

## MEDIATION PLAN IN COAL STRIKE FAILS

### Walkout to Be November 1, Lewis Announces.

## PRESIDENT'S PLEA UNHEEDED

### Operators Agree to Proposals, but Unions Withdraw.

## WAGE SCALE IS REJECTED

### Dealers Pledge Efforts to Keep Down Prices and Ask That Men Be Drafted to Work Mines.

## DEVELOPMENTS IN LABOR SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Outstanding developments today in the industrial situation were:

Failure of efforts of Secretary Wilson to mediate the threatened strike of bituminous coal miners, despite an appeal by President Wilson that the negotiations be continued, and that if they failed both sides submit their case to a board of arbitration.

Announcement by the American Federation of Labor that a conference would be called here in the near future, at which the heads of the 112 international unions affiliated with that organization would discuss plans for the conduct of disputes now in progress and those immediately pending.

Final dissolution of the national industrial conference called by President Wilson with a view of establishing a basis for industrial peace.

Preparation at American Federation of Labor headquarters here of letters to the affiliated unions over the country urging moral and financial support to the striking steel workers.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The last government effort to avert the coal strike set for November 1 failed utterly tonight and 500,000 miners will quit work on the very eve of winter with the nation's bins running dangerously low.

Even an appeal from President Wilson was not enough to bring peace to a conference that was torn and on the breaking point half a dozen times during the day. Charges and counter-charges flew thick and fast as the groups of operators and miners filed out of the meeting which began somewhat hopefully four days ago.

While the operators announced that they had accepted the president's offer to wage the state clean and negotiate a new wage agreement, the miners charged that the operators had bolted without the consent of Secretary of Labor Wilson, the storm center of an extraordinary fight to save the country untold distress and suffering.

**Miners Leave Hall.**  
Surrounded by a core of miners, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, hurried out of the hall and halted long enough to announce that the strike order stood and that the miners would walk out after a full day's work on the closing day of the present month. The final breaking up of the conference, Lewis said, meant that official notice of the failure would be sent forthwith to the unions everywhere to order the men out of the mines at the appointed hour.

The president's appeal was made through Secretary Wilson after the latter had exhausted every possible effort. It pointed to a conference to meet and urged the two sides to get together, negotiate their differences, resorting to arbitration only in the event negotiations failed. The important point in the proposal, however, was that the mines be kept open and the miners stay at work.

The miners and operators had left the conference room and Secretary Wilson, the tears springing to his eyes, was gathering up his papers, when he announced that his efforts and the president's efforts had fallen down and that the conference had adjourned for good. He explained the status but refused to be drawn into charges of bad faith.

**Operators Accept Proposal.**  
"The operators agreed to accept the proposal of the president in its entirety," Mr. Wilson said, "and to proceed with negotiations and if they failed to come to a conclusion to submit the matter still in dispute to arbitration the mines to continue in operation pending adjustment."

"The miners interpreted the president's letter as two proposals. They were willing to accept the first, that is, to proceed to negotiate. The operators said that having expressed a willingness to accept the president's proposal in its entirety, they held themselves ready to proceed to negotiate and arbitrate whenever called upon by the secretary of labor or by the miners' scale committee, and with that statement withdrew."

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## WILSON PROVES HIS STRENGTH TO DOCTOR

### APPEAL PROMPTLY ISSUED TO MINERS' CONFERENCE.

Bulletins Announcing Continued Improvement Create Optimism at White House.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Intervention by President Wilson today in the impending coal strike through a message to the conferring miners and operators brought about a belief in official circles that he had made definite progress to recovery.

The situation resulting from a deadlock in the coal strike conference was not brought to the president's attention until after noon, and within three hours his appeal for continuation of negotiations was in the hands of Secretary Wilson.

This participation in a public matter on such short notice, coupled with the daily bulletins announcing continued improvement, created at the White House an atmosphere of optimism.

Rear-Admiral Grayson, the president's personal physician, however, insisted that the president's strength should not be overtaxed.

