

## PUBLIC FEARS SCARCITY OF WINTER COAL

Governors Agree to Protect  
Operators of Mines Pending  
Final Settlement of  
General Walkout.

SOME TRAINS HALTED  
BECAUSE OF STRIKES

Attorney General Refuses to  
Interfere As Long As  
Laws Are Obeyed

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Development of plans for stretching out the nation's coal supply, now dwindling under continued impact of the mine and railroad strikes, was the immediate concern of federal officials acting in the industrial situation. Secretary Hoover announced that within a day or two the interstate commerce commission and the commerce department would put into operation a scheme of diverting to essential transportation lines the coal coming from non-union mines and those that may open up in union territory, but use of priority orders governing transportation.

Next in order for coal supply from the diminished output, it was indicated, would be the northern Great Lakes ports, and should it be found impossible to avert a shortage the coal distribution plan might be expanded to become a complete rationing of supply to other industries and territories as necessities might appear.

Coal Shortage Expected  
Attorney General Daugherty said that the strike disruptions already made it certain that there would be a coal shortage next winter.

Replies of governors to President Harding's invitation that they guarantee protection to mine operation in spite of the strike, continued to come to the White House practically all assuring the federal government support.

Governors of Arkansas, Montana, Oregon and Texas had not responded tonight. Governor Grosbeck, Michigan, outlined plans for opening mines there under state control, with federal sanction.

In connection with a message from Governor Morrison of North Carolina, questioning the president's policy in asking the mines opened even if force was necessary to protect workers, high administration officials pointed out that responsibility for coal production in that state was small.

Reports to government department indicated that while trains are still being withdrawn by railroads, the movement of the mails and all necessities of life continues throughout the country. Coal cars are being attached to trains still kept running with motor trucks in readiness to supplement this service.

Coal Importations Planned  
Secretary Hoover indicated that imports of coal from abroad might help the situation. He pointed out that several cargoes had been coming to Atlantic harbors from England since the beginning of the strike.

Prices for bituminous, it was said, have risen to levels higher than those set by voluntary agreement between the non-union producers and the commerce department some weeks ago. Unofficial reports from the West Virginia coal fields indicated a steady decrease in production, due to railroad service disabilities.

Officials considered it significant of the relationship between the coal and rail strikes that clerks and freight handlers on the Chesapeake & Ohio, and the Norfolk & Western railways should be called out since these two roads serve the greater non-union coal fields. Some West Virginia mines have not had more than a day's supply of coal cars in the four working days this week.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers today transferred the union's temporary coal strike headquarters to New York, but left here reiterating the determination of the union mine leaders to carry on the stoppage of the industry until they obtained successful negotiations for a satisfactory wage scale on a national basis.

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## FIRST DECISION IN HALL CASE MADE; TRIAL DATE SET

There will be no hailing into court of anybody for changing his political registration on primary election day, according to the Marion county circuit court in the Coster-Olcott contest.

Thursday afternoon, Judges Bingham and Kelly rendered their opinion on the motion of the Olcott counsel, to strike out the charges relating to re-registration, from the Coster (Hall) complaint. They hold that as the law definitely sanctions re-registration, and as it makes the election board registration officials, and as these election officers live and function but for a single day—election day—all registration that comes to them of necessity must come on that day only; there is no prohibition of re-registering to change one's politics, and these officers must act this one day or not at all; therefore, the court can not interfere with their operations.

The case will now go on for hearing on Tuesday, July 25, when the contestee will file an answer to the other charges in the original complaint. By agreement, these other charges were held to be matters of fact, to be tried out as other cases are tried, on evidence. This first item was a matter of law, for the court to decide whether it was a proper subject for litigation. The decision of the court is that it is not proper; so all the evidence gathered as to such alleged violations of the law, will be dropped.

Court Has No Jurisdiction  
From the first, it was held debatable whether this particular line of evidence could get into court. Both legal and lay opinion was divided; the prosecution tried it out, to get a judicial determination which now stands. Judge Kelly, with a twinkle in his eye, remarked "With the wisdom of the law, we have nothing to do."

This rejection of mere re-registration as a cause for action, does not bar action for fraudulent registration such as the registering of aliens, or persons not citizens of Oregon. Should there be found such cases, they can be prosecuted without regard to this decision, which merely concerns the registration of qualified electors. The prosecution, however, had a large number of re-registrations and had been hoping to bring them to the public notice, especially a few prominent Democrats of Oregon whom they wanted to get into the record.

