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# RORABACK VOTERS DOMINATE THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES

## Ullman Adherents Win Republican Caucuses in New Haven, Bridgeport, Meriden, Stratford and Greenwich—In New Haven Ullman Delegates Were Elected in 30 of the 33 Wards—In Bridgeport John T. King Succeeded in Defeating Ticket Backed by Roraback—Reports From Other Towns Are Favorable for Continuance of Roraback as Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee.

Hartford, Aug. 29.—Re-election of J. Henry Roraback to the chairmanship of the state central committee is assured by a 3 to 1 vote according to the Hartford Courant, basing its belief on returns from more than 100 towns throughout the state.

Hartford county, in towns which voted in the republican caucus tonight went to Roraback except the seventh district which went to Frank E. Healy, a supporter of Colonel Isaac M. Ullman.

New Haven, Meriden, Bridgeport and Norwalk were conceded to the Ullman faction while the rest of the state was predicted as going in the Roraback column.

### ULLMAN WINS IN 30 OF 33 WARDS IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, Aug. 29. — Delegates known to be favorable to Colonel Isaac M. Ullman were elected in 30 of the 33 wards at the republican caucus here tonight. The Ullman forces carried 112 delegates out of 122.

These delegates will meet at the city convention Thursday night when 12 of their number will be elected to represent this city at the state convention.

**Bridgeport Anti-Roraback.**

Bridgeport, Aug. 29.—The republican primaries in this city tonight resulted in a sweeping victory for the regular republican organization, led by John T. King, over the Republican Voters' League, Inc., which was backed by all of the Roraback influence in the city. The regular ticket was successful in the first, second, fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and the twelfth districts where there was a straight contest against King, and has representation upon tickets in the third, fifth, and seventh, where there were joint tickets without contests, and claims the delegates upon tickets in the sixth, backed by the Voters' League, and the eleventh, where there were district contests. This will give the King party control of the three state central committee men from this city. A determined fight was made by Roraback lieutenants in the ninth, tenth and twelfth districts, comprising the twenty-third senatorial district, to defeat Howard S. Challenger for renomination to the senate, but it failed, regular tickets winning by a two to one vote in every instance. The city convention for selection of delegates to the various conventions will be held Thursday night.

**Stratford For Ullman.**

Stratford, Aug. 29.—The people's general committee won a sweeping victory tonight when its members gained control of the republican town caucus and elected its complete slate of town committeemen and convention delegates. Every effort was made by the Old Guard or so-called "politicians" to defeat the people's slate.

Delegates to the state convention, who are claimed to be anti-Roraback: Charles E. Wheeler, William A. Stagg, Mrs. H. Leroy Lewis, and Mrs. Jeremiah Kennedy.

**Regulars Win in Waterbury.**

Waterbury, Aug. 29.—The regular republican primary ticket was unanimously chosen at the republican primaries here today. Delegates chosen will meet in local conventions Friday and choose delegates to represent the city at the state, congressional, county and probate conventions. There was only one ticket presented tonight. None of the delegates were instructed but those selected at the conventions Friday undoubtedly will be

**Meriden For Ullman.**

Meriden, Aug. 29.—Sarah W. Chamberlain, George B. Crowell, James J. Fitzpatrick, Eugene P. Golden, Charles A. Kaschub and Ida I. Pooley were elected delegates to the republican state convention at the primaries held here this evening.

This is the complete slate of delegates which are supporting the Ullman-King-Healy faction of the republican party, and it is expected they will vote for Charles A. Gates, of Willimantic, for chairman of the state central committee. The Roraback delegation was defeated by about forty votes.

The only contest at the primaries other than the one over the state delegation was over the chairmanship of the town committee. Henry Dryhurst, former postmaster and chairman for several years was defeated by Malcolm King, the candidate of the anti-Roraback faction by only two votes.

**Greenwich for Ullman**

Greenwich, Conn., Aug. 29.—Four delegates were elected here tonight at the republican caucus to attend the republican state convention which will be held at New Haven, September 12 and 13. Two men and two women were elected, making equal representation of the sexes on the delegation.

This is the first time women have been elected on an equality with men on a state convention delegation, according to James F. Walsh, chairman of the republican town committee.