In his night bulletin Dr. Grayson said:

"The president has had a good day." The bulletin issued earlier in the day follows:

"The president continues slowly to gain in strength. There is nothing additional to report this morning."

## HUNGER WAR LOOMS UP

### Attorney-General Palmer Warns People to Work and Save.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—"The great underlying causes of the war are boiling in America now more strongly than they were boiling when our boys were across the seas," Attorney-General Palmer declared today in an address before the state fair price committee.

"If American people would understand that thoroughly, they would enter on a campaign of construction, saving and economy which would result in winning this other great war, which is not merely against high prices, but is a war against hunger and starvation in the cities and towns of our beloved land."

## MISSION REACHES PARIS

### Major-General Harbord on Way to United States From Turkey.

PARIS, Oct. 24.—The members of the Harbord mission to Turkey arrived in Paris today from Constantinople.

Major-General James G. Harbord will sail for New York early in November, after conferences with the members of the American peace delegation here.

General Harbord and all the other members of the mission are busy preparing a formal report, which probably will be submitted to the members of the American delegation in three or four days.

## ARMY DEFENDS ISLAND

### Attacks of U. S. Naval Forces Met in Sham Battle.

HONOLULU, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite heavy attacks by the naval forces under Rear-Admiral William D. Fletcher, United States navy, the land army of Major-General Charles G. Morton, United States army entrenched in Oahu island, is holding its own in the sham battle being waged against it.

The first drive against the island began Wednesday. Its purpose is to show the defensive qualities of the land forces from an attack by naval units.

## TRAIN KILLS BYRON MAN

### Edward McMillan Struck While Delivering Mail Bags.

PROSSER, Wash., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—Apparently confused by passing trains while delivering mail bags, Edward McMillan, aged 68, was struck by a train on the Northern Pacific railroad at Byron yesterday and instantly killed.

Mr. McMillan conducted a general store and postoffice. He is survived by his widow. The body will be shipped to Ohio, his former home.

## BOOK SELLS FOR \$100,000

### Copy of First Edition of Shakespeare's Works Sets Record.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—What is said to be a new record in the price of books was established here yesterday by the sale of a single volume for \$100,000. The purchaser, a New York collector, asked that his name be withheld.

The book is the only known copy of the first collected edition of Shakespeare's works, published in London by Thomas Pavier in 1630.

## CHOLERA RAGES IN COREA

### 2500 Die; Ignorance of Populace in Hygiene Hampers Doctors.

SEOUL, Corea, Oct. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The cholera epidemic is raging throughout all Corea and out of 4500 cases there have already occurred 2500 deaths. Surgeon-General Dr. Haga, who is directing the anti-cholera campaign, says everything is being done to suppress the epidemic but that the work is much hampered by the ignorance of the Coreans regarding hygiene.

## WILSON ASKED TO END CONTROVERSY

### Last of Industrial Conference Adjourns.

## FAILURE FREELY ADMITTED

### Creation of Body Experts on Peace Adjustment Desired.

## BOARD PLAN FINDS FAVOR

### Report Sent to White House Commends Programme Outlined by Secretary Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—With a recommendation to President Wilson that he create a commission to carry on the work which the national industrial conference was unable to accomplish, the public group, the last remaining element of the body, finally adjourned tonight.

Despite two attempts by Mr. Wilson to save from dissolution the gathering, tonight's adjournment brought to a formal close the conference called by the executive to find some common ground of cooperation between labor and capital on the outcome of which were held in abeyance strikes affecting the entire industrial life of the nation.

The report of the public representatives, declining to assume the task for which the original gathering was called, was transmitted to the White House through Chairman Bernard M. Baruch in the form of a 1900-word letter. No information was forthcoming from the White House as to the president's next move to bring industrial peace.

**Secretary's Plan Approved.**  
The report of the public group, made public tonight by Chairman Baruch, summarized the proceedings of the 14 days the conference was in session, but the stamp of approval on the plan for industrial boards suggested by Secretary of Labor Wilson and recommended the calling of another body containing industrial experts to undertake the peace adjustment. It was drafted by a committee of five delegates, of which John D. Rockefeller Jr. was chairman. Although four or five conferees were opposed to final adjournment, only Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, voted against the motion on final test.