Trial to Take Eight Weeks  
The court's decision was received by W. S. U'Ren of Portland, counsel for the contestee, and by Roy Shields of Salem, for the contestee. There was no argument as to the findings.

A debate over the time the case may require, however, brought out the statement by Attorney U'Ren, that it would probably take three to four weeks to present their evidence. Attorney Shields for the Olcott forces, stated that it ought to take him at least that long. With the necessary interruptions, this would run the case through most of September, at best; with a decision only a few weeks before the general election in November.

The Phez cases that have been pending for two weeks and deferred because of this gubernatorial contest, will be started on Monday, July 24, though it is expected that they will have to be dropped when the contest fight begins on the 25th. The Olcott answer, on the 25th, may go directly into the trial of the cause, and there will be no intermission. The Phez matter, however, were so urgent that the court is to give them a start, even for only the one day.

## Union Miners Feared By Cadiz Officers

CADIZ, July 20.—Several hundred union miners, many of them said to be armed, are gathering at Hopedale and Adema, preparatory to marching on strip mines in this section, according to reports reaching Sheriff O. K. Martin.

"There is a possibility of serious trouble occurring before the troops arrive," the sheriff declared when informed militiamen were on their way here.

## Sneak Thief Steals Watch from Room

A sneak thief entered the room of Floyd Gand, 185 South Commercial street, some time between 8 and 9 o'clock yesterday morning and stole a gold watch from the man's pocket. Gand reported to the police department yesterday.

## STRIKE HEADS PREPARE FOR BITTER FIGHT

No Indications of Agreement  
Seen by Leaders of Rival  
Factions in Rail Strike—  
Officials Silent.

TROOPS ORDERED OUT  
BY GOVERNOR SPROUL

National Settlement Basis  
on Which Workers Will  
Act, Declares Jewell

CHICAGO, July 20.—(By the Associated Press)—With all peace negotiations in the country-wide strike of railway shopmen apparently at a standstill today, attention was directed tonight to the possibility of government intervention and action of individual railroads in seeking separate settlements with their men.

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad posted notices today that since the Chicago conciliation efforts had failed, it was "now ready to confer with its men," in an effort to settle the difficulties and expressed confidence that an agreement could be reached. Roads of the northwest are reported to have been negotiating for a settlement in that section for the past ten days and a southern railway was said today to be pursuing a similar course.

Settlement Basis Talked  
B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts in past statements had maintained that any settlement must be on a national basis, although he has encouraged his general chairmen to confer with the carriers when the roads requested such conference. At strike headquarters tonight it was said that Mr. Jewell might have a statement tomorrow.

Eastern executives meeting in New York today issued a statement reiterating their contention that the strike is aimed at the government and not at the railroads. No indication of peace overtures from any source were seen here today. Rail executives, labor board members and union officials were silent.

Clerks on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad went on strike and strike ballots were ordered sent to clerks and freight handlers on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road.

More Railroaders Quit  
A group of new shop employees at the South Chicago shops of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad also quit work and it was announced that clerks on the Chicago and Northwestern road are awaiting the result of conferences between George A. Worrell of the clerks' organization and Frank Walters, general manager of the road. The unions presented a compromise proposition after the clerks had voted to strike and the road officials promised an answer tomorrow. If this is unfavorable, union leaders said the 7,300 members of the union on the road would quit work as strike sanction had been given.

Troops Ordered Out  
HARRISBURG, Pa., July 20.—Troops were ordered out by Governor William C. Sproul tonight for duty in the southwestern Pennsylvania bituminous coal fields. At the same time the governor issued a proclamation calling on the people of Pennsylvania to cooperate with the president of the United States in the effort to produce coal and avert a national peril, and to preserve law and order.

The Pennsylvania's controversy with the labor board dates back to the so-called abrogation of the national agreements when the labor board ordered the roads and their employees to negotiate new rules and to refer those on which no agreement was reported back to the labor board for adjustment. In preparing to make new rules the employees of the roads were authorized to send out ballots for a vote on who should represent them in the negotiations.

