

U. S. OWNERSHIP OF MINES; PLUMB PLAN ARE URGED

United Mine-Workers of America Adopt British Brothers' View of Industry

EPOCH - MAKING MEETING

Convention Beginning at Cleveland Today Will Mark New Era in Coal-Mining

Cleveland, O., Sept. 12.—With some 2,000 delegates here, the international convention of the United Mine Workers of America, the 25th gathering of that organization was called to order this week.

Events have conspired to make it probably the most important in the history of the United States mine workers since quite apart from the possibilities of trouble contained in its almost certain demands for higher wages and shorter hours the miners of Great Britain are looking to it for support and cooperation in the question of the 6 hour day and 30 hour week and of the nationalization of coal mines.

Most articles of the British Miners' program figure upon that of the Cleveland convention. Favorable action which is anticipated is expected to react sympathetically upon the struggle across the Atlantic.

Support For Plumb Plan
Of greater significance in view of the desire to secure the support of organized labor everywhere for the Plumb plan for the nationalization of the railroads was the fact that President Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, W. C. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Timothy J. Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, who had been added to those to extend a Cleveland welcome to the convention.

The convention is expected to last from two to three weeks.

WHAT MINERS ASK
According to William Green, international secretary-treasurer of the organization, the wage and hour demands, although subject to change, are substantially:

A six hour day instead of the eight-hour day; a five-day week instead of six and an increase in wages of from 25 to 40 per cent.

It is contended that the miner has to donate the time required to enter the mine (often a considerable distance) just as mule drivers in the mine have to put up their animals after a day's work, on their own time; the motor-man to care for his motors, etc. "We are forced to demand shorter hours and a shorter week because of the unemployment at the mines," Mr. Green said.

Miners now are paid a certain sum for every ton of coal mined. Operators have claimed miners can make \$15 a day. Union officials assert, however, the average—counting time of layoff—will not run more than \$6 a day.

JOINT SCALE CONFERENCE
A joint scale conference between representatives of miners and operators of the central competitive field, including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and West-cin Pennsylvania, will be held immediately following the miners convention, to consider the new wage scale. Inasmuch as the district is the most important in the country, its rate usually governs the country, with modifications due to local conditions.

Another matter of importance to be brought before the convention will be the nationalization of the mines. However, this is merely a question of general policy, according to Secretary Green, and is not a demand.

William Roy, president of district No. 5, United Mine Workers of Ohio, said an effort will be made to move the international headquarters of the union from Indianapolis to Cleveland.

The convention was presided over by John L. Lewis of Illinois, international vice president in the absence of President Frank Hayes, who is ill.

SIXTY HEAD OF CATTLE SHIPPED TO THIS COUNTY

Burleigh Farmers Go to Montana to Buy Three Carloads of Animals

Three carloads of cattle, totalling about 60 animals, were shipped into Burleigh county this week from Montana points, according to George W. Gustafson, county agricultural agent.

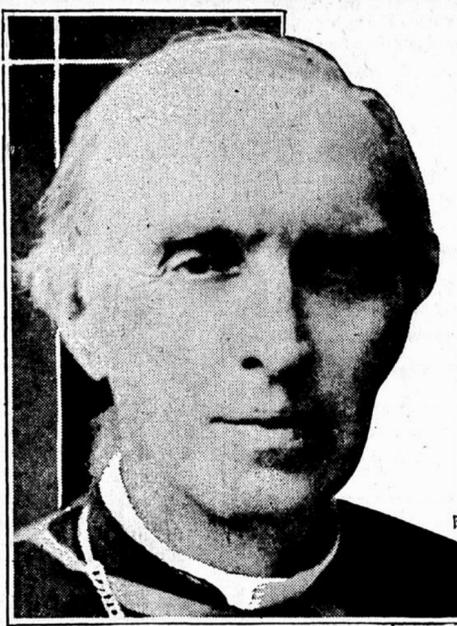
The cattle were bought by Earl Baker who lives south of Menoken, his father William M. Baker, who lives south east of Menoken and Ed Ehling, living north of Menoken. The farmers went to Montana to buy the cattle.

Several Burleigh county farmers intend to go to Montana next week to buy sheep for their farms here. Some farmers went several weeks ago, but the sheep were not in the best condition at that time. It is said that now is the best time to buy and the farmers here expect to ship into Burleigh county several carloads of good animals.

