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COAL MINERS WILL QUIT WORK ON NOVEMBER FIRST

CONFERENCE REJECTS ALL PROPOSALS MADE BY HEAD OF GROUP OF OPERATORS

SAY SECRETARY WILSON'S COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IS "INADEQUATE, INSUFFICIENT AND FAILS TO MEET THE NECESSITIES OF THE SITUATION"—ANOTHER EFFORT TO BE MADE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Miners meeting at the American Federation of Labor today voted to reject Secretary of Labor Wilson's compromise proposal for a settlement of the coal strike called for November first.

"The offer is inadequate, insufficient and fails to meet the necessities of the situation," said John Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, following the meeting.

Action of the miners means the coal strike probably will start on schedule time unless Secretary Wilson can find some other way to bring the miners and operators together.

State to Mine Coal.
DES MOINES, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—The state operation of Iowa coal mines, should the miners' strike become general November first, is under consideration, Governor Harding announced today. If the strike causes public suffering, Governor Harding expressed the opinion that he had the power to order the mining of coal and intimated he might use this authority.

BIG SWINDLER NOW PEAPER.
A. J. Whitman, Once a Millionaire, Seeks Admission to an Alms-house.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. Oct. 23.—Alonzo J. Whitman, formerly one of the most spectacular swindlers in the United States, has applied to the authorities of his home town, Dansville, near here, for admission to the county house there.

After his graduation from Hamilton College Whitman went to Minnesota to look after his father's lumber interests there. He became a millionaire and was elected State Senator. He then developed into one of the boldest criminals in the country. He served several terms in prison. Once, while in custody of an officer, he leaped from a fast-moving train and made his escape. He is now 61 years of age and broken in health, as well as suffering from the effects of a recent automobile accident.

OKLAHOMANS CHEER WILSON.
Send Him Message Announcing Election of Weaver.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—President Wilson was cheered today over the news contained in a telegram from Oklahoma City, Okla., addressed to him, giving the result of a congressional primary election in that district. The telegram, which was laid before the President, read: Oklahoma, City, Okla., Oct. 23, 1919. To the President:

Democrat primary to fill vacancy in 5th Congressional district, proximate vote 7,500, Claude Weaver, on strong Administration platform, won by handsome majority. J. D. Boyle, State Mine Inspector, heretofore popular anti-administration, League of Nations, received 143 in entire district. Congratulations.

F. LaFAYETTE, Chairman.

THREE HUNDRED BOLSHEVIKS GO DOWN ON SHIPS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Three hundred and fifty men were drowned when two Bolsheviki destroyers were sunk Tuesday in the Gulf of Finland, according to the official Bolsheviki Communique received here today.

SOLDIERS FOR CENSUS

Jobs Being Provided for Them By Uncle Sam
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Sixty-five former soldiers and sailors have been appointed supervisors for the Fourteenth Decennial Census, according to an announcement issued today by the Bureau of Census.

"The Census Bureau was particularly glad whenever it found a former service man for the job of supervisor," announced Director of the Census Sam L. Rogers. "Most of the applicants who qualified, however, were men of more mature age and of broader experience than the majority of soldiers and sailors."

Three women appear on the list of supervisors, one having been appointed by the State of New York, one in Texas and one in Nevada. This is the first time in the history of the Census Bureau that women have been selected to fill these positions.

Of the 327 supervisors chosen approximately 100 are lawyers. Ex-service men come next in numbers and editors rank third with more than 40 appointments. Farmers are represented with about 25, while educators, numbering about 20, run the farmers a close race.

ILLINOIS FARMERS STRIKE

No Money In Producing Despite High Prices.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—In a statement issued today, D. O. Thompson, Secretary of the Illinois Agricultural Association, said that despite the growing demand for greater food production the wheat acreage in Illinois has been decreased 50 per cent. in some counties many silos were unfilled, and breeders of hogs were cutting their production for 1920 from 10 to 50 per cent.

The cause for the decreased production, he said, was that the raising of farm products, despite prevailing high prices, was not profitable.

