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400,000 COAL MINERS ARE TO STRIKE NOV. 1

Call for Walkout of Workers Issued Today by Acting Union President.

ORDER EFFECTS ENTIRE BITUMINOUS DISTRICT

Secretary Wilson's Request For Postponement of Call Is Disregarded.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 15.—Four hundred thousand coal miners were ordered to strike November 1 in a call issued today by John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America.

The order affects practically all bituminous miners in the United States. It was issued following failure of the union leaders and operators representatives to get together and settle wage demands made by the miners.

Although the order affects only 400,000 men directly, it was announced at offices of the United Mine Workers of America that more than a half million will respond. In fields where labor is only partly organized, it was predicted miners not union will walk out with their co-workers.

The strike is the direct result of the conference between miner and operator representatives at Philadelphia which adjourned Saturday without reaching an agreement. At this conference an effort was made to formulate a new wage scale and working agreement.

The order was signed by John L. Lewis, president and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the miners organization. It directs "the members of our organization employed in and around the mines of the bituminous coal producing districts within the jurisdiction of our organization in the United States to cease the production of coal at midnight on Friday, October 31, 1919."

Replying to Secretary Wilson's telegram asking him to come to Washington tomorrow for a conference to which Thomas T. Brewster, president of the Coal Operators' association was also invited, Lewis said:

"Replying to your request for a conference with me, I advise I will be at your office 11 o'clock Friday morning, October 17. Delay is occasioned by my inability to arrive Washington in time for Thursday morning."

The secretary's message asked Lewis not to send out the strike order until after the conference.

VARNEY MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF'S JOB

While not making any direct statement that he would become a candidate for sheriff at the next election, Chief of Police Percy M. Varney Wednesday said that "he was considering it." In a statement that he would probably run for sheriff is the outcome of a rumor on the streets that the political pot is commencing to boil, and it had been said that Chief Varney would hurl his hat into the arena. Friends, when told that Chief Varney would probably become a candidate, were profuse in their exclamations of belief that he will be the next sheriff should he run.

When Sheriff Needham was asked whether he intended to run again to succeed himself, he smiled and said: "I don't know." It is strongly hinted, however, that he would like to retain the little yellow star.

OLINGER TO SUCCEED BISHOP UPON BOARD

With completion of the school attendance in the city completed, it was learned Wednesday that the enrollment this year shows an increase of 30 percent over any previous year. According to a report made at the meeting of the board of directors Tuesday evening by Superintendent John W. Todd, the total attendance to date is 2,541—an increase of 452 students over last year.

The resignation of Clarence Bishop as a director was accepted at the meeting and Dr. H. H. Olinger was chosen his successor. Mr. Bishop resigned because he is going to move to Pendleton.

The board took a definite and emphatic stand against the practice of "hazing" new members; and action against this was discussed.

Cottage Grove Minister Is Named by Presbyterians As Moderator For Coming Year

With a full representation, and entertaining all the sessions, annual convention of the Presbyterians of Willamette, being held here today and Tuesday, is a big success, in the opinion of those attending. At a business meeting this morning the board of trustees, the King Products company, the Willamette university and the Presbyterian church, will meet at the home of the minister, Rev. J. E. Snyder, at 10 o'clock.

A big dinner will be given at the home of the minister, Rev. J. E. Snyder, at 10 o'clock. The women of the presbytery gave a luncheon to members this noon, and a supper was enjoyed Tuesday evening by the visiting ministers and wives.

President Watching Round Table; to Demand Results

Washington, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—President Wilson is in touch with the proceedings on the national industrial conference and will act to check any move which might mean its breaking up, it was stated at the white house today.

The president, it was learned, will insist that the conference accomplish some of the purposes for which it was convened.

EASTERN FIRM GETS CONTRACT FOR WAR MEDALS FROM STATE

Contract for the 32,000 medals to be awarded by the state to all Oregon men and women serving in any branch of the army or navy during the world war, was awarded by the State Medal Commission this morning to Whitehead & Hoag of Newark, N. J., through the Portland branch of the company. The medals which will cost the state 25 cents each are of a design closely resembling the American War cross suspended from an invisible bar by a "Victory" ribbon. On the face of the bronze medal appear the words "World War Service," beneath which is an American eagle with the state seal in relief on the lower part of the cross. On the reverse side of the medal appear the following words: "Presented by the State of Oregon in grateful recognition of faithful service rendered during the World War." Eight hundred of the medals are to bear a gold star appended to the ribbon these to be awarded to the parents or relatives of those who lost their lives in the service.