FIUME ONE LOVELY CITY, SAYS UNOFFICIAL REPORT

London, Sept. 12.—Unconfirmed reports received in responsible quarters tell of serious rioting in Fiume between Italians and Jugo-Slav troops. The allies were compelled to intervene. The rioting is continuing, it was said.

CARDINAL MERCIER THANKS AMERICA FOR ITS AID TO PEOPLE OF BELGIUM



CARDINAL MERCIER

WHY CARDINAL MERCIER COMES

Throughout the war America has been the first friend of the civilian population of Belgium.

Work of relief began with Brand Whitlock, minister to Belgium, at the time of the Hun invasion. It was continued under the commission for the relief of Belgium, with Herbert Hoover in charge, until America was feeding 10,000,000 persons in territory occupied by the Germans.

Shipments reached as high as 123,000 tons of foodstuffs a month, and the expenditure of money ran into millions of dollars. Desire Joseph Cardinal Mercier, archbishop of Malines and primate of Belgium, refused to leave Belgium when the Germans overran the country.

He remained to give counsel and aid to his countrymen. He sought no controversy with Germans, but, a student of international law, he knew the rights of the citizens of his country and he encouraged them to stand for these rights. He bolstered their patriotism and endurance by his words and example.

He defied the Germans to interfere with him, declaring his pastoral letters were privileged between pastor and flock. No amount of threat or bluster could frighten him.

Now that the war is over, Cardinal Mercier is one of the outstanding figures of a nation of brave people, and chosen to bring to America the thanks of Belgium for sympathy and support.

DEATH LIST IN BOSTON POLICE RIOTS REACH SEVEN; SITUATION IMPROVED TODAY

Boston, Sept. 12.—With the threat of a sympathetic general strike held off by the action of the central labor union last night in ordering all local unions to act on the proposal at once giving a fuller expression of opinion, the situation resulting from the strike of policemen assumed a calmer aspect today. The reduction during the night of disturbances which marked the first two nights of the strike was a reassuring feature.

Continue in Charge
Soldiers of the state guard continued in charge of the streets, aided by the force of volunteers and such members of the regular force as had refused to desert their post. Little difficulty was experienced in breaking up the crowds except in one or two sections.

Further confidence in the ability of the authorities to maintain an upper hand was inspired by reports from the harbor forts, Camp Devens and army posts in New York and New Jersey of active preparations to send regular army troops here if an emergency call should be made.

May Call Regulars
Governor Coolidge who was in charge of the police situation today as commander of the armed forces of the state, had received assurances from both war and navy departments that any call which he might make on the president or federal assistance would be answered promptly. Military leaders estimated that 18,000 regulars could reach the city within twelve hours.

The death list now in its third day stood at seven. Several of the fatalities were due to firing by guardsmen into mobs found breaking windows and looting stores while two resulted from efforts of soldiers to break up dice games which were played openly in the streets. Another of the dead was a striking policeman shot down by a storekeeper who feared his place of business was about to be sacked.

New Salem Farmer Suffers Injuries in Strange Accident

Henry Maurer Rushed to City With Badly Lacerated Head and Broken Nose

Henry Maurer, who was injured Wednesday in an accident near New Salem, is resting easily at the Bismarck hospital where he was rushed for treatment.

Maurer was working on his farm with a threshing crew north of New Salem. In some manner the blower pipe in the separator became clogged. Maurer used a pitch fork to clean it out and the handle became caught and struck him in the face forcibly. His lower lip was badly lacerated, nose broken and he suffered other painful injuries about the head and face.

MOSQUITO BLIND BEAR FAIRBANKS

Fairbanks, Sept. 12.—Mosquitos are a greater pest in Alaska this summer than ever before. Trappers have killed a large brown bear totally blinded by mosquitos.

ST. PAUL OPIUM DENS RAIDED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS

St. Paul, Sept. 12.—Acting upon information from revenue agents in New York the government agents raided an alleged opium headquarters here late last night after Tony Serpa had been taken into custody in New York. Five arrests were made including Mr. and Mrs. "Whitey" Bates and a woman believed to be from Duluth, who gave her name as Helen Smith. Federal agents declared that the twin cities have been the gateway from the northwest for opium traffic.

