

FARMERS AVOID LABOR CONFERENCE

CAN'T PUT STATE MINERS DOWN DIRECT ACTION CONGRESS TODAY FEARS RADICALS

IRISH REPUBLIC HOUSE HEARING CREATES STORM

Pro-Germanism Charge Nearly Causes Riot in Committee; Crowd Hoots Accusation.

De Valera Faction Asks U. S. to Appropriate Funds to Send Diplomats to Dublin.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The claims of the Irish republic to recognition as an independent nation were brought to congress again, today, and debated in militant fashion through a tempestuous all-day session of the house committee on foreign affairs.

A crowd which jammed the committee room and blocked adjoining corridors punctuated the proceedings with cheers and with hoots of disapproval. It included many leaders of the cause of Irish freedom and manifested in many ways its sympathy with the plea for recognition.

The occasion was committee consideration of a bill by Representative Mason, republican, Illinois, which would appropriate funds for dispatch of diplomatic and consular representatives to the government set up by the insurgent Irish republicans. Its supporters declared it presented an opportunity for congress to do all it could constitutionally toward a full diplomatic recognition and its opponents condemned it as an effort to involve the United States in a dangerous foreign situation.

Almost Had Riot. Late in the session, charges of pro-Germanism on the part of the Irish republican leaders and some of their supporters in this country threw the meeting into a furor which the committee quelled with difficulty. Interruptions so prolonged the hearing that the committee's plan of concluding it was abandoned and the arguments will be resumed Saturday.

Justice Daniel F. Cohan, of the New York state supreme court, and Frank J. Walsh, who headed the Irish-American delegation sent to Paris during the peace negotiations, appeared to espouse the cause of Irish freedom and ask for passage of the bill. The arguments in opposition were made by George L. Fox, of New Haven, Conn.; George E. Lomon, of Troy, N. Y., president of the National Federation of Presbyterian Patriotic societies and others.

"President" Did Not Appear. Eamon De Valera, president of the Irish republican government, who came to Washington to confer with Irish-American leaders, did not appear at the hearing, but Harry Boland, secretary of the republic's "parliament" sat with Justice Cohan and Mr. Walsh and frequently advised them in the presentation of his case.

The provisional government, these speakers argued, clearly was a defacto government, having a complete legislative and parliamentary organization, an effective army of 100,000 and united popular support. The government, they asserted, is functioning in many important matters while the British authorities have abandoned their attempt to carry out many of the duties of government.

Makes Disloyalty Charge. These statements all were denied by Mr. Lomon and Mr. Fox, who said there was a great division of sentiment among the Irish, both in Ireland and the United States, and that little real headway had been made by the republic as a government agency. They declared the Sinn Feiners party backing the republic was one of the three powerful political organizations in Ireland and had handicapped the allies in winning the war.

An understanding between Irish-Americans and German-Americans was charged by Mr. Lomon and Mr. Fox, carried the suggestion a step further by turning to Mr. Walsh and declaring that during the war "this man was thinking to help Germany." The crowd, in which the tri-color of the Irish republic was conspicuous along with the Stars and Stripes, hooted down the assertion and cheered committee members when they objected.

Mr. Fox will continue his speech when the committee meets Saturday and Bourke Cochran, of New York, will make the concluding address for the advocates of the bill.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY WILL BE ORGANIZED BY COMMITTEE OF 48

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—A new political party probably will be organized before July 1 next, it is said at the national conference of liberal republicans here. A convention will be held before mid-summer, at which it is proposed to nominate candidates for the presidency and vice presidency. J. A. H. Hopkins of Morristown, N. J., chairman of the committee of 48, which is conducting the conference, announced.

Red Lodge Men Remain Out for Present and Sand Coulee Workers Say They Await Notification From National Chiefs; Tracy Leaders Assert Return Temporary, Pending Orders of Officers.

Miners will return to work at the mines in Tracy this (Saturday) morning, it was announced in Great Falls Friday evening by Charles A. Sederholm, superintendent of the Anaconda Copper Mining company's coal mines in that camp. It was stated by Mr. Sederholm that the miners' union had voted to return to duty following the receipt of instructions on that subject from Henry Drennan of Billings, president of the miners' union for this district, and that he, as a member of the operators' association, had been advised by F. W. C. Whyte of the latter association that it was expected the local field would resume operation as rapidly as possible. As the result of the announcement, the volunteer forces will not return to the mines.