The medals are to be delivered within 90 days and will be distributed to those entitled to receive them through their respective counties, the distribution to be accompanied by appropriate ceremonies, according to tentative plans now under way.

PRESIDENT IS BETTER TODAY SAYS BULLETIN

Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson was better today, said a bulletin issued by his physicians at noon. The bulletin said:

"The president had a good night's rest, enjoyed his breakfast and aside from a slight headache continued to make improvement. The condition which caused the restlessness of Monday night and about which Dr. Fowler was consulted, gave no trouble during the night."

The bulletin was signed by Drs. Grayson, Raffin and Stitt.

Dr. H. A. Fowler, Washington physician, who was called in late yesterday to treat the president for the swelling of his prostate gland, did not visit the White House today, it was learned.

Dr. Grayson said Fowler probably will be asked to visit the president from time to time.

A message from the American ambassador at London was received today, expressing for the Emir Seisal of the Arabian nation the hope of the president's speedy recovery.

Woman Kills Offending Dog By Hanging From Window

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 15.—(United Press)—Mrs. J. Hanson is alleged to have hanged a life by hanging. However, she was not arrested on a murder charge, only on a cruelty-to-animals complaint, the alleged victim having been an Airedale dog.

Mrs. Hanson is said to have become enraged at the dog because it killed her pet cat. Neighbors claim she caught the dog, tied a cord about its neck and tossed the animal from the balcony of her apartment, leaving the dog suspended until its struggles ceased. Then, according to the neighbors, she buried the Airedale in her yard.

CONFERENCE IS ADJOURNED TO THURSDAY NOW

Vote on Labor's Proposal for Mediation of Strike Is Postponed Again.

EMPLOYERS' GROUP IS UNABLE TO STOP BREAK

Arbitration Issue Threatens To Disrupt Round Table Sessions Today.

Washington, Oct. 15.—(United Press)—After postponing for the day the vote on labor's proposal for mediation of the steel strike, the national industrial conference today adjourned until 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

The public and labor groups forced the adjournment over the objections of the employers group. They were unable to do this by a ruling of Chairman Lane that a group vote was not necessary on matters of procedure.

The adjournment resolution also directed the central committee of the conference to report not later than tomorrow afternoon recommendations to guide the conference in its attitude toward collective bargaining. Delegates Loree and Perkins of the employers group declared that such an important matter should not be decided within so short a time.

The desire of the members of the public group to postpone a vote in steel strike resolution was evident throughout the day. They feared that an adverse vote might bring a break in the conference.

Before adjourning the conference adopted a resolution expressing sympathy with Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, who is seriously ill at his home here.

Chairman Wheeler of the employers group introduced the resolution praising Gompers work for the last two years.

The postponement action came after the conference had delayed convening all morning to give each group a chance to go into executive session and determine its attitude toward postponement.

After hearing new proposals, Chairman Wheeler of the public group moved the postponement of the vote on the steel strike arbitration proposal until the central committee could report on collective bargaining. His motion directed the committee to report not later than 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Secretary Morrison of the labor group "aye" and so did Baruch.

Chairman Wheeler of the capital group voted "nay," declaring that the steel strike arbitration proposal should be brought to vote immediately.

The negative vote of the capital group was at first taken to mean that the postponement proposal was defeated since the rules provide that each group must concur if a proposal is adopted.

John Spargo made a point of order.

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GOMPERS TAKEN SERIOUSLY ILL, REMAINS HOME

Washington, Oct. 15.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor is seriously ill at his home here today and will be unable to attend sessions of the national industrial conference today.

Gompers' illness was announced by members of the labor group which Gompers has led since the start of the conference.

The statement announcing Gompers' illness said:

"Mr. Gompers returned home from the industrial conference last evening very greatly exhausted and immediately went to bed. His physician, Dr. Henry Parker, was called to see him. He found Mr. Gompers in a state of nervous exhaustion with a temperature of 101 degrees. The doctor said it would be absolutely necessary for Mr. Gompers to remain in bed."

Gompers' illness followed a speech urging adoption of the resolution to mediate the steel strike at the conference yesterday.

