

OPERATORS REJECT NEW PEACE OFFER

Miners Willing to Accept Secretary Wilson's Scale.

ISSUE UP TO GARFIELD

Both Sides Now Waiting for Conference of Administrator and Government Legal Advisers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Refusing to accept proposals made by Secretary Wilson as a basis for further negotiations, soft coal operators of the central competitive field voted their case today with Fuel Administrator Garfield, whose official approval is necessary to validate any new wage agreement.

The public would not stand for a wage advance above their offer of 15 cents a ton to coal diggers and 20 per cent to day laborers, operators asserted. They refused to make further overtures even to renege their proposition, which was withdrawn following the deadlock Friday, unless the government, through the fuel administration, assumed responsibility for the added burden to the nation's fuel bill.

The operators are prepared to leave the entire situation in the hands of the government unless Dr. Garfield can find a way out of the difficulty, their spokesmen announced.

Garfield Holds Off.
Dr. Garfield notified the mine-owners that he would not meet their committee, of which Thomas H. Brewster is chairman, until after he has consulted Monday with Attorney-General Palmer, Director-General Hines and Judge C. B. Ames, assistant attorney-general.

Dr. Garfield is said to have told individual operators that the offer made by them is as large as present conditions justify. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, tonight charged the operators with criminal delay in negotiating through a "conspiracy" on the part of the "powerful interests" including both mine owners and others, who "have been openly opposing a settlement."

Wilson's Proposal Accepted.
Following a two-hour session of the miners, Mr. Lewis announced that the workers had accepted Secretary Wilson's proposal. This proposition, submitted Friday, as made public today by Mr. Wilson, provided for an increase in mining rates of 27.12 cents per ton, a 14.12 increase in day wages of \$1.25 and an increase in yards and dead work of 31.61 per cent. Mr. Lewis also announced that the miners stood on their feet in approval of a seven-hour day, a Saturday half holiday and reference of all internal disputes back to the districts in which they originate for settlement.

Some operators, including members of the scale committee of the central competitive field, Mr. Lewis said, have indicated a willingness to make a separate "treaty of peace" without waiting for concerted action. He said he had agreed to sign separate contracts.

Wilson Explains Scale.
Explaining his suggested wage advance, Secretary Wilson said he based his calculations on an increase of 79.8 per cent in the cost of living in three bituminous mining towns since December, 1914.

Operators attacked Mr. Wilson's figures on the ground that from 80 to 90 per cent of mining in the central competitive field is by machinery. Calculated on a basis of machine mining, Mr. Wilson's proposal would mean a wage raise of 41.8 per cent, they said. The secretary's suggestion of 31.61 per cent increase in the day wage would mean an increase over 1914 of 121.7 per cent, they added.

BISMARCK, N. D., Nov. 22.—The North Dakota supreme court today sustained the action of District Judge W. L. Nuessele of Bismarck in ordering Governor Lynn J. Frazier and Assistant-General Fraser to immediately return to the private owners the lignite coal mines which have been seized and operated by the state.

Judge Nuessele's order compels the state officials to relinquish their claim of the mines by 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The supreme court denied the application of William Lemke, vice-president of the Non-Partisan league, acting as counsel for Governor Frazier, for an injunction restraining Judge Nuessele from enforcing his order.

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 22.—Railroad division offices here have received orders from northwest regional headquarters, ordering that without exception applications must be made for release of bituminous coal shipments. No coal is to go to a community where there is a week's supply of fuel on hand, and no fuel dealer is to deliver coal to a householder who has a week's supply.

NEW CRISES LOOM IN U. S.
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Injunction to other jurisdictions, it is obvious, is about to become necessary and it is understood that there is no hesitation on the part of the department of justice to go that far. It is believed that delay is due only to two or three members of the cabinet who are studying the political effects of such a move, and in the meantime praying for time to starve one side or the other into submission.

William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, is devoting all of his time and efforts to bringing about a settlement, but Dr. Garfield, recently restored as directing head of the fuel administration, is growing restless under the delays. He is just the sort of a man to speak out and tell what is wrong. Of course, he must take orders from the government as represented in the cabinet, but the wobbler members of the cabinet would dread to have him put the blame on them as a public statesman. As to the operators, they will accept whatever the government, acting through Dr. Garfield, says is fair and there will be no talking back.

Note Sent to Mexico.
What would happen should the federal injunction be lifted, the bind and gag the officials of the American Federation of Labor no one in authority wishes to discuss until confronted by the extremity of such action.

tory response, but the effect in the same.
It is admitted that the state department is studying an estimate submitted by the war department as to the extent of the force necessary to bring Mexico into complete submission. This estimate calls for an army of 400,000 men, but improvements in the late European struggle have reduced these requirements by at least one-third.

Incident Is Resented.
The Washington government particularly resents the attempt of Carranza officials to involve Jenkins in collusion with the bandit, Cordoba, in his own kidnapping. The situation seems to call for an abject apology from the Carranza government as well as for the release of Jenkins. Jenkins being in captivity, an answer cannot be long awaited.

