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GOVERNMENT DECISION SOON ON RAIL AND COAL STRIKES

Preparation For Legislative and Executive Action is Nearing Completion—President Harding Favors Precautionary Measures, Although He Believes Industrial Peace Will be Restored Without Resort to Government Operation—Assurance is Given That Measures Relating to Railroads and Coal Mines Will be Introduced in the Senate This Week—Maintenance of Way Men to be Given a Wage Hearing Today.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(By A. P.) — The exact scope of the administration's policy in dealing with the rail and coal strikes is expected to reveal itself within the next few days as a result of preparations for legislative and executive action which appeared tonight to be nearing completion.

Whether the emergency legislation to be definitely urged upon congress will include a presidential authorization to take over and operate rail and coal properties was a question that still remained unanswered, but it was indicated that administration officials probable would make a final decision on the point in the very near future.

In some quarters it was believed that the proposal to arm the executive with these emergency powers would be finally threshed over among the leaders who are with President Harding on his week-end cruise down the Potomac, and that a definite announcement of policy would follow the return here of the presidential yacht Mayflower tomorrow morning.

Those in the president's confidence said before he left here for the cruise last night that although he still believed industrial peace would be restored without a resort to government operation, he was inclined to feel that as a precautionary measure he should be given full authority to act before congress begins its contemplated recess.

Washington, Aug. 27.—In addition to secretary Hoover and Attorney General Daugherty, two of the cabinet members who have been particularly active in shaping out the government's course during the strike period, the president was accompanied on the Mayflower by Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee, who already has drafted for introduction in the senate a bill authorizing the executive to take over and operate any individual railroad which does not adequately perform its functions as a common carrier. Before he went aboard the Mayflower, Senator Cummins had indicated that his measure and a similar one relating to coal mines would be formally introduced early this week.

Majority leaders say they are confident that such legislation could be passed through both senate and house, if the president definitely requested it, but at the same time they concede that congressional approval would be by no means unanimous. Although many members in both bodies are demanding that the government take charge of the situation in the most emphatic manner possible, there is a recognized element of strength ranged against any movement that might approximate a return of the war-time government railroad administration.

Particular attention was given in congressional circles today to the public statement made last night by Chairman Winslow of the house interestate commerce committee, declaring that in his opinion, the coal fact-finding and distribution bills already pending would serve as a sufficient warning to the industries involved, and that more drastic legislation could safely be withheld for the present. It was pointed out also that President Harding's recommendation for a coal purchasing and selling agency had thus far not even resulted in any effort to bring in bills for carrying it into effect, and that even the fact-finding and distribution bills proposed had not encountered perfect sailing weather either in the senate or the house.

The senate having laid aside the Borah fact-finding bill entirely until the middle of the week because of prolonged attacks upon it, the efforts to deal with the strike problem at both ends of the capitol tomorrow will be confined to committee consideration of the respective distribution bills introduced by Chairman Cummins and Chairman Winslow.

In the house committee the Winslow bill will be made the subject of a five hour public hearing, at which all persons interested will be permitted to present their views.

It has been agreed that the committee will remain in session tomorrow night until a report has been voted on the measure and house leaders plan to call it up in the house on Tuesday.

The senate committee, with the Cummins' distribution measure before it, has adopted no definite program or procedure, but it is expected thatwhen tomorrow's meeting is called to order in an effort will be made by some members to delay action until there has been time for a more comprehensive study of the measure.

It is possible that this committee, too, will decide to hold hearings before it votes its approval or disapproval.

SENATOR PEPPER TO MEET ANTHRACITE OPERATORS

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Tacuel D. Wartner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company and chairman of the anthracite operators policies' committee, arrived here tonight from his summer home in Montrose, Pr., simultaneously, it was learned that United States Senator Pepper, of Pennsylvania, had come from Devon, Pa., to meet the spokesman of the employers to discuss methods of bringing peace in the hard coal regions.

The meeting place was kept secret, it was understood the the question of government seizure of the mines would be discussed.

John L. Lewis, president and Philip J. Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers, remained in Philadelphia over Sunday, and will stay through tomorrow, according to the latter.

In some quarters the optimistic view was taken that they had tarried because there was a chance of early resumption of the negotiations between operators and miners, broken off abruptly last week when the miners flatly refused to consider arbitration in any form.

WAGE HEARING TODAY FOR MAINTENANCE OF WAY MEN

Chicago, Aug. 27.—The hearing of the wage increase pleas of approximately 400,000 maintenance of way men tomorrow by the United States railroad labor board was declared tonight by E. F. Grable, head of the trackmen, to be one of the most important matters which has ever come before the board.

"The maintenance of way employes," he said, "have remained at work since July 1 under the expectation and actual assurance by the original framers of the transportataion act that they would be able to secure a living wage under provisions of the existing law. The proceedings tomorrow will determine this point.