Those elected for the state convention were: James F. Walsh, James R. Mean, Mary C. Ray and Jennie E. Stevens. It was announced that they would support Colonel Isaac M. Ullman.

**Roraback Wins in Plainville.**

Plainville, Conn., Aug. 29.—James H. Trumbull, and Edwin H. Hills were elected at the republican caucus here tonight to act as delegates at the republican state convention this year. In a statement to the Associated Press, Mr. Trumbull said: "We are both unqualifiedly for Roraback."

The fifth republican district will hold an election here Saturday for representative on the state central committee. James H. Trumbull, the present representative will be opposed by Judge William J. Malone.

**Danbury District for Roraback**

Danbury, Conn., Aug. 29.—Mayor William C. Gilbert will head the republican delegation from this city to the state convention at New Haven. Others elected at the party caucus here tonight were: Representative George W. Andrews, Representative A. Homer Pillow and Charles S. Peck.

Reports from Ridgefield show the following delegates elected, Harvey P. Bissell, Seth Low Pierpont, W. C. Barhite and Miss May Hoyt.

The following delegates were elected in Bethel: Representative Albert J. Magnus and Charls H. Hart.

Political followers in this district say the delegates elected from these three towns are counted as supporters of J. Henry Roraback for chairman of the central committee.

### MOORE LEADS JOHNSON IN CALIFORNIA PRIMARY

San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 29. — Incomplete returns from 147 precincts scattered throughout the state, the heaviest voting being from Los Angeles, give for republican nomination for United States senator: Moore 5,237; Johnson 2,636.

### IN SOUTH CAROLINA BLEASE LEADS McLEOD

Charlestown, S. C., Aug. 29.—With 67,099 votes reported from today's democratic primary, the News and Courier's figures gave Cole L. Blease 30,135 and T. G. McLeod 24,849. It appeared certain there would be a second primary between Blease and McLeod.

**Montana Primary.**

Helena, Mont., Aug. 29.—Early returns almost entirely from city precincts, give Attorney General Wellington D. Rankin, a slight lead for the republican nomination for United States senator, over Representative Carl Riddick.

### FORD NOT BLUFFING IN HIS THREAT TO SHUT DOWN

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29.—Politicians that Henry Ford was "not bluffing" in his decision to shut down his big automobile plants here on September 15, as part of a fight against what he terms a "hold-up" on the partof coal brokers, and denial of verious reports that causes other than the fuel shortage were responsible for his action, were made today at the Detroit manufacturer's offices.

A report from Louisville that when the 75,000 Ford workers in the Detroit district were released on September 15, Mr. Ford would advise them to take employment with the railroads in an effort to break the rail strike, was denied emphatically. The statement was termed ridiculous. "There may be individual cases of Ford workers anticipating the lack of employment making application for work with the railroads," it was stated, "but Mr. Ford certainly is not going to advise the men to attempt to break the rail strike."

Another report that met emphatic denial was that lack of business figured in the decision to close the plants. Fgures were cited to refute it.

### GENERAL STRIKE IN FRANCE HAS PASSED OFF QUIETLY

Paris, Aug. 29.—(By the A. P.) — With the exception of a few minor incidents in the manufacturing districts today, the so-called 24 hours general strike which had been ordered by the Extremist Labor Federation in sympathy with the Havre strikers and in opposition to the conservative labor federation, passed off quietly. A heavy rain began falling this evening, which seems to indicate that no trouble is likely tonight.

Even the communist evening newspaper does not claim that the new general labor confederation's strike has met with great success.

### SET NEW HIGH RECORD FOR STRIKE COAL LOADINGS

Washington, Aug. 29.—Figures seting another high record for daily coal loadings during the strike period, made public the Association of Railroad Executives, showed that on Saturday last, the cars loaded totaled 22,178, exceeding by 312 the total for Friday. The total for the whole of last week was announced as 117,730 cars, or approximately 6,300,000 tons.

Preliminary figures on loadings of coal for yesterday received by the Central Fuel Distribution Committee indicated a total of about 25,000 cars.

