

COAL OPERATORS TO REOPEN UNDER GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators' Association Has Decided to Conform to President Harding's Proposal for Reopening Coal Mines—Are to Cooperate With Governors of States in Carrying Out the President's Plan—An Agreement Has Been Reached for the Distribution of Coal and for the Restriction of Unfair Prices.

Kansas City, Mo., July 24.—Plans for acceptance of President Harding's proposal for reopening coal mines were made by representatives of the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators' association, which met here today. It was understood that conferences were appointed for the states of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas to cooperate with the governors of those states in carrying out the chief executive's plan.

COAL SHORTAGE MAY RESULT IN CLOSING OF STEEL PLANTS

New York, July 24.—The wholesale closing of steel plants throughout the country, and especially those in the east, which heretofore have not been affected by fuel shortage, will result in the coal strike in not less than a few days, if the head of a large steel corporation declared today. Further falling off of operations among steel plants caused grave concern at the New York corporation headquarters. The Mahoning and Shenango Valley refineries were among the latest to be reported hard hit by lack of fuel.

Officials of Bethlehem Steel announced they had banked fire and discontinued production at two of their largest furnaces with the coal strike. Every plant in the east soon will feel the full effect of the coal strike, it was declared.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF COAL

Washington, July 24.—(By the A. P.)—An agreement upon a tentative plan for the distribution of coal during the coal strike of unfair prices, was announced tonight by Secretary Hoover after a series of conferences during the day with representatives of the coal operators and the interstate commerce commission and other departments of the government.

TO DEMAND CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

Washington, July 24.—(By the A. P.)—Republican and democratic senators today joined in demands for prompt payment of American damage claims against Germany and Austria, but differed as to procedure during their three-hour debate on the bill of Senator Underwood, Alabama, democratic leader, which proposed an American claims commission.

WEST HAVEN POLICE HELPED SLAYER TO SELECT REVOLVER

New Haven, July 24.—Officially assisting West Haven police of having assisted Antonio Ralano, alias "Tony the Barber," in selecting the revolver with which he "killed" Alfonso Francesco Cosco, known as "Frank Cosco," at Savin Rock on July 13, coroner Ell M. today held a hearing on the police officer who was the slayer of Cosco.

TO ELIMINATE OR DEMOTE SOME 1,500 ARMY OFFICERS

Washington, July 24.—The board of general officers appointed to undertake the largest wholesale reorganization of the army since the Civil War, today initiated under the regular army officer corps will hold its first meeting tomorrow with Major General Joseph T. Dickins, chief of the board, presiding. It has begun operations toward the elimination or demotion of some 1,500 officers today, but was held up by the absence of the board, which is representative of all arms of the service, were greatly concerned in their preliminary discussions to include the general effect upon the morale of the army of the suspended sentence now hanging over the head of practically every officer in the service with the exception of General Pershing and the baker's dozen of second lieutenants now in the army.

PAINTER FELL THREE STORIES CLOSE TO GROUP OF WOMEN

New York, July 24.—With yellow paint splattered over their dresses, a group of women ran screaming into doorways on lower Broadway today as a painter, who was not a single mark of identification, fell from the third story above. His body landed close to the women as they stood chatting, and a set of yellow paint which had been used on a scaffold, splattered over them. The painter suffered a fractured skull.

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

Belgrade, July 24.—Parliament, by a vote of 115 to 10, has ratified the plan of the Yugoslav government to contract for the construction of a cable line from Belgrade to the Adriatic coast.

London, July 24.—Fifty years ago today the first submarine cable was laid. It was a cable of iron wire, and it was only 1,000 miles in length, and it was only a limited portion of the earth was covered. Today there are 325,000 miles of cable, encompassing every part of the habitable globe.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES IN BERLIN

Berlin, July 24.—(By the A. P.)—The Russian delegates to the Hague conference, headed by Maxim Litvinoff, with secretaries and interpreters, a party of fifteen arrived in Berlin from the Hague today. It is understood they plan to remain in Berlin for some time.

FIGHT OVER WOOL IN SENATE

Washington, July 24.—Failing to get action from the senate finance committee, Senator Lenoir, republican, Wisconsin, today launched his fight to limit to sixty per cent, ad valorem duties in the pending bill on coarse wool, both in the raw and the manufactured state.