WILLIAM A. ALLEN DEAD

Prominent DeLand Citizen Had Many Friends in Palatka.
News has been received here of the death of Hon. William A. Allen, former post master at DeLand and one of the leading citizens of Volusia county.

Mr. Allen was well known in Palatka, where he numbered many of the leading citizens among his friends. The funeral took place at DeLand today.

MOUNT KLOET JUST AFTER ITS GREAT ERUPTION



Photograph taken two days after the disastrous eruption of Mount Kloet in Java, which occurred May 20.

CONFERENCE MAY PROCEED MAKING INDUSTRIAL CODE

ADVICE OF PRESIDENT SOUGHT AS TO PRACTICABILITY OF CONTINUING PUBLIC GROUP WITHOUT DISGRUNTLED LABOR ELEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Advice of President Wilson was sought today on the practicability of having the public group of the Industrial conference continue in session to adopt an industrial code. Secretary Tumulty put the problem before the President this morning, it was learned, following a conference last night with Secretary Lane, Chairman Chadbourne, of the conference committee of fifteen and B. M. Baruch of the public group.

Secretary Lane is anxious to have the public group make a report to the President saying what it believes should be done to bring cooperation between capital and labor, it was said. His opinion is shared by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

The situation today remains unchanged, leaders of the labor group declaring they can see no way to a compromise so long as capital takes the stand it does.

The delegates of the labor group walked out of the conference last night after a "last stand" resolution recognizing the right to organize and to bargain collectively was voted down by the employer group. The public group voted with the labor group for the resolution, but it was defeated under the group rule.

Despite the session of the labor group, Chairman Lane refused to consider the conference ended. He announced that the conference would go on and said that the president would probably be consulted regarding further procedure.

While there are many who hold that the defection of the labor group makes it useless for the conference to go on, the employer group announced that it is ready to proceed to the formation of a complete program for industrial adjustment.

President Takes a Hand.

President Wilson late today constituted a new National Industrial conference from the wreckage of the old one. At his suggestion, transmitted through Secretary Lane, delegates representing the public will remain in session to seek a solution of the nation's industrial problems.

Delegates of the employers were excused from further attendance. The labor representatives walked out yesterday.

The public conference, the President told Secretary Lane, must carry on the work. The public group is expected to make an exhaustive investigation of the National Industrial Institutions as the original conference had planned, Dr. Lane explained.

REFUSES RETRIAL OF LENOIR

Commission Rejects Plea of Man Whose Execution Was Stayed.

PARIS, Oct. 23 (United Press)—The Commission of Revision, to which was referred the appeal for a new trial of Pierre Lenoir, sentenced to death on charges of having intelligence with the enemy, has reported that it finds no ground for a rehearing of the case.

Lenoir, who was placed on trial with Senator Humbert, was convicted and sentenced to death May 8, 1919, but execution of the sentence has been stayed several times. He was lately reported to be critically ill and to be sustained only by drugs.

SLAYER OF BUTTS GUILTY OF MURDER SAYS THE JURORS

TAKES JURY BUT FIFTEEN MINUTES TO MAKE UP VERDICT—GOVERNOR WILL SET DATE FOR EXECUTION OF PRISONER—NO EXCITEMENT ATTENDS TRIAL

Nat Richardson, colored, was found guilty of murder in the first degree yesterday afternoon, the jury returning a verdict shortly after five o'clock after being out less than a half hour. Under the jury's verdict the death penalty is automatically applied. Richardson will be hanged, unless an effort is made to secure a new trial, on a date to be set by the governor.

The trial created little excitement here, although there was interest in the proceedings. During the entire session the court room was packed and spectators hung on every word of the witnesses and attorneys.

The State made a clear case, producing witnesses to testify as wounds inflicted, and showing by Richardson's own statement that he inflicted the wounds. The defendant attempted to show, in his statement, that he only fired on the conductor after he himself had been fired on. The testimony of Dr. J. H. Pittman of Jacksonville, however, showed that the wound which caused death was fired while the conductor was lying on the ground after having been shot down by Richardson.

