

EARLY SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE IS INDICATED BY DEVELOPMENTS OF TODAY

STATEMENT OF UNION LEADER IS SIGNIFICANT

Lewis Says Negotiations To Reach Agreement Would Be "Simple Matter."

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 4.—John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, today issued a significant statement. He said: "The machinery of the joint system of bargaining in the mining industry is intact. It would be a simple matter for the government and coal operators to again set it in motion to negotiate a wage agreement."

This is the first statement Lewis has made since Federal Judge Anderson issued a temporary restraining order enjoining the strike leaders from directing the strike.

Miners Stay Closed.

It was considered significant in view of the many reports that the strike would end soon.

The statement was issued when Lewis was questioned regarding reports of a quick ending of the strike. It can be stated definitely that Lewis has not communicated with Samuel Gompers or Warren Stone, in regard to a strike settlement.

Any plans to operate the mines under present conditions would be foolhardy, Phil Penna, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Operators' Association, stated today.

By Ralph F. Couch (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 4.—Confidential reports, received at the White House today, encouraged belief among government officials that striking miners are looking with more favor upon President Wilson's offer of arbitration.

Reiteration of the arbitration offer by Secretary Tumulty and Attorney General Palmer yesterday and Tumulty's statement today is believed to have had a "good psychological effect," it was said at the White House.

The government is ready to start arbitration proceedings the moment operators and miners give the word of acceptance. A list of names from which the arbitration commission would be selected is before the president.

That the government now considers it best to play a waiting game in how the two sides in the coal controversy will show a spirit of conciliation was indicated by the fact that the regular weekly cabinet meeting was called off.

SILVERTON GIRL HURT WHEN AUTO IS DEMOLISHED

Miss Christie Jones, Silverton, sustained injuries to her back, the extent of which have not yet been established, and an auto driven by R. A. Starr, Silverton, and in which Miss Jones was riding, was demolished, when it was struck by a street car at 12:30 today at the corner of Cottage and Cheek streets. The auto was carried 80 feet by the street car, hurled across the parking of the street and against a tree. Starr escaped without injury.

Traffic Officer Moffitt investigated and found that neither Motorman Lester Jones or Starr could be held at fault.

The collision occurred when Starr was driving south on Cottage street, and apparently not seeing the approaching car, started across the track. Motorman Lester Jones attempted to stop when he saw the machine, but could not before it struck it in the center. The street car was not damaged.

Another accident occurred at the corner of North Capitol and Union at 1:30 p. m. when an auto driven by R. A. Clover, Salem, collided with an Oklahoma auto bearing license No. 46797. Slight damage was done to each car. No one was hurt.

POLICE SEEK TRACE OF WINDOW CRACKER

Police here were busy today attempting to determine what motive caused the firing of a shot through the window of the home of Mrs. L. K. Page, 432 N. Cottage street, and who the persons or person is that does it.

Mrs. Page, upon returning to her home, discovered a bullet hole thru an upstairs window, and investigation below the window revealed a shell, believed by police to be part of the shot fired into the window. The position of the shot, and other evidence gleaned by police, tend to show that the bullet was not fired accidentally.

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PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES IN LIMELIGHT

McAdoo And Palmer Most Mentioned Democrats In Capital Circles, With Wilson Entirely Eliminated.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 4.—Presidential possibilities were beginning to come to the fore in Washington today. In the national capital, the men most widely discussed for the democratic nomination were A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general of the United States, and W. G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury.

President Wilson not only will not be a third term candidate, according to all indications, but he will not enter the campaign even to the extent of giving his backing to one of the aspirants.

Wilson Not Active.

He will keep "hands off" and will not consider going on the stump in behalf of any one. This is partly because he would not want to undergo the strain of an arduous speaking trip and partly because he is tired of politics and, when his duty to the country is done, he desires rest and quiet.

McAdoo's apparent likely to go into the campaign for nomination as "a business man's candidate," promising the nation a "business administration."

McAdoo Most Prominent.

Just at present McAdoo really is the most prominent of all the aspirants for the democratic candidacy, so far as political talk in Washington goes. Palmer comes next. It is believed by many, however, that the attorney general sacrificed the labor vote when he caused the Indianapolis injunction to be issued against the striking miners. Those who hold he would not be a winner also claim that his fight against the high cost of living has not added to his strength. His popularity was greatest when he started that drive, but prices have not tumbled as rapidly as many expected them to. To this Palmer's friends reply that congress has not yet given him all the authority he wanted to put the profiteers out of business.

Interest Runs High.

Great interest is manifest in the issues which will be put forward in the 1920 campaign. Taking it for granted that the treaty will have been disposed of before that time, one of the most talked about issues is prohibition. By November, 1920, the nation will be ready to say whether it likes bone dryness and if there is any widespread popular agitation for relief, that is expected to be one of the foremost points of contention. The drys according to some reports in Washington, want to get control of the democratic party and make it the great prohibition party.

William Jennings Bryan is said to be interested in this move, but all reports in this connection emphasize that Bryan has no political motive for himself and there is a belief he favors Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, as a dry candidate.

