

RISE OF 25 PER CENT FOR MINERS FAVORED

Union Member Holds Out for More Money.

CONFERENCE REPORT IN

Coal Workers Not Satisfied With Award Indicated by Two State Organizations.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The commission appointed by President Wilson to settle the coal strike has split definitely on the question of wage increases and hours of work. The majority, Henry M. Robinson, chairman, representing the public, and Rembrandt Peale, representing the operators, in a report submitted to President Wilson today, is understood to have recommended a general wage increase of approximately 25 per cent and the hours of labor to remain unchanged. This increase includes the 14 per cent granted after the miners returned to work. John F. White, representing the miners, refused to concur. He is preparing a minority report in which it is reported that he will recommend a seven-hour day and a wage increase of approximately 35 per cent. In advance of the publication of the two reports officials of the United Mine Workers of America would not discuss the probable course of the miners. Since their representative refused to accept the majority decision, however, it was regarded as certain that they would not accept.

Ultimate Agreement Hope. William Green, secretary of the miners' union, after a conference with Secretary Tumulty at the White House late today, said there was no radical difference between the majority and Mr. White, and expressed the hope that the differences would be ironed out at joint meetings between the operators and the miners. President Wilson in inviting the members of the commission to undertake a settlement said it was important that their conclusions be reached by unanimous action. In an effort to reach a unanimous conclusion, the commission was understood to have held many long sessions this week, meeting both day and night.

Mr. White held out against the majority recommendations, however, and when an agreement appeared hopeless, the majority proceeded to complete their report at midnight last night, sending it to the White House early today.

Both Sides Submit Cases. The commission began its hearings on January 17, with the understanding between the government and the miners that its report would be made within 60 days, which period expires tomorrow.

The commission would have no authority to enforce its findings had its report been unanimous. However, when it began hearings the miners agreed unreservedly to abide by its decisions and the operators accepted its jurisdiction with the reservation that they could not be bound by any price advance for a period subsequent to the life of the Lever act, as this might subject them to prosecution under the anti-trust laws.

Throughout the hearing the operators insisted that many mines could not operate if wages were advanced unless there was a corresponding increase in coal prices. The miners contended against this position and charged that the operators had made large profits during the war.

The miners originally demanded a 60 per cent increase and 39 hours of work a week the year round. At the council which the operators called by Secretary Wilson after the government obtained an injunction to enjoin the coal miners their representatives receded from this and agreed to accept Mr. Wilson's proposal for a 34 per cent increase in wages and a seven-hour day.

Secretary Wilson Guide. The approximate increase of 25 per cent, which it was reported Mr. White would recommend in his report to the president today, was made. It has been worked out on the same basis as was that of Secretary Wilson and that the increases in the cost of living since November, had been added. Wage increases were said to have been computed by the majority of the commission on the basis of tonnage for pick and mining, a percentage increase for yardage and dead work and a flat advance in the pay of day laborers. The increase is not uniform for all mines, varying in accordance with costs of production. According to some calculations, the general advance probably would amount to 27 per cent or more.

Under the usual practice after the reports are made public, the executive board of the mine workers' union would be summoned and possibly a delegate convention from the locals to determine whether the majority report was to be accepted and, if not, what action was to be taken. The existing contract between the miners and the operators will expire on April 1. It was made during the war for the duration of the conflict, but was not in any event to run beyond the end of this month.

INCREASE MEANS PRICE RISE

Chairman of Operators' Committee Does Not Indicate Amount.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the coal operators' scale committee in the central competitive field, asserted that the price of coal would be increased if the miners were granted the 25 per cent wage increase, as recommended today by the commission appointed by President Wilson to settle the coal miners' strike. Mr. Brewster refused to approximate what the price increase would be or discuss the recommended wage advance until he has received an official copy of the commission's report.

Illinois Miners Dislike Award.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 11.—Miners of Illinois will not be satisfied with the award by the coal strike settlement commission, but they must accept it or break faith, Frank Farrington, president of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, said today.

Oklahoma Unions Not Pleased.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 11.—The 25 per cent increase in wages recommended for coal miners by a majority of the president's commission will not satisfy the miners of the southwest, John Ross, secretary of district No. 11, said tonight.

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