Today's decision by the federal court of appeals, reverses the action of the lower court and upholds the labor board. It was announced a ten page opinion in support of the decree would be filed, probably tomorrow. In opinion was expected to discuss at length the powers and jurisdiction of the board.

Federal Court Reversed  
CHICAGO, July 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The circuit

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## ASPIRANTS ON EDGE AS VOTES ARE RECORDED

Late Returns in Nebraska  
Primary Show McMullen  
Has Slight Lead Over His  
Closest Opponent.

OFFICIAL VOTE MAY  
DECIDE HOT CONTEST

Political Students Aver That  
More Than 14,000 Votes  
Remain Uncounted

OMAHA, Neb., July 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Political observers watching progress of the vote in Tuesday's primary in the race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination between Adam McMullen of Beatrice and Charles H. Randall of Randolph tonight expressed the opinion that there was no doubt it will take the official vote with mail votes permitted under the absent voters' law to decide the outcome, so narrow was the margin separating the contestants.

Vote Declared Close  
These political students estimated mail votes would total 14,000, which they thought would be sufficient to swing victory to one or the other, as with 1,857 of the state's 1913 precincts reported, the difference between their vote was less than 150, the total being McMullen, 47,492; and Randall, 47,374.

Throughout the day as belated returns were reported to the Associated Press, the two candidates exchanged first and second place almost with every new report, at one time only one vote separating their totals, making it one of the most hotly contested political fights in Nebraska history.

Bryan Easy Winner  
Charles W. Bryan, of Lincoln, brother of William Jennings Bryan, won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination after a race with Dan B. Butler, of Omaha, whose lead, on the face of early returns, was wiped out as rural sections reported.

R. B. Howell, Republican national committeeman, progressive Republican, was strengthening the plurality by which he won the Republican United States senatorial nomination from Congressman Albert Jefferis, regarded as a conservative Republican. Jefferis ran 13,000 behind Howell in 1740 precincts and was only 600 votes ahead of Clarence A. Davis, Attorney general, also a progressive Republican, with C. H. Gustafson, head of the United States Grain Growers, Inc., trailing with 7,000 votes behind Davis.

Hitchcock Nominated  
Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock was nominated as Democratic candidate for United States senator by a three to one vote over his nearest competitor. With 233 precincts missing, Senator Hitchcock had 46,735 votes, J. O. Shroyer of Humboldt, 15,488 and Anthony T. Manahan of Omaha, 4,922.

Arthur G. Wray, of York, who participated in the progressive party movement with Roosevelt in 1912, apparently was nominated as candidate of the newly formed progressive party for United States senator over A. H. Bigelow of Omaha.

## Pirates Hold up Schooner; Kill Skipper

MIAMI, Fla., July 20.—The converted auxiliary schooner William H. Albury was held up by motorboat pirates off Gun Key late this afternoon and her master Captain Edward G. Comb, shot dead on deck according to a wireless message from Miami picked up from the Miami Beach radio station today.

## Firemen, Oilers Out At The Dalles

THE DALLES, Or., July 20.—Seventeen members of the Brotherhood of Firemen, Oilers and Stationary Engineers walked out at the local shops this week, in sympathy with striking members of the shop crafts unions here, it was announced today by W. P. Guild, assistant division superintendent in charge here. These men walked out without being called by national union heads, Guild said.

## HARDING WILL NAME COAL COMMISSION IF CRISIS DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Appointment of a commission to go into the coal mining situation, notwithstanding the refusal of mine workers and of a minority of operators to accept such arbitration, will be made "in due time" it became known at the White House tonight when telegraphic correspondence between President Harding and Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania on the subject was made public.

Governor Sproul telegraphed he hoped that the president was merely withholding appointment of a commission until it could be determined whether satisfactory production would result under the program which has been adopted by the administration.

## FIRE MENACE REPORTED BY FOREST HEAD

More Care to be Used by  
Officials in Issuance of  
Slashing Permits

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 20.—State Forester Fred E. Pape received word late today from district headquarters of the United States forestry service at Portland that more care will be used in the issuance of fire permits in the national forests to prevent destructive blazes. Heavier patrols will also be provided to see that permit holders do not set fires outside the national forests.

The statement was in answer to a telegram to District Forester George H. Hecht today in which Mr. Pape asked that all permits be cancelled and no more issued until rain falls.

The fire situation showed improvement today, Pape said.