### MILLIONAIRE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Owen DeWitt, said to be a millionaire realty operator of Rochestern, N. Y., was taken into custody here late this afternoon at the Onondaga hotel at the request of the police of Rochester, who are said to be seeking him to explain his connection with the slaying of Frank O'Connor, a tailor in Rochester last night. DeWitt will be taken back to Rochester tonight.

### BUDDIES OFFER SKIN TO SAVE BURNED COMRADE'S LIFE

Springfield, Aug. 29.—Four comrades of Private William E. Davis of the 101st Motor Transport Company, who was critically burned last month at Camp Devens while extinguishing a gasoline fire have volunteered to contribute two square feet of skin which is to be grafted to Davis' body in the hope of saving his life and preventing deformity.

### BUT TWO OF 322 PASSENGERS ON STEAMER ITATA SAVED

Santiago, Chile, August 29.—(By the A. P.)—Only six persons, including two passengers, out of a total of 322 on board the Chilean steamship Itata were saved when the vessel sank off the Chilean coast near Coquimbo.

In the game of life diamonds are trumps only when a man had a good deal.

# Foreign Debt Interest For Soldiers' Bonus

## Approved by the Senate Without a Record Vote—Final Vote on Bill Deferred.

Washington, Aug. 29. — Without a record vote the senate approved today the use of the interest on the foreign debt in financing the soldiers' bonus. Also it substituted the Smith-McNary $350,000,000 reclamation bill for the land settlement option in the house measure. Then it quit for the day with a final vote on the bonus measure at least one and perhaps two or three days distant.

The amendment authorizing the payment of the bonus charge with the interest on the eleven billions of dollars owed the United States by the allied nations was proposed by Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina. He and Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, and other members urged it as a means not only of meeting President Harding's requirement that the bill carry a means of financing, but also of silencing the talk about the cancellation of the foreign debt.

The Smith-McNary reclamation amendment was agreed to by a vote of 43 to 26. Party lines disappeared on the roll call, 23 republicans and 20 democratis supporting the amendment and 18 republicans and 8 democrats opposing it. All of the senators from the far western states voted for the proposal and all of those from the New England states voted against it.

### LIQUOR STOLEN BY CREW OF PROHIBITION BOAT

Providence, R. I., Aug. 29.—Members of the United States Prohibition boat Hahn, stole at least five cases of liquor from the cargo of the British schooner Marina at Newport, Saturday evening, August 12, after the boat had been seized off Block Island, and for several days while guarding the ship at the state pier, this city, were hilariously drunk according to a statement made this afternoon by Captain Archie Wentzell, skipper of the schooner. Wentzell told his story to United States Marshal William R. Rodman, and his deputies directly after he and his crew of five had been placed under arrest for alleged violations of the national prohibition act.

That members of the crew did take at least five cases of liquor off the schooner and carried the same aboard the patrol boat Hahn was admitted in United States customs circles today. United States Deputy Collector of Customs Jeremiah Dillon, of New London was at Newport at the time and upon complaint of Captain Wentzell that members of the crew of the Hahn were taking cases of liquor out of the cargo ordered the liquor placed back on the schooner. Captain Tawes, of the Hahn could not be found tonight to answer to the charges made by Wentzell.

Captain Wentzell and his crew charged with unlawfully possessing and transporting liquor in violation of the national prohibition law and also with conspiring to violate the same law, pleaded not guilty in court this morning and each is being held under bail for trial Friday morning. Wentzell denied bein gwithin the three mile limit when his vessel was seized by the Hahn, and complained of rough treatment at the hands of the raiders.

### MRS. GIBERSON HELD FOR MURDER OF HUSBAND

Tom's River, N. J., Aug. 29.—Pleading not guilty to a charge of killing her husband William Giberson, who was found slain in his bed on the morning of August 14 last, Mrs. Ivy Giberson today was held without bail for the grand jury.

The prosecution presented but one witness, county Detective Ellis Parker, of Bergen county. He told of finding a revolver in a shed near the Giberson home. Counsel for Mrs. Giberson moved for a dismissal of the charge on the ground that insufficient evidence had been submitted.

"I do not see, and would rather a thousand times not be," said Justice of the Peace Willets, quoting an old proverb in denying the motion, "but as an officer sworn to do his duty over the evidence submitted, it is my duty to hold Mrs. Giberson for the action of the grand jury."

