES TO 'KAISER' ESTATE FROM PIT JOB

Former Union Worker Now Rules Former Pals With Iron Hand.

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TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Oct. 19. — That industrial "Kaiserism" is the underlying cause of this Christian county warfare constantly is charged here by members of the Progressive Miners of America.

Oddly enough, they point out the Kaiser as being Ward C. Argust, superintendent of the Peabody Coal Corporation's mines in this district and a former miner.

To any listener they unfold the tale of Argust's rise to a power where they claim he has forgotten entirely the plight of former fellow miners.

Argust was a miner in one of the deep pits at Nokomis, a neighboring community, they explain. Conditions were bad and the thirteenth man pit committee of the mine often was called upon to take complaints to the superintendent. The pit committee is in common usage for carrying of grievances under union rules.

Boss a Hard-Boiled
The Nokomis mine was operated under the union agreement with the United Mine Workers of America.

When the men complained, pit committee members took the matter up, but always were defeated by a hard-boiled boss, the miners declare.

So one day Argust got tired of the way things were going, the miners' cause always being lost. "Let me be a one-man pit committee. I'll show them," he is said to have challenged his fellow workmen.

After some talk about three men being necessary under the rules, they finally agreed and Argust became the pit committee. It was his first taste of power.

"He got us everything we asked," one of the Nokomis miners admitted.

Starts Toward Top
That was the start of a career that has reached its peak with the Peabody superintendency. He lives in a fine brick house at Taylorville and two sons who are mine bosses at Peabody shafts.

But the miners contend that he now is as "hard boiled" with them as he formerly was with the bosses. The Peabody mines, they declare, are filled with informers and a word against the conduct of their overlords results in immediate dismissal.

Miners constantly are fined for dirty coal, they charge, and at the \$5 daily scale two miners paid \$16 in two weeks through such fines.

Peabody has signed the \$5 wage contract with the United Mine Workers of America.

Troops Called In
Flight of the Progressives to prevent the old union miners from working for Peabody has brought the state troops here to prevent picketing. While thus engaged, they have prevented any assembly of citizens on the streets or at meetings and jailed hundreds without trial.

Many contend that Argust got Sheriff C. H. Weinke to call for the soldiers, following a small street fight. There are 450 of them here and virtual martial law prevails, although the Sheriff, Colonel Robert W. Davis, in command, refuse to call it that.

Weeks have elapsed since the troops came. Instead of quieting down, conditions are getting worse. A miner has been killed, soldiers insulted and beaten, and so one will hazard a guess as to the outcome.

Aroused by Tax
Citizens circulated petitions to have the soldiers removed. When it was reported that the Christian county taxpayers would have to bear the cost of billeting them, the wealthiest were aroused greatly.

Later it was learned that the state of Illinois pays the bill and some of the larger taxpayers have signed petitions to keep the troops to protect property rights.

The question has arisen as to how long the troops will be necessary and what will happen if they are removed.

The answer seems to be that eventually the troops must go and then the community will be right back where it started, and once again civil authority will have to solve the local problem.

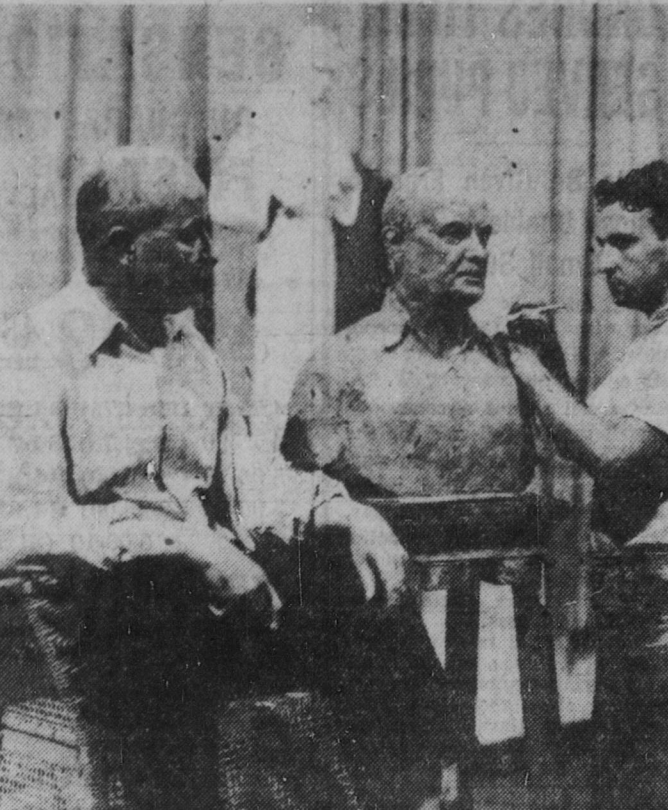
PHILOSOPHERS WILL CONVELE ON FRIDAY
Annual meeting of State Association to Be Held Here.

Annual meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association will be held Friday at the Indiana university extension center building, 122 East Michigan street, in connection with the state teachers' meeting.

Dr. Velorus Martz of the Indiana university school of education will open the program at 9:30 a. m. with a talk on "Pragmatic Truth Again."

Professor G. H. Enns of Goshen college will follow Dr. Martz with a paper on "The Relation of Philosophy in Relation to Christian Theology." Discussions will be held after both talks. Luncheon will be held in the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria.

Lieber Will Be Honored



Colonel Richard Lieber (left) posing for E. H. Daniels during the completion of the bronze bust of Lieber which will be unveiled in Turkey Run state park Nov. 13.

