

THE WEATHER:
Cloudy weather and showers tonight and Friday; warmer. Temperature at 8 a. m., 54 degrees. Normal temperature for October 30 for the last thirty years 51 degrees.

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John L. Lewis, Miners' Chief, Says Government Seeks to Crush Workingmen

CABINET PLEDGES NATION'S RESOURCES TO PREVENT DISASTER IN COAL STRIKE

ALBERT AND QUEEN WILL TAKE TEA AT WHITE HOUSE

King Albert and Queen Elizabeth will be received informally by President Wilson this afternoon according to a report current at the White House today and lacking denial.

The President spent a restful night and his condition is said to be better today than at any time since he was taken ill a month ago.

Tea in President's Room.

The king and queen are scheduled to have tea with Mrs. Wilson at the White House at 4:45 p. m. this afternoon, and unless Admiral Grayson, the President's physician, interposes an objection, it is probable that tea will be served in the President's bed chamber to afford him and King Albert a chance to renew the acquaintance that began overseas.

Bright and early this morning the royal party left the Long residence in automobiles, the king and Prince Leopold going to Annapolis, and the queen to Baltimore. The party returned to Washington shortly after 1 p. m.

At Annapolis the king and prince reviewed the regiment of midshipmen, complimenting them highly on the efficient work done at the institution and their excellent performance at drill.

Decorates Officers.

Then the king conferred the decoration of commander of the Order of Leopold on Rear Admiral A. A. Scales, commandant at Annapolis, and the Order of Leopold (first class) on Capt. W. P. Cluverius, Commander W. N. Vernon and Commander A. P. Fairfield. At the conclusion of this ceremony the king and prince visited the various buildings and grounds, including the academy chapel, where the body of John Paul Jones is buried.

Queen Elizabeth, attended by two ladies of her retinue and secret service men, proceeded on to Baltimore and was driven directly to the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The queen displayed a keen interest in the work being done for blinded and wounded soldiers at the hospital and saw them actually at work in the various educational departments.

Upon the return of the royal guests to Washington the party proceeded to the Long residence where the king was host at an informal luncheon.

At 3 o'clock the king will receive

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ELLA WHEELER WILCOX, poet and authoress, who died today at her home at Short Beach, Conn., following an illness of many months. She suffered a nervous collapse in England while engaged in Red Star work.



Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Poet and Author, Dies In Connecticut Home

SHORT BEACH, Conn., Oct. 30.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, author and poet, died at 2:10 o'clock this morning at her home here. She had been ill for many months, following a nervous collapse suffered in England.

Mrs. Wilcox wrote her autobiography in 1918 under the title, "The World and I." In that year she went to Europe as a representative of the Red Star.

End Comes Peacefully.

Mrs. Wilcox died peacefully. Her mind was clear to the last, and heart failure took her away.

Mrs. Wilcox was obliged to give up her work in France, where she addressed nightly large audiences of soldiers, and went to London, where she had to take to her bed. When she left London last July for her home here her physicians predicted that she could not live two weeks. She survived the voyage to this country and was removed to her home here in an ambulance July 20, last. For a time she rallied, but recently she had been confined to her bed and gradually grew weaker.

Mrs. Wilcox is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Blythe Williamson, both of Ord, Neb., and one brother, Marcus, of Windsor, Wis., who is over eighty years of age. Her husband, Robert M. Wilcox, died here three years ago.

Mrs. Wilcox, in accordance with her own wishes, will be cremated, the services being held at the crematory in Springfield, Mass., probably tomorrow.

Born in Wisconsin.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox was born at Johnstown Center, Wis., in 1855. At the age of eight she began to compose prose and poetry and became a

ABANDON ALL ATTEMPTS TO FREE TRAPPED COAL MINERS

AMSTERDAM, Ohio, Oct. 30.—All hope of rescuing twenty miners entombed in mine No. 2 of the Youghiogheny and Ohio Company here was abandoned today when shortly before 8 o'clock officials and State mine workers ordered all of the rescue workers out of the mine.

This order was hurriedly issued when fire broke out behind the rescuers in the mine entry and they were forced to fight their way to safety. At that time they were within 100 feet of the point at which the men are believed entombed.

Hold Relatives Back.

Officials were forced to throw a cordon of guards about the top of the mine shaft to keep away members of the families of the men entombed. All night long they kept vigil, hoping that each one of the rescue parties working in shifts of forty-eight would bring from beneath the earth at least news of their loved ones. The entries were filled with gas, mine inspectors say.

A careful recheck this morning developed that twenty miners are missing instead of nineteen as first believed.

Officials expressed the fear that the mine tragedy may culminate in a great explosion.

"If the flames and gas come together," said a member of the State mine rescue squad, "it will shake the country for miles."

Poor Water in Mine.