"The judge was more scared than I," Mrs. Giberson confided to the sheriff as she was being taken back to her cell.

### LOWER RENT CONDITIONAL ON ADVERTISING BUILDING

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Negotiations of an unusual down-town lease was announced today, the terms of which disclosed that a reduction of $1,000 a year in the rental of a shop had been specified on condition that the tenant spend $5,000 a year in advertising and in each advertisement should mention the building. Representatives of Gordon Strong, owner of the building, said he believed the value of the advertising would far exceed the difference in rent allowed the Torrington company, of Torrington, Conn., the lessee.

### FAILED TO LIVE UP TO PRE-UPTIAL AGREEMENTS

Milwaukee, Aug. 29.—An experiment in a love bonus was a failure for Adolph Loose, according to an answer to his wife's divorce petition filed today.

He is 61, she 49, and they were married in August, 1921.

Loose said he and his wife signed a pre-nuptial agreement by which she was to receive $500 for every year of happiness she gave him. This bonus plan was to last ten years, but it petered out in a few months and each now charges the other with desertion.

### HERRIN MASSACRE WITNESS DECLINED TO TESTIFY

Marion, Ill., Aug. 29.—(By the A. P.)—One witness before the grand jury investigating the Herrin massacre refused to answer any questions today, it was learned and was placed in custody of Sheriff Melvin Thaxton. He will be given a hearing before Circuit Judge Hartwell and given a opportunity to explain his refusal to testify. The witness' name with withheld.

### NO-LONGER-SKIRT LEAGUE FORMED BY MONTREAL GIRLS

Montreal, Aug. 29.—Twenty of Montreal's smartest and prettiest girls, rebelling against the attempt of style creators to foist long skirts on women, have formed a "no-longer-skirt league." Members are pledged to cling to the abbreviated variety and do all they can to induce other young women to keep their skirts short.

# BRIEF TELEGRAMS

**The total rainfall in Boston since Friday until noon Monday was 3.45 inches.**

**Coal miners of Nova Scotia will be back at work by the end of the week, it is predicted.**

**Larry Fernia, or Ferrier of Springfield, Mass., was bound over to the federal grand jury after a hearing on a charge of passing counterfeit $20 and $10 bills.**

**Fire destroyed Carroll Inn and a garage, at Ossippe, N. H. Five automobiles and several motorcycles were burned, the total loss being $15,000.**

**M. M. Spring of Portland, Me., who planned to make a record auto run of 3000 hours from Portland, Oregon, failed by 19 hours.**

**The Swiss delegation to the league of nations has been instructed to vote for the admission of Germany to the league, if she applies.**

**Tobacco users paid almost nine per cent of the $3,197,000,000 in internal revenue received by the government in the fiscal year of 1922.**

**Max Zeitler, maker of the present great seal of the United States, and a widely known steel engraver, died in Philadelphia. He was 68 years old.**

**The Eastern Steamship Lines announced a reduction of practically five per cent. in freight rates between New York and Portland, effective September 5th.**

**Mrs. Esther Munhall Schwab, aged 50, widow of Joseph E. Schwab, brother of Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate, died at the Schwab summer home at Loretta, Pa.**

**Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier conferred with Winston Churchill, the Colonial secretary, on the Irish situation arising out of the deaths of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins.**

**Doctors, not lawyers, probably will have the last word in the approaching legal contest over the huge estate left by Viscount Northcliffe, according to the London Daily Express.**

**Nearly 50,000 more men voters than women are registered in Boston for the September primary according to the figures made public by the registration officials.**

**New regulations covering distribution of wine for sacramental purposes in accord with the recent opinion of Attorney General Daugherty were issued by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, o become effective September 15.**

**Two men were convicted in Boston on** Saturday of the murder of Michael Scarpone. In less than 24 hours wedding bells were ringing for the murdered man's widow as she was led to the altar by Guirino Culangelo.

**Further successes against the Greek** left wing in Asia Minor by the Turkish nationalists are claimed in a nationalist communique, dated August 25. The Greeks, according to the statement have evacuated Vizirhan.

**Hampered by the lack of cars due to** the railroad strike, farmers of western New York who are having the largest peach crop in fifteen years have appealed to motorists to help relieve them of the surplus.