Clark Also Mentioned.

Champ Clark has many supporters. Recently during a bit of reprieve in the house he indicated that he might be an aspirant. His friends point out that he still is an active figure in the house, where he is democratic leader.

Mass Meeting On Housing Is Set for Tuesday

Although the council took no action at its meeting last night on a petition signed by numerous taxpayers of the city to hold a mass meeting in the interests of the housing campaign, Mayor Wilson this morning consented to the use of the city hall for the meeting. It is planned to hold the mass meeting next Tuesday evening, when all taxpayers of the city and those interested in the housing movement are asked to attend.

The mayor has been asked to preside at the meeting, but he has not yet stated definitely that he will do so.

The meeting is called for the purpose of interesting citizens in the seriousness of the problem, and to strive if possible for some sort of plan to remedy the situation.

SALEM FIREMEN SOON TO ASK TWO PLATOON SYSTEM

Warning that the city firemen will wage a fight soon for the adoption of the two platoon system in the Salem department was made last night by Chief Harry Hutton, speaking before the city council on general conditions in the department. Chief Hutton, while not entering the subject deeply last night, said that he was telling the councilmen "that they might not be surprised when it comes."

The two platoon system, now in effect in most of the cities in the United States, provides two shifts for the firemen. Salem firemen are now working 24 hours a day, Chief Hutton says, and if the two platoon system is granted by the council the men will take alternate shifts of 10 hours in the day and 12 hours at night. The plan, as the plan now stands, will change every two weeks.

Much dissatisfaction has been expressed by the firemen at the present arrangement. They are subject to call at all hours of the night and day, and, as Chief Hutton terms it, "never get time to even get acquainted with their families."

Efficiency Not Impaired.

It is pointed out by Chief Hutton that adoption of the two platoon system will in no way impair the efficiency of the department in case of fire. All firemen are then subject to call as usual.

The only requirement in placing the system in operation, he says, is the employment of about four more firemen. This will make a standing force of nine firemen each shift.

Chief Hutton also told the councilmen that the department needs more men and a half fire house. With this type, he explained, fewer men will be required to make ascension into burning buildings, and will in this way give the other firemen opportunity to battle the flames elsewhere.

Half System Needed.

He recommended the installation of a fire alarm system in Salem. To show that this is needed he cited two instances where the firemen "ran all over town" looking for the fire, and "when we finally found it the place had burned."

135 OREGON SCHOOLS CLOSED; NO TEACHERS

At least 135 schools in Oregon, most of them in the more remote rural districts, are still closed because of inability to secure teachers, according to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools. With reports from Crook, Curry, Malheur and Wheeler counties missing the short age last week was 113 teachers and it is estimated by Mr. Churchill that the reports from these four counties will easily bring the total up to 135. Lincoln county reports the greatest shortage with schools in fifteen districts teacherless. In Coos county there are 12 schools yet closed, 12 in Grant, 10 in Wallowa and eight in Lane. Better compensation in other lines of endeavor and failure of teachers' salaries to keep pace with the high cost of living are held accountable for the present situation.

COMMISSION TO SETTLE STRIKE KENYON'S IDEA

Iowa Senator Offers Resolution Creating Body With Power To Investigate And Act On Findings.

(By Raymond Clapper (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 4.—A commission of three members to attempt a settlement of the coal strike is called for in a resolution offered today by Senator Kenyon, Iowa, chairman of the senate labor committee.

The commission would be empowered to use "all lawful means" to bring the miners and operators into agreement. Members would be appointed by the president.

Fifteen days would be allowed the commission for a direct attempt to negotiate a settlement. If no progress is made by the end of that period, the commission is authorized to make its own investigation of the strike and issue public recommendations as to what it thinks are fair terms.

The measure introduced by Kenyon is a joint resolution requiring action by both house and senate and signed by the president before it becomes effective. Immediately upon its introduction it was referred to the senate labor committee. Kenyon expects a favorable report at once.

MOTHER IS GIVEN CUSTODY OF CHILD SHE CANNOT LOCATE

By a decree of Judge Bingham, department No. 2, district court, Monday, Eva N. Terwilliger became the custodian of a child that cannot be found.

Mrs. Terwilliger some time ago brought suit for divorce against her husband, F. L. Terwilliger, and also asked the custody of their only child, a daughter, Ruth, seven years old. The decree of Judge Bingham yesterday granted the divorce and custody of the child to Mrs. Terwilliger. The suit was brought by Mrs. Terwilliger after repeated abuse from her husband made life unbearable for her. She told the court that he often swore at her, and in spite of the fact that she was in a nervous condition, he moved boisterously about the house, slamming doors and creating much disturbance.

After the child came the health of Mrs. Terwilliger did not improve, and, she claims, after her husband's repeated misconduct about the home caused her to grow worse he had her committed to the state hospital for insane.

While there receiving treatment, she claims, her husband fled, taking the child with him. Efforts of authorities to locate him or the child have been futile, although notice of the suit for divorce has been duly served. Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger were married in Salem August 8, 1909.