"Ever since the board was established I have endeavored to secure a decision which will practically apply the living wage principle to our members, or, in other words which would permit them to live in modest comfort and decency. Up to this time the labor board has not indicated its acceptance of the living wage principle either as a principle or concretely in the rates of pay awarded.

"What makes this the most important case that ever has come before the board therefore is that in the courese of these proceedings the board must face and, I think, accept the principle of the living wage if it is to follow out the intent of thr law and if its decisions are to be equitable and just and meet the human needs of the railway workers."

GOMPERS PRAISES SPIRIT OF ORGANIZED LABOR

Washington, Aug. 27.—Organized labor groups have every reason to congratulate their memberships with the coming of Labor Day in 1922, because of the "industrial and political solidarity of the working people, because of the "failure" of employers "to bring about wage reductions, and bacause of determination within themselves to push forward, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared in an address published in the forthcoming issue of the American Federationist. There has been a general "resistance of American labor to the programme of wage reduction and union smashing," and it has been successful, he asserted.

"It is safe to say that the full volume of wage reductions since the armistice if averaged up and spread over the working population, would amount to less than 5 per cent.," Mr. Gompers said, adding that this is a stark defeat for employers. It is a magnificent victory for the workers, he continued. There are no terms too strong to describe the importance of this great victory for labor.

VIEWS OF A CHAIRMAN OF A STRIKE COMMITTEE

New York, August 27.—Investigation of the Association Railway Executives by the U. S. Senate as directly responsible for the failure to end the railroad shopmen's strike committee of the metropolitan district, to Albert B. Cummins, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate.

After suggesting that the committee investigate the association "in the relation to the present shopmen's strike and of its organization and activities in general," the telegram continued:—

"This group of individuals has effectually prevented a settlement of the railroad strike, even when such a settlement was urgently requested by the president of the U. S. and agreed upon by the Union involved."

Asserting that the rejection of mediation proposals by the railway executives did not represent the opinion of a majority of the members of the association, the telegram added:

"The evidence is overwhelming that the proceedings of this association have, for the past year, been manipulated and controlled, contrary to the best interests of the railroads and the public, by T. Dewitt Cuyler and L. F. Loree. An examination of individual members of this association on the witness stand would reveal a situation that would startle the country and prove of inestimable benefit both to the american roadroad industry and to the public at large."

Commenting on the telegram, Chairman Dowd said:

"There never can be peace in the railroad industry while the association of railway executives continue to exist.

"Here is a union more dangerous than any labor union could ever be. This association is a union of 100 or so men, clothed with prodigious power, and absolutely controls, by its small inner circle of half a dozen men, more power than all the other members put together.

"The members of this inner circle are out to establish the open shop on American railroads.

"It is four weeks now since this union defied the nation. Since then it has closed the door upon any possibility of peace. It is this one union that is beyond all public control."

Railroad executives who were seen following the filing of Chairman Dowd's telegram declined to make any comment.

PHOTOGRAPHIC LIKENESS OF MURDERED GIRL ON MIRROR

Natchitoche, La., Aug. 27.—Much curiosity has been aroused at Campti, near here, by the appearance of a photographic likeness of a mulatto girl on a mirror in a room in which she was killed nine months ago. The girl was a member of a family named Trichel. All efforts to effact the pisture, 18 inches long, and covering the mirror have proved unavailing.

WEST VIRGINIA FARMER DIES AT AGE OF 126 YEARS

Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 27.—John Drysdale, a farmer, said to be 126 years old, died at his home near Craigsville, according to a despatch received here today. Drysdale was born in Scotland and a family record gives 1796 as the year of his birth.

The centenarian is survived by several relatives. Those who reside on his farm regard his birth record as authentic.

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

New Motorless Aviation Record.

Fulda, Germany, Aug. 27.—(By the A. P.)—Anothiny H. G. Fokker, the Dutch airplane inventor, today established a new world record in motorless aviation by remaining in the air thirteen minutes with a passenger in a biplane constructed by himself. Fokker made evolutions in the air during his test as daring as those made in a power driven machine.

HARDSHIPS AND PRIVATIONS OF A SCHOONER'S CREW

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—Details of a harrowing voyage across the Pacific during which seabirds were killed and sharks captured to replenish the larder when starvation seeemd imminent were told when the four-masted schooner William H. Smith, 123 days out, of Faisi, Solomon Islands, was towed into port today.

On board were seven long haired men comprising the crew, Captain Nels Peter Jensen and the skipper's wife and four children, the youngest a six months old baby.

Food taken on at Sydney, Australia, was found to be unfit, slow progress in calm after calm, and the rationing of one pound of meat among 13 hungry mouths—such is the unofficial log as pieced together from the story of those on board.