**William J. Lester, of Cleveland, owner** of the strip mine at Herrin, Ill., near which a number of miners were slain in June, announced that he would sell the holdings of the Southern Illinois coal company in Herrin within a few days.

**A complete skeleton of a sabre tooth** tiger, which roamed the southwest in the pleistocene period some 500,000 years ago, has been assembled at the Los Angeles county museum of history, art and science.

**The New York, New Haven and Hartford** Railroad yesterday claimed that the shopmen's strike on its system "is about over," that in some places it has the quota of workers' places filled and at others almost filled.

**State police were on guard at the** state reformatory at Iona, Mich., after an outbreak among the inmates that was suppressed only when tear gas was poured into one of the dormitories where the rioting centered.

**Emile Bacardi, under whose management** the distilling company bearing his name made its product known around the world, died, aged 70, at his summer home, Cuabitis, near Santiago De Cuba.

**The spectacle of a race across the** country between an army dirigible and a reconstructed De-Havland airplane will be witnessed on September 5 and 6.

**The number of boys committed to the** Lyman school at Westboro, Mass., during the last year increased 23 per cent. over the previous year, according to a report made public by the board of trustees.

**Two white mules of high degree, Jack** and Jill, which formerly decorated the stables of the khedive of Egypt, were in Boston harbor on board the Ossa, near the end of their voyage from Alexandria to New York.

**Fatal injuries to John Devin, 14-year-**old son of Edwin Devin of Brooklyn, N. Y., resulted from an accident to a motor truck carrying eighteen boys from Spofford, N. H. The truck left the road and rolled down a steep bank.

**A dispatch from Grandes Piles to Three** Rivers, Que., said Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, accompanied by three men believed to be newspaper correspondents, was proceeding up the St. Maurice river by boat for Grande Anse where her summer camp is located.

**Girls in business in New York next** spring will have a hotel of their own, where the restrictions will be no more than in the average hotel. Charles B. Webster, of R. H. Macy and Company, bequeathed a third of his fortune for a hostlery exclusively for working girls.

**The marriage of John Harriman, 19-**year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Harriman, to Miss Alice A. Laidley, also 19, daughter of Mrs. William H. Laidley, of Chicago at Port Chester, N. Y., on August 12, was made public yesterday.

**Hudson Maxim, the inventor who is** to be Father Neptune in the pageant to be held in Atlantic City in connection with the contest for the title of the country's most beautiful bathing girl, has succeeded in having perfumes banned.

# Turks Intensify Attack on Greeks

## Are Attempting to Hasten Decisive Action in Asia Minor—All Black Sea Ports Closed.

Constantinople, Aug. 29.—(By the A. P.)—The Turkish nationalists are engaging all their well equipped troops in a relentless offensive against the Greeks in Asia Minor in an apparent attempt to force a decision before the coming entente conference.

Before the Turks launched their attack against Afiun Karahisar, they had neglected nothing to make sure of the success of their plan. All ports on the Black Sea had been closed to navigation, and railway, telegraphic and postal communications with Constantinople had been suspended. These measures gave the first indications here that an offensive was being planned.

The Kemalists, taking special care to choke any information which might possibly reach the ears of the enemy, had even cancelled all permits to Constantinople.

Up to the last moment efore the offensive started, the Turkish troops had been massed at points where the bulk of their forces could be brought into action. A number of local actions and feinted offensives had been carried out a few days before the offensive opened, the idea bing to shatter the Greek front and harass the Greek defenses. The Turks made a number of surprise attacks south of the Menandor river, resulting in the capture of a series of villages. At the same time groups of raiders crossed the river and carried out a few successful operations.

Most of these operations were directed against the wings of the Greek army, although the supreme effort of the nationalists, according to a communique, was being directed against the Greek center.

**Greeks Evacuate Afiun Karahissar**

Athens, Aug. 29.—(By the A. P.)—It has been officially confirmed that the Greek troops have evacuated Afiun Karahissar, a strategic position on the Berlin-Bagdad railway in Asia-Minor, to the Turkish nationalist troops.

### WILL OF PARKE BENJAMIN DISINHERITS HIS CHILDREN

New York, Aug. 29.—All of his children, including Mrs. Dorothy Caruso, widow of Enrico Caruso, were disinherited by the will of the late Parke Benjamin, filed for probate today.

