

GARFIELD WATCHES ANTHRACITE PRICE

Advance in Quotations to Be Signal for Action.

LONG FIGHT FORECAST

Labor Leaders Estimate Union Mines Will Remain Closed Four Weeks; Mediation Denied.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—Despite the spirit of hopefulness in official quarters that the end of the coal strike was near, spokesmen here for miners and operators declared tonight the country was in for a protracted industrial struggle in the bituminous fields.

Labor leaders, a bit more specific than operators, estimated that all union mines would remain closed at least four weeks. Other estimates put that time at half, but officials, although without word of direct efforts to bring the two sides together, still held firmly to the view that the strike would not run that long.

Returning here from a trip to the west, Fuel Administrator Garfield took active control of the situation and made ready to fix maximum prices on anthracite at the first evidence of attempts to advance the selling price.

Conferences Are Held. Dr. Garfield took part in a number of conferences, but it was stated officially that he had not discussed settlement of the strike with operators.

War-Time Rules Wanted. Dr. Garfield returned early today from a visit to Kentucky and soon afterwards went into conference with Mr. Morrow, who was an official of the fuel administration during the war. Mr. Morrow, who was an official of the fuel administration during the war, disclosed in advance of the conference, Fuel Administrator Garfield is expected soon to ask President Wilson's authority to revive certain old fuel administration orders, particularly those relating to anthracite coal, so as to be prepared to deal with any attempt at profiteering.

More Troops Are Moved. The statement of John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, that the joint system of bargaining in the mining industry still was in effect was regarded as another encouraging sign.

Settlement Commission Urged. A special presidential commission to attempt arbitration of the strike was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Chairman Kenyon of the labor committee.

Embargoes Are Rumored. Government officials have found the task of dealing with all sorts of rumors more difficult than they had thought. Some reports concerned the freight embargoes which have not been imposed.

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FUEL CONSERVATION MACHINE ASSEMBLED

Coal Supplies of Nation to Be Supervised.

HINES NAMES COMMITTEE

Central Body to Function Constantly During Strike, but Will Not Have Price Control.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The railroad administration today practically completed its coal conservation machinery to operate during the strike and to provide against a fuel shortage insofar as possible. Director-General Hines announced the appointment of a central committee from railroad administration officials, together with a representative of the shipping line, to be regional and district committees, also selected, will form a network of supervision for all bituminous coal in the country.

Members of the central committee will sit constantly here will take over, to a large degree, functions of the fuel administration. The committee, however, will take no jurisdiction over prices except to cooperate with the department of justice in punishing profiteers.

The strike already has reduced the volume of freight traffic about 40 per cent.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 4.—Fears that Pittsburgh would be compelled to return to the heatless days and lightless nights of the early war-time period were dispelled tonight by R. W. Gardner, commissioner of the Pittsburgh coal operators' association, in a reassuring statement to the public.

"All America concedes everything possible to labor and labor's leaders," the statement added, "but Mr. Gompers is not the uncrowned king of this country. It is true that foreign-born laborers are rebellious against the country because of prohibition, but they are not so here. Six weeks after they landed on that continent they will be begging the churches for passage money back."

SALEM COMPANY WARNED. Use of Lighted Matches by Meter Readers Disapproved.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Using lighted matches in making gas meter readings by employees of the Salem Gas company is declared dangerous to the health and safety of the public in a letter prepared by Fred Williams, member of the Oregon public service commission and sent to A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner.

"This secures to us as dangerous to the health and safety of the public," says the letter, "and if done with the knowledge of the officers of the corporation is criminal, and without their knowledge is negligent."

"We sincerely hope that you will employ such means at your command to expel immediately this iniquitous practice, as there is yet no loss of life or property."

COQUILLE CORN SHOW SET. Record Exhibit to Be Held on November 14 and 15.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Coquille has named November 14 and 15 for the annual corn show in that city, an event which has in the past three or four years proved popular. The show has been an annual feature of the county since 1880.