Warning his republican colleagues that the 33 cents a pound duty proposed by the committee would increase the cost of woolen clothing, Senator Lenoir declared the republicans would have difficulty in justifying to the people the proposed increase in duties for the wool producers, but that they could not justify "this enormous equivalent ad valorem duty, equaling 60 per cent, on wool of the kind not produced in this country to any appreciable extent."

In the course of the exchanges between Senator Lenoir and his colleagues on the majority side, there was a sharp dispute between Chairman McCumber, of the finance committee, and Senator Smoot, ranking republican on that committee, as to whether the committee majority had agreed to any reductions in the ad valorem duties on wool, and whether the committee was in charge of the wool schedule for the committee, said no decrease had been agreed upon. Showing that cuts had been agreed upon, Senator McCumber produced one amendment, proposing a five per cent reduction in the ad valorem duty in one paragraph of the bill, and another amendment, proposing similar reductions in the ad valorem duties in a number of paragraphs throughout the bill.

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ASK 4,000 STRIKING MINERS TO RETURN TO WORK

Kittanning, Pa., July 24.—The Allegheny River Mining company today notified its striking miners to return to work under the terms of a new agreement. The company officials said the offer was made by the company individually and that the miners were to be paid for the time they were out of work.

EXPERIENCE OF BOY EXPERIMENTING WITH POWDER

Somerville, Mass., July 24.—Edwin Pitman, 13 years old, living in the Springhill section of this city, was of an inventive turn of mind, but he is not a very careful experimenter. Late today Edwin nished his experiment in making gunpowder from charcoal, saltpetre and other ingredients. He was not a very careful experimenter, and he poured in his high explosive and touched it off.

COTTON BAGGING REMOVED FROM TARIFF FREE LIST

Washington, July 24.—By a vote of 11 to 17, the senate today approved a committee amendment removing cotton bagging from the tariff free list and making the duty on bagging 40 per cent, on 3 to 3 1/2 cents. Two democrats, Broussard of Louisiana and Kendrick of Wyoming, voted for the amendment and one republican, Borah, of Idaho, voted against it.

BRIDGEPORT PRESENTED 108 ACRES FOR A NEW PARK

Bridgeport, July 24.—Another park was added to this city today when land estimated at 108 acres was presented to the city by the trustees of the Park and Recreation board. The park will be located on the site of the old bridge, and it will be a beautiful park with many trees and flowers.

CULBERSON DEFEATED IN TEXAS DEM. PRIMARY

Dallas, Tex., July 24.—The Texas election bureau announced tonight that it was virtually certain that former Governor James E. Ferguson had won the primary for the republican nomination for governor. Culberson, the republican nominee, was defeated.

Seek British Aid to Aries Realize the Cur Liquor Traffic United States is Firm

Diplomatic Action to Aid Prohibition Enforcement Officers of the U. S.

Washington, July 24.—(By the A. P.)—The state department was without any official word today as to the British attitude in connection with suggestions made by the American government to the British authorities to search on behalf of the United States for liquor traffic from British insular possessions into the United States. Peppering receipt of the offer, the British government, through the foreign office, comment was refused.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS DRASTIC ACTION RAIL STRIKE EXPECTED SOON

The Austrian federal government has refused to agree to the appointment of German consuls in Austria.

Department of agriculture statistics indicate a world wheat crop of 2,574,385,000 bushels, compared with 2,724,000,000 last year.

The Dutch cabinet resigned. C. J. M. Ruys de Beerenbroek, head of the ruling ministry, has been summoned to form a new cabinet.

An increase of one cent a quart for August above the price for July has been announced by the New York Dairy and Ice Men's League Co-operative association.

American and British farmers have left Patagonia because of labor troubles and the activities of bandits in some parts of that country.

Mrs. Dora Van Buskirk aged 62, of 17 Clermont avenue, Jersey City, was drowned at Bradley's Point, on the West Haven shore.

Nearly twenty vessels have been chartered to bring coal from Australia to the United States.

Financial rates favor fruit growers of the West. The price of Colorado's fruit is expected to be high.

Picketing was resumed at the Amoskeag mill gates at Manchester, N. H. by members of the United Textile Workers of America, who have been on strike since February 13.

Asa D. Prescott, who is said to be a descendant of General Prescott of Revolutionary war fame, died at Lowell, Mass., at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Cynthia Roche Harden, daughter of Mrs. Burke-Roche of New York, and Guy Fairfax Cary, attorney of New York, were married at Newport, R. I.