The plight of the schooner came to light a week ago when the motor ship Annie Johnson brought word of having overtaken her in mid-ocean and of relieving the wants of the captain. The family and the crew with a 30-days' supply of provisions.

Members of the crew hailed as a heroine the wife of the captain. Holding a blue-eyed, flaxen-haired baby, born when the schooner was 11 days out of Sydney, and named Sydney Smith in joint honor of the port and of the vessel, Mrs. Jensen tonight summed up her emotions in these words:

"No more sea for me. I've followed sea for 15 years and I've been all over world. But this was the worst trip I've ever taken. It was the just Lord's will that my children were not seek from our terrible provisions."

The William H. Smith carried a cargo of copra—"pretty unpalatible stuff" as Mrs. Jensen put it. "Some of the boys in the crew tried mixing the copra with flour bupt did not not work out very well," she said.

TOWNS RECAPTURED BY SAN SALVADOR TROOPS

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, August 27—(By the A. P.)—An official despatch from Guatamala City says that government forces have recaptured the towns and villages recently taken by revolutionists, who before being ejected massacred twenty-two adults and two children, leaving their bodies in the barracks.

Twelve rebels were summarily executed after being convicted by court martial of murder and various crimes. Their heads were exhibited to the people as a rebellion warning against further attempts at.

It is declared that complete order has been restored and that business is going on without interruption.

Recent despatches from Mexico City reported that the Unionists in Guatamala had overthrown the government of President Orenalla and that the president was fleeing the country. The deport, however was officially denied by Guatamalan officials in Mexico City, who declared that the Orenalla government dominated the situation.

FIRE DESTROYS BUSINESS SECTION OF MAINE

Mount Vernon, Maine, Aug. 27.—The entire business section of Mount Vernon village, was destroyed by fire last night with an estimated loss of $40,000 to $50,000.

The town is without fire-fighting apparatus of any kind and a bucket brigade was reinforced by help from Augusta, Monmouth, Livermore and Farmington. The flames are believed to have started in a dective chimney.

FIVE OF CREW OF WRECKED SEAPLANE ARRIVE IN HAVANA

Havana, Aug. 27.—The five members of the crew of the American seaplane Sampaio Correia, which was wrecked last week off the island of Haiti, arrived in Havana today dressed in motley outfits of sailor clothes furnished them at the Guantanamo naval station. They will sail tomorrow for Pensacola, Fla., where another seaplane is being assembled for them to resume the trip to Ilio Janeiro.

FOUR MEN HELD FOR MICHIGAN CENTRAL WRECK

Chicago, Aug. 27.—Four mene were being held tonight by the police in connection with the wrecking of a Michigan Central expdess tarin at Gary, Ind., last week causing the death of the enginer and gremen, according to copyright story printed by the Chicago Herald nad Examiner.

18 PERSONS INJURED IN WRECK ON THE M. K. & T. RAILROAD

Dennison, Texas, Aug. 27.—Eighteen persons were inured, three seriously last night by a freight train crashing into the rear end of the Katy Flyer on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad at Bells, 14 miles east of here. Nearly all of the passengers in the rear coach were thrown out of their berths. The injured ware strucy by flying glass and bruised by the jolt of the impact.

PIPE LINE COMPANIES ANNOUNCE WAGE INCREASE

Burlington, N. J., Aug. 27.—The Florence Pipe and Machine company and the United States Cast Iron Pipe company announced tonight that notices would be posted at their plants tomorrow of a 10 per cent. increase in pay.

FORMER GOV. FERGUSON LOSES TEXAS PRIMARY

Temple, Texas, Aug. 27.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson, tonight conceded the election of his opponent, Earle B. Mayfield, in the run-off primary yesterday for the democratic nomination for United States senator.

"On the face of returns it appears that I am defeated," he said in a statement to The Associated Press.

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS ARE LEADING IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, Aug. 27.—(By The A. P.)—With half the returns having been counted, the total shows the vote of 550,753 against prohibition and 432,663 in favor of it.

The French dreadnought France has capsized and sank in ten fathoms of water in Quiberon bay, after striking a rock. Three lives were lost.

Germany to be Given Another Hearing

Reparations Commission Has Decided to Delay Decision on Moratorium Pending Meeting Wednesday.

Paris, Aug. 27.—(By the A. P.)—In a strong desire to reach an unanimous decision on Germany's request for a moratorium, the reparations commission this morning found a pretext for further delay by resolving to invite Germany again to be heard before the commission on Wednesday. Meanwhile the members of the commission will consult together in the hope of avoiding a vote which will divide it.

