

Working Conditions and Wages to Be Probed.

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If Readjustment of Prices Is Found Necessary, President Promises to Confer Powers.

(Continued From First Page.) could come of a settlement that did not guard at every point the public interest.

The president informed the commissioners that on their acceptance he would call a meeting of the commission in Washington to lay out plans for its work.

The text of the president's letter to Mr. Robinson, identical with those sent to Mr. White and Mr. Feale, follows:

My Dear Mr. Robinson: On October 8, 1917, with the official approval and sanction of the United States fuel administration, an agreement (since known as the "Washington agreement") was entered into between the employers and the union miners and mine workers of the so-called "new" competitive bituminous coal fields.

Clause in Agreement Cited.

The agreement covered the following clause: Subject to the next biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America, the present contract be extended during the continuation of the war and not to exceed two years from April, 1918.

Subsequently, on January 19, 1918, this agreement was approved by the convention of the International Union United Mine Workers of America. At the fourth biennial convention of the International Union United Mine Workers of America, held in Cleveland, O., from September 9 to September 20, 1919, the so-called scale committee submitted a report recommending among other things that the convention demand a 50 per cent increase, applicable to all tonnage, yardage and deadwork rates throughout the central competitive field.

Demands Are Made. Subsequently, conferences were held between representatives of the operators and of the miners, at which the miners' demands were submitted and declined on the part of the operators.

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embrace and guard at every point the public interest. To this end I deem it important that your conclusion shall be reached by unanimous action.

Palmer Issues Statement. Attorney-General Palmer also issued a statement asserting that failure by the operators to agree to the government's plan for settling the coal strike would be "an amazing repudiation of their own statements."

Mr. Palmer's statement also referred to testimony given yesterday before the senate coal investigating committee by Alfred M. Ogilvie, chairman of the executive committee of the coal operators, alleging that the attorney-general had suggested to the operators a compromise with the miners involving more than 14 per cent wage increase before the settlement negotiations between the government and the miners began.

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field have not yet either accepted or rejected the memorandum made by Attorney-General Palmer to the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis, according to Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the scale committee of the coal operators of the central competitive field.

When Mr. Brewster read the statement of Attorney-General Palmer to-night he said: "The operators of the central competitive field were in full accord with the plan outlined by Fuel Administrator Garfield and which appeared in the president's statement of December 6. When we stated that the president's proposal was agreeable to us, we were referring to his statement of December 6. As for the memorandum of Attorney-General Palmer, referred to in President Wilson's statement to Mr. Robinson, we have never seen it, therefore it cannot be claimed that we have agreed to it."

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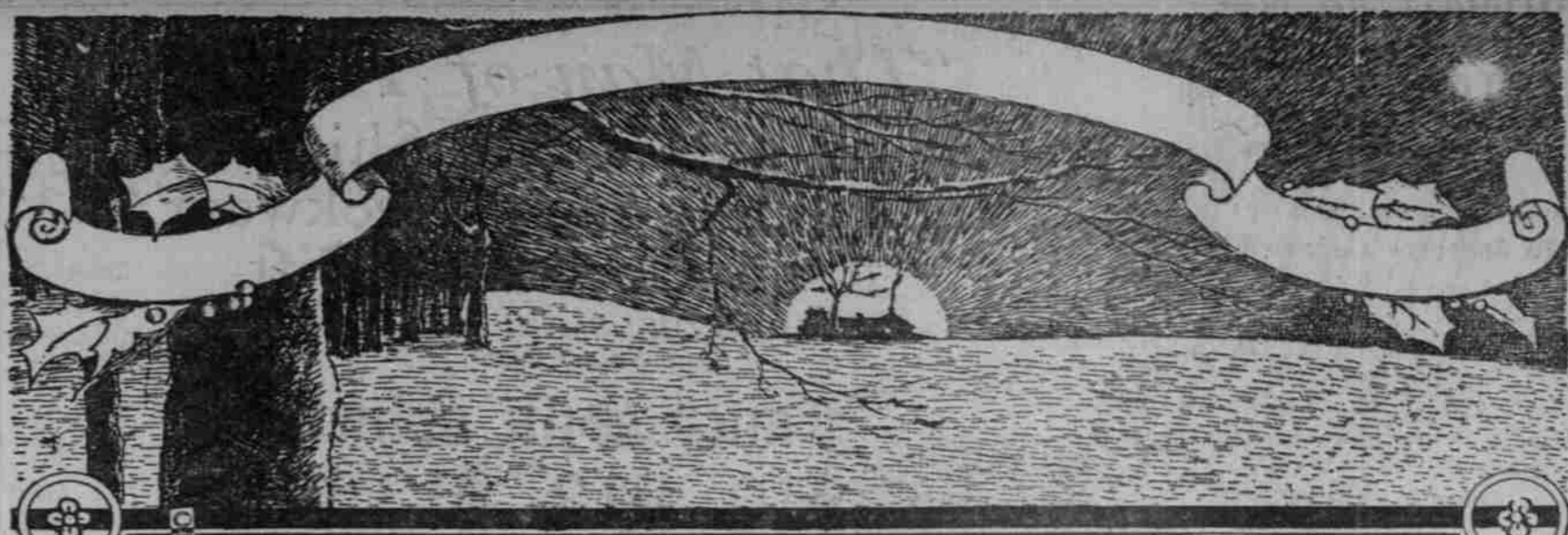
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