WARDEN REPORTS ON TRIP. Penitentiary Head Not Yet Ready to Make Recommendations.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—In a formal report filed with the state board of control today, Dr. R. Lee Steiner, warden of the Oregon penitentiary, reviewed the operations of eastern and middle-western prisons, but said he would not be in a position to recommend the construction of any specific institution in the local institution until a late date.

STEEL BARS ABANDONED. Cells to Be Taken From State Training School.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special)—For the first time since early in the administration of Will H. Hale, steel cells are to be eliminated from the state training school for boys, according to a statement made by L. M. Gilbert, superintendent of the institution, although the institutions are under control today. As the state has no use for the cells, they will be sold in the open market.

WESTERN LINES SUPPLIED. TRAIN SERVICE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY STRIKE.

Northern Pacific and Oregon-Washington Have Sufficient Fuel for Thirty Days.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 4.—Washington's coal mines remained closed today, with operators and strikers watching developments in the eastern fields.

The Washington national guard probably will not be called out for strike duty, Adjutant-General Harvey J. Moss said here today. No request for protection by state troops has been made by operators.

Train service in Oregon and Washington will not be disturbed by the coal miners' strike, L. C. Gilman, district director of the railroad administration, announced here today.

The coal-burning lines of the Northern Pacific railway and the Oregon-Washington company, operating out of Seattle, have enough coal for 30 days, Mr. Gilman said. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Great Northern and Spokane, Portland & Seattle are oil-burning lines.

Approximately 600 cars of coal have been taken over by the railroads in Oregon and Washington. Several cars of Canadian coal, which were seized, have been ordered released to the shippers.

Canadian coal consigned from British Columbia to purchasers in the United States will not be seized, Mr. Gilman said. The order was issued, it was believed, because probably Canadian coal dealers would not accept American orders if they could not be delivered to the purchasers.

SWISS MAY LOSE FARM. Thurston Escheat Case Based on Withdrawing Declaration.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 4.—(Special)—Argument in the first attempt

of the state to escheat property of an alien who has withdrawn his declaration of intention to become an American citizen in order to evade the draft was heard in the Thurston county superior court today by Judge John M. Wilson in the case of Jacob Ryckens of Yelm. Ryckens is a Swiss who acquired farm property several years before the United States went to war with Germany. He admitted on the witness stand that he withdrew the declaration to escape military service, saying he was frightened.

Attorney-General L. L. Thompson is prosecuting the case on the theory that refusal to serve the country by revoking declared citizenship intentions amounted to forfeiture of property. Ryckens' property is valued at \$4000. He is defended on grounds that action against him is a violation of the treaty with Switzerland.

COMPERS IS REBUKED

METHODISTS DISPUTE STATEMENT ON UNREST CAUSE.

Radicalism in Europe Despite Plentiful Supply of Liquor Pointed Out in Reply.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The assertion of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor that prohibition was contributing to the unrest in the United States was characterized as "not only unfortunate but deserving of rebuke" in a statement here today by the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist church.

"Radicalism in England and France and throughout the continent of Europe," the statement said, "is much more rife than it is in America, despite the floods of alcohol. Bolshevism is a thing of ignorance, prohibition commands the support of 99 per cent of Americans with school education. Bolshevism is a thing of saloons, barrel houses and slums; prohibition is the production of schools, churches and homes."

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DRIVER HURT IN CRASH. C. O. Hudson Cut and Bruised in Automobile Collision.

C. O. Hudson, proprietor of the Hudson-Moore Candy company, sustained some bad cuts about the head and a bruised right arm and right hip when the automobile which he was driving collided with a machine of the Log Cabin Bakery, driven by Roy Van Allen, at Broadway and Crosby street yesterday.

Mr. Hudson was taken to the Police Emergency hospital where his injuries were considered damaged by the collision.

In all 27 accidents were reported to the police up to 8 o'clock last night, but there was only one reported in which anyone had sustained a serious injury.

A small boy was knocked down by the machine of E. P. Horne, 640 East Main street, as he was backing from the curb at East Seventeenth and East Main streets. Mr. Horn reported that the boy was uninjured.

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