It was reported in Great Falls Friday evening that the miners of Sand Coulee camp had voted not to return to work until they receive the formal letter of instructions from the union officials, which it is expected may be in their hands by this time, and probably will mean their return to the mines by Monday morning.

Citizens' Committee Confers. There was a meeting of the citizens' coal committee Friday evening, at which the members of the Cascade county Coal Operators' association were present, together with Mayor Louis Newman and George I. Martin of the city fuel administration, and following the conference it was stated the situation looked promising for having the entire Cascade county mining.

MINERS BEGN RETURN TO WORK IN THE EASTERN COAL FIELDS

Fuel Administration Authorizes Regional Directors to Relax Restrictions; Increase in Price Granted in Contracts.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 12.—Mines in the vicinity of Springfield began resumption of work today with from 50 to 75 per cent of the usual working force on duty. Reports to the state office of the miners' organization indicated that the majority of the strikers had returned to work, although there was dissatisfaction in various places with the Indianapolis agreement.

OF 42,000 OUT, 10,000 GO BACK. Pittsburgh, Dec. 12.—Coal mining was resumed today in a number of union mines in the Pittsburgh district, both of which are the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association and of district No. 5, United Mine Workers, said tonight. From 8,000 to 10,000 miners are reported to have returned to work. There were 42,000 men out during the strike.

CAN CUT OUT RESTRICTIONS. Washington, Dec. 12.—Regional directors of railroads have been given authority by Director General Hines to remove restrictions on the use of light, heat and power derived from coal as soon as the fuel situation warrants. It is expected that the restrictions will be removed first in the eastern district, which includes New York.

The regional directors also were authorized to restore train service removed or curtailed to meet the coal shortage due to the bituminous miners' strike, as soon as the fuel supply in the various regions justified.

Sending out of the instructions constituted the first step taken by the government in the light of expectation that miners would accept the government's strike settlement and return to work.

70 Per Cent Believed Back. Director General Hines, in announcing his action, said conditions in the regions varied greatly and coal still was being shipped from the East to the West, but that general restrictions might be shortly justified.

The railroad administration received unofficial estimates during the day that from 65 to 70 per cent of the miners had gone back to work. Private reports to operators said that in Indiana nearly all the men had returned, but elsewhere a good deal of delay was being shown.

Under the ruling of F. E. Harkness, counsel for the fuel administration, that prices of coal contracted for by purchasers prior to the resumption of government price fixing, could be legally raised to absorb the cost of the 14 per cent increase in miners' wages granted

Red Lodge Miners Divided; Wait for Cue as to Return

Special to The Daily Tribune. Red Lodge, Dec. 12.—Red Lodge coal miners at their regular meeting tonight voted not to return to work until they learned what action is being taken by the striking miners in competitive fields. A special meeting of the local has been called for Sunday night at which time decisive action will be taken. Nearly all of the 700 members of the local were present at the meeting tonight. Sentiment seems to be hopelessly divided as to whether or not the local workers will subscribe to the agreement entered into at Indianapolis, Wednesday last, by international officials.

Control Will Continue. Fuel Administrator Martin handled about the usual bulk of business Friday. The people are observing the rule of asking only for the necessary fuel and just as much as that is performed. With the miners ready to return, it is expected that it will soon be easy to give all corners as much fuel as they may wish to order, but until the output has been distributed so that nearby points all are cared for, control of the

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TROOPS CALLED IN JERK WATER STRIKE BY TRICK

Officials Deny Sending Call After R. R. Men Beat Up Breakers.

St. Paul, Dec. 12.—Adjutant General W. F. Rhinow, in response to a request from International Falls for state troops to control a strike of engineers and firemen on the Minnesota, Dakota and Western railroad at International Falls, ordered out Company M, Fifth Minnesota Infantry, which will leave its home station at St. Cloud, tonight for International Falls.

BASED ON ATTACK ON STRIKE BREAKERS. International Falls, Minn., Dec. 12.—Sheriff H. T. McIntosh and County Attorney Franz Jevne disclaim all responsibility for messages sent to the state adjutant general at St. Paul, which resulted in ordering a company of state troops from St. Cloud as a consequence of the strike of a few railroad employes at International Falls. The officials said that the city was quiet and that troops were not necessary.

The strike was a consequence of an unsuccessful attempt by the railroad men to obtain increased wages and shorter hours. The railroad is a short, privately-operated line.

County Attorney Franz Jevne intimated that he did not consider the situation to be as serious as it was viewed by the sheriff.

