

COAL INDUSTRY OF UNITED STATES CEASES WHEN 600,000 MEN STRIKE

Union Officials Assert 6,000 Mines of Country Have Become Idle--Washington Not to Interfere Between Operators and Workers

By the Associated Press--For the first time in the history of the coal industry both the bituminous and anthracite i.e.s. were virtually idle today as a result of the cessation of work of 600,000 miners last night.

Benton, Ill., Apr. 1.--(A. P.)--Spasmodic shooting occurred today in various sections of southern Illinois where the miners' strike is reported 100 per cent complete.

Washington, April 1.--(A. P.)--Decided on a policy of non-intervention, government officials viewed the beginning of the national coal strike of anthracite and bituminous mines with the protection of the general public in the matter of coal supply as the chief concern.

Washington, April 1.--(I. N. S.)--The trouble between the operators and the miners of the soft coal fields is of long standing.

Officials of the mining department of the American Federation of Labor, in reviewing conditions and events which led up to the present difficulties go back to 1916, when a wage agreement was secured by the miners at a conference with the operators in Mobile, Ala.

About the time this agreement went into effect the war in Europe began to cast its shadow in the United States. There were increases in the cost of living, which was said to have resulted partly from the purchase of large quantities of supplies in this country for the allied governments.

The coal miners decided that their wages were inadequate, and many of the workers began to leave the mines for healthier and better paid jobs on the surface.

Relations between the operators and their employes became badly

strained, so an informal conference of the central competitive field convened in Indianapolis in April, 1917. This meeting resulted in an interstate conference of the same parties in New York City about the middle of the same month.

When the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America was held in Cleveland, the miners formulated demands for a 60 per cent increase in wages, a six-hour day and a five-day week.

The coal strike was called, as scheduled, on November 1. On October 17 Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson has called a joint conference without result.

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COLORED EDUCATOR HONORED

Statue to Be Unveiled April 5th to Booker T. Washington

Tuskegee, Ala., Apr. 1.--(I. N. S.)--Noted educators from all over the United States and thousands of colored people will gather here next Wednesday, April 5th, to participate in the unveiling of a \$25,000 bronze statue of Booker T. Washington.

The statue was secured by subscriptions from colored people of the United States, 50,000 of whom contributed. No contribution of more than \$25 was accepted.

Among the speakers of the day will be the Hon. Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, and Dr. Wallace Buttrick, president of the general education board of the Rockefeller Foundation.

UNITED STATES SPENDING LESS PER CAPITA THAN EITHER FRANCE OR ENGLAND FOR ARMY

Washington, Apr. 1.--(I. N. S.)--For every dollar per capita which the United States is spending today on her army France is spending seven and Great Britain is spending four, according to figures made public by the general staff of the United States army.

Figuring the population of the United States at 106,418,000 and the amount expended on the army at \$343,155,363, war department officials estimate the per capita expenditure at \$3.22.

Considered from the point of view of national wealth, the United States is far in the rear of other nations of the world in the amount expended for the military establishment.

wealth of \$800,524,500,000, is spending 45 per cent; France, with \$100,000,000,000, is spending 93 per cent; Italy, with \$30,000,000,000, is spending 82 per cent, and Japan, with \$25,000,000,000, is spending 76 per cent.

Officials of the war department are particularly concerned over suggestions that appropriations for the continuation of instruction to the national guard and the reserve corps, both officers and enlisted personnel, of the army be heavily slashed.

BUILDING BOOM IS PREDICTED

Campaign Launched Several Weeks Ago Bringing Good Results

A building boom which will "knock the house shortage situation for a row of shingled fronts," as one of the boosters expresses it, has been precipitated by the "Build With the Birds" campaign which was launched in Grants Pass three weeks ago.

Plans for new houses are being discussed in many quarters, and while many have started work on their property, a greater number are awaiting more favorable weather before they begin construction.

The handsome residence of Frank Mashburn, on North Fourth street, is nearly completed, and the carpenters are busy finishing up the interior.

Wendel Colby has purchased two lots on Lawnridge avenue, but has not yet let the contract for the small modern bungalow he plans on building.

Work on the second small house for August Goettsche was begun this week by A. J. Green, who has nearly completed the first house.

W. R. Barrett, contractor, also has several homes which he will erect soon.

C. of C. Luncheon

W. B. Dennis, of Carlton, Ore., former member of the state legislature, and at present chairman of the bureau of mines, and a member of the engineering commission, will be the speaker at the Monday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce.

Putney, England, Apr. 1.--(A. P.)--Cambridge easily defeated Oxford in the annual boat race today, winning by four and a half lengths.

MRS. HERBERT WARD



Mrs. Herbert Ward, wife of the late Herbert Ward, the British explorer and sculptor, is in Washington arranging to have Ward's entire collection of African weapons and trophies installed in the Smithsonian institution.

