

COAL OPERATORS OPENLY DEFY UNITED STATES

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, U. S. SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Coal operators, chief factors in anthracite and bituminous coal profiteering, continue to play their trade in defiance of Atty. Gen. Palmer and all federal prosecutors who attempt to check abuses.

The impotence of the department of justice to remedy conditions, made the basis for Senator Calder's attack upon the attorney-general for failing to stop coal profiteering, was freely admitted today by the attorney-general and his advisers. The attorney-general will not reply directly to Senator Calder. The senator's charge that coal profiteering goes on despite the attorney-general's efforts, is admitted by the department of justice to be true, but officials are quick to explain that vigorous criminal procedure by the department has been virtually blocked by court procedures holding the Lever law invalid.

Pressed for an explanation for continued abuses in the coal trade, the department of justice revealed that in some large producing districts, coal operators have openly defied the attorney-general and his agents by refusing to produce their books and records.

A report on coal profiteering, prepared for congress under the attorney-general's direction, states that in five of ten principal coal producing states, comprising Indiana, Colorado, Western Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Missouri, prosecutions under the Lever law have been prevented by decisions of the U. S. district courts declaring the law is not constitutional.

In Tennessee Palmer reports fifteen bituminous operators were arrested and held for the grand jury, but gained freedom from further prosecution by virtue of an order by the federal district court, enjoining enforcement of the Lever act. The Lever act, it was said, was the only enactment under which it has been possible to proceed in coal cases. No attempts have been possible to proceed in coal cases. No attempts have been made to haul the operators before courts under anti-trust laws on charges of combinations in restraint of trade.

HARBOR GIRL UNFOLDS A PLEASANT ROMANCE

Cupid in Drug Shipment Will Celebrate Outcome Next Spring

A romance that began two years ago, by the mailing of a small card which was placed in a shipment of drugs consigned to the Central Drug Store, Indiana Harbor, will cause the ringing of wedding bells in the early spring for Miss Mary Gordon, who has been figuring in the capacity of cashier at the Central Store for the past few years.

Two years ago, Miss Gordon with several other clerks were unpacking and checking a shipment of drugs which had arrived from a point in California. Miss Gordon, while unpacking one of the cases, came across a little card bearing the name of Wendell F. Holmes, Santa Barbara, California.

One of the clerks suggested to Miss Gordon that she write to the gentle man, but being a little modest, Miss Gordon at first declined.

She was finally persuaded to answer the card and a few days later received a letter from Mr. Holmes, who, however, denied placing the little card in the drug box.

Mr. Holmes, whose legal residence is in New York State, has extensive interests in California, and having much leisure time on his shoulders, kept up the correspondence with Miss Gordon, who readily relished it.

Then came the inevitable, their letters became more frequent, their little

MARKETS

American Can 23 1/2
American Car and Foundry 121 1/4
American Locomotive 82 1/2
American Smelting and Refining Co. 40 1/2
American Steel Foundry 29 1/2
American Tel. and Tel. 87 1/2
American Tobacco 37
Baldwin Locomotive 37 1/2
Bethlehem Steel Co. 112 1/4
Canadian Pacific 37 1/2
Central Leather 36 1/4

FIRST STATE TRUST & SAVINGS BANK
137th AND CEDAR STREETS
INDIANA HARBOR
Capital and Surplus, \$110,000.00

Strengthen Your Savings Account

Prudent people are adding to their savings accounts here. Others who never saved before are opening accounts for the first time. What are you doing?

A kept-up savings account in this strong bank, which is supervised by the State Government, may come in handy when least you expect it. Perhaps the emergency requiring money may be sudden illness, the necessity of going to a funeral in a distant city—or money to tide you over during unemployment.

Be prepared for any emergency that may come. In time of urgency money in the bank is one's best friend. Have money in this safe, strong bank.



Scenes in the postoffice. Clerks sorting Christmas mail and placing it in bags, and truckmen carrying the bags to trucks to be hauled to the trains.

The Christmas mail rush is on now in full blast and will increase every day from now until Santa arrives. Postoffice officials are doing their utmost to handle

the rush and are pleading with the public to aid them by mailing their packages at the earliest possible moment to avoid a tidal wave of packages at the last

minute that will swamp the clerks and cause a general tie-up. The pictures above show conditions in any postoffice today.

adventure was fast ripening into love, then came the exchange of photographs and the last but not least, the personal meeting, which comes this evening, and then for the wedding bells, which promises to make this romance one to go down in history.

From a photograph of Mr. Holmes, he would be considered very good looking and the lucky winner of this man is to be congratulated.

Mr. Holmes besides being a large grower of oranges and other citrus fruit, is a large stockholder in one of the motion picture companies near Los Angeles.

The many friends of Miss Gordon were pleased the drug store last evening to congratulate the coming bride.

Miss Gordon, when interviewed last evening by THE TIMES, as to when the marriage would take place, suggested that her friends watch the columns of THE TIMES. When asked if she was happy, she replied: "Yes, I am happy. Why shouldn't I be?"

