

## STEEL STRIKE MADE FOOTBALL OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

### Soft Coal Strike Called; Gompers Breaks Down Under Strain

#### MINERS TO QUIT UNLESS WILSON CAN BRIDGE GAP

Lewis Issues Order for Walkout With Possible Peace in View.

#### CONFERS FRIDAY WITH SECRETARY OF LABOR

Washington, Oct. 15.—Secretary of Labor Wilson announced, tonight, that he had assumed jurisdiction, under the law, as a mediator in the controversy between the bituminous coal miners and operators of the central competitive fields, which has resulted in a call by the United Mine Workers of America for strike on November 1.

Secretary Wilson said both John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers, and Thomas F. Brewster, president of the Coal Operators' association, had accepted his invitation to confer with him and that the conference would be held here Friday.

Indianapolis, Oct. 15.—The order calling all union bituminous coal miners of the country to "cease production of coal at midnight on Friday, October 31, 1919," was issued from the international headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America here, at noon, today. The order is signed by John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the miners.

Mr. Lewis said it was impossible to hold up the order now, but that the mailing of it to the locals did not necessarily mean that the strike would follow. If an agreement should be reached in Washington at the conference with Secretary Wilson, it was said, the order could be countermanded, pending the vote of the miners in a reconvened convention.

Mr. Lewis today wired Secretary of Labor Wilson that he would be in Washington at 11 o'clock Friday morning, October 17, for a conference on the bituminous coal mine situation.

#### Plot to Steal Million in Army Pay Roll at Camp Grant Is Foiled

Rockford, Ill., Oct. 15.—A plot to blow the safe in the disbursing quartermasters' office at Camp Grant tonight and steal the million dollar payroll, by three alleged Chicago safe blowers, was frustrated today by Captain Robert E. Howie, camp intelligence officer.

**NO EVIDENCE OF MURDER.**  
Seattle, Oct. 15.—No evidence indicating murder or suicide has been found by officials investigating the death here Monday of Mrs. Bertha Elinor Miller, T. H. Patterson, deputy prosecuting attorney, asserted today.

### CLEMENCEAU ROUTS FOES; VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS GREATEST IN HIS CAREER

Paris, Oct. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Clemenceau ministry was sustained in the chamber of deputies this afternoon by a vote of 324 to 132. The premier thus victoriously emerged from the bitterest and best organized assault which the ministry had ever faced. The chamber adopted the cabinet policy on the chronological order of the elections, on placing the executive elections first, on Nov. 16, and the senatorial and municipal elections next in order.

For the first time Aristide Briand, the former premier, came out openly in leading the opposition forces, but M. Clemenceau's majority was the largest he ever had received when the question of confidence was presented.

Preparations had been going on for months for this test of strength, the opposition awaiting the ratification of the peace treaty to make a definite onslaught on the ministry.

Premier Clemenceau had a bitter oratorical duel with M. Briand.

The result of the vote makes it positive that M. Clemenceau's platform will go before the people, his opponents' avowed intention of forcing a postponement of the mandate of the chamber being failed.

In his speech M. Clemenceau was in better form than he has been in for some time.

#### FLYING PARSON WINGING WAY BACK EAST IN AIR DERBY



Lieut. Selvin W. Maynard.

#### BURLESON LAYS ATTACKS ON HIM TO GRAFTERS' IRE

Postal System Miraculous, Says Head, Citing War Prodigies.

Atlantic City, Oct. 15.—Vigorously turning against his critics in the first public address he has delivered since entering the cabinet, Postmaster General Burleson, today, told the National Hardware association and the American Hardware Manufacturers' association, in session here, that the postal administration was "remarkable in development, wonderful in organization, and that its standard of efficiency borders on the miraculous."

Policies which have made him the object of bitter attack were explained and the difficulties of his administration under war conditions were described. The business men forming the audience interrupted frequently with applause or laughter as the postmaster general, with mock solemnity, told them how he loved his critics. Often Mr. Burleson was in fighting mood.

**Charges Attacks on Grafters.**  
"Record has been made of what I stand for," he declared, "and it's not going to be changed."

Chief among his critics, Mr. Burleson listed the express companies, which, he said, were angered by his development of the parcel post; the railroads, opposed to changing the basis of mail pay from weight to space; owners of pneumatic tube systems which, he declared, had been forced to pay higher second class rates; and the American Federation of Labor, and the stand against public employees affiliating with an organization using the strike to enforce demands. He declared he had been confronted with powerful opposition, exerted through congress by these interests.

**Espionage Made Him Foes.**  
Mr. Burleson particularly defended his enforcement of the espionage act, which he said, excited the anger of the congress by these interests.