The members of the commission, with Colonel James A. Logan acting as American observer, met at eleven o'clock today and sat until one p. m. The delegates expressed their views on Germany's request of July 12 for a three years' moratorium. Semi-official declarations later showed that unanimity had not yet been reached, except on the point that the present uncertainty should not be prolonged and that a decision of the reparations commission should be rendered at the earliest moment, Wednesday, if possible.

After the meeting a communique was issued to the effect that the commission's considers itself not in a position to render a decision before Wednesday on the request of Germany for a moratorium. It added that the commission had informed Germany that if she desires to exercise her right to be heard, the commission will listen to her representatives during Wednesday.

Thus the commission now has two clear days before it for unofficial efforts to find a formula upon which it can agree unanimously. The representatives of Germany, if it is decided to accept the commission's invitation, will be heard Wednesday, so that a decision be orthcoming from the commission Wednesday evening at the earliest. Sir John Bradbury, the British member of the commission, does not expect a decision to be handed down before Thursday.

FIGHTING BETWEEN STRIKERS AND TROOPS AT HAVRE

Havre, Aug. 27.—(By A. P.)—There was further fighting today between strikers and troops, when strikers made an attack on mounted gendarmes and mounted police in the Rue Clovis, near the Franklin club, about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Numerous persons on both sides were wounded, but the fighting was not as serious as that of Saturday night, when at least two persons were killed and many others injured.

Saturday night the strikers dug trenches in the Avenue Cours De La Republique, with the soldiers blocucking a few hundred yards away. Additional reinforcements of Dragoons and infantry reached the city and General Dechene arrived and took command of the troops.

Prior to today's fighting 20,000 strikers marched to the forests of Montgion, two miles from the city hall, where they pledged themselves to continue the strike and demand the release of their leaders who are under arrest. Six persons were taken into custody last night and sixteen this morning. They include Quesnel, secretary of the metal workers union, and three representatives of the recently formed general labor federation. As the original general labor federation was found to be too conservative, a member of the Communist committee from Metz has come here to follow the strike movement. The strike is now regarded officially as having become a political instead of a trades union question, and the government has decided to suppress it at all costs.

The only break in the strike was the return of the printers last night, which enabled the local newspapers to make their appearance this morning. The ship owners are attempting to get the dock workers to return to their jobs.

They have offered to guarantee them their present scale of wages for three months.

All vessels which were coming to Havre have been diverted to other ports, with the exception of the French line and landed her passengers. The company expects to be able to unload the ship, although the crew has joined in the sympathy strike.

THIRD DRAFT OF PLAN FOR ARMY ORGANIZATION

Washington, Aug. 27.—Another reorganization plan for the regular army, the third to be drafted in the last year and a half as a result of cuts in strength ordered by congress, has been completed and the war department today in a statement showed just what had been done with the regular forces to carry out successive laws.

"This completes," the statement said, "a reduction which has been virtually continuous for eighteen months, totalling approximately 100,000 men or 45 per cent. of the actual strength."

The department's statement said the plans were now being carried into effect but that redistribution of the troops in permanent posts, which the project contemplates, was being delayed "in order not to interfere with the training of the civilian components of the army during the summer camps."

Explaining the difficulties encountered in planning a reorganization to conform to the enlisted strength of 125,000 as fixed in the last appropriation acts, the statement pointed out that no change had been made in the missions assigned to the regulars in the National Defense act of 1920 under which on an authorized strength of 255,000 was declared necessary in the judgment of congress to carry out the military policy then laid down.

INJURED WHILE SAVING HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN

Lake Placid, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Dr. Herbert McAdams Gibbons, author, of Princeton, N. J., today saved his wife and three children, but was himself injured in a runaway automobile crash near here.

Dr. Gibbons and family were on the way in their automobile to visit Dr. Charles R. Erdman, dean of Princeton university, when they stopped to ask directions. The chauffeur, ordered to make inquiry, had barely left his seat, when Gibbons' car started down a steep grade.

Unable to reach the brakes, Dr. Gibbons dropped, one by one, over the side of the rapidly moving car his wife and three children, Christine, 13, Lloyd 11, and Mimi 9. He had barely deposited of Mimi in the roadway, when the machine crashed into a boulder. The impact threw Dr. Gibbons into a ditch, spraining his shoulder and causing lacerations. Mrs. Gibbons and the children were but slightly bruised.

Michael Collins' Body at Altar of Cathedral

Was Borne Through the Streets of Dublin With Imposing Military Honor—Funeral Today.

Dublin, Aug. 27.—(By A. P.)—With imposing military honor the body of Michael Collins, Ireland's warrior statesman, was borne this evening through the streets of Dublin and placed on a catafalque before the main altar of the great Cathedral. Here tomorrow morning a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul.