The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce announces that a new section dealing with the insurance laws in foreign countries has been installed in the bureau's division of commercial law.

Delegations from practically every political party in the state attended the funeral in Meriden of Sergeant James J. Custy who was the victim of an automobile fatality there on Friday.

Stanley Stachelke of Toland charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor was fined \$100 in Meriden and sentenced to forty days in the county jail.

An increase of nearly 50 per cent, in alcoholic deaths this year over those of 1920, and 27 per cent, over those reported by the chief medical examiner of New York.

A deputy sheriff has been assigned to guard the "mysterious girl" in Los Angeles, who is said to have identified Mickey Phillips as the purchaser of the dynamite which was used in the explosion which was beaten to death recently.

A grand jury subpoena calling for the books of the forty odd window glass manufacturing concerns under indictment for alleged conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust laws was ordered quashed in New York by Federal Judge Augustus N. Hand.

The delegation of American bankers in Montreal to discuss commercial and banking problems with Canadian financiers, yesterday were guests of the Canadian bankers at lunch, and later played golf.

The prospects are that the democratic state convention would not be called until about September 20th it was said in New Haven. The selection of the date rests with State Chairman FitzGerald.

An effort is being made to form a standard time league in New Haven to solidify sentiment against the movement to have the general assembly fix daylight time for summer months as a local proposition.

The ally statement of the New Haven road said both freight and passenger service were normal. It also claimed that the force at work in place of striking shovellers was gradually reaching the total number required.

James ("Bud") Stillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stillman, of the Erie Railroad, shot into the sea at East Hampton, Long Island, and saved from death Miss L. S. Butler, a maid employed at a cottage of H. A. James.

Seven Italians were placed on trial for murder in the first degree before Judge Dubouche in the Suffolk superior court in Boston. The defendants were charged with the murder of Michael Scarpone on January 20, 1921, who was shot and instantly killed while on his way to work.

The residence of William T. Brown, a workman at the Erie Railroad, shot at Meadville, Pa., was dynamited. The house was damaged and buildings within a radius of a mile were shaken by the blast. Brown's market was gradually working since the strike of shovellers was called.

Medical Examiner Timothy Leary of Boston, announced that Mrs. Alice V. Jones, whose body was found recently in a Tremont street lodging house, was not murdered. A note found near the body, Dr. Leary said, would indicate that she had committed suicide.

Miss Hilda James, premier English woman swimmer, who is now on her way to the United States, will make an extended tour of the east and middle west after continuing in the International long distance race for the Joseph P. Day cup on August 1.

Public offering today of a \$5,000,000 six per cent bond issue of the American Republics corporation was announced last night by the Guaranty Trust company of New York. The bonds, which have run for fifteen years, will be offered at 92 and accrued interest, to yield 6.75 per cent.

The whole region is a vast distillery, says the despatch, which adds that 75 children have died recently from lack of food and medical attention and that the older natives are drinking fighting and killing each other in their regions.

Thunderstorm at Oneco Destructive to Crops Oneco, July 24.—A sharp thunderstorm with cold winds swept over the section at last midnight and farmers were reporting that their standing crops had been beaten down, fruit trees broken and damage done to buildings. Field corn and other crops were flat and crops were buried under earth.

President Harding's Advisers Urge That Differences Between the Railroad Managements and Shophmen Should Not be Permitted to Further Break Down the Country's Transportation System—There is Little Likelihood of Meeting the Emergency by Actually Putting the Lines Under Government Operation—Matter Will be Discussed by the Cabinet Today.

Washington, July 24.—(By the A. P.)—While on the strike, congress developments in the railroad strike were lacking in Washington today, the impression gained in official circles was that the situation was being rapidly shaken down to a point where a new move by the administration could be expected.

Cabinet members who discussed the situation yesterday declared that President Harding was in personal charge of the question and, though there was more than the belief that the cabinet would be called upon to consider it at a regular session tomorrow, no hint was forthcoming as to the manner in which the transportation crisis will be laid before the president's advisers.

Further evidence was obtained, however, that some of the chief executive's advisers have urged that the government should not take over the operation of the country's arteries of commerce to go further while waiting for the railroad management and shophmen to dispose of their differences.

Official reports have been received, it is known, giving details of the extent to which the strike has been responsible for the almost total "blanketing" of the healthy business revival in the United States, and, while instances of direct interference with the United States mails have been reported, the extent of the postal inspectors today recorded the further annulment of important mail trains.

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