

ORDER DRASTIC CURB ON HELP FOR VETERANS

Hold Up Action on New or Additional Benefits Pending New Rules.

Doctored orders halting World war veterans' relief activities here were received Friday at the Indianapolis regional office from the federal affairs central office at Washington, following passage of President Roosevelt's economy measure.

The telegram directed discontinuance of action on new or additional benefits or allowances to veterans pending further instructions, and ordered that only emergency cases be admitted to the new \$650,000 veterans' hospital.

The instructions were issued to prevent any one from benefiting from provisions of the old veterans' relief law until the new law becomes effective.

For every day the order is in effect, consideration of twenty of thirty new applications from veterans for relief will be prevented, according to John T. Ale, Indianapolis regional director.

The telegram, made public by Harry R. Hall, state service officer, American Legion department of Indiana, is:

Pending further instructions discontinue making of determinations or awards which would commit the administration to either new or additional benefits or allowances of any nature to any veteran under old or new legislation, except burial, these to be handled under present practices except that total expenses including transportation can not exceed \$107.

Only emergency cases will be admitted to hospital, no new cases will be admitted to homes, no new clothing allowance. This does not stop loans on adjusted service certificates.

VOTE TO EXTEND \$5 MINE WAGE

Basic Scale for Two More Years Agreed On at Illinois Parley.

By United Press
HILLSBORO, Ill., March 18.—A two-year extension of a \$5 basic wage scale was agreed upon Thursday night at a conference of the Illinois Coal Products Association and the Progressive Miners of America.

The agreement will be submitted to the operators for final approval. Fifty coal mines, employing 1,500 men, were represented.

Operators promised better working conditions in mining shafts and union representatives felt that the provision for two years' steady work was an advantage for them.

The agreement, both sides agreed, would go far in stabilizing Illinois' turbulent coal mining industry.

HOUSE OF MORRISONS LEASES SELIG BUILDING

Move Will Be Made After \$25,000 Improvements Are Made.

A thirty-year lease on the Selig building, 20-22 West Washington street, has been acquired by the House of Morrisons, Inc., now located at 26-28 West Washington street, from the Aubrey Realty Company.

Charles L. Morrison, president of Morrisons, said his firm expects to spend about \$25,000 improving the Selig property into one of the most modern downtown women's apparel shops. The move will be made in about six weeks.

The lease involves a total consideration of more than \$750,000. Lester Greengard is secretary of Morrisons.

MASTER MAT IS DRAWN

Weather Bureau Prepares Help for Fliers' Safety.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The weather bureau has developed a master weather map to add to the safety of flying the airways. A telegraphic typewriter system transmits the latest weather conditions simultaneously to scores of airports throughout the country every four hours.

The new master maps are prepared at Cleveland, Kansas City, and Oakland for their respective sections of the country.

Negro Held on Shooting Charge

John Gregory, 43, Negro, 2311 Yandes street, faces a charge of shooting with intent to kill today after he is alleged to have admitted wounding Joe Griffin, 42, Negro, Gary, Ind., in a fight Friday night at the Yandes street address.

Placer Gold Mining

The lure of gold last summer attracted 200,000 men (and women) from city life to the mountain streams, where with pick, shovel and pan many of them recovered enough precious metal from the placers gold deposits to pay their living expenses. And even those who made nothing found health in outdoor living in the hills. Certainly it is no worse looking for god in the hills than to be out of a job in the city, and the gold-seeker is certain at least of a good sleep at night.

Our Washington Bureau has prepared one of its interesting and informative bulletins on small placer gold mining methods, which tell how to look for gold, how to distinguish it from other metals, where the most likely placers are in the streams, how to "pan out" the metal, and much other interesting information on the subject, all drawn from authoritative government sources. If you want a copy of this bulletin, fill out the coupon below and mail as directed.

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'ABE' DOPES THE DOPE KINGS

Big Shots Played Sleuth for Sucker and Paid for Fun

This is the third of a series of six stories of adventures of supermen of the law—skilled investigators, scientific detectives, and courageous officers in their conflict with crime.