VALUE OF THREE-LEGGED DOG SOUGHT BY COUNTY

Owosso, April 1.--(I. N. S.)--What is the value of a three-legged dog? A jury is trying to decide, and it is costing the county \$100 a day to have them do it.

Can a three-legged dog chase rabbits just as well as one with standard equipment?

Arthur Brown claims the loss of a leg hampered his dog in hunting and has brought suit for \$100 against George Akin, whom he accuses of having shot a leg off his prize hunting dog when it came on the Aiken farm.

Counsel for Akin claims a dog can run just as fast on three legs.

SACRAMENTO WOMEN SAY FIVE MINUTES SUFFICIENT

Sacramento, Cal., April 1.--(A. P.)--The Sacramento Women's council feels that five minutes is long enough for any person to talk over a party line telephone and a recent resolution declaring it against good policy and good manners to monopolize the party line for social visits via the telephone was adopted.

Members of the council have been quoted as saying they hope other organizations will consider the abuse and take steps to correct it.

ANOTHER GHOST TOWN FOUND

California Village Once Prosperous, Now Entirely Vacated

Coloma, El Dorado County, Cal., April 1.--(A. P.)--Near Kelsey, five miles southeast of here, lies another "ghost town" of the west--Statington, where lived officials and employes of a once-flourishing slate industry.

In the valley below is the immense quarry of the Eureka Slate company, where were employed 100 miners who worked in a pit 1,000 feet deep, 500 feet wide and 500 feet long.

The quarry formerly was owned by a wealthy San Francisco man. It was paying big dividends by the Bay City capitalist invested too heavily in other enterprises and his entire business collapsed.

LEGION MEN TO ATTEND CHURCH

Tomorrow Named As Day for Members to Observe War Declaration

The American Legion has decided to set aside Sunday, April 2, which falls nearest to the date of the declaration of war, as American Legion go-to-church-Sunday, according to Gladwin Smith, commander of the Grants Pass post, who has just received a communication to this effect from Frank James, department chaplain, at Dallas, Ore.

An effort is being made to make this a national American Legion Sunday, and all ex-service men are urged to attend some church Sunday, in commemoration of this important event, and to show respect to the sacred dead.

E. P. Smith arrived here Thursday from Newburg, expecting to make Grants Pass his home.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Table listing market prices for choice steers, hogs, prime light, Easter lambs, Best valley lambs, Eggs, buying price, Eggs, selling, Butter, extra cubes, Butter, prints, and Wheat.

Portland, Ore., April 1.--(A. P.)--Livestock, steady; eggs, weak; butter, weak with lower tendency.

EXILED RULER IS DEAD AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

FORMER EMPEROR CHARLES, OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, DIES IN MADEIRA

THRONE ASCENDED IN 1916

Hungarian Republicans Pronounced Heir Stated a Political Entity in Fall of 1918

Funchal, Madeira, April 1.--(A. P.)--Former Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary, exiled here by the entente following his two attempts to regain the throne, died today after a short illness with bronchial pneumonia which developed cerebral complications.

Emperor Charles I of Austria, king of Hungary, was an unpromising major in an Austrian infantry regiment when the shot of the assassin who killed the Archduke Francis Ferdinand on June 28, 1914, made him the heir apparent to the throne in the "Hawk's Castle" on the banks of the River Aar.

Charles I was born August 17, 1887, the son of the late Archduke Otto of Saxony. He married the Princess Zita of the Bourbon house of Parma (Italian) in 1911. When the Nunc Dimitis was sung for his dead granduncle, the Emperor Francis Joseph, the only achievements of Charles brought to public notice were that he was a keen sportsman, an excellent shot and motorist.

On October, 1918, he announced plans for the federalization of Austria-Hungary and in an address to the Hungarian diet frankly admitted his throne was in "peril." A day or two later Count Karolyi, leader of the Hungarian republicans, announced the success of a bloodless revolution in Budapest and declared Hungary a free and independent state.

SIXTH VICTIM OF SEPTIC THROAT EPIDEMIC DEAD

Portland, Ore., Apr. 1.--(A. P.)--The death last night of an 18-months old girl brought the total from the septic sore throat epidemic to six.

MRS. F. D. COUNTISS



Mrs. Frederick D. Countiss, Chicago's woman pioneer in the advertising business and a leader in the social life, as a diversification from social activities is about to embark in a new commercial enterprise.

CONCILIATION BOARD WOULD ACT ON STRIKE

Portland, Apr. 1.--(A. P.)--The state board of conciliation intends to ask the attorney general for his opinion as to the powers for further action in the Klamath Falls lumber strike, chairman Woodard said after receiving a report from Conciliators Flynn and Hartwig, who spent three days in Klamath Falls without success.