Fire fighters continued their efforts today to check the flames. Contents of a huge water tank emptied in the mine had no appreciable effect. The flames were said by miners coming out of the pit to be working backwards in the direction in which the men are entombed.

One man has already been brought from the mine. He is Ben Delibra, a mule driver. His mule was his rescuer. Almost blinded by the dense smoke and partially suffocated, Delibra automatically held onto the lines attached to the mule's harness and the faithful animal pulled him to the foot of the shaft through the flames and smoke where a rescue party found him.

135 Escaped Flames.

The Steubenville fire department and all available mine resources have been employed in fighting the flames. The men at work and the members of the entombed miners' families gathered about the mineshaft were fed during the night and this morning by the Amsterdam Red Cross.

When the fire started yesterday there were 155 men in the mine, 135 of them escaping by various routes when the alarm of fire sounded.

COAL STRIKE WON'T HALT U.S. INDUSTRY, LANE AVERS

Summing up the condition of the country's fuel supply on the eve of a threatened soft coal strike, Secretary of the Interior Lane today gave an encouraging view of the situation as it touched household and industrial needs. The gathering of fuel statistics is one of the duties of Secretary Lane's department.

New England Well Supplied.

New England, Lane said, has a supply of coal that should last two months. The northwest, the principal storage point of which is Duluth, also is liberally supplied, according to Lane.

If the coal strike materializes and production is reduced, the Government will not hesitate to ask industries to cut down their consumption by 50 per cent, Lane stated.

Coal mined by nonunion miners and coal produced by miners whose contracts are in force and where the men will not walk out will be sufficient for some days, but stated he must, public utility and railroad needs," Lane said.

Lane estimated that on a yearly basis coal produced by miners who stay at work will amount to 100,000,000 tons for railroads, 50,000,000 tons for domestic use and 25,000,000 for public utilities.

Industries Big Problem.

"The big problem," Lane said, "is to take care of the industries. Much coal is in storage, but we do not know its exact location and cannot tell how soon or how extensively industries would suffer."

There are 400,000 union and 200,000 nonunion miners, Lane estimated, and said that work was possibly the strike might spread to nonunion men.

Surplus coal will be distributed among the inhabitants in order of their importance, it was indicated.

When the strike order was originally issued it was said that the roads had only a ten-day supply, but this has been considerably increased since, it was learned.

War Emergency Laws To Be Enforced at Once, Troops Held For Action

The Cabinet met in special session at the White House today, to mobilize resources of the Government to prevent disaster threatened by the coal strike.

Secretary of War Baker said the military forces are ready to act, when the need arises, to check one of the greatest catastrophes that could befall the country.

Attorney General Palmer, who with Secretary of Labor Wilson, urged Secretary Lansing to call the Cabinet together, again pointed out that the strike is unlawful, and insisted that if the Mine workers chiefs were in the right, they would have the support of the Government and of the public.

May Suggest Prosecutions.

It was strongly intimated that prosecutions of the strike leaders had been suggested to the Cabinet by the Attorney General.

Dr. Harry L. Garfield, former Fuel Administrator, and Director General Hines, of the Railroad Administration, attended the meeting.

Dr. Garfield laid before the Cabinet his statement of the situation, which was prepared for President Wilson. It is understood Dr. Garfield recommends that the Railroad Administration be given the powers of commandeering, formerly possessed by the Fuel Administration.

Seizure of coal now in transit was ordered today by the Railroad Administration.

Director General Hines this afternoon announced that he had ordered all regional directors of railroads to accumulate coal to meet the threatening crisis, purchasing the coal if possible, but if necessary to hold coal now in transit.

The statement issued by Director General Hines shows that the Railroad Administration is already virtually carrying on the work that was formerly conducted by the Fuel Administration.

May Commandeer Coal.

The duties to be taken over by the Railroad Administration, as Dr. Garfield recommends, would include the commandeering of coal, the allocation of cars, the granting of preference in coal shipments and the fixing of maximum prices.

Maximum prices will be fixed as soon as possible, it was learned at the White House today, in order to check any effort at profiteering during the strike period.

Plans have already been laid by the Railroad Administration, it was learned today, for diverting large numbers of coal cars to those fields where the miners are not organized; and every effort will be made to secure the maximum production from these mines which will be unaffected by the strike.

It is expected that President Wilson will issue a formal order transferring the powers of the Fuel Administration to the Railroad Administration during the day, it was learned at the White House today.

Maximum prices will be fixed, based on the last fixed prices during war time, it was learned.

MINERS' HEAD SAYS STRIKE TOMORROW INEVITABLE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 30.—The Government has rendered a settlement impossible before the strike of hundreds of thousands of soft coal miners of the country becomes effective tomorrow midnight, John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers, declared today.

Informed that every law and resource of the nation was in a state of mobilization today to save the country from the disastrous results of the strike, Mr. Lewis declared "it is only consistent with the policy of the administration to crush the United Mine Workers and labor, if it can."