Sunday's total suspension of civic activities permitted the people to render unrestrictedly the homage they so wished to render to the memory of their beloved leader. Not from the metropolis alone, but from the country districts nearby there streamed to the City Hall, where the body lay in state, countless thousands to gaze upon the features of the man to whom, more than anyone else the people had looked for a peaceful settlement of Ireland's woes.

They came by train, by donkey cart, by jaunting car and on foot; they choked Dublin's streets, yet without disorder formed in line, awaiting their turn to enter the cathedral and passed before the coffin of their comrade who had given his life in the cause of Irish freedom. They knelt before that coffin, beneath the flickering candles, and prayed.

The war of hate and ambush goes no. Today's newspapers reproduce a striking portrait of Collins from a painting made by Sir John Lavery as a member to the signing to the treaty between Ireland and England. He is seen sitting with folded arms, his handsome, intellectual face in repose, his manner debonair. Underneath are printed complete details of what the news editors call "Dublin's" latest shocking sensation.

Here is the incident in brief. It is a tradedy of the Yellow Lane, a peaceful suburb of Dublin, where last evening young people and children were playing. Suddently from the city appeared a large open automobile travelling swiftly. Seven or eight men were passengers; some of them seemed to be struggling. The car stopped a few hundred feet down the lane and a man got out and went to a gate leading to a field.

The struggle in the car became violent. Two men were trying to get away, but were held and were carried to the gate. They were moaning and protesting. One was heard by witnesses to cry out "but what is it for?"

They were give a ew moments or prayer and then were held against the stone pillars of the gate. Their captors drew revolvers and shot them through the head and heart.

This is what little Irish children saw yesterday while the whole nation mourned for Micael Collins.

There are ambushes and snipping, wherein civilians, including women, are wounded, and some killed.

The main fighting in the field is over, but the sudden attack on Bantry, south west of Cork, on Friday by a force of so-called irregulars shows that the revolution is still in progress and that Richard Mulcahy, the new commander-in-chief, has much to do before it can be said that peace and order have been restored throught the land.

DE VABERA SAID TO BE RECOVERING FROM WOUNDS

Cork, Aug. 27.—(By A. P.)—Eamonn De Valera is convalescing from wounds in a house near Bandon, according to what is considered authentic information. He was recuperating in a house at Bealnablath, a few miles from Macroom, the scene of the Collins ambush, but later shifted his quarters.

Intense fighting has taken place in the Blarney district, following upon bomb and rifle attacks against the nationals positions in two hotels in the village and the famed Blarney castle grounds. The nationals suffered minor casualties.

Since Thursday the irregulars are reported to have lost twelve killed and many wounded in repeated attacks in this area.

F. S. PEABODY STRIKEN WHILE HORSEBACK RIDING

Chicago, Aug. 27.—F. S. Peabody, one of the country's largest coal operators, died today after suffering a stroke while horseback riding on his farm near Hinsdale. His horse was found standing over the body which was on the ground where it had fallen from the saddle. Mr. Peabody was 63 years old.

Mr. Peabody was the founder and president of the Peabody Coal Company. During the war he was chairman of the coal committee of the national council of defense. He had been active in democratic politics for many years and in 1920 was a candidate for the nomination of the United States senate.

LAWRENCE TO HAVE SPECIAL LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

Lawrence, Mass., Aug. 27.—The Lawrence Centhal Labor Union voted today to pay special attention to the celebration of Labor Day this year "because of the victory of the textile workers."

Five of the eight mills in which strikes were called 22 weeks ago, following announcments of a 20 per cent. wage reduction, have agreed to restore the former scale. It was said at the meeting of the labor organizations today that satisfactory adjustments in two of the others—the Methuen and Pemberton plants—were expected and that negotiations were under way for conferences leading to a settlement at the plant of the Patchogue-Plymouth company.

DEMAND PUNISHMENT OF ASSASSINS OF DJEMAL PASHA

Constantinople, Aug. 27.—(By A. P.)—War or the surrender of the Armenians alleged to be implicated in the assassination of Djemal Pasha, former minister of marine in the Turkish government and chief of staff of the Afghan army, at Tiflis last July, is the keynote of an ultimatum presented by the Angora government to the federation of the Caucasus. The note demands the immediate punishment of the authors of the plot aimed at the assassination of a number of former Turkish statesmen.

The Turks have concentrated one division at Sari Kamish.

IRISH REBELS CONTINUE TO AMBUSH NATIONAL TROOPS

Dublin, Aug. 27.—One man was killed and two were wounded when national troops were ambuscaded near Tobbercurry, County Sligo, Saturday.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Foodstuffs exported during July declined sharply, the department of commerce announced.

A gambling casino rivalling the famous Monte Carlo casino in magnitude of play has been opened in Moscow.

The Spanish barkentine Guiniguada went aground on a bar off Shady Hook Point, New York.

