

ALL EFFORTS MADE TO PREVENT STRIKE

House Committee Considers
Asking Harding's Aid.

WALKOUT DUE TONIGHT

Hope Still Held for Preventing
Shutdown in Coal Fields.
Operators at Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The wisdom of asking President Harding to invite representatives of miners and operators to meet here tomorrow in an eleven-hour effort to call off the coal strike was considered today by the house labor committee, but without action being taken.

Believing there still was hope of preventing the shutdown in all fields, set for tomorrow at midnight, two members of the committee proposed that the president be requested to take a hand, and for a time it appeared as if a resolution looking to this end might be adopted. Word had come from the senate, meanwhile, that Chairman Borah of the senate labor committee, had such a proposition in mind and the house committee, went at once to suggest action.

Resolutions Are Discussed.
Chairman Borah explained, however, that members of the committee had not been advised as to such a vote, that he did not feel at liberty to take up the question alone, and it probably would be best to wait until the question goes over, he intimated that he might call his committee to consider it later.

Returning to its own meeting place, the house committee discussed resolutions presented by Representative London, socialist, New York, and Upshaw, democrat, Georgia. Both similarly drawn, were laid on the table. The aid of the president in the task of trying to bring the miners and operators together was suggested after Dr. Worth M. Tippy of New York, representing the United Coal and Oil of Churches and the Christ of America, had urged to some measure by congress toward lasting peace in the coal region.

Response Is Promised.
While John Moore of Columbus, O., legislative agent of the United Mine Workers of America, was giving the union's side of the trouble, Chairman Nolan asked if the organization would object if the president would step to the front and invite the warring factions here.

"If the president were to send a telegram tonight asking the miners to come here or go anywhere else and meet the operators," Mr. Moore said, "the first train out would find them aboard. We have always been anxious to meet them."

Asked as to the union's attitude toward a 30-day suspension of the strike order, Mr. Moore said: "I am not prepared to answer for president Lewis. As I see it, there is little likelihood of an invitation going out. We do not want government interference until we have exhausted all our efforts to settle the trouble. If the American people get all the coal they want in April, they will be satisfied, and if the government estimate of \$5,000,000 tons above ground is correct there will be no suffering during the next month. But we prefer to work out our own salvation."

"Knowing the operators as I do, I have every reason to believe they will sign any intention of meeting us."

Operators Say Nothing.
Officers of the National Coal association were present, but were asked as to how the suggestion going to the president appealed to them. They offered no voluntary view.

The hearing, which is being held in connection with a resolution by Representative Bland, republican, Indiana, for appointment of an investigating commission by the president, is expected to bring together the leading figures on the miners' and operators' side. Mr. Moore said that John L. Lewis, the union president, was too busy getting out strike orders to come here now.

"But he will be here Monday if he is not in jail," he added.

Moore predicted that all nonunion miners, who produce 30 per cent of the coal output would quit work with the union men, "if gunmen are not used in the nonunion fields."

STRIKE DECLARED CERTAIN

Time Now Too Short to Reach Agreement, Says Lewis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 30.—John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, declared here tonight that the time is now too short for a "satisfactory agreement" being reached between miners and operators that would avert a suspension of work by the union men at midnight tomorrow. However, he added that the union was still willing to meet the operators.

With this statement of the union leader the last apparent hope of averting a shutdown disappeared after having been brought forward by an eleven-hour effort in the house labor committee. The proposal considered in the committee was that President Harding issue an invitation for a conference tomorrow of the operators and miners.

"The mine workers' attitude," said

Mr. Lewis, commenting on the committee proposal, "is consistent with their past position. We have been and are willing to respond to any invitation that might be issued by President Harding. As far as interfering with the strike, the length of time is too short to reach a satisfactory understanding even if the operators are willing to meet, which I understand they are not."

"In my judgment the operators are determined to force a strike and doubtless will find some manner to evade a conference. It is also true that powerful non-union interests have been extending their efforts to persuade union operators to fight the United Mine Workers in order that non-union interests may reap a financial harvest by operating during the strike."

All preliminaries for the suspension of work have been completed by

**WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS
DAYS' WORK.**

Senate.
Nine-power treaty relating to principles and policies to be followed in treaty making concerning China ratified, 65 to 0.
Nine-power treaty relating to Chinese customs tariff approved, 58 to 3.
Action completes all treaties growing out of the recent disarmament conference.

House.
Bill authorizing appropriation of \$17,000,000 for additional hospital facilities for veterans debated.

Republican floor leader denies reports that congress and the president are at loggerheads and brings out a recitation by Representative Garrett, acting minority leader, of differences over bonus, tariff and other problems.

Labor committee considers legislation for investigating coal strike situation and is told by representatives of miners that it is not too late yet to get a conference.

Immigration committee favorably reports bill to deport aliens convicted of violating Volstead law of state laws against narcotics.

the union's international headquarters here, and today officials said they gave but passing notice to the situation and that it was not marked by any developments here.

John Hessler, president of the Indiana district, and William Mitchell, secretary, were the only district officials conferring today with Mr. Lewis and other officials here. They said last-minute preparations for the suspension in Indiana were discussed and predicted it would be 100 per cent effective throughout the state.

CONVICT NOW IS MOTHER

SLAYER'S TERM IS REDUCED
WHEN GIRL IS BORN.

Prison Walls Resound With Cheers
and All Are Anxious to Adopt
Tiny Newcomer.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 24.—(Special.)—The walls of the women's department of the state penitentiary here resounded with the cheers of prisoners today for Mrs. Rolia De Hart was back, bringing her baby and ending the longest furor over one tiny mite of humanity that Nebraska can remember.

Mrs. De Hart, serving a ten-year term for murder, the same crime for which her husband is serving a life sentence, was taken from the penitentiary the day before the child was born, so that it would not have the stigma of "prison baby" hanging over it.

So Betty June was born in the State Orthopedic hospital.

Betty June was named by the women prisoners in the penitentiary. For weeks they had argued about the baby's name and practically every woman in the prison took feverishly to contribute something to the baby's "layette." When the baby was born a delegation of the women prisoners was sent to Warden Fenton to ask permission to see it. The permission was given and every woman behind the big walls was in the party.

The devotion of the women attracted the attention of the entire state and what do with Betty June became the most absorbing topic of scores of women's clubs, church organizations and even chambers of commerce. Under state laws the child could not go back to prison with its mother.

More than 1000 persons appealed to the prison mother for permission to adopt the baby. Even an American Legion post asked for it.

Mrs. De Hart refused to allow Betty June out of her sight.

"I ain't never had nothin' fine like this baby before and I ain't goin' to let her go," she told club women who visited the hospital. "I never had schoolin' till I was 10, and then not much. I went to town when I was 13 and cooked in a hotel. When I was 17 I was married to a man who said he ain't goin' to take my baby now, are you? Every woman back in the pen thinks it's hers, too. One baby for all of us. You can't have her."

So instead of taking Betty June the club women fixed it up with the state and the biggest battle of all will be fought throughout the United States during the next eight years, the time limit the radicals have set for the overthrow of the American

government, Dr. William O. Hicks, director of the state legion Americanization committee, told an audience here last night.

"Most American business men are indifferent as to what the radicals propose to do," Dr. Hicks said, "but the time is approaching when a reckoning will come in the state of Washington first. I frankly say that American business men deserve to go down under the radicals if they continue to be blind, as they have been in the last few years."

TOURISTS VISIT TRINIDAD

Steamer Stops for Excursion in "Land of Humming Bird."

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