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#### VETERAN LEADER OF LABOR HOSTS ILL LIKE WILSON

Collapses Exhausted on Anniversary of Daughter's Death.

#### TALK OF TURNING A. F. L. OVER TO JAMES DUNCAN

Washington, Oct. 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is confined to his home here in a state of nervous exhaustion. His temperature, this morning, was 101 degrees and his physician has ordered him to remain in bed. This afternoon Mr. Gompers sent word to members of the labor delegation that he would be present at the conference tomorrow, his condition then having improved.

His secretary issued the following statement, this morning to the conference.

Mr. Gompers returned home from the industrial conference last evening very greatly exhausted and went immediately to bed. His physician, Dr. Henry Parker, was called in to see him. He found Mr. Gompers in a state of nervous exhaustion with a temperature of 101. The doctor said that it would be absolutely necessary for Mr. Gompers to remain in bed.

**Due to Long Over Work.**  
Mr. Gompers' illness results, labor leaders said, from months of unremitting work at home and abroad in connection with the peace treaty, the international labor congress at Amsterdam and the steel strike.

The veteran labor leader was stricken when he reached his home, last night, after delivering an attack in the industrial conference on the United States Steel corporation for its refusal to deal with the steel strike committee. His friends recalled that the day was the first anniversary of the death of his daughter and they said this fact probably aggravated his condition.

**Address Showed Strain.**  
Those who heard Mr. Gompers' impassioned address in the conference today realized that he was laboring under a tremendous nervous strain, and the announcement of his illness did not come as a surprise to his associates in the labor group.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was elected chairman of the labor group in the conference, today, to act for Mr. Gompers.

Labor leaders said that if Mr. Gompers' illness proved so serious as to make it impossible for him to discharge the duties of president of the federation for any considerable time, the executive council of the federation would be called to elect a temporary successor. It was said James Duncan, first vice president of the federation of labor, probably would be designated to act.

**Is Slightly Improved.**  
At noon Mr. Gompers' secretary announced that his temperature had fallen two degrees and that he felt generally much better. Mr. Gompers' physician, however, requested that he remain in bed.

#### ENGLAND DRIVING GERMANY TO JOIN RUSSIAN BLOCKADE

But Berlin Government Will Consider Its Interests and Make Reservations.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Krenz Zeitung learns from "well informed quarters" the government will in all probability agree to join in the blockade of soviet Russia proposed by the entente powers. It is said the government will lay down certain conditions and "will primarily consider Germany's foreign political interests when reaching a decision."

#### ENGLAND TO ASSIST.

London, Oct. 15.—In connection with the report from Germany that England is to assist Germany to co-operate in the coercion of soviet Russia, the correspondent of the Associated Press learns that a communication of this nature was made to Germany by the peace conference.

Word of the request to Germany to participate in a blockade of soviet Russia came first from Berlin and was later followed by reports from neutral states, intimating that they, too, had been requested to join in a blockade. No definite announcement of such contemplated measures had ever been made from Paris or London, causing some adverse newspaper comment. It was stated in Paris Tuesday that the United States did not join with the entente powers in asking Germany to co-operate in such a blockade, and the American delegation there did not admit any American participation in an actual blockade against Russia.

#### PROHIBITION BECOMES GREAT FRENCH ISSUE; MRS. LLOYD GEORGE CHAMPIONS IT IN ENGLAND

Paris, Oct. 15.—The fight against alcohol will be the leading plank in the national platform in the coming elections. Ministers are demanding the absolute suppression of alcohol and Paris already is placarded with these demands and pamphlets and posters have been mailed by the hundreds of thousands to hotels and individuals in the provinces.

The literature has been issued by the Federation of Anti-Alcoholic societies of France and the posters and pamphlets are realistic and vivid, both as to language and pictures. No mention is made of wine.

Voters are asked to demand of candidates that they pledge themselves to advocate the elimination of alcoholic beverages.

**FLAMING POSTERS APPEAR.**  
"If France does not suppress alcohol, alcohol will suppress France," the posters proclaim in huge characters, and then, "Three million individuals live on the traffic of alcohol; 35,000,000 suffer and die from it."

The United States has prohibited all alcoholic liquors; Norway, Sweden and Belgium have adopted stringent regulations; the nations surrounding, neutral and allies, less affected than France, have seen the danger.

The organized fight against alcoholic liquors in France was inaugurated some 50 years ago by several societies which, in 1905, joined together as the Federation of Anti-Alcoholic societies in France.

**PREMIER'S WIFE IN FIGHT.**  
London, Oct. 15.—Mrs. David Lloyd

George, wife of the British premier, is taking a prominent hand in the prohibition campaign, addressing a meeting of 2,000 women at Glasgow Tuesday.