## ELEVEN TAKEN TO HOSPITALS

Stage Plunges Over Bank  
Near Salinas—Sleepy  
Driver is Blamed

SALINAS, Cal., July 20.—Tony Horat, San Francisco and George Gratten, Salinas, were unconscious and close to death in the Barton hospital here tonight and nine others, two of them women, were being treated for injuries, some of them serious, as a result of a motor stage of the Pickwick lines in which they were riding, plunging into a ravine at San Ardo, 65 miles south of here today.

The stage was bound from Los Angeles to San Francisco. The accident was due to the failure of James Banesdas, the driver to shake off a drowsiness that overcame him periodically during the trip, according to some of the passengers. Banesdas said that the mishap was caused by a defective steering gear knuckle.

## NO PUPILS, SO SCHOOL QUILTS

District No. 141 Goes Out of  
Business When Youngsters  
All Move

The school district of Idanha No. 141, on the upper Santiam river, beyond Hooper, has folded its tents, packed its books, rolled its blankets and tramped itself utterly off the map, according to the records in the county superintendent's office. The last of the district money has been turned in to the superintendent for safe keeping, the children are understood to have been moved on to other educational fields, and the little wisdom mill has been turned over to the pack rats and the moss and the woodpeckers.

The district has the right of rejuvenation, without change of boundary, for five years; it can come back and even regain its old number, and all the money it has on deposit. Some such returns have been made in the history of the Marion county schools, though like prizefighters and athletes of most every kind, they don't usually come back at all.

THE WEATHER  
Fair.

## SENATE ASKED TO TURN DOWN FORD'S OFFER

Muscle Shoals May be De-  
veloped by Government,  
Despite Proposal That it  
Shall be Farmed Out.

NORRIS BILL LAUDED;  
FORD PROPOSAL SCORED

Report of Committee Criti-  
cized Ford and Branded as  
Real Estate Deal

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Rejection of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals and enactment of legislation for development of the war-built projects in Alabama by a government owned and government controlled corporation, was recommended to the senate today by Chairman Norris of the senate agricultural committee.

His views were set forth in a voluminous report, differing portions of which were supported by various members of the committee. Senators Page, Vermont; McNary, Oregon; Keyes, New Hampshire; Gooding, Idaho; Norbeck, South Dakota; Hernald of Oklahoma, and McKinley, Illinois, Republicans, and Kendrick, Democrat, Wyoming, the report stated, favored rejection of the Ford offer along with Chairman Norris. Senators McNary, Norbeck, McKinley and Gooding, it was added, concurred with the chairman in the recommendation for government development along the lines detailed in the pending Norris bill.

Vote May be Renewed  
Senator Kendrick declared in the senate after submission of the report, however, that he "would be glad to vote to approve the offer of Henry Ford, provided a modification is made of the time limit of the lease."

The Ford offer provides for a 100-year lease and Senator Kendrick said he favored the 50-year maximum provided for such leases in the federal water power act.

The report criticized the Ford offer sharply, describing it as "the most wonderful real estate speculation since Adam and Eve lost (title to the Garden of Eden," and inquiring "why a warranty deed to the capitol at Washington is not included in this great transfer of government property to this wonderful corporation."

The plan embodied in the Norris bill was as highly praised as the Ford offer was criticized. It was described as "the most wonderful plan for the development of power on the Tennessee river and its distribution over the southern states that has ever been proposed in the history of the country."

The prediction was made that if adopted, "it means the transformation to a great extent of large portions of the United States."

The report submitted today will be followed by another from the committee next week presented by Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota, and supported by those favoring unconditional acceptance of the Ford offer.

## Bandits Hold up Train Passengers Robbed

MEXICO CITY, July 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A Southern Pacific train was attacked yesterday a few miles from Mazatlan, and the express car and a number of passengers were robbed of 20,000 pesos by more than 100 followers of General Juan Carrasco, who has been in revolt against the Mexican federal government for several weeks according to an official report received here late tonight.

## Fire Fighter Killed by Burning Tree Limb

PORTLAND, Or., July 20.—J. Whelcomb, 29, died at a hospital here today as the result of injuries sustained yesterday when a blazing limb fell from a tree upon him while he was helping to fight a forest fire in the Rock Creek district. In a vain attempt to save his life his companions carried him six miles over mountain trails to reach a highway leading to Portland.