BY LOU WEDEMAR
Times Staff Writer

NARCOTIC AGENT N-45, arriving in New York with an enviable record of work in the central states, was summoned at once by the chief.

"The drug syndicate here has got beyond us," the chief said. "It knows our men, and we are virtually powerless. Your job is to break it up."

"Single-handed?"

"Not necessarily. But you are a free lance. Do what you think best."

N-45 left the chief's office immediately. The conference had been conducted with extreme secrecy. Other agents in the office did not know his identity.

Word had reached Washington that the drug syndicate had reached a position of power in New York City. Its minions were in every walk of life; drugs were sold to poverty-stricken foreigners, to people of the theatrical world, to wealthy dilettantes. Its leader moved about without fear of arrest.

Reports were current that the syndicate's influence had spread through officials, controlling judges and some of the police.

As a result, Commissioner H. J. Anslinger had been directed to smash the syndicate, no matter whom he hit.

N-45 made only two arrangements with the chief. He asked that funds be sent to him at a telegraph office and arranged a report to the chief by telephone under a code number.

"You probably won't hear from me until I have them all rounded," N-45 said.

The chief shook his head. It sounded like a vain boast, for the underworld's grapevine communication system worked perfectly. If one arrest were made, word of it spread in time to warn every other member of the syndicate.

N-45 disappeared that afternoon, and was not heard from again for nearly three weeks.

In the meantime, Andrew Mandelis, president of the illegal drug syndicate, received word from Detroit that Abe Norzinsky, a "big shot" of the Detroit ring, was coming to New York.

Norzinsky, underground chancells reported to Mandelis, was going to ask permission to add Detroit to the New York syndicate.

Detroit, hitherto, had been independent; this was made possible by its international connections and the vast field of opportunities in the central states.

Mandelis told his pretty wife Joan about it.

"Just a rub," he said. "When he gets among the big timers here, he'll be easy pickings."

Of course, Mandelis admitted, the amateur might be able to convince the syndicate that a Detroit branch ought to be established. If so, fine. But it probably would be more profitable to "take" Mr. Norzinsky.

He's one of my closest pals," said Mr. Norzinsky. "Now, let's get down to business. I'm not going to be here tomorrow."

A few preliminaries to the transfer of narcotics that would sell for about \$1,000,000 were arranged and then Mr. Mandelis stood up.

"Well, continue this a little later," he said. "You'll want to rest up after your trip."

The meeting adjourned and Mr. Norzinsky went to another hotel and registered.

As soon as he had gone, Collins spoke up:

"Say, he's a nice fellow, and he makes a good impression, and all that, but didn't I hear somewhere that Big Steve is missing—disappeared somehow?"

Mandelis waved him aside.

"Don't be so suspicious. Anyway, Norzinsky's never going back to Detroit. We'll learn all he knows and then give him a big send-off, with a lot of witnesses."

"We'll all see him on the train when it leaves the station. Get me?"

Collins grinned understandingly.

"And then we'll open up in Detroit."

"You can't spread money around like that," one of them warned. "It's too conspicuous. You'll have the dicks on us."

"Don't worry," said Mr. Norzinsky; "she's all right. She's on her way to get her grandson. His whole family was wiped out in a hurricane and she'll need the money."

THE reception committee exchanged glances that said, "Soft pickings," and led Mr. Norzinsky to a waiting limousine.

Revival Will Be Held

Evangelistic meetings to last for two weeks will be opened Monday night at the Oaklawn Christian church by the Rev. Estal Taylor of Fortville. The Rev. Frank C. Huston is pastor of the church.

Robbed of \$220 After Party

After leaving an alleged drinking party early today in a north side apartment in company of two women, Frederick Nash, 57, of New York, discovered loss of a purse containing \$220, he reported to police.

POLICE SWITCHBOARD TO BE MODERNIZED

Important Changes Will Be Effective Shortly.

Important changes in operation of the telephone switchboard at police headquarters will become effective in a few days, it was announced Friday by Chief Mike Morrissey.

Capt. Robert L. Batts is supervising the changes, which include installation of a board which is expected to aid materially in curbing depredations of bank bandits and other robbers.