Dispatches received here quote Mrs. Lloyd George as saying the success of the campaign depended upon women.

"It is the duty of women to help the victims of alcoholism at home as it was to help the victims of Prussianism in Belgium five years ago," Mrs. Lloyd George is reported to have said.

"Scotland is on the eve of a great campaign, and next year the eyes of temperance reformers throughout the world will be focused on Scotland. If Scotland is won, the victory will be a great stimulus to the world to do likewise."

#### MRS. S. S. FORD'S COUSIN STARTS AIR RACE WEST



Major C. Spatz.

#### MASKED PICKETS KIDNAP WIFE OF STEEL WORKER

Rumors of Plots Thicken at Gary; First Meeting Is Permitted.

Gary, Ind., Oct. 15.—Military authorities aided by local officers, are continuing their search for racial agitators who have aligned themselves with the striking steel workers. Rumors of plots by these radicals against the lives of hundreds of steel mill officials gained wide circulation throughout the city, but authorities refused to confirm reports that the principal characters in the plots were under arrest.

Picketing by the strikers increased during the day, and Colonel Mapes, commander of the federal troops, announced he had reports that pickets wearing masks had carried off the wife of a worker in the steel mills. Reports of attempts to intimidate workmen also had reached him, Colonel Mapes said.

The first mass meeting permitted since the federal troops entered the city was held by the strikers this afternoon in a public park and was addressed by John Fitzpatrick, of Chicago, chairman of the national strike committee.

Colonel Mapes, in an official report read to Major General Leonard Wood, is said to have presented documentary evidence showing the activities of the radicals in connection with the strike. Colonel Mapes would not discuss the report.

A number of troops who have been on duty here were returned to their station at Camp Grant, Illinois, today.

#### THE MENACE

Buffalo, Oct. 15.—Complete returns compiled today on Tuesday's municipal primaries show that the communist party, appearing on a ballot here for the first time and running on a platform calling for the soviet form of government, polled an average of less than 300 votes for its three candidates. The total vote cast was 54,000.

#### AIR DERBY FALL KILLS TWO; FIRE PUTS SMITH OUT

Maynard 742 Miles East, Rushing Through Nebraska Skies.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 15.—Lieut. French Kirby, pilot, and Lieutenant Stanley C. Miller, observer, of airplane No. 44, in the trans-continental air derby, were killed at Castle Rock, Utah, late today, when their plane, traveling westward, fell a distance of approximately 200 feet.

Lieutenant Kirby was killed instantly, according to the manager of the Rigby ranch at Castle Rock, where the accident happened. Lieut. Miller died about 6:40 tonight.

According to the manager of the Rigby ranch, the machine was flying high when the engine was heard to stop and Kirby was seen to float downward. Suddenly, when about 200 feet in the air, the machine banked sharply and dived straight for the ground.

**Cheyenne, Wyo., Oct. 15.—Lieut. Maynard, leader in the trans-continental air derby, arrived here at 4:24 p. m. after flying from Salt Lake City, Utah, in four minutes less than four hours breaking all records.**

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Lieutenant B. W. Maynard, the flying parson, continued his rush through the western skies, today, on the return trip from San Francisco to New York, and between sunrise and sunset had covered 742 miles of the second lap of the army's air derby over the trans-continental course, spending the night at Sidney, Neb.

The two fliers who met death in a 200-foot fall while they were hurrying towards the eastern goal—Lieutenant French Kirby, pilot, and Lieutenant Stanley C. Miller, observer—raised the death toll since the start of the race, October 8, to seven fatalities.

**Maynard Has 1503 Miles Ahead.**  
Major Carl Spatz and Captain Lowell H. Smith, started from Minneola, N. Y., today, at 2:28:18 and 2:31, respectively

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#### EPISCOPALIANS MARSHALING FOR FIGHT OVER LEAGUE

Southern Delegates Out for Positive Indorsement of Covenant in Senate.

Detroit, Oct. 15.—Determined that the triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church shall take a definite stand on the league of nations issue, delegations are marshaling their forces against the resolution adopted by the house of bishops, that the United States enter into "a covenant of nations."

Dr. G. Gordon Smeade, of Jackson, Miss., characterizing the resolution, which was fathered by Bishop Chauncey B. Brewster, of Connecticut, as "spineless, colorless and meaningless," declared that he would wage a fight to prevent its adoption in the house of deputies. With him are aligned the southern delegations, almost solidly, he said.

The board of missions has asked the convention to authorize a campaign among the church membership for pledges to finance the church work extension program to cost the big amount of probably \$100,000,000.

The program interpreted the work of the church in this country in relation to five major groups of people, the Indians, negroes, isolated mountaineers of the Appalachians, people of the rural districts and foreign-born and their children.