Attorneys Fought Hard.

Attorneys for the defendant Messrs Merryday and Walton, did their full duty by their client. They were appointed by the court, as the prisoner had no means with which to employ an attorney. Under their oath as attorneys they are obligated to use their best endeavors to prove the innocence of any prisoner who sets himself up as innocent as charged in an indictment.

But the evidence in this case was overwhelming. Realizing this the attorneys attempted to show that there was possibility of mistake in judging the degree of Richardson's crime, as he might have thought he was defending his own life.

The prisoner took the verdict of the jury calmly, showing no feeling when he heard the fateful words fall from the lips of Clerk Hancock.

A request will be sent to Governor Catts, it is understood, to fix the date of execution as early as possible.

VON BERNTORFF DIDN'T BELIEVE WE'D ENTER WAR

SAYS BEFORE UNITED STATES ENTERED WAR PRESIDENT WILSON INTENDED THERE SHOULD BE NO VICTORIOUS OR VANQUISHED—KAISER SCORNED AT OUR INTERVENTION.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Before the United States entered the war President Wilson intended that there should be "Peace Without Either Side the Victor or Vanquished" in the opinion of the former German Ambassador Von Bernstorff.

Resuming his testimony before the Reichstag committee investigating war he replied in the affirmative to the question "Was Wilson an Honest Mediator?"

The former Kaiser scoffed at the danger of American intervention early in nineteen seventeen, he declared.

BOTH PARTIES STRUGGLING TO GET A MAJORITY

WHILE DEBATE RAGES ON SENATE FLOOR LEADERS ARE WORKING IN CLOAK ROOMS TO MUSTER AS LARGE VOTE AS POSSIBLE ON RESERVATIONS TO TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—While debate raged on the Senate floor over the Johnson treaty amendment today, Democratic and Republican leaders worked strenuously in the cloak rooms to line up their forces on the proposed reservations. No vote is expected on the amendment until tomorrow. Further reservations will be considered by the Foreign Relations committee this afternoon.

COTTON STILL SOARING.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Cotton again gave evidence of unusual strength on the local exchange today, following yesterday's record price of 37 5-16, basis middling. An advance of a sixteenth was recorded today.

BANK DEPOSITS SHOW INCREASE OF \$500,000.00

MARVELOUS INCREASE IN BUSINESS AS INDICATED IN HEALTHY CONDITION OF LOCAL FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS. BANKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC IN VIEWING FUTURE.

Palatka banks show an increase in deposits over this date last year of \$682,082.58 according to figures secured today by the News from the Putnam National, the East Florida Savings & Trust Co., and the State Bank of Palatka. This increase represent nearly 40 per cent., and is an accurate index of business conditions locally.

The total amount on deposit on October 23, 1918 was approximately \$1,386,602.14. Today the deposits in the local banks are approximately \$2,068,685.02. These figures are but a few cents off either way.

There is only one way to account for this increase—there is more money in circulation locally and business men generally are carrying larger daily balances. While it is true that it takes more money to do business on this year, it does not keep pace with the increase in deposits. Goods, as a rule, are not more than ten per cent. higher than they were this time last year. Much of this money has been brought into Palatka by the wholesale and manufacturing interests, although some of these concerns, it is said, do their banking elsewhere. If they have the interest of Palatka at heart, and want the town to make as good showing as possible, it is pointed out, they should do all of their business through local banking institutions.

Bankers Ophomistic.

Local bankers regard the increasing deposits, and increasing business activity here optimistically, believing that it is a healthy growth that is permanent, and that it will continue. Palatka has enjoyed no special benefaction that would bring large sums of money here temporarily.

IRONMASTER SUICIDES.

MOUNT CARMEL, Penn., Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Sixty thousand dollars is believed to be the amount of the shortage in the funds of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, as the result of which George E. Feast, General Manager of the company, under arrest for embezzlement, committed suicide last night.