"So far as I know, the situation is not serious," said Jevne. "The men have been out about two weeks. There has not been any violence, but today about a dozen non-union railroad men arrived here from the Twin Cities and a few fist fights followed. It was advised, however, that the strikers and strike sympathizers had threatened to run the strike-breakers out of town."

Jevne said he was surprised to learn that state troops had been ordered to International Falls.

Former Champion Took Advantage of Crisis in Fuel, Charge.

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—A federal warrant, charging profiteering in the sale of cordwood, a violation of the Lever act, has been issued for Jess Willard, former heavy-weight champion, by Fred Robertson, United States district attorney for Kansas. Willard will appear before O. Q. Claffin, Jr., United States commissioner, in the federal court in Kansas City, Kan., at 10 a. m. Saturday, Robertson said.

FOR ALEX'S SAKE QUEEN OF REDS GIVES UP FIGHT

Emma Goldman Decides She'd Rather Go With Berkman to Russia, So Drops Court Test.

New York, Dec. 12.—Rather than be separated from Alexander Berkman, her companion of years, Emma Goldman has announced through her attorney that she abandoned her legal fight in the supreme court to prevent her deportation to soviet Russia with Berkman and some eighty other radicals.

Harry Weinberger, her attorney, in a letter to Assistant Attorney General Stewart at Washington, asked that Miss Goldman's application for a writ of error or appeal and release on bail be withdrawn. He said that this request was made in view of the statement made by your department and the commissioner general of immigration that Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman and other Russians will be deported within ten days to soviet Russia.

The lawyer said Miss Goldman preferred jail or deportation to continued custody on Ellis Island.

The refusal of the supreme court to delay Berkman's deportation, the attorney said, also had led Miss Goldman to abandon her fight. He quoted her as saying that "if Berkman goes, I and the rest will go with him."

Later a statement was issued by Miss Goldman in which she said: "I desire to go as soon as possible to soviet Russia and I expect the government to keep its promise to deport Berkman and myself as well as other Russians within ten days. Citizenship by naturalization today is no protection to any former alien."

600 YANKS RETURN FROM HOLY LAND WAR. New York, Dec. 12.—Six hundred repatriated Americans who fought under the British colors in the Holy land have arrived in the steamer of the steamer Cedric, from Liverpool. Shao Ying Yeh, of the Chinese legation at Washington, was a saloon passenger.

AFGHAN EMBASSY FOR BOLSHEVISM AND A REPUBLIC

Leave Lenine With Desire Russianism May Offset British Grip.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—The Ukrainian bureau at Bern says the Afghan delegation, which has been conferring with Nikolai Lenine, bolshevik premier, left Moscow Wednesday for Rome.

The Afghans, the announcement says, were satisfied with their visit and expressed the hope that bolshevism would spread shortly to Afghanistan in order, they said, to get rid of British influence. They expressed the hope also that the emir's government would be transformed into a republic under Russian soviet protection.

DORPAT ALSO JOINS WORLD'S DEADLOCKED PEACE CONFERENCES

Dorpat, Dec. 12.—It is officially announced that the delegates of the Baltic states in conference here have been unable to agree on the questions of establishing the frontier lines and guarantees to the bolshevik demands. The Estonians say they cannot reply to the bolshevik demands until the frontier question is settled.

Life Is Spared 15 Minutes Before Hour for Gallows

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Fifteen minutes before he was to start to the gallows to die for the murder of his wife, Arthur Haensel, former soldier, was granted a reprieve by Judge Pam, who had sentenced him to die.

A formal stay of execution later was issued postponing execution of the sentence to Jan. 9 to give Haensel's attorneys time to appeal to the state supreme court.

Boy Tries to End Life When Father Kills His Pet Hen

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 12.—Roland Davis, aged 7, tried to drown himself in a watering tank on his father's farm here, when his father killed a pet chicken.

After futile pleas that the bird's life be spared, the youngster said he did not care to live either and threw himself into the tank.

He was unconscious when rescued by his father.

Former Austrian Emperor Refuses \$500,000 for Story

Paris, Dec. 12.—Former Emperor Charles, of Austria, and Empress Zita are tired of remaining in Switzerland and have applied to the Czecho-Slovak government for permission to reside in Prague. The request was refused for political reasons.

An American newspaper is understood to have offered the former emperor \$500,000 for his reminiscences but although financially embarrassed, he refused.