Complete equipment for a brewery with a production capacity of 300 barrels of beer a week was found in a raid in Albany, N. Y.

James M. Cox, former democratic candidate for president, was the guest of Prime Minister Lloyd George in London at breakfast Saturday.

China's first extensive railroad strike which recently tied up all traffic on the Peking-Hankow line has been won by the strikers.

Dr. Stephen Smith, aged 99 years, died at Montour Falls, near Elmira, N. Y. He would have been 100 years old next February.

While Miss Mary Hurley was waiting for a street car in Boston a man stepped from a doorway, wrenched a diomand ring from her right nand and fled.

Eight persons were killed, and more than 150 injured in automobile accidents in Massachusetts last Saturday and Sunday.

Edmund B. Conant, widely known throughout the country as an auctioneer of mill property, died suddenly of heart trouble at his home in Lawrence, Mass. He was 66 years old.

Even the Bible has not been kept immune from Germany's wave of rising prices. The most modest editions, such as sold for fifteen to twenty marks at the close of 1921, now cost sixty to seventy.

Loom fixers of Lawrence, Mass., affiliated with the American Federation of Textile Operatives voted last night to accept the Pacific Mills' offer of the former wage scale effective October 2.

When Assessor Schofield, of Oxford, Mass., announced that the tax rate for the year 1922 is set at 52.10 a thousand, more than dauble that of last year when it was $22.50, the inhabitants were struck dumb with amazement.

Carl Gantvoort, former grand opera singer and now a motion picture actor, filed suit in Los Angeles for divorce against Anne Gantvoort, an actress, whom he charged with desertion.

Eleven Japanese students, who are just completing a tour of the United States, were guests of the New Haven Y. M. C. A. Saturday and were taken on a trip through Yale university and the Yale bowl.

J. W. Purris of Henderson, Ky., and four other members of his family were killed when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Chicago and Eastern Illinois at Haubstadt, Ind., ten miles south of Princeton, Ind.

Because her husband kicked her pet kitten around, Mrs. Rose Sipos, 37, is dead. She died in a hospital in Cleveland, from a bullet wound self-inflicted Thursday night. Sipog was fondling the kitten when it scratched him.

William E. Chatman, ana 18 year old boy, is said by police to have confessed responsibility for a fire which did damage estimated at a half million dollars in the down town section of Winston-Salem, N. C.

The body of Howard D. Canfield, 23, son of the late Richard Canfield, gambler of Saratoga Springs and New York city, is on the way to a point in Rhode Island for interment following his death in Honolulu.

The killing of one prisoner and the capcapture of three others who escaped from the Sioux City Falls (S. D.) penitentiary August 17 was accomplished through a boatman at Pedro and a telephone operator at Creighton.

For the second time this year, E. F Doree, who is serving ten years in Leavenworth for violation of the espionage act, has been granted leave of absence to visit Philadelphia to see his five year years old son, Lee Fred, who is believed dying of peridcarditis.

Announcement was made by the Gilbert & Barker Manufacturing company, Springfield, Mass., makers of gasoline tanks and pumps, that owing to improved business conditions a night shift will be put into operation.

William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, Andover, Mass., offered a reward of $500 for the return of a pocketbood and it contents carried by William M. Wood, Jr., when the latter was killed in an automobile accident near Reading on August 15.

Larksville high high school, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a three story structure with accommodations for 600 children, practically was destroyed by a mine cave in that engulfed it to a depth of 23 feet. The building toppled slightly forward as it subsided. It was valued at $250,000.

William D. Twiss, agent of the Everett cotton mill, Lawrence, Mass., announced that full time operation swould be resumed at the plant Tuesday at the wage rate in effect before the textile strike.

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Donald B. MacMillan, the Arctic explorer who headed an expedition to Baffin Land a year ago on the schooner Bowdin, is on his way home, according to a radio message received at Freeport, Me., by his sister, Mrs. Letitia N. Fogg.

Samuel di Staso, 38 years old, of Newton was discharged in Central district court in Worcester, from a charge of second degree murder of Antonio Manducco of Boston, on the night of June 12 by shooting him.

John Aikman Stewart, chairman of the board of trustees of the United States Turst company of New York, adviser to Abraham Lincoln and friend of John D. Rockefeller, Saturday celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birtn. His phyhical condition is good.

Captain Norman MacMillan and Capt. Maillins, who recently continued the attempt to fly around the world which was begun by Major W. T. Blake, were brought to Chittagong, British India after having been afloat for three days and two nights.

Reorganization of a movement among Pan American nations to provide a suitable memorial and final resting place for Christopher Columbus, the man who gave "the new world to the old," has been reported to the war department by William E. Pulliam, receiver general of Dominican customs.