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
HOGS—Receipts 30,000; market, 100 higher; bulk, \$8.90@15; top, \$8.25; heavy weight, \$8.95@15; light weight, \$8.35@15; light lights, \$8.90@15; heavy packing sows, smooth, \$8.75@15; packing sows, rough, \$8.50@15; pigs, \$8.00@25.

CATTLE—Receipts, 9,000; market, steady.
Beef Steers—Medium and heavy-weight, \$12.50@14.50; choice and prime, \$12.50@14.50; medium and good, \$8.25@12.50; light weight, \$9.60@14.25; good and choice, \$8.80@14.25; common and medium, \$8.25@8.50.

Butcher Cattle—Heifers, \$4.40@10.50; cows, \$4.26@8.50; bulls, \$4.75@8.25. Canners and Cutters—Cows and heifers, \$2.75@12.50; canner steers, \$2.50@6.00; veal calves (light and hand-weight), \$8.00@10.00; feeder steers, \$8.25@8.00; stocker steers, \$4.25@8.25; stocker cows and heifers, \$4.35@8.00.

Western Range Cattle—Beef steers, \$1.25@10.15; cows and heifers, \$4.50@8.25.
CHICAGO CASH GRAIN
WHEAT—No. 2 red, 200; 1 hard winter, 178 1/2; 1 hard winter, 173; 1 northern spring, 166.
CORN—No. 2 white, (old) 73; 4 white, 66 1/2@68; 2 yellow, old, 88; 3 yellow, 73@74.
OATS—No. 1 white, 47 3-4@49 1/2; 2 white, 47 3-4@49 1/2; 3 white, 47@48 1/2; 4 white, 46 1/2.

Family Theatre
Michigan Avenue
INDIANA HARBOR

LAST TIMES TONIGHT
"Romance"
No Children Admitted

TELEPHONE EAST CHICAGO 69
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Sure Relief

BELL-ANS
FOR INDIGESTION
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WRIGHT CASE TO JURY TODAY

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 15.—The case of Jack Wright, charged with the murder of Henry Muesel, millionaire South Bend brewer, which has been on trial in the circuit court here three weeks will go to the jury late this afternoon or tonight, it was expected.

An alibi witness, testifying that Wright was in Holland, Mich., Dec. 20, 1916, the night of the murder when three men entered the brewery office at South Bend and shot down Muesel, and Frank Chrobot, an office assistant, escaping with about \$40,000, was the chief defense.

Trial of August Schults, second member of the alleged murder trio, will be held in South Bend. The state declared today Schults will confess following the jury's finding in the Wright case.

Charles Danrather, sought as the third member of the trio, is said to be in South America.

ARSON RING WORKS ANEW

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.—Pittsburgh county's "arson ring" resumed operations early today after a lull of ten days. The major portion of the Fair Chance Lumber company's plant at Fair Chance was burned. Loss \$50,000. This is the thirty-first fire in seven weeks and the third lumber property fired.

BIG REWARD IS OFFERED

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A reward of \$1,500 and "no questions asked," has been offered for the return of \$12,000 worth of jewels stolen from the purse of Mrs. A. A. Carpenter, in a local department store. Mrs. Carpenter believes the gems were stolen by a pickpocket who jostled her among the crowd of holiday shoppers.

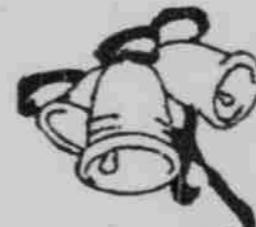
PASTIME

TODAY
Tom Mix in
"THREE GOLD COINS"
Also The Ford Weekly

BIJOU

TODAY
Lieut. Omer Locklear in
"THE SKYWAY MAN"
Also Comedy and Fishy Story

Slip a Pair of Slippers in the Christmas Stocking



The gift of something to enjoy during the leisure hours is always very acceptable.

There are slippers here to satisfy every degree of elegance in the wearing and splendid intention in the giving. All the staple slippers for Men and Women and many new and novel ideas for your desire to present a new holiday favor.

FOR HIM



MEN'S SLIPPERS

EVERETT'S AND ROMEOS
Tan or black kid, an elegant slipper for any man—just the thing for evening comfort—any pair will suit him, just right. Prices special—

**\$2.95 \$3.85
\$4.85 AND \$6.95**

MEN'S FELT "COMFY" SLIPPERS

These are real comfort slippers, suggesting luxurious ease and genuine rest for tired feet. Wonderful values, at—

\$2 \$2.25 \$2.95

SLIPPERS FOR THE KIDDIES

Soft Beaver Felt—Colors, Wine, Red and Blue

\$1.25 \$1.85 \$2.00

FOR HER



WOMEN'S FELT JULIETTES

Fine quality felt, in blue, lavender, gray, red and purple, with felt padded soles—so restful, at—

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