RAILWAY TO ABANDON NEARLY 30 MILES OF LINE

Portland, April 1.--(A. P.)--Twenty-eight and nine-tenths miles of Oregon Trunk railway between the Columbia river and Bend are to be abandoned by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway, President Turner announced today.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS FIRST GAME

Rogue River Defeated in Opening Contest of Season

Connecting with the first ball pitched, Laws, of Rogue River, clouted out a single, opening the intercollegiate baseball series Friday afternoon, which terminated in a 19 to 9 victory for Grants Pass over the Rogue River high school.

Neither Grants Pass nor the visitors had had much practice, and the game was marred with many errors. The field was wet, and perfect fielding was impossible under the circumstances.

The first time at bat was a merry-go-round for Grants Pass, every player having an opportunity to sample the offerings of Dinger, Rogue River pitcher. That they found these to their liking was shown by the five runs made before the third man was called out.

Four pitchers were used by James Eaman, coach, and many substitutions made in order to get a line on the local men.

The line-ups were: Rogue River--Banks, ss.; Laws, 3b; Moore, 2b; M. Wakeman, 1b; Patterson, lf.; W. Wakeman, rf.; Elliott, cf.; Dengler, p.; Schultz, c. Grants Pass--Close, ss.; F. Bailey, 3b; Baker, 2b; Megargle, 1b; McKinstry, lf.; Hendren, rf.; Johnston, cf.; A. Bailey, p.; G. Murphy, c. Harvey E. Bretzler, umpire.

MEN CAPTURED ADMIT SEQUIM BANK ROBBERY

TWO FALL INTO TRAP NEAR PORT TOWNSEND--MURDER OF RAY LIGHT DENIED

ONE WOUNDED BY SHERIFF

Officer Fires When Command to Halt Is Not Obeyed--Lair Taken at Quilcene Bridge

Port Townsend, Wash., Apr. 1.--(A. P.)--The two men captured at Quilcene last night by Sheriff Case and his deputies, today were found to be Frank Grant, 50, and Ernest A. Browning, 41. They confessed to the robbery of the state bank at Sequim, said the sheriff, but denied the murder of Ray Light at Port Discovery. All bank loot of over \$20,000 was recovered.

Grant was seriously wounded when the sheriff fired at him when he refused to halt after the pair walked into a trap at a bridge near Quilcene. The officers, expecting the pair to cross the bridge with the automobile headlights ready to flash on them, when the fugitives appeared and were ordered to stop, Browning held up his hands, but Grant ran below the bridge, the sheriff following him and firing.

MARSHAL JOFFE WILL BE IN PORTLAND TUESDAY

Seattle, Apr. 1.--(A. P.)--Marshal Joffe will leave Seattle on Monday night for Portland, where Tuesday he will attend the dedication of the Oregon section of the Pacific highway. He leaves early Wednesday for San Francisco.

BRAKEMAN RELIEVED OF CASH

Two Hold-up Men Get Cash and Watch From Trainman

When rear brakeman Sperry, protecting train No. 16, a little before 9 o'clock Friday night, returned to his train, he was poorer by a gold watch and about \$4 in cash, as a result of meeting two men who held him up while he was on duty.

Sperry was accosted by the pair of robbers near the intersection of the S. P. and C. & O. C. railroad tracks. He describes one as being a short heavy set man, about 5 feet 7 inches, and the other about three inches taller. It was so dark that he was unable to tell what they looked like.

This is the second time in the past week that a hold up has been staged at this point.

STEEL CORPORATION HAS SUFFICIENT COAL TO PROTECT INDUSTRY IN FACE OF STRIKE

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 1.--(I. N. S.)--How will a strike of the bituminous miners affect the great steel mills of the Pittsburgh district?

So far as the United States Steel Corporation, in this territory, is concerned it is not disturbed over whether the miners strike or not, for it can keep its mills going and have plenty of coal.

Its mines are non-union; its own transportation system is non-union, and from mine to mill the men who handle the coal are non-union. They will keep busy no matter if there is a miners' strike. That assures a normal supply of coal. In addition, to forestall any unexpected development, if there is a strike, a large reserve supply of coal has been stored at strategic points.

The coal is brought down the Monongahela river by boats which are subsidiaries to the U. S. Steel. At Clariton, Pa., the coal, much of it, is unloaded and converted into coke and the coke is brought from Clariton to Pittsburgh over the U. S. Steel

Corporation's own railroad and distributed to the various plants by a company inter-plant railroad.

At other points, distant from Pittsburgh, a sufficient supply of coal and coke will be available. If for any reason some plant should find itself temporarily crippled for coal or coke its orders would be switched to some other plant, but such a move is not now contemplated, it is stated as the company's offices here. But the system of U. S. Steel is so perfect that a quick switch in orders can be made if necessary.

Plants herabouts have more ore in stock to be worked up than at any time for years.

The only thing which gave U. S. Steel officials the least bit of worry was the possibility at one time of the various railroad brotherhoods joining the miners in a nation-wide strike. But the railroad men are not going to strike, and so the steel companies are in shape to continue operations indefinitely even if the miners walk out.