Gompers was suffering unusual depression yesterday because of the fact that it was the anniversary of his daughter's death. His wife suffered a paralytic stroke last June and has been helpless since. Gompers never fully recovered his strength since his accident several months ago in New York. The cumulative effect of his care and his own physical suffering have made his retirement in the labor movement un- any concerning him for some time.

GRANGE OFFICERS ARE ELECTED HERE TODAY

The regular quarterly meeting of the Marion County Grange was held Wednesday at the Pomona Grange. All sessions were well represented, and State Master C. E. Spence was honorary vantage, and spoke to the delegations during the program in the afternoon.

The following principal officers were elected to serve for the ensuing quarter: J. E. Whitehead, of Turner, master; C. H. Taylor, of Sunnyside, overseer; Mrs. Jennie Van Trump, of Salem, lecturer; Mrs. Will Jones, of Macleay, secretary and Zella Fletcher of Salem, treasurer.

The program, enlivened by good speakers and entertainment, was enjoyed by all present.

A cavalry unit will be established at the Oregon Agricultural college, if war department plans are carried out and the arrangement is satisfactory to the college.

Riga, Set Afire by German Bombardment, Is Burning; Lett Women Aid Defenders

London, Oct. 15.—A part of Riga is burning, having been set afire by the German bombardment, a dispatch received from Helsinki reported today. A German attack Monday is reported to have been less intense than previously although it included the use of poison gas and trench mortar shells.

The Letts resistance has been accompanied by many valorous incidents. At one place a Lettish woman Caroline Mazian, seized a rifle and entered the trench alongside the men.

Reports from Revel indicate General Yudenitch, commander of the Russian northwestern army, is meeting pronounced success in his advance against the bolsheviks. On Sunday his forces cap-

STRANGER FEARS MYSTERIOUS MEN POLICE BAFLED

Apparently under the influence of a strange hallucination—that a number of men are pursuing him to all parts of the world where he goes—a man giving the name of Jack Ryan, age 42, was taken into custody at the Southern Pacific depot at nine o'clock Tuesday night, and was being held in the city jail Wednesday.

On receipt of information that a stranger was loitering in the vicinity of the depot and seemed afraid that someone would see him, Officers Moffit and Branson mounted a motorcycle and hurried to make the arrest.

Chief of Police Varney is puzzled by the man's story. He apparently is rational, and clever, in any other subject.

Ryan says that several years ago he associated to pose as a character for several men engaged in writing a book. The book, however, would never be completed until Ryan had suffered bodily injury and had died. The author of the book, the man says, is a tall fellow with a black mustache, and who is a master of Hindu mystery and the occult.

Much of the book had been written, Ryan told police Wednesday, and the time had come when he must suffer the nameless torture prescribed by the tall, mustached man, and die.

It was to escape this, Ryan says, that he fled from Portland to Oregon City several days ago. The men who are pursuing him, he says, discovered that he was in Oregon City, and called at his rooming house to see him. He crawled under the bed, according to his story, and waited until they had left. Then he came to Salem, only to discover that the men had followed him here in an auto.

Police Inspector Swennes, of Portland who was visiting in Salem yesterday, questioned the man in his cell. Inspector Swennes, who has had lots of experience with criminals, is equally puzzled. He hinted that Ryan might have been implicated in a "job" with other crooks and that they were hunting him down to slay him and insure his silence. But Ryan denied this. When asked by Inspector Swennes if he was a "lampster" the fellow said no. Very few know the meaning of the term "lampster," which means "convict" and the man's familiarity with prison vernacular led authorities here to believe that he might have served "time" somewhere.

Chief Varney said that his men were looking for the "tall, mustached man" and his associates.

An examination of the man's sanity, conducted by Dr. Roy D. Byrd in the sheriff's office, resulted in his commitment to the state hospital.

OLCOTT PROCLAIMS OCT. 26 AS GO-TO-SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

All citizens of Oregon—adults as well as children—are urged to observe "Go to Sunday school day," Sunday, October 26, in a proclamation issued by Governor Olcott today.

"Since its inception the Sunday school has been the instrumentality in that degree of character development which has been one of the outstanding factors in the greatness of our nation," the proclamation reads. "Thousands of the men and women of our state owe to the lessons which they have gained in attendance at Sunday school the fine sense of citizenship which has sustained them in their latter years and look back to those lessons with a keen sense of grateful appreciation."