$1,398,000,000 SHRINKAGE IN REVENUE COLLECTIONS

Returns for Fiscal Year 1922 Reflect Business Depression Which Swept Over the Country—Costs of Collecting the Internal Revenue Taxes Went Up 43 Cents for Every $100—Government Paid $1.30 for Each $100 Gathered, or a Total of $41,435,000—Collections in Connecticut Amounted to $27,238,000, a Percentage Decrease of 45.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Internal revenue collections fell off $1,398,000,000 in the fiscal year 1922 as compared with the year before, reflecting the business depression which swept over the country. Costs to the government of collecting the taxes went up 43 cents for every $100.

Total collections of $3,197,000,000 as compared with $4,595,000,000 in 1921 were reported in April and a statement issued today by International Revenue Commissioner Blair. The cost of gathering this sum was $41,435,000, or $1.30 for each $100 as against 87 cents for each $100 the year before.

Only the District of Columbia, of all the states and territories, showed an increase in income and profits tax and paid, its total being $9,713,000, or 21 per cent. more than 1921.

The amounts paid in incomes and profits taxes and the percentage of decrease compared with 1921 for the New England states and New York and New Jersey.

Connecticut amount $27,238,000; percentage decrease 45.

Maine amount $10,988,000; percentage decrease 24.

New Hampshire amount $4,312,000; percentage decrease 48.

New Jersey amount $97,735,000; percentage decrease 39.

New York amount $529,972,000; percentage decrease 35.

Rhode Island amount $19,930,000; percentage decrease 45.

Vermont amount $2,997,000; percentage decrease 38.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

New York, Aug. 27 (By the A. P.)—Both indications as to the trend of business and finance and opinions as to fall prospects, have shown marked diversity dring the past week. Settlement of the soft coal strike is generally expected to be reflected in a sharp gain in production, a figure as high as 9,000,000 tons a week being mentioned as likely to be realized in the immediate future. On the other hand, it is pointed out that the government's scheme of priorities must remain in force for some time, particularly until the needs of the northwest have been taken care of, so that the steel industry is likely to feel the restriction imposed by fuel shortage for some weeksk to come.

The 20 per cent. increase in steel wages meanwhile is interpreted as indicating that steel manufacturers expect to be able to dispose of all their available production this fall at favorable prices, a conclusion which is reinforced by the present restricted scale of operations as compared with the rate of activity during the spring and early summer. Whether or not steel prices will rise materially above present levels, however, remains to be seen, since coal prices have already touched scarcity level's and some observers anticipate a decline as the scarcity is relieved.

As far as the railroad strike is concerned, financial quarters have not entirely abandoned hope of a settlement and do not seem alarmed over the prospects of a finish fight. Car-loading statistics show that the roads are continuing to move a volume of freight comparing favorably with the best performances of the year. On the other hand, it is recognized that a car shortage during the fall is inevitable.

Arguing from the increase in wages in the coal and steel industries, which are symptomatic of a shortage of common labor, and the higher prices for coal and steel products, some observers conclude that the country is entering a period of "inflammation." While definitions of this term vary considerably, what is probably meant is that something like a boom, short-lived or otherwise, is to be bred of a general rise in commodity prices.

Opinion on the matter is, however, divided. Those who refuse to subscribe to the theory point out that the present increases in prices are due to abnormal situations arising from the strikes and that as such the higher prices are likely to be temporary. Such critics also emphasize the fact that certain commodities, such as rubber, are cheap and are likely to remain so. In addition, they maintain that with grain prices at existing low levels, the farmers' purchasing power will remain moderate, and conclude that no great boom is possible until the farmer can take part in the movement. They also point to Europe's low purchasing power and the general consumers' resistance to high prices.

According to this view, then, the situation is likely to continue to show a marked lack of uniformity. Shortages and high prices in some commodities and industries are expected to exist alongside of quiet markets and moderate prices. The consensus of opinion in the best informed quarters is, perhaps, that the fall is likely to bring a continuation of our somewhat "spotty" business revival on a moderate scale.

Sentiment in the grain and cotton markets has been affected somewhat during the past week by the adverse developments in the European situation and the resultant weakness in the exchanges of Germany and the continental allies. Wheat has hovered just above the dollar mark, with weather conditions and crop prospects little changed. In cotton, hot, dry weather in the southwest and boll weevil damage in the other growing areas have induced private crop estimators to place the condition at about 60 per cent. and the probable yield at about 11,000,000 bales, which is some 500,000 bales below the last government estimate. The next government report will be published on Sept. 1.

Little if any change has been apparent in the money market. Rates continue at approximately the low levels of the year and no sudden change is anticipated.