Miners Ready to Treat.

"We stand ready to negotiate with the operators without reservation," Mr. Lewis continued. "I don't think there are any overtures from the conference of operators in Cleveland. The President is standing by the mine owners, and they naturally will stand by him."

"While the Government is pitting its strength against the miners, the public is being mulcted out of millions of dollars in spot prices for coal."

The executive board of the mine workers, continuing in session today after adjournment of the conference of officials which framed the answer to President Wilson, is considering only routine business.

The miners' position is unchanged, Lewis declared emphatically.

No Fear of Injunction.

Miners' executives today heard with interest hints of Federal action to prevent the tie-up of mines, and there was considerable speculation over the possibility of court action, but this was held improbable, as every man would have to be served with injunction proceedings.

"What appeared more probable was that the mines would be taken over bodily by the Government for temporary administration and operation."

Keeping Up With The Times

A FACT A DAY

On the subject of characteristic Times co-operation with its clients, let Mr. Edelbrock, president of the Security Signal Sales Corporation, testify. It is in a letter from him to Mr. Faulkner, The Times Automotive Editor, Mr. Edelbrock says:

"We wish at this time to express our appreciation of the manner in which you have been, and are, handling our advertising campaign.

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"We now fully realize your statement 'that you buy advertising instead of sell it.'"

ROADS HAVE 30-DAY SUPPLY OF COAL

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—All railroads have at least a thirty-days' supply of coal on hand, and in event of serious shortage some of this may be derived with householders and essential industrial industries, according to a statement issued today from the office of Regional Director R. H. Aishton of the railroad administration.

HINES AGAIN DELAYS REPLY TO R. R. MEN

Director General of Railroads Walker D. Hines will today notify the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as to what day this week he will give the railroad men their answer on the question of increased wage demands, according to a statement made by President W. G. Lee, who, with the general committee of the organization, met in a brief meeting with the director general late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hines has had the recommendations of the railway wage board before him for some days, but stated he needed further information before giving his answer.

21 DEAD IN SHIP DISASTER.

MUSKEGON, Mich., Oct. 30.—Known dead in the sinking of the Crosby liner, City of Muskegon, Tuesday, rose to twenty-one today, with the discovery that three additional persons had lost their lives. They were Elvin Easton, a traveling salesman, from Milwaukee; Miss Maxilian Schandel, of Cleveland, a nurse, and Rosie Rogers, address unknown.

SHIP BOARD DATA ASKED.

The Senate Commerce Committee today voted to ask the United States Shipping Board for a complete report of its activities since it was created.

Secretary Wilson Hopeful

Secretary of Labor Wilson said he had received no communication from mine union officials at Indianapolis. Asked if he saw any possibility of avoiding the strike, Wilson said:

"I am always optimistic. There is always a way out of every difficulty."

Today's cabinet meeting follows a meeting at Attorney General Palmer's office late yesterday, at which it was decided:

The Government would watch distribution of the coal supply above the ground, and prevent profiteering because of the strike.

Miners who wish to continue work, despite the strike orders, will be protected by Federal troops, if necessary.

The Lever food and fuel act, making it unlawful to hinder production of necessities, will be invoked, if that is found essential.

In addition to the special Cabinet meeting at the White House, activities continued throughout the day in all departments having in even the remotest way to deal with the crisis.

There has not been a busier day in Washington since those leading up to the declaration of war. It seems generally to be felt here that the seriousness of the situation created by a coal strike would be hard to exaggerate.

In the halls of the Capitol, the problems presented took precedence above all other topics of conversation.

PALMER SAYS HE IS FRIEND OF MINERS

Attorney General Palmer was visibly affected on reading the accusation of President Lewis, of the mine workers, against the Administration.

"The miners never have had better friends than the President and the members of his Cabinet," said the Attorney General. "My entire political life has been built up through fighting for the miners. Every political fight I have had in my district has been in the matter of a strike."

Cabinet to Ask President To Fix Coal Price Limit

Following the Cabinet meeting Attorney General Palmer issued the following statement:

"The President will be asked today to make an order canceling restrictions on the price of fuel which will have the effect of establishing maximum prices.

"On making the order the Fuel Administrator will take such action as may be necessary to protect consumers both as to price and distribution of fuel."

PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED.

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 30.—The locomotive and five cars filled with passengers on the Englewood Express were derailed today at Croton, N. J., a railway junction near here. No one was injured.

BALTIMORE COAL REPORTED SEIZED

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 30.—It is reported here, on what is said to be good authority, that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has ordered the stoppage of all export coal from Baltimore, and is rechartering the ships to other lines for the handling of other commodities.

It is also reported that the Pennsylvania Railroad has ordered the seizure of all coal coming from mines on their lines, to be used by the railroad company for fuel, and to provide for hospitals and public utilities.

TAKE BELL-ANS BEFORE MEALS and see how the good digestion makes you feel.