Anna Bolchi Benjamin, an adopted daughter, was left $60,000, the residue of the estate going to the widow, Mrs. Ida E. Benjamin, whose address is given as Goshen, N. S. Upon Mrs. Benjamin's death the principal will go to the adopted daughter.

Mr. Benjamin gave as his reason for cutting his children off, "the unfilial conduct of the children toward their father." The children opposed the adoption of Anna Bolchi Benjamin, who was at one time Mrs. Caruso's governess.

Besides the $60,000 bequest Mr. Benjamin left his piano, all paintings, pictures, furniture, personal effects and wearing apparel to Anna Bolchi Benjamin whom he referred to as his adopted daughter "by decree of the common pleas courts of Luzerne county, Pa., dated December 19, 1919."

His will stated that he had devoted the best years of his life to the care and support of his children, and continued, "I have had only in return ingratitude and no help in supporting the many and heavy burdens which I had to bear. I consider it my right to dispose of my estate without reference to those who have acted less like children than parasites, and who have defied me under threats of contest to make any disposition of my said estate other than to themselves."

Mr. Benjamin declares that Anna Bolchi Benjamin is given the large bequests because of her effort to devote herself to his "care and welfare" during his old age.

Mr. Benjamin, who died August 21, at Stamford, Conn., was a patent lawyer.

### LYDEN SISTERS DROWNED IN A RIVER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Franklin, N. H., Aug. 29.—Gretchen and Phoee Lyden, of Rutherford, N. J., sisters, aged 18 and 15 respectively, were drowned in the Pemigewasset river today. They were daughters of Frank P. Lyden, assistant general manager of the International Paper company.

Phoebe, who was wading at a point where the river drops off sharply, got beyond her depth and sank. Gretchen lost her life in attempting to rescue her sister. Neither girl could swim. Leo Routhier, who went to the girls' assistance, was nearly overcome by their struggles and was unable to bring them ashore. The bodies were recovered later, 15 feet from the river bank.

### NEW YORK TO HAVE A SINGLE HEADED FUEL ADMINISTRATION

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Wihout a dissenting vote, the New York legislature, in extraordinary session, today passed the administration bill providing for the creation of a single headed fuel administration and an appropriation of $10,000,000 to cope with the shortage due to the coal strike.

Two hours after the legislature had adjourned, Governor Miller enacted the measure as law by signing the bill. In less than 24 hours after the legislature had been convoked in extraordinary session, the state was thus officially embarked on a drastic policy of fuel control to continue during the existent emergency.

### NO DISTURBANCES IN HAVRE GENERAL STRIKE

Havre, Aug. 29.—(By the A. P.)—There were no disturbances today growing out of the general strike which has been in progress for several days. The funerals of several persons killed during the disorders of Sunday and Monday were held, but no trouble resulted.

The tramways are not running.

The American "good will" delegation, which had been visiting France, will sail on board the Rochambeau at midnight for New York.

### TROUBLE AT RAILROAD SHOPS AT AN BUREN, ARK.

Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 29.—Officers were rushed to the Missouri Pacific railway shops at an Buren, Ark., early tonight when a report was received that several volleys of shots had been fired at the buildings.

# 54 BITUMINOUS MINES IN PENNSYLVANIA TO REOPEN

## Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association Has Accepted the Cleveland Agreement—Practically Ends Strike Which Began April 1—Mines to Reopen Employ More Than Ten Thousand Men—Senator Pepper Has Made a Proposal for Settlement of Strike in the Anthracite Coal Fields—Attorney Hiram C. Todd to Investigate Possibility of Criminality in Train Stoppages.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 29.—The Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association tonight accepted the terms of the Cleveland agreement and signed a supplemental agreement with the United Mine Workers' organization to immediately re-open 54 mines employing more than ten thousand men. This action practically ended the strike of miners in the bituminous field which began April 1.

### HOUSE MAY TAKE ACTION ON COAL MINES AND RAILROADS

Washington, Aug. 29.— Smouldering official opinion in favor of a presidential authorization to take over railroads and coal mines not operated at their highest efficiency was revived in congress today when it was made known at the White House that President Harding still held that such a grant of power was desirable although without any idea of using the authority except in a case of direct public necessity.

