

BIG FOUR MEN QUIT COAL STRIKE IS NEARING END

Decision Reached Today by Unions and Many of the Soft Coal Operators

CLEVELAND, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—A virtual decision was reached today by union leaders to conclude the settlement of the soft coal strike with the operators who gathered here for a joint peace conference. The operators are also expectant of an agreement affecting all the mines in Ohio and parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

Final decision rests with the Union Policy committee which has been informed of the willingness of operators to reach an agreement based on the one negotiated at the conference here.

FLEXER STANDS BY RESIGNATION

"I have absolutely no intentions of reconsidering my resignation as chief of police in La Grande," stated Roy Flexer this morning to a reporter of the Evening Observer. "My resignation took effect yesterday and I am done with the police game in this part of the country for good."

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Flexer and family returned yesterday from a two weeks outing on the banks of Catharine creek, a few miles above Union and he said, "we had the time of our lives. The fishing is fair and the outdoor life suited us in every respect."

Whether he and his family will remain in La Grande is still a matter of conjecture. "I have a few openings in the east and other parts of the country but I have not yet made up my mind as to whether I will accept them or not. In the meantime I will be here until I definitely decide what I will do."

AUSTIN ROUND HOUSE BURNS.

BAKER, Aug. 9.—Sumpter Valley railroad officials yesterday announced that the company's round house at Austin had been totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin, Monday night, and that the two engines housed there in had also been damaged. According to the report the night crew had been off shift and the agent was also absent so that the flames gained considerable headway before they were discovered. Damage to the round house is estimated at \$2,000 and to engines No. 1 and No. 17, \$2,400.

WHEAT PRICES.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—Wheat was quoted today at \$1.07 to \$1.08.

Prisoner Jumps From Car Window-- Escapes

Basil Gray, who was in custody of Deputy Sheriff John Striker, bound for the penitentiary at Salem, where Gray was sentenced to serve two years for stealing cattle, jumped from the vestibule with the window open, last night as the train passed through Thonolow, this side of Pendleton, and made good his escape. Sheriff Warnick joined Deputy Striker in a search for Gray late last night.

Basil Gray, the prisoner who escaped from John Striker, deputy sheriff of Union county, was being taken to the Salem penitentiary to serve a two year term for larceny of twelve head of cattle, is still unaccounted for according to reports received late this afternoon.

Striker's story of the escape is as follows: Gray and he were sitting in a seat just ahead of the vestibule with the window open. Gray Striker got up to get a drink of water and when he returned, he found the window open and the prisoner gone. He immediately started a search for the prisoner, but was unable to find him. He then reported the escape to Sheriff Warnick, who immediately started a search for the prisoner. He was unable to find him until late this afternoon.

ALLIES PINCH GERMANS DOWN

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 9.—The British cabinet will meet tomorrow to consider the situation growing out of conference. Lloyd George agreed with the French suggestion regarding collection of twenty-six per cent of German exports at frontiers, which will be paid into the reparations fund. He also agreed to taking over the mines in German occupied territory.

STANDPATTERS CARRY OHIO

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, Aug. 9.—All of Ohio's twenty-two congressmen, with the exception of two, who were candidates for other offices as well, apparently have been re-nominated in yesterday's primaries.

Ohio's delegation will be solidly Republican. Most of the Progressives within the Republican ranks have been defeated.

CHARGE IT WAS BAIT

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Senator Leffort charged today that five per cent advance duty on shoes had been recommended as a "bait" to get the senate votes for the duty on hides. As shown by comparison he contended that the large exports with imports so small justified no protection on shoes.

GOVERNMENT TO PRESERVE THE LIBERTIES

The Federal Constitution, the Laws and Courts Sustain Liberties, says Severance.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 9.—The American people should be taught that the federal constitution and laws and the courts that interpret them do not destroy but preserve their liberties, declared Cordell A. Severance, president of the American Bar Association, in opening the annual meeting of the association here today.

A proposed constitutional amendment to prevent courts declaring laws unconstitutional be cited as a sample of an innovation that would take away liberties from the people by giving Congress unchecked power, and declared influences from soviet Russia were seeking to overthrow the American government by force if necessary. "If the proposed constitutional amendment should be adopted, not only would Congress have unlimited right to deal with subjects that have always been looked upon as belonging to the states and reserve for their exclusive cognizance, but it would wipe out the Bill of Rights and all the protection that it gives to the people."

"It is a matter of real concern that the American Federation of Labor approve the proposed amendment, and such action by the representatives of so large an organization is symptomatic of a very serious condition of the public mind."

In an address entitled "The Constitution and Individualism," Mr. Severance traced the development of American liberty as sheltered and protected by the constitution and by the judicial interpretations placed upon it, and declared that a growing tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of the government was a danger to the people.

"The fact that men will not labor with diligence unless they can enjoy the fruits of their toil is ignored by those who preach communism and denounce the exaltation of the individual," he said.

IT'S TOO HOT TO WORK, ANYHOW



BAKER WILL NOT TAKE ON LOCAL TEAM

Base Ball Season Practically Comes to an End in Eastern Oregon.

Despite the fact that the Baker Colts have the distinction of being the Intermountain 1922 champs, they refuse to play La Grande's post season exhibition game. Manager Hector Melius wrote them the latter part of last week and he received a letter today from G. T. Hunt, stating that "we have so many games facing us now that we feel it out of the question to play the La Grande team again. We have made two trips to your city while you have only been to Baker once and we can't consider coming to La Grande again. And on the 13th, the only available date left before playing Boise, a racing program will be held."