Delegates urged that the highest cost of living and other problems be pressed for immediate solution before dissolution, but a strong majority of the representatives, it was said, felt that the conference virtually came to a close.

**Attorney is Criticized.**  
Criticism of the district attorney's office for not paying closer attention to the workings of the board was voiced by Mrs. Williams, who made a motion that, as the anti-profiteering bill has received the president's signature and is now a law, a legal representative of the government heretofore be delegated to attend all sessions. Another motion asking that Mr. Newell provide a stenographer to keep an accurate record of all testimony also received approval.

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## REMOVAL OF SUGAR BOWL RECOMMENDED

### FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE WANTS SWEETS DOLED OUT.

Some Patrons of Restaurants Said to Be Using Too Much, While Others Have None.

Because some patrons of restaurants and grills are generously helping themselves to four lumps of sugar in each cup of coffee while hungry folk in other establishments, where the supply of sweetening material is low, are going without, the federal fair-price committee last night adopted a resolution advising that sugar bowls be removed from all tables in public eating places. The board suggested that the war-time custom of having the waitress supply the sugar would be far more satisfactory until an ample supply of the product is once more on hand.

Committee members recounted their personal experiences in restaurants and hotels where some had absolutely no sugar and others seemed well stocked up.

A communication from Food Administrator W. K. Newell was read in the meeting. This stated that 11 1/2 cents will not be considered an unreasonable price for sugar in Portland, as Ralph P. Merritt, representative of the sugar equalization board on the coast, has stated that it costs 25 cents in freight rates on every 100 pounds and this should be figured in the 11-cent retail price effective in San Francisco. Mr. Merritt said there is now ample sugar for this city, but, of course, its shipment will be slow until normal trade is restored.

**Evidence is Submitted.**  
Mrs. George L. Williams submitted an evidence for the committee two packages of sugar she had purchased at different Japanese stores, concerning which complaints had been made. Each bag cost 10 cents, but one contained 1 1/2 ounces, while the other held only 1 1/4 ounces.

The committee, having received its third complaint concerning Joe Lettiff, proprietor of the West Park grocery, requested the dealer to appear at the next meeting to explain his method of weighing sugar. It is alleged that he is not abiding by government regulations in marketing this staple. Lettiff was personally questioned once before by Thomas G. Farrell, chairman of the fair price committee, concerning other grocery dealings, but he explained that he had sold out his business and later been forced to take it back after the purchasers had misused it.

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## SNOW COVERS BEND; COLD SWEEPS STATE

### PENDLETON MERCURY DROPS FURTHEST IN 20 YEARS.

Enslage and Corn at The Dalles Are Injured by Frost When Temperature Falls to 31.

BEND, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—A heavy snowfall, the first of the season, broke down tents of the Alamo carnival, showing here in connection with the American Legion revolve celebration, last night and covered fields in the country surrounding Bend, where the potato harvest had barely begun.

The fall totaled five inches and had a water equivalent of .55 of an inch. The snow was general for 40 miles to the southeast.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—With the thermometer at 19 degrees above zero last night, Pendleton experienced the coldest October weather in the past 20 years, weather records show. There has been no further rain or snow but reports from the country indicate that the snow was heavy in the mountains yesterday and that the entire county benefited by good rains.

**THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)**—The coldest temperature recorded here this fall was registered today by the weather apparatus at the local chamber of commerce, which showed 31 degrees above zero. The only damage done by the frost was to ensilage, a large amount of corn being injured by the low temperature.

**WHITE SALMON, Wash., Oct. 24.—(Special.)**—The forerunner of winter appeared in the mid-Columbia section last night in the form of snow on all high points of the range. Ranchers report the higher elevations report a fall of about half an inch, although rain only was enjoyed below. This is much earlier than snow is usually observed locally. There are thousands of boxes of apples still unspiced, but unless a heavy freeze sets in no damage will result.