One immediate result of the renewal discussion of government operation was the prospect that the house might be called upon at short notice to put itself on record in the matter. Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, announced his intention to offer tomorrow an amendment to the administration coal control bill, which would give the president the authority he was said to desire.

Several other members of the house indicated that they also would submit amendments with the same purpose in view, although congressional leaders generally predicted no such legislation will be passed for the present.

As explained at the White House the president's attitude is that the administration's hold on the situation would be measureably strengthened if it had as a foundation the potential power to take over a single railroad or a system of carriers, a single mine or a series of mining properties, which had been shown clearly to have failed to render the public the full service of which they were capable.

### STOPPAGE OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Washington, Aug. 29.—(By the A. P.)—A decision to institute a special department of justice organization to investigate alleged illegal stoppages of transportation service incident to the rail strike in the west, a formal relaxation of some of the interstate commerce commission priority control of coal distribution, publication of federal safety inspectors survey of railroad engines, and preparation of official estimates that soft coal producing for the week is rising above 8,000,000 tons, or 100 per cent. more than was coming up a month ago, were among elements that emerged today out of the government actual contact with the industrial situation.

In the midst of these developments, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, whose position has been a dominant one in the continuation of the deadlock which has kept the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania tied up, arrive din Washington and began a succession of conferences shortly after White House expressions indicated confidence that the long delayed settlement there was to be looked for at once.

Attorney General Daugherty announced that a separate investigating organization will be built up immediately in Los Angeles, in charge of Hiram C. Todd, United States attorney for northern New York, who is to resign his post at once to accept this special appointment. It will be Mr. Todd's duty, it was said, to conduct inquries into the possible criminality involved in the series of train stoppages and interruptions to interstate commerce in the west.

There is "a very general let-down in the matter of inspection (of locomotives) by carriers which gives cause for concern," the interstate commerce commission reported to the senate today, answering a resolution brought out by the controversy between strike leaders and railroads over safety conditions of equipment since the shopmen walked out. The railroads are failing to make all the inspections required by law, the report continued, and managements are reporting inability to do so because of the strike, while the commissions own staff of inspectors are merely sufficient in numbers to supervise and test the carriers inspection system."

The decision of the government to relax markedly and immediately the control on coal shipments was carried into effect by an interestate commerce commission order greatly modifying priority requirements hitherto imposed on consumers. Hereafter, upon special designation by the commission and its agents, coal will be shipped first to sections of the northwest whose supply ordinarily moves by the Great Lakes water routes, and to railroads whose needs are pressing to main transportation.

The government now estimates that 90 per cent. of the bituminous mines are in operation or resuming operation.

### PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF ANTHRACITE STRIKE

Washington, Aug. 29.—A proposal that the strike in the anthracite coal fields be settled immediately on the basis of the wage scale in effect last April was advanced through Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, tonight at a conference of representatives of operators and mine union officials. Some of those participating in the conference expressed belief that the proposal offered hope of ending the long continued suspension in the hard coal fields.

Under the proposal the controversial issue of arbitration as a means of reaching agreement on wages fould be set entirely aside, and the only important question to be decided would be that of how long the compromise would be effective.

Senator Pepper and his associate from Pennsylvania, Senator Reed, who also participated in the preliminary conference, left the meeting after the proposal had been laid before the opposing delegations. Mr. Pepper expressed the opinion that the operators, who have insisted on arbitration, might easily retire on this issue, since there was every prospect that a federal commission soon would be set up to investigate the entire mining industry and would serve the same purpose as the proposal arbitral tribunal.

### DETAILS OF THE KILLING OF "DAREDEVIL" BERGEN

Edgewater, N. J., Aug. 29.—Two more movie peoplye today were revealed as witnesses to the tragedy enacted at the home of George F. Cline, location director, last Friday night, when "Handsome Jack" Bergen, daredevil double for film stars, was fatally shot.

Miss Alice Thornton, whom Bergen had lifted from a stenographer's desk in financial Manhattan to a place before the camera, was identified as "the mysterious blonde" who was in the Cline home when the man who befriended her was killed.