EUGENE FRATERNITY MUST PAY CITY FOR STREET WORK DONE

The Gamma Alpha building association must pay to the city of Eugene the sum of \$1424.86 a special assessment levied by the city against the association to cover the cost of improving the street adjoining the property of the U. of O. fraternity. This is the effect of an opinion handed down by the supreme court this morning reversing the decree of Judge J. W. Hamilton of the Lane county circuit court who had granted the injunction requested by the fraternity enjoining the city from collecting the assessment. The suit is dismissed.

Other opinions were handed down as follows:

Ada Graber vs Emma E. Boswell, appellant, appeal from Douglas county; suit for an accounting; former decree modified; opinion by Justice Benson.

L. C. Estep vs J. W. Bailey et al., appellants; appeal from Washington county; action for breach for covenant of warranty contained in deed; opinion by Justice Bean. Judge Geo. R. Bagley affirmed.

EXTRA POLICE ON FORCE NOT LEGALLY PAID

Compensation of the Officers Recently Added Cannot Be Made By City.

Salem today has two policemen, Traffic Officer Moffitt and Patrolman Ganiard, who, according to the legal aspect as presented by City Attorney Bert W. Macy, are serving the municipality without pay.

Following a meeting of the city council last night and investigation by Macy it became known that the two policemen, appointed by the council October 6, were illegally instituted, and therefore are not entitled to compensation by the city.

The policemen have already received one month's pay, but it is understood that this will not be revoked. In the opinion of City Attorney Macy they cannot collect for service done for the city after last night's meeting.

The fact that the two police were working without legal right came to light last night when the question of their retention came to a show-down on the floor of the council. About 12 business men and representatives of the Salem Business Men's league were present.

Attorney's Opinion Cited.

The evening's session was enlivened by heated arguments between Mayor Wilson and members of the council police committee. Repeated efforts of Mayor Wilson to block any action on the police question gave rise to much confusion and dissent among the councilmen and business men present.

The fray began when Councilman Utter opened the question by asking the city council to sustain the previous action of the body of appointing the two policemen. In this connection, Dan J. Fry, Sr., representing the Business Men's league, arose and requested that the council sustain the action.

Mayor Wilson then pointed out that it was his understanding that the policemen's appointment had been illegal, and had City Attorney Macy submit an opinion to this effect.

The mayor said that it was his impression that the council had "overstepped" its authority in sanctioning the appointment of more police, and declared:

Other Matters Neglected.

"If you won't want to follow the city charter, get a new charter or get a new mayor. Because I will follow the charter as it is laid down."

Here Councilman Utter brought the attention of the mayor to the fact that he had at various times voted for overdrafts of city funds, and therefore had not so strictly complied with the charter. The mayor ordered that new business be taken up.

Little heed was paid, however, to other matters, and the police question (Continued on page eight)

Prohibition, Peace Pact, Suffrage and Just Plain Politics Jumbled at Polls

(By United Press)

Prohibition, peace treaty, woman suffrage and just plain partisan politics were the principal issues today in the elections in seven states—Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Maryland and Mississippi.

The "wets" in Ohio, voting on several measures affecting prohibition, hoped to gain a victory that would be the start of a nation-wide revolt against bone dryness. William Jennings Bryan was the chief munitions maker for the "dry." He also made a few speeches in the prohibition campaign in Kentucky.

Democrats made an issue of treaty ratification in Kentucky, where the fight centered on the governorship. Democratic candidates demanded unqualified endorsement of the pact.

Prohibition also was an indirect issue in New Jersey, the republican candidate for governor being pledged to uphold the federal constitutional amendment while the democratic opponent was committed to making every legal effort to block enforcement. National politicians professed to see in

CHAMBERLAIN AND BAKER CLASH OVER ARMY COURT PLANS

Washington, Nov. 4.—Secretary Baker, testifying today before the senate military affairs committee, defended the army's system of court martial.

In response to questions by the committee, Baker declared that "in the main" he felt "satisfied that justice was done in the matter of court martial trials during the war" and upheld the action of General Pershing in the execution of offenders for violation of civil laws in France.

Senator Chamberlain and Baker clashed when Chamberlain asked: "Is it not a fact that officers of the army, who have testified before this committee, have been demoted?" "Absolutely not," Baker replied warmly.

"Well, then what about General Kennedy, General McCain and General Ansel?"

"None of them was demoted for anything at all," said Baker. "With the possible exception of General Ansel, whose case you exposed and who stands his superior."

"You possibly mean none that you know of," retorted Chamberlain.

At a quiet ceremony at the residence of Reverend J. Bowersox in Portland, Miss Irma E. Townsend and Harrie E. Hoxie, both of this city, were married, last Saturday evening. The wedding was strictly private, the only attendants being Miss Arline Ohm and Carl W. Bernhardt. The bride and groom are well known in the city. Mr. Hoxie having held the position of cashier in the office of the State Insurance Commissioner for a number of years. The young couple will make their home in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reed, of Portland, are visiting with friends in the city today.