**EUGENE, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)**—George Croner, deputy sheriff, who returned yesterday from a trip up the McKenzie river, says that the tops of the mountains as far down as the foothills were covered with snow. This is one of the earliest snows in many years, and it is believed by old timers that it is the forerunner of a hard winter.

When the snow was falling in the mountains a heavy rain was falling all day Wednesday and throughout that night in the McKenzie valley, says Mr. Croner.

## FARGO BANK TO REOPEN

### North Dakota Supreme Court Says Institution Solvent.

BISMARCK, N. D., Oct. 24.—The North Dakota supreme court in a three-to-two decision this afternoon granted the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo and State Bank Examiner Loftus a permanent writ restraining the state bank board from interfering with the affairs of the bank and held that the bank was solvent.

**Deficit is Shown.**  
On the present wage basis, said President Griffith, the company is earning but 3 per cent on the valuation of its street railway properties, as appraised by the public service commission, or effecting a deficit of \$800,000 per year, when estimating a fair return to be not less than 6 per cent. At the present rate of return, said the witness, the company is earning less than one-half the interest rate on its bond issues, or on borrowed money.

The increase asked by the witness, continued President Griffith, would add \$1,140,000 per year to the cost of operation. Present operating expenses, said the witness, are more than double what they were in 1916, before wages had increased at all.

Testifying in behalf of their fellow workers, and their demands, appeared the following witnesses: J. E. Starr, Ankeny barn; A. H. Stein, Piedmont barn; F. Cromelin, mechanical department; C. F. Villas, maintenance of ways; C. F. Loppert, Sellwood barn; and H. E. Kidney, president of the carmen's union.

Mr. Stein, a leader in union circles, and one of the original organizers of the carmen's local, presented an elaborate and comprehensive tabulation, showing the cost of living in his case, that of a typical company employe, and the inadequacy of the present wage to meet it. Other witnesses testified in similar vein.

Though hourly wages in Portland are higher than elsewhere, the carmen of this city, as employes of the only private street railway company operating on an eight-hour basis, are actually receiving less than carmen of other cities, where 19 hours constitutes the day's work, though the hourly wage is less. On this point the local carmen will brook no comparison, declaring that an eight-hour day is established everywhere at the maximum length of time that a worker should toil for a living wage.

**Comparison is Unpopular.**  
"We don't believe any man should be asked to work more than eight hours," said President Kidney of the

## CARMEN'S DEMAND BEFORE ARBITERS

### Employes of Portland Company Present Case.

## WAGE DECLARED TOO LOW

### Railway Officials Submit Data on Current Earnings.

## 8-HOUR DAY IS DEFENDED

### Union Men Object to Comparison of Hourly Wage With That Paid Elsewhere for 10 Hours.

In the final phase of their demand for an increased wage schedule, employes of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company appeared yesterday before the board of arbitration, meeting in the Electric building, and testified with regard to living conditions and the alleged inadequacy of the present wage. The company officials presented data and oral testimony in support of their contention that the current earnings of the lines are not sufficient to meet any additional expense.

Members of the board of arbitration, unless the commitments of the conference late in the afternoon, to assemble for a continuance and probable close of the hearing Monday afternoon. Members of the board said that a decision will be reached within a few days after the final hearing. There is no appeal from the award of the arbitration board, according to the agreement between the carmen and the company.

**Eighty Cents Asked.**  
Platform men now are receiving an hourly wage of 56 cents, working an eight-hour day. Representing that they are unable to earn enough to meet advanced living costs and insure for themselves and their families the comfortable maintenance they have asked, through their local union for the following advanced schedule: First three months' employment, 75 cents per hour; succeeding nine months, 75 cents per hour; thereafter, 80 cents per hour.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the company, addressing the arbitration board on the present financial status of the company, produced tabulations of earnings and expenditures to demonstrate that the company is utterly unable to meet the demands without a further increase in fares.

Under the most recent award, that of the war labor board, now in effect, said President Griffith, the company is expending 93 per cent over its wage expenditures of January 1, 1917, for platform men; 104 per cent more than was then paid for mechanics, and more than 200 per cent over the amount paid to maintenance men of way employes.