Another witness, who today shed new light on the affair, was Joseph Iurilo, fireworks expert in battle scene movies known to have seen th tragedy enacted at the Cline home. County authorities announced they were ready to proceed with the case, and 100 men and women were impannelled for the September jury. The grand jury will convene on September 8 to prepare the way for them, it was announced.

Miss Thornton's story was told after detectives had trailed her to her home oin upper Manhattan. She it was, according to that story, who first informed Cline that his wife had an affair with Bergen. Then, on the night when Bergen was summoned to the Cline's home and denounced by the husband, she was a witness, the police assert.

The movie actress is alleged by the police to have cleared up a puzzling phase of the investigation, by answering the question, "Why, when he feared Cline, did Bergen accept the invitation to their home?"

The answer is said to have been Miss Thornton. Bergen was attentive to her, she said, until they quarrelled over Bergen's alleged relations with Mrs. Cline during the recent filming of some scenes at Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Miss Thornton said she told Cline what she had learned but he did not believe her and he asked her if she would tell the story before Bergen.

Cline telephoned her Friday night, she said, and asked her to come to Edgewater. She declared she did not know then and does not know now whether she was used as a lure to get Bergen to the house. The Edgewater investigators believe ergen went to the Cline house thinking Miss Thornton wanted to make friends with him again, after he had been informed, it is alleged that he could "make up with Alice."

"When I reached the Cline house," Miss Thornton said, "Mr. Bergen was already there. The Scullions, Mrs. Cline's brothers, also wehe there and one or two others. As soon as I was in the house Mr. Cline asked me to repeat what I had told him.

"Mr. Cline said to Bergen: 'Now are you satisfied?' Mr. Bergen shrugged his shoulders and said something indifferent and slighting. Mr. Cline and Mr. Bergen went upstairs.

"A moment later I heard a scuffle on the stairs and then a shot. We ran to the door and Mr. Bergen came stumbling downstairs and ran out of the front door. I did not know then that he was the one who had been shot. Then Mr. Cline came down and told me. I got out of the house as soon as I could. Mr. Iurilo, the fireworks man, who left at the same time, took me to the Fort Lee ferry in his car."

Iurilo said he reached the house soon after 9 o'clock and heard sounds of quarreling inside. When the door was opened he said he walked in upon Cline, who was starting up the stairs prodding Bergen ahead of him with the muzzle of a pistol. Cline turned his head, and said: "He wronged my wife." When the two men disappeared on the landing above, Iurilo said he heard footsteps but no sound of a scuffle. Mrs. Cline, he said, was screaming "Some one do something, for God's sake. Make peace between them." Then there was a shot and Bergen came down with his hand over his chest, gasping, and ran out.

Seven persons are now known to have been in the Cline home at the shooting, Mr. and Mrs. Cline, ergen, Mrs. Cline's two brothers, Miss Thornton and Iurilo.

Mrs. Mary Cine, wife of the slayer and the cause of the shooting, told her story of the tragedy tonight for the first time.

"Jack Bergen told the truth just before they went up stairs that night," she said. "After my husband had accused him of having maltreated me, he threw his coat back as if to bare his chest and shouted: 'I know I am a dirty rat; I know I'm no good; I'm a rotten friend; I'm a rat.' Then he said: 'All right, I'll fight.' That was when they went upstairs. Down in the reception room we heard them struggling. Miss Thornton knows that, and she'll have to tell the truth. She knows, too, that Jack Bergen made a peaceful settlement of the trouble impoossible when he sneered out an unprintable name at me after admitting my husband's charges."

### BAYARD WINS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN DELAWARE

Devore, Del., Aug. 29.—Thomas F. Bayard, of Wilmington won the democratic nomination for United States senator today in the democratic state convention, receiving 115 votes to 94 for Judge William H. Boyce. Mr. Bayard is a son of the late Thomas F. Bayard, secretary of state in President Cleveland's administration.

### TO WITHDRAW GUARDSMEN FROM PA. SOFT COAL FIELDS

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 29.—Five units of the National Guard now in the bituminous coal field will be withdrawn Friday and the rest next week according to announcement made tonight by Governor Sproul following a conference of national guard and state police officials and himself with Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel W. Fleming, Jr., of the 104th cavalry who returned today from the strike zone.