But politics is everything in Washington, and with coal bins and sugar bowls almost empty, international labor delegates picking up their belongings in a huff and Mexico inviting a spanking, the average man here today could only see and applaud the challenge of Senator Lodge to the national administration to go to the people with the peace treaty. There is something ghastly about the desire of a majority of persons in the national capital to get a kick at the poor old document brought home from Versailles.

Democrats Ready to Rebel.
However, Mr. Wilson is not likely to have the opportunity to take the issue to the people. Some very prominent members of his own party are getting ready to rebel if he holds out much longer. What some democrats said in the senate the other day, it is admitted, would make splendid campaign documents for the republicans. These leaders say that there is more danger in the attack of the republicans on Mr. Wilson's dictatorial methods in negotiating the treaty for the United States than in the contents of the treaty itself.

Senator Brandegee of Connecticut made a strong point when he brought to the attention of the senate shortly before the final hour of the treaty's rejection last Wednesday that Mr. Wilson had ample warning that the senate would never accept a treaty in such form. He put into the record the resolution signed by 39 republican senators. He said that notwithstanding this warning Mr. Wilson went to Paris and helped frame what he was told was not acceptable, depending on the Wilsonian powers of persuasion to secure approval.

Wilson Supporters Silent.
Apathy of the democratic side was obvious throughout all of the last days of debate and time after time supporters of Mr. Wilson, while remaining loyal to him, hardly lifted their voices loud enough to be heard by the reading clerk.

Another disadvantage of such a political issue is that the long struggle in the senate has developed some powerful and convincing orators on the republican side who would enjoy nothing better than to go before the country in a campaign free to talk nothing but this one subject nearest their hearts.

Representative Mondell, majority leader in the house, was not inclined today to discuss the Lodge concurrent resolution declaring the war at an end. He expressed some doubt of the wisdom or effectiveness of such a course and indicated no disposition to press its passage in the house.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE NAMED
Aid Will Be Given Republican National Organization.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Redmond Benjamin, chairman of the republican state central committee, today announced appointment of an executive committee of the woman's division of the republican national organization by Will H. Hays, national chairman. Of this committee Miss Mary Garden Hay of New York is chairman and the committee included Mrs. Thomas H. Carter, Montanan, and Mrs. Josephine Corliss Prentiss, Washington.

In addition, Mr. Benjamin said, there will be designated a representative of the woman's division in each state, local director, and the entire group constituting the woman's division of the republican national committee will act with the national committee as an essential part of it in its activities.

Son Born to Wardells.
Relatives and friends of Captain and Mrs. L. L. Wardell, now at headquarters, Camp Funston, Kan., will be interested in the information that their son was born to the former Portland couple at the Fort Riley (Kan.) hospital on November 9. Captain Lloyd Wardell is attached to the signal corps.

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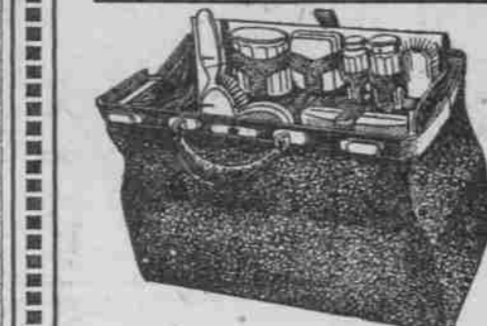
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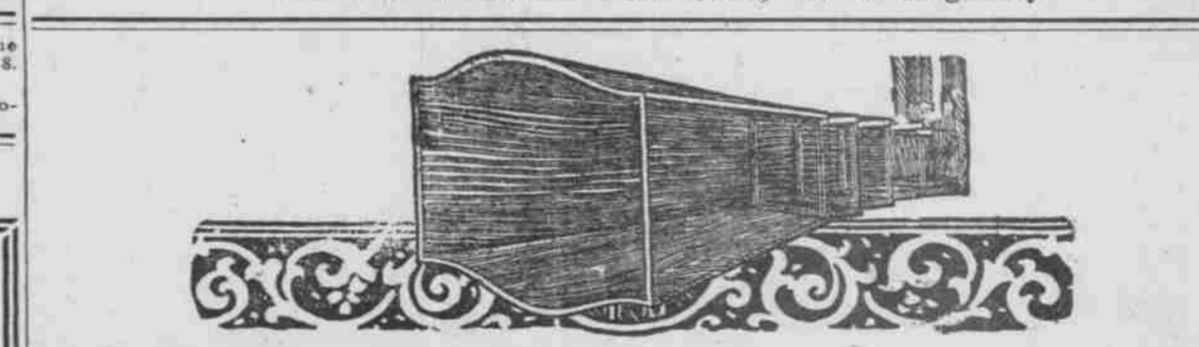
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