President Griffith explained that the increase in the daily wage is not proportionate to the increased cost to the company, inasmuch as the eight-hour day is now in effect, whereas the ten-hour day prevailed in 1917. The figures quoted were to show the increased cost to the company.

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## PATROLMAN SHOT IN BATTLE WITH THUGS

### THREE ARMED MEN HOLD UP CAR BARN EMPLOYEES.

R. A. Pratt Injured in Arm After Emptying Revolver at Trio Who Flee to Waiting Automobile.

Three armed thugs held up employes of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's barn at Killingsworth and Michigan avenues shortly after 8 o'clock last night and before making their escape shot Patrolman R. A. Pratt in the arm.

Patrolman Pratt appeared on the scene while the holdup was in progress. He started firing when the robbers refused to halt and emptied his revolver at them as they fled to a waiting automobile. One of the shots fired at Pratt in return lodged in his arm.

The robbers escaped in a car, reported as carrying Oregon license No. 72363. Shortly before 8:30 o'clock this car was found tipped over along the street curb at the corner of Denver avenue and Wygant street.

A revolver was found in the overturned car. Police reports indicated that the "T" of the license number had a piece of paper pasted over it and was made to look like the figure "11."

The robbers obtained between \$200 and \$300, officials of the company reported. Several thousand dollars of the day's receipts were overlooked, as it was in the safe, and the men obtained only what was in the cash drawer.

There were four men in the party of robbers, the carmen reported. The fourth man did not leave the automobile in which they drove up. Only the teller and an inspector were in the office at the time. Four conductors were in the waiting-room at the barn.

## 617 RAILROADS CITED

### Grocers Give Evidence of Favors to Packers in Transportation.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—The service rendered to the "big five" packers by the railroads, according to J. P. Haynes, commissioner of the traffic bureau of the Sioux City association of commodity shippers, enables the packers to reach their destinations from one to three days ahead of similar products shipped by the wholesale grocers.

Haynes introduced an exhibit showing the comparison of the time in transit for the packers' products as compared to the time in transit for the grocers' products at today's hearing by the interstate commerce commission, that special privileges are being granted by 617 railroads to the packers.

## LIGHT SHELLS HIT RIGA

### Russo-German Forces Continue Bombardment; Damage Small.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—An official message issued here tonight says that the Russo-German forces continued Friday to bombard Riga with light shells. Little damage resulted.

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## PORTLAND OUTLAW KILLED IN HOLDUP

### Three Victims Shot in Battle at Pasco.

## ONE OF WOUNDED IS DYING

### Robber Drags Himself From Scene of Duel and Dies.

## TUCKER UNKNOWN HERE

### Portland Police Records Give No Light as to Family and Registration Card is Only Clue.

PASCO, Wash., Oct. 24.—(Special.) One man is dead, one dying and two others are in the hospital tonight as the result of an attempt to hold up a pool room here early today.

The dead: Reuben Tucker of Portland. The dying man is Jim Rastis, a Greek railroad laborer.

The other wounded men are John Peroski and J. E. Rorgan, both Greek railroad laborers.

At 12:15 this morning, Tucker with his face covered with a handkerchief, walked into John Kondilios pool room. He stood the three Greeks, the only occupants of the room at the time of his entrance, against the wall at the point of a gun and started through their pockets.

After the robber searched one of the men, Rastis drew a gun and began shooting. The outlaw returned the fire and both men emptied their weapons. The three Greeks were dropped on the spot, but Tucker, shot through the chest and abdomen, made his way out of the rear door and died in the alley where he was found later by Marshal Fuller.

A registration card was found on Tucker, which gave his age as 30 and his home as Portland. Nothing further is known of him here, as he was a transient.

The three wounded men were removed to the hospital and Tucker was taken to the morgue. Rastis was not expected to live the night. He was shot through the abdomen. The condition of his two companions was not believed to be serious.

## TUCKER IS NOT KNOWN HERE

### Police Have No Record of Other Crimes Done by Robber.