Melius, in his letter, did not ask that they come to La Grande. He asked for a game, either at La Grande or Baker, and expected to go to Baker. But apparently the Colts have a case of cold feet when it comes to meeting La Grande. They played the Cove Farmers but apparently think that it is too much of a risk to meet the Pirates again this season.

Pirates Played Well.
The Pirates have played much better ball this season than has any other baseball team La Grande has had in many years. Since the old days when Union and La Grande fought each other for the title, La Grande, as well as the other teams, has consented to take a back seat, allowing the Cove teams to win over after year. But baseball has awakened in this league at last and the writer predicts that Cove will have to fight for every pennant she gets from now on much harder than she ever fought before.

Baker, the Intermountain champions, started the season with only a losing record.

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1300 Engineers, Firemen, Conductors and Brakemen Quit Working in Chicago

CHICAGO, August 9.—(By Associated Press.)—The nationwide railroad strike extended this morning to the "Big Four" in Chicago switching territory when thirteen hundred engineers, firemen, conductors, and brakemen left their posts of duty in protest against the presence of guardsmen in the yards.

Six companies of National Guard entrained at Joliet for strike duty when the information was given out that the Chicago situation had reached its present stage.

BIG FOUR TAKES ACTION.

CLEVELAND, August 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Executives of the "Big Four" have taken action regarding the endangering of lives of Brotherhood members through alleged actions of guardsmen, telegraphing all their members to remain away from railroad companies' property if their lives are endangered. President Stone, when informed of the Chicago development, told the Associated Press there would be a hundred more similar cases soon if the shop working conditions remained unchanged.

BULLETINS

CATTLE WEAKER.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—Cattle were slow and weak today. Hogs \$6.50 to \$12.50; sheep steady, eggs firm and outer steady.

MERAI IS NOMINATED.

(By Associated Press.)
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 9.—Endorsement of the "shor" organizations together with the Ku Klux Klan and the woman support apparently have swept the state for Governor Thomas C. Merai, who is declared to have been renominated yesterday.

DOGS TEAR BODY.

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Aug. 9.—Stating that a dog named A. Bredie, a rancher, following which eighteen of his dogs attacked the body, was the announcement made by the deputy district attorney here today, and as a result Mrs. Bredie is being held for investigation. The body of the murdered man was horribly mutilated from head to ankle.

OLCOTT GAINS ONE.

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—Nine Clatsop county precincts gave Olcott a gain of one vote. Hall led with eight votes in Multnomah. Olcott five in Marion. In the state total so far Hall is ahead two votes.

NO MEETING TODAY.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Aug. 9.—It was announced this afternoon that owing to the difficulties encountered by the drafting committee there would be no meeting of the Allied Frontiers today as had been planned.

MOB STORMS JAIL.

(By Associated Press.)
VINETA, Okla., Aug. 9.—A mob of eight hundred stormed the jail in an unsuccessful attempt to take a young negro who stabbed Mrs. George Adair to death.

DEMAND IMPEACHMENT.

(By Associated Press.)
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 9.—Impeachment of Governor Warren T. McCray was demanded last night at a mass meeting of striking miners following a demonstration of about 100 in the afternoon in the streets, for his action in sending troops to the coal fields.

Robinson and Kelly Defeat Bennett and Larison Yesterday

Francis Robinson and Fern Kelly defeated Everett Bennett and Larison yesterday afternoon in the Junior doubles in the Union County Tennis Tournament. That was the only game that was played yesterday but it is likely that the greater share of the contests will be played over the latter part of this week. The score in the above contest was 6-3 and 6-2.

ONE YEAR IN COUNTY JAIL

Charles Fisher, formerly of Cove, was sentenced to one year in the county jail yesterday morning by Judge J. W. Knowles on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Fisher was arrested several months ago.

RATE MEETING OF IMPORTANCE

The Intermediate Rate Association, comprised of members from practically every western state from Canada to Mexico is calling a meeting at Salt Lake on August 14th. This association is the organization that was formed about a year ago to antagonize the railroad plan of invoking the long and short haul clause in freight rates, whereby goods shipped from, say, Chicago to Portland, would cost less than goods shipped from Chicago to La Grande over the same line and in the same direction. The Association expects very shortly to get a decision from the Interstate Commerce Commission. So far as learned no definite arrangements have been made by the Commercial Clubs of Eastern Oregon to send delegates to the meeting but it is probable that several communities will be represented.

Alvin Slusher Sued for Alienating Wife of W. F. Coates

PENDLETON, Aug. 9.—Suit for \$10,000 damages against Alvin Slusher was filed in circuit court yesterday by F. E. Coates representing W. F. Coates. The alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Grace L. Coates, wife of the plaintiff, by Slusher, is the basis of the suit.

The filing of the civil action is one of the developments of a case in city police court Friday when "John Doe" forfeited bail of \$100 on a charge of having committed an indecent immoral act. This case resulted from a raid made by the police of the Coates apartment in the Parkview apartment house about a week Thursday evening. When a complaint was made Friday morning the case was handled as a "John Doe" case, and the forfeiture of the bail of \$100 was the result.