Tribute will be paid to the work of Colonel Richard Lieber, director of the state department of conservation, by seven Indiana groups, Nov. 13, in a public ceremony at Turkey Run state park.

A bronze bust, creation of E. H. Daniels, Indianapolis sculptor, will be unveiled in a natural setting in the park. The bust characterizes Lieber as an outdoor man.

Sponsors of the tribute are the Nature Study Club, Indiana Audubon Society, the Fish, Game and Forest League, the ten-year conservation plan committee of the Isaac Walton League, the state conservation committee of the American Legion, and the Marion County Fish and Game Protective Association.

Arrangements for the tribute has been in the hands of William A. Myers, president of the Indiana Nature Study Club; Earl Brooks, president of the Indiana Audubon Society, and Howard M. Meyer.

RECORD VOTE IS SEEN BY ELECTION CHIEFS
Numerous Precincts Are Calling for Extra Machines to Speed Up Count.

Calls from various precincts for extra voting machines caused county election commissioners today to prepare for a record turnout of voters at the November election.

Commissioners had planned one machine in each of the 331 precincts. However, some voting places are requesting two machines, commissioners said.

Contract for hauling machines to voting places will be let by county commissioners Thursday. The county owns 345 voting machines, which have been put in order by Fletcher Meisner of Anderson, factory representative.

Ballots and machine labels are in the hands of printers and soon will be off the presses. Commissioners, aiming to provide for unexpected break downs of voting machines, have ordered 15,000 Australian ballots.

Seven party tickets will appear on the ballots, although only six complete county tickets have been filed. The Socialist-Labor party did not file a county ticket.

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CHINA SET TO ASK HELP IN FIGHT FOR LIFE

League and U. S. to Be Urged to Take Her Under Combined Wing.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—When China begins her battle for life before the League of Nations at Geneva three weeks from next Monday, it is understood she will stake everything on three cards.

1. She will accept the Lytton report as her own brief, and ask the league and the United States to act in accordance with its findings.

2. She will ask the league and the United States to take her under their combined wing and protect her during rehabilitation along the lines laid down by the late Dr. Sun Yat-Sen.

3. If Japan refuses voluntarily to give up Manchuria—and the Chinese do not expect her to do so—China will demand sanctions (or intervention).

By the first play, the Chinese feel, the league powers and the United States would have to repudiate their own peace machinery and disavow their own solemn treaties to let China down.

By the second, China would gain the safety of numbers. That is, she virtually would make the entire world responsible for her national security pending the perilous period of her necessary reconstruction.

By the third, the Chinese believe, they will be able to recover their three eastern provinces. Without sanctions, they are convinced Japan will not give up her loot.

By sanctions, the Chinese do not necessarily mean force. Moral and economic pressure, they assert, should be sufficient to bring Japan to terms in view of her present economic plight.

By way of sanctions, the Chinese

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are expected to ask the United States, Russia and the league powers not to sell munitions to Japan.

They will be asked not to lend Japan money. Since July, 1931, Japan's gold reserve has shrunk to half, it is pointed out—from \$425,000,000 to \$215,000,000. The yen has dropped from 50 cents to less than 24. A \$300,000,000 par value loan has proved too big for domestic absorption.

A foreign loan, the Chinese claim, soon will become imperative if Japan is to stay in Manchuria.

The powers will be asked to withdraw their ambassadors and ministers from Tokyo to bring home to Japanese public opinion the fact of the world's unity against their army-government's big stick program.

The Stimson doctrine of non-recognition, in Chinese opinion, will not be enough. Japan, it is claimed, could withstand such a negative attitude.

The world forgets quickly, and the demands of international trade are too insistent to permit years to roll by without the nations, one by one, extending recognition to Manchukuo.

There is a pyramid outside the City of Mexico that in ground area exceeds any pyramid in Egypt.

NOV. 7 IS SET AS DEADLINE TO PAY UP TAXES

Sexton Urges Appearance Early in Order to Avoid Last-Minute Rush.

Notice to taxpayers that 4 p. m. Monday, Nov. 7, is the deadline for paying fall taxes was given today by Timothy P. Sexton, county treasurer.

Sexton urged taxpayers to pay early and avoid the rush, which will overload his office force with work on the final day.

He estimated that payment of taxes this fall is 25 per cent slower than former years.

Although new tax laws are to be tested in court, taxpayers, who owe delinquencies, were advised to prepare to take advantage of a "moratorium" by paying the fall installment of taxes when due.

The "moratorium provision" would enable delinquents to pay taxes in ten installments extending to 1938. This applies to delinquencies on taxes for 1928, 1929 and the first installment of 1931.

"Taxpayers should bring tax receipts of the spring installment when they call to pay fall taxes as it will facilitate matters considerably," Sexton stated.

He called attention to his previous warning that taxpayers examine tax duplicates carefully.

"See that all personal and poll tax is included in the fall assessment. Be sure to procure duplicates for these two, also Barrett law and special tax, if any exist," he said.

Books Given to College
The Indiana Central college library today announced receipt of a collection of forty books from the Rev. Frank G. Browne, retired minister of the North Indiana Methodist Episcopal conference. One volume printed in 1786 is in the list.

COAL PRODUCTION UP

Output in Indiana Climbs Past Corresponding Period Last Year. Continuing its increase, Indiana coal production mounted to 268,000 tons for the week ended Oct. 1, a report by the United States Bureau

of mines revealed today. The output was a gain of 39,000 tons over the previous week. For the first time in many months, the production was greater than in the corresponding period of last year. In 1931, the output for the corresponding week was 257,000 tons.

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