CALLS KILLING OF BERGEN FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Hackensack, N. J., Aug. 27.—"First degree murder" was the characterization given today by Prosecutor A. C. Hart of Bergen county to the shooting of John Bergen, motion picture "dare devil" in the home of George Cline, movie location finder, Friday night.

Prosecutor Hart said he disbelieved the story of Cline that pistol duel had been agreed upon between Cline and Bergen and that the latter was shot and killed in a struggle for possession of Cline's pistol.

"There was no evidence of a struggle and I do not believe Cline ever gave Bergen a pistol," stid Mr. Hart. "Cline's ow tiatements disclose the commission of a first degree murder. He tells of a struggle so close together he is not sure who pulled the trigger. Examination of Bergen's body and clothes shows that neither his skin nor the clothes wore bears the slightest trace of powder burn. The shot that killed Bergen must have been fired from a distance of at least three feet.

"To me it looks as though Bergen was politely invited to come from New York to Edgwater to be shot to death, and I am prepared to present all the facts as I have them to the grand jury next Tuesday."

AIMING TO OVERTHROW OBREGON GOV'T IN MEXICO

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 27.—Accoeding to reports here, General Francisco Murguia and a staff of eight, well armed and provisioned, crossed the Rio Grande fourteen miles below Brownsville Friday night, and were joined by 587 men with the avowed purpose of overthrowing the Obregon government.

General Murguia is said to have left San Antolio Thursday by auto accompanied by his secretary and several high officers, five doctors, fourteen telegraph operators and three wireless operators and a complete radio receiving and broadcasting station.

It is said that the party left San Antonio with camping equipment and fishing poles alongside the car, posing as tourists.

Troop Movements in Juarez.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 27.—Troop movement sare taking place in Juarez but military authorities refuse to give their destination. Current gossip, however, is that bandxs have made attacks on the Sierra Madre railroad.

HAS NOT SWALLOWED FOOD IN EIGHT YEARS

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Little 11 year old Jennie Kovanski of this city has not swallowed a bit of food in the past eight years. Her esophagus is entirely closed at the throat. When she was three years old she underwent an operation for tonsilitis, and since then she has not been able to swallow. She takes all her food in liquid form through a rubber tube in an incision in her stomach.

The trouble with her throat does not affect her breathing and she plays like other children.

Physicians recently deemed it dangerous to operate.

NO MINERS OR OPERATORS ON HERRIN MASSACRE JURY

Marion, Ills., Aug. 27.—(By The A. P.)—The Williamson county grand jury, which will investigate the Herrin massacre has neither union coal miners nor coal operators among its members, said Attorney General Erward J. Brundage, who, accompanied by Assistant U. S. Attorney General C. W. Middlekaug, reached Carbondale Sunday morning and then made the trip to Marion by way of Herrin, the scene of the massacre of June 21 and 22, last where 26 miners were killed or fatally wounded.

He spent the afternoon in conference with State's Attorney Delos Duty, comparing his evidence, that obtained by federal operatives, and that collected by Sheriff Melvin Thaxton and the state's attorney's office.

Mr. Brundage announced that in his opinion the evidence was conclusive and should lead to the issuance of indictments. County officials predicted that upward of 100 indictments would be voted. The grand jury, it was announced this evening had already been sworn in by Sheriff Thaxton but the names of the jurors will not be made known till Judge D. T. Hartwell calls this body into session tomorrow forenoon.

DROWNING CAUSED BY UNDERTOW AT CONEY ISLAND

New York, Aug. 27.—Caught in a strong undertow, Morton Weber, a jewelry salesman, of Brooklyn, was drowned in the surf at Coney Island today, while three life guards battled successfully to rescue his two children, who were bathing with him, and give assistance to two women who were being carried out to sea at the same time.

Harry Mullin of Newark, who was a paying teller in the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust company, is believed to have been drowned at Coney on Saturday. His clothes, which he placed in a locker at the Manhattan baths on that day, wefe still uncalimed today. No one reported seeing him in difficulty in the water. He was a war veteran and served two years in France.

AIRPLAN FLEW AT SPEED OF 209.09 MILES PER HOUR

Turin, Italy, Aug. 27. — Lieutenant Brakpapa today in an airplane flew at a speed of 336 1-2 kilometres (about 209.09 miles) per hour. This is said to be a world record.

The previous speed record for an airplane was made by Sadi Lecointe, the French aviator, September 26, 1921, of 205.223 miles per hour. Lecointe used a 300 horsepower machine. The flight was made in Paris.

ELECTRIC TROUBLE HALTED NEW YORK TRACTION LINES

New York, Aug. 27.—Every subway and elevated train in the borough of Manhattan and aportion of Brooklyn was at a standstill for fifteen minutes late today when the 50,000 kilowatt generator in the Manhattan Power house of the Interborough Rapid Transit company "tripped out" because of trouble in the automatic oil switches.