ANOTHER OIL COMPANY FILES ITS ARTICLES. Helena, Dec. 12.—The Chicago-Montana Oil and Gas corporation has filed incorporation papers with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 to conduct a general oil and coal development business. The office will be in Three Forks. Incorporators are: H. A. Pillman, A. Greenspan, W. R. Swissler and H. J. Brandt.

EGGS \$1.10 AT DENVER. Denver, Dec. 12.—Eggs sold as high as \$1.10 a dozen, today, in Denver.

Naval Commander Says They'll Visit Zara and Sebenico, Not Try Grab.

Fiume, Dec. 12.—(By The Associated Press).—Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian insurgent leader, will not undertake an expedition to Salato for the present, according to Luigi Rizzo, commander of "We expect to visit Zara and Sebenico, cent departure on a special mission to treat with the Italian government on behalf of D'Annunzio, said to the correspondent: "We expect to visit Zara and Sebenico, but only as a friendly visit to the Italians in command there. Admiral Millo is in command of our forces in Dalmatia. He is in complete accord with D'Annunzio and will not allow any Italian troops to leave."

Gompers and Conservatives Who Oppose Other Faction's Scheme to Align With New Political Party; Say Voice of Agriculture Is Needed in Washington Reconstruction Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Labor's "reconstruction conference," called by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, to consider the fundamental principles affecting American workers, will be convened in Washington Saturday, with probably few farmer representatives in attendance, although more than a score of farm organizations were invited to send delegates.

Federation of labor officials say that assurances have been received from only one farmers' association that delegates will be present at the opening session but that others might be represented, as, under the invitation, it was unnecessary that advance information of acceptance of the invitation be furnished.

Some of the labor union chiefs who have arrived preparatory to the opening of the conference, however, expressed disappointment that the response from the farmers had not been more general, declaring that the voice of the agriculture class was needed in the meeting.

The opening session of the conference will be held at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor at 10 o'clock. The sessions, it was indicated, tonight, will be executive and action of the conference probably will be withheld until after adjournment.

Precautions have been taken by the conservative element, it also was indicated, to prevent attempts by the radical groups to gain control. In this connection it was forecast that attempts would be made to win the support of the conference for the new labor party. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, however, has steadfastly opposed such action.

Men Who Brought Down 50 Foe Planes Say Lack Was Defect.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Five American aces, credited with having brought down more than 50 German airplanes, advocated before a public sub-committee the creation of an aeronautical department of the government to co-operate all aerial activities.

The group included Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacher, officially credited with 27 air victories in France; Major Charles J. Riddle, Philadelphia; Captain F. E. Kimbley, Fayette, Ark.; Major J. A. Meissner, Birmingham, Ala., and J. A. Healy, Washington.

All asserted that the air forces in France would have been much more efficient if administered by a department of aeronautics.

Recommendations made during the hearing included establishment of a national flying academy; government subsidies to manufacturers, and preliminary training of army and navy fliers under the same system.

Letter Introduced in Trial of 32 I. W. W. Discloses Plot.

Kansas City, Dec. 12.—Threats attributed to I. W. W. s to blow up the oil fields of Kansas and Oklahoma were introduced in testimony at the trial of 32 members of the organization, charged with violation of the espionage act, in the federal district court in Kansas City, Kan.

The testimony was in the form of a letter, the writing of which was identified by a government expert as that of Phineas Eastman, secretary of the local I. W. W. union at Augusta, Kan., in 1917. Excerpts from the letter follow: "At your first move, up go your homes and pipe-lines and tanks."

"One box of matches can whip the whole country." The letter was addressed to Clyde Graham, secretary of the Augusta chamber of commerce.

Additional evidence tending to show the activities of the I. W. W. in resisting the selective service law was introduced in the trial. The government presented a letter alleged to have been written by Eastman, which contained a resolution adopted by the Augusta union of the organization, in regard to opposition to universal service.

The letter, introduced through J. C. Shearman, a handwriting expert, was addressed W. D. (Big Bill) Haywood at Chicago.

That the letter contained the resolution is proof of a conspiracy on the part of the I. W. W. to oppose the selective service act and to render the government helpless in time of war, is the contention of the government.

D'ANNUNZIO TAMES; WILL SEEK PARDON FOR HIS ESCAPE

NEPTUNE ASSOCIATION FORMED BY WAR SKIPPERS. New York, Dec. 12.—The Neptune association, composed of 5,000 captains and mates on American vessels has applied to the American legion for a charter to organize a post for the 3,000 members who served in the European war.