"To our boys and girls and to our young manhood and young womanhood we owe the best that we can give. The environment of the Sunday school is such an environment as tends toward the growth of the finer and better sensibilities."

"No matter what sect or creed may claim our reverence, none but feels that the principles upon which our government are founded are in accord with the best precepts of a Christian civilization and those precepts are inculcated to the young mind in the lessons and through the environment of the Sunday school."

"Bearing these facts in mind I desire to place my hearty stamp of approval on the plan for the observance of 'Go to Sunday school day,' which has been set for Sunday, October 26, 1919, and to urge that adults as well as children join in this movement which I am certain is such a movement as tends to the upbuilding of our standard of citizenship."

SCHOOLS WILL HONOR ROOSEVELT'S MEMORY

The schools of Oregon will observe October 27, the anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt, with brief programs calling attention to the life, character and achievements of the former president of the United States. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction is requesting county superintendents to urge the cooperation of teachers in their respective counties in observing this memorial to the end "that school children of Oregon may have a higher conception of true Americanism."

The purpose of the program is to call to the attention of the children in our public schools the principles of loyal public service which were exemplified in the life of Theodore Roosevelt," Churchill states in his letter to the county superintendents endorsing the plan of the Roosevelt Memorial association for the creation of a fund for the erection of a permanent memorial to Roosevelt.

FRENCH MEMBER NAMED

Paris, Oct. 15.—Leon Bourgeois was today appointed French representative in the council of the league of nations.

TREATY GAINS ONE AND LOSES ONE SUPPORTER

Owen, Democrat, Declares For Amendment While Colt Gives Backing.

SHANTUNG CLAUSE ONCE MORE TARGET OF ATTACK

Rhode Island Senator Would Substitute Reservations For Amendments.

Washington, Oct. 15.—One democratic senator today declared for amending the peace treaty while one republican came out against amendments, in speeches in the senate.

The democrat was Senator Owen, Oklahoma, and the republican, Senator Colt, Rhode Island, who said he was against amendments, but for reservations.

Owen proposed an amendment to the treaty giving freedom to all subject people when they are capable of self government.

Self government would be granted to subject peoples only when their ruling governments decide they are capable of it, or when the council and assembly of the league ordered it by a two-thirds vote, Owen's amendment provided.

"This contract of November 5 cannot be neglected or overlooked," Owen declared after reading Wilson's note to Germany informing her that she could have peace on the terms of the fourteen points.

Speaking in opposition to the amendments Senator Colt declared they would reopen treaty negotiations by creating a "new treaty." While reservations would accomplish the desired end without sending the document back to other powers.

Colt advised these reservations:

Exempting the United States from the Shantung settlement.

Emphasizing the voting strength of the United States and Great Britain.

Relieving the United States from obligation under Article 10 and leaving it to congress whether this country will intervene to preserve the territorial boundaries or political independence of league members.

Making clear that the United States can withdraw from the league on two years notice.

Making plain that each state is the judge of whether it has fulfilled its international obligations, this reservation to be interpretative.

Clarifying the article dealing with the Monroe Doctrine, so as to make certain that the United States is to be judge of whether a dispute comes under the doctrine.

Reserving to the United States the right to decide whether a dispute relates to domestic questions.

SOLDIERS RAID HOMES OF FORTY 'REDS' IN GARY

Gary, Ind., Oct. 15.—The mailed fist fell today with triphammer speed on Gary reds and bomb plotters.

Forty homes, suspected of revolutionary activities were raided between midnight and dawn by United States soldiers under the direction of army intelligence headquarters. Eighteen men were taken into custody and held with forty others taken in previous raids. An army truck was called into service to carry away oriented propaganda.

These raids are merely a start of what may be expected, according to hints from army officers. Reports that today was the day set for the closing in on suspects, have been current for a week.

A secret list containing 700 names of red agitators fell into the hands of the intelligence department shortly after the soldiers took control here. This list formed the basis for their operations. The intelligence officers have now determined to take no chances with the suspects and will investigate the activities of each of the 700.

Senate Seeks Information On Sale Of Government Ships

Washington, Oct. 14.—The shipping board is asked to notify the senate whether it is making any effort to dispose of government built vessels, in a resolution introduced today by Senator Edge, New Jersey.