

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.

HOW WITH THE STRIKE; DEAL TO SEE HARDING

PRESIDENT HALTS COAL STRIKE PLANS TO WAIT RESULT OF CONFERENCE

Outcome of Meeting Between Mine Operators and Union Officials at Cleveland May Govern Action of Harding; Government in Meantime Gets Grip on Fuel Supply Through I. C. C.

Washington, Aug. 4.—President Harding probably will withhold appointment of a special commission to seek a settlement of the coal strike until after the conference in Cleveland Monday of miners and operators from the central competitive fields, it was indicated Friday night in administration circles.

Congressional action in the coal dispute also will await the results of the Cleveland meeting, officials believed. Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, was with the president and discussed his proposal bill to authorize the chief executive to appoint a federal commission to arbitrate the mine disagreement.

STATE ORDERS FREE SERVICE BY PUBLIC UTILITIES EXTENDED

Present Status Will Continue Until December 31, Commission Rules.

Helena, Aug. 4.—Through a modification of the order of the Montana railroad and public service commission issued Thursday, which order is now broadened to take in free service performed by any class of public utility.

By virtue of an order issued by the railroad and public service commission Friday, the order has been modified in many places.

Since that time the commission has received copies of many contracts, most of which have been in existence for years, and from which the commission is extending the free service.

OPERATORS AGREE TO MEETING. Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 4.—President John H. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America was formally notified late Friday by the Freeport Think Vein operators association here that the organization was willing to discuss strike settlement problems with district representatives of the union miners but they would not attend the four state conference at Cleveland Monday.

GOODING PROBE LAIN ON TABLE

Proposal to Investigate Interest of Senators Is Held Up Indefinitely.

Rate of 35 Per Cent on Matrixes Gets by Despite Democrats.

Washington, Aug. 4.—For four hours Friday the senate wrangled over the Gooding resolution proposing a broad investigation of the interest of senators, newspapers and others in the passage or defeat of the pending tariff bill, but action on it was postponed indefinitely.

The resolution was reported by the committee on contingent expenses. Democrats urged immediate consideration, but Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, asked that the committee report lie over for a day under the rules.

SEPARATE PROPOSAL. Chicago, Aug. 4.—Illinois coal operators meeting here Friday refused to attend the meeting of union officials and operators called for Cleveland next Monday by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, but submitted a proposition to Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners' union, which, if accepted, would result in re-opening of Illinois mines.

DR. BELL BURIED AS NOVA SCOTIA BOWS IN TRIBUTE

13,000,000 Telephones Silent as Body Is Lowered Into Grave.

Baddeck, N. S., Aug. 4.—All the villagers of Baddeck trudged to the peak of Beinn Breagh mountain Friday evening and stood in reverence at sunset while the body of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell was laid to rest after a life of 70 years, in which he gave to the world the telephone and other inventions.

Below were the quiet woodland and the serene lakes, on whose waters Dr. Bell experimented with speed boats and fast water slides.

Get Back To Tariff. Late in the afternoon the senate got back to the tariff, finishing up committee amendments in the schedule in paper and books.

NEW YORK IS SILENT. New York, Aug. 4.—Frank A. Munsey, publisher, who returned from Europe on the Berengaria Friday, refused to comment on the charges brought in the senate by Senator Gooding of Idaho, that he was opposing the tariff bill in the interests of his investments in Europe.

Machine Gunners Guard Negroes at Carolina Prison

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 4.—As a matter of precaution, the Durham machine gun company of the North Carolina national guard has been ordered to Raleigh to guard three negro prisoners who were rushed to the state prison here following their arrest in connection with the attack on a white woman and the shooting of her husband near Southern Pines, N. C., Friday morning.

Head of Striking Shopmen on Mystery Trip; Silent as to Reason.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employes of the American Federation of Labor, and William Johnston, international president of the machinists' union, left for Washington late Friday, it was learned Friday night, presumably for a conference with President Harding.

Union Circles Believe Further Move to Halt Strike Is Under Way.

Mr. Jewell's departure was shrouded in the same secrecy as his trip of 10 days ago, when he laid the grievances of striking shopmen before Mr. Harding. From his headquarters there was not even an admission that he was out of the city.

Both Sides Sit Tight in Fifth Week of Strike. Shopmen and Rail Executives Stand Firm; No Peace Sign.

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GERMANS AVOID MONEY SEIZURE; TRANSFER CASH 60,000,000 Francs Are Rushed From Paris to Neutral Countries.

Paris, Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—German banks within the last 48 hours have transferred to Holland and Switzerland between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 French francs which had been on deposit in American and other foreign banks in Paris, the Associated Press learned Friday afternoon.

DEAD MAN WINS. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 4.—Related and scattering unofficial returns from Thursday's state wide primaries received Friday night by the Commercial Appeal only served to increase the overwhelming lead of Senator Kenneth D. McKellar for the democratic renomination for the senate and of Austin Pay for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

RAIL WORKERS BEATEN. Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 4.—E. E. Hamilton, age 17, of Kansas City, a non-union railroad employe at the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific shops at Valley Junction, was kidnapped Friday afternoon by six strike sympathizers taken 10 miles in the country, beaten and robbed of \$92 pay he had just received.

RAIL STRIKE ENDANGERS UNION MEN TO AT WORK, BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS SAY

Legislative Representatives of Three Organizations Instructed to Lay Case Before President; Report Conditions Growing Worse Each Day; Want Chief Executive to Act With Rail Heads.

Cleveland, Aug. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—Legislative representatives of three of the four railroad brotherhoods in Washington were requested by telegraph Friday night to arrange a conference between President Harding and the chief executives of the brotherhoods for the purpose of presenting to the president their views in connection with the present strike of railroad shop crafts.

The matter has been under consideration since Thursday by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engine Men, but because of failure to get a reply for joint action from L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and the other members of the "Big Four"

Wire President Also. The telegram addressed to the three legislative representatives was addressed to H. E. Willis, of the engineers; L. J. Lovell, of the firemen, and W. N. Doak, of the trainmen, as follows:

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Another message to the three legislative representatives, signed by three chief executives, sent Friday night, gives details for the urgent conference, made necessary by the flood of complaints received at headquarters regarding working conditions on railroads since the beginning of the shopmen's strike.

Situation Growing Worse. "Up to this time, by constant urging of a neutral attitude, fidelity to their contracts and in the interest of public peace and stability, we have prevailed on our members to continue at their posts. Constant aggravation of the above conditions and the refusal of the railroad executives to accept the proposals of the president for a compromise settlement of pending questions are making the situation infinitely more difficult to handle.

LADD RECOMMENDS U. S. ACCEPT FORD OFFER FOR SHOALS. Bid Can Be Considered as Comparing With Ship Subsidy, He Says.

Washington, Aug. 4.—A minority report of the agriculture committee, urging acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the war-built government nitrate plant and its water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was submitted to the senate Friday by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, in behalf of himself and republican and democratic colleagues on the committee who favor that course.

STANDARD CUTS GAS PRICE. New York, Aug. 4.—The Standard Oil Company of New York Friday announced a reduction of 2 cents a gallon in the price of gasoline, which will now sell at 25 cents throughout this territory.

Continued refusal to accept the president's proposals for a compromise settlement of pending questions will place upon the railroad executives full responsibility for the increasing seriousness of the situation. "We suggest you file this message with the president as a basis for discussion." (Continued on Page Seven.)