The board is arranged for connection with banks or other places where a touch will start a buzz and turn on a light. To complete this service, the dispatcher will have charts of streets and floor plans of banks and other buildings, to govern him in handling police squads in cases of holdups.

NERVY RHYME TELLS OF MEDICAL EXPENSE

Troublesome Subject Put in Verse by Nurses.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The troublesome subject of what medical care costs the sick man has been reduced to a nursery rhyme, "The Medical Dollar," for members of the American Nurses Association as follows:

Sick man's dollar quickly goes:
Forty cents to Medicos,
Thirty cents to the Hospital,
Thirteen cents to the Pharmacist.
Hospital charges take 13;
Two-point-five cents overnight,
Half a cent for a visit,
Incidents take a few.
Of his pennies get this straight,
NURSING SERVICE COSTS BUT .



Part of a narcotic seizure by federal agents

SEVERAL other conferences were held during the following day or two, and then Mandelis told Mr. Norzinsky:

"Say, I've arranged a little banquet for you tomorrow night. You've sort of hinted you wanted to meet all the boys, and they'll be there. We'll show you a good time."

Mr. Norzinsky seemed flattered, even though he had arranged to buy about \$100,000 worth of heroin he didn't need.

"I appreciate this, Andy," he said, "more than you realize. It will give me something to tell the boys back in Detroit."

"Maybe," said Mandelis. "We'll do our best."

On the evening of Nov. 12 there was held in a restaurant in the west thirties the largest gathering of members of the drug syndicate ever held in the city's history. The occasion was programmed, "A Testimonial Dinner to Our Pal, Abe Norzinsky."

The seventy-five guests included men and women who had wrecked thousands of lives through the sale of heroin, morphine, opium cubes and other narcotics. They controlled, among them, a business that took in more than \$2,500,000 a year.

They all laughed, sipped their wine and ate their olives. An orchestra, costing \$500 for the night, played jazz.

When dinner was over, Mandelis made a short address, outlining the syndicate's plan for expansion over the United States and eventually throughout the world.

They talked. Mr. Norzinsky noted, just as if they were in a legitimate business. Their unnamed product, apparently, they considered as staple as wheat, sugar, or tobacco.

Mr. Mandelis sat down after introducing Mr. Norzinsky.

As Mr. Norzinsky got to his feet he whispered to Mandelis:

"I got a little surprise for the boys. Call up the Chorus Girl Agency, will you, and tell 'em we're ready for the entertainment? The number's in the phone book."

MANDEIS was pleased at Mr. Norzinsky's thoughtfulness. He hurried to oblige.

There was a commotion at the door before Mr. Norzinsky had finished speaking.

Mr. Norzinsky heard the noise and smiled wider than ever as he interrupted himself:

Ladies and gentlemen, I have a little surprise for you. The place is surrounded by police and federal agents. Don't try the windows; there are men on the fire-escapes."

There was Mamie the Knife, so called because she bore on her face a knife scar inflicted by a girl she taught to smoke opium.

There was "Nick," who had organized the sailors of a trans-Atlantic line into a drug smuggling unit that worked like a machine.

And as the doors swung open:

"I must thank you all for very pleasant evening!"

The members of the syndicate were too astonished to move. As police under the command of Capt. Henry Scherfle filed into the room, the guests remained seated and submitted meekly to being searched.

Mr. Norzinsky, revealed in his real identity as N-45, went among the guests, touching the shoulders of the men and women, against whom he had evidence.

At the same time, other raiding squads entered resorts on the east side, in Brooklyn, and in Jersey City and Newark. Before dawn twenty-seven prisoners were in jail and at storefronts on Cherry street and Water street, drugs valued at \$750,000 had been seized.

"Tell me one thing," said Mandelis as he was being escorted from the cafe, "how did you tip them off to raid?"

N-45 smiled—the same amateurish smile that had earned Mandelis' contempt a few days earlier.

"You gave the signal yourself," he replied. "We had a man at the Chorus Girl Agency, and he relayed the call. Let me thank you again for a very pleasant reception in the big city."

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