**KING'S COPY OF TREATY AT PARIS.**  
Paris, Oct. 15.—The copy of the German peace treaty signed by King George after the ratification of the instrument by the British parliament has been received in Paris, the Petit Parisien announced today.

#### LEADER OUT OF AIR DERBY WHEN HIS PLANE BURNS



Capt. L. H. Smith.

#### FARGO BANK OUT FOR COURT'S O.K. BEFORE OPENING

Friends Plead Peril of Run If Foes Are Not Enjoined.

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 15.—Arguments on the question of making permanent the injunction issued by the state supreme court, temporarily restraining Attorney General Langer and Secretary of State Thomas Hall, members of the banking board, from interfering in the affairs of the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo—closed October 2, because of alleged insolvency—were completed in supreme court, here, today. A decision probably will be handed down in a few days.

State Bank Examiner O. E. Loftins, in an affidavit presented today, at the supreme court hearing, declared that the Scandinavian-American was solvent and should be allowed to resume its interrupted business.

**Solvency Attested by Two.**  
"I am satisfied that this bank is not only solvent, but also retains its surplus and some undivided profits," Mr. Loftins said. "Considering the interests of the bank patrons, the stockholders and

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#### STRIKE STARTS CO-OPERATIVE STORE MOVE BY UNIONS ON PACIFIC COAST

San Francisco, Oct. 15.—Establishment of a commissary for the benefit of the striking union men in the bay cities, and eventually for those on strike in all other cities on the Pacific coast, has been decided upon and the first co-operative stores will be opened within two weeks, union leaders here announce.

The commissary will be under management of the newly-formed Pacific Co-operative league and a similar organization, The Labor Unions' Co-operative league, will handle the same sort of work in Seattle, it was said.

Agents of the unions will go to sources of production and buy as cheaply as possible.

It is planned to make co-operative buying and selling for union men a permanent coastwide affair. For the present it will be made available only to union men now on strike.

Condensed milk will be obtained from Seattle in large quantities, it was stated.

#### EMPLOYERS TRY TO FORCE ISSUE AT ROUND TABLE

Proposal to Arbitrate Judge Gary's Walkout Barely Rescued.

#### CHARGE OF POLITICAL PLAY IS MADE BY LOREE

Washington, Oct. 15.—Despite repeated declarations by employers' delegates that they never would approve intervention in the steel strike and insistent demands from the same group that the labor arbitration postponement be disposed of definitely, the national industrial conference, voting as an assembly, today deferred action on the labor plan, pending an effort by the central committee of fifteen to agree on the question of collective bargaining.

The motion to defer, made by Bernard M. Baruch, chairman of the public delegation, was defeated under the group voting plan, the employers group voting against it and the public and labor group supporting postponement. Consent of all three groups is required under the conference rules to validate action.

**Settled by Majority Vote.**  
But on the point of order being raised, Secretary Lane, presiding officer, ruled that the motion involved a question of procedure and not of policy, and therefore should be settled by a simple majority vote of individual delegates.

Albert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation board, and Ward M. Burgess of Omaha, were the only members of the public group opposing postponement, and C. H. Barrett, T. C. Atkeson, farmers' representatives, alone of the employers group, favored the motion. The labor group was solid for postponement.

L. F. Loree, of the Delaware and Hudson railway, representative of the employers, charged the conference with "maneuvering on what is a political rather than an economic question."

Thomas L. Chadbourne, of New York, public representative, denied "that one single thing has been done for political profit" and said that only a very legalistic attitude would construe the president's letter into a denial of the right of this conference to look into the strike situations.

**New Snag Struck.**  
The central committee was directed to have a report ready when the conference reconvenes at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow, but it struck a snag today in attempting to define "collective bargaining" and made but little headway during its three-hour session.

The right of employees to organize was generally recognized, it was said, but no agreement could be reached on the question of defining what an employer or a company acting as spokesman for the workers.

The committee will meet again tomorrow morning, but it appeared virtually certain tonight that no agreement will be reached and that the labor and public delegates in the committee will ask for more time. Such action will mean a further delay in obtaining a vote on the steel strike arbitration resolution.

**Willing to Barter Resolution.**  
Labor delegates said today that they would be willing to drop the steel strike resolution in case they could obtain a clean-cut acceptance of the principle of "collective bargaining" with the right of employees to selection, "just as companies hire counsel."

Failure of the conference to arbitrate the strike or to accept their views of collective bargaining would mean disruption of the conference, some labor representatives went as far as to say.

After the meeting the employers delegates said that the labor steel strike arbitration resolution was never intended for other purposes than to force recognition of the unions and their spokesmen, inasmuch as agreement to arbitration of the strike by a committee containing

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