OTORI URGES U. S. BACK CARRANZA

Honolulu, Sept. 12.—"The American government should aid Carranza by supply him with ammunition and equipment," said Baron Fujitaro Otori Japan's minister to Mexico, on his way home after five years absence during which he was also ambassador to Italy and to France. Otori declares Carranza is the only man who can restore order in Mexico. "I do not think it is wise for the United States to intervene," he adds.

New York, Sept. 12.—I am most grateful for the kind interest in my person.

I anticipate with the keenest joy the honor of coming into intimate connection with the American people.

I cannot do better than repeat the words I have just addressed to the officers, soldiers and crew on board the "Northwest Pacific."

"So often during the war and the German occupation of our country, I said to you and the soldiers of the allied armies: You were saviors. In fact, all of them gave their lives or were ready to give their lives for the triumph of our common cause, for justice and Christian civilization.

"On that point I want to say to you, my gratitude, but especially I want to say my gratitude to the American people.

"I knew better than any one that if Belgium were saved from starvation, if the lives of the women and children were spared, that we would be indebted to you and that magnificent institution for the relief of Belgium presided over by Mr. Hoover. It is the most wonderful institution for humanity that ever existed in the world. Therefore you may guess with what anxiety we are going to America to express our gratitude to the American people."

D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER.

CALLS PLAN A PERVERSION OF SOCIALISM

Edgar J. Rich of Associated Industries Scores Plumb Measure

HEAVY BURDENS CITED

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—The Plumb plan for tripartite control of the railroads under government ownership must be "buried beyond all hope" if it is not to be made a "rallying point" for the nationalization of all industry, Edgar J. Rich, transportation counsel for the associated industries of Massachusetts, declared today before the house interstate commerce commission considering legislation on the railroads.

Mr. Rich who also spoke for the manufacturers association of 22 states said the Plumb plan like Bolshevism was a "perversion" of the principle of socialism in that it would benefit only one class: The railroad under the plan he said would be operated "for the benefit of the workers" while the public would assume all risks of loss.

The greatest defect of the plan he declared is that the two-thirds representation given the worker and railroad officers on the proposed wage fixing board would enable the workers to "dominate" the board and fix their own wages regardless of revenues with the public to stand any resultant losses.

MYSTERIOUS BABY MURDER BAFFLING FARGO'S POLICE

Four-Year-Old Child Heard Screaming Along River Front But Leaves No Trace

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 12.—Fargo police and Sheriff Andrew Ross were confronted with a mystery last night, possibly involving the murder of a child, which had not been solved at 3 a. m.

Sheriff Ross received a telephone call shortly after midnight from the B. H. Briggs farm, six miles south of Moorhead, stating that a child, 3 or 4 years old, had been noticed crying and running up and down the river bank on the Dakota side. Suddenly an old man appeared, there was a splash in the river, and the child's cries ceased.

Sheriff Ross, Deputy James Milligan, Police Sergeant Morton Sydnese and Officer Thompson left at 1 a. m. for the scene of the alleged crime, returning at 2:45 a. m. with the report that they had made a thorough search of the vicinity and had been unable to find any trace of the alleged crime, nor did they find either the old man or the boy, who were unknown to the people at the Briggs farm.

Dealers Charged With Breaking Anti-Trust Act

Dayton, September 12.—Twenty-nine lumber dealers and eight ice cream dealers and manufacturers were charged in indictments returned today by the Montgomery county grand jury with violations of the valentine anti-trust act with operating in restraint of trade and fixing prices.

WILSON NEARS PACIFIC COAST

Rothrum, Ida., Sept. 12.—President Wilson arrived here shortly after nine this morning in a down pour of rain.

The president and members of his party went at once to waiting automobiles for the 14 mile trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he was to speak this forenoon.

AUSTRALIA'S BIG FESTIVAL

Barrat, Sept. 12.—The Grand National Elstedtdof of Australia, held in October, will be one of the greatest musical and literary competitions Australia has seen. Cash prizes will this year total nearly \$10,000 and there will be numerous gold and silver medals.

LANSING OPPOSES PEACE TREATY BULLOCK OF PEACE MISSION TELLS SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING

Secretary of State Quoted as Being Opposed to Mandatories — Declares League Covenant Useless

CANADIANS ASSENT TO TREATY

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 12.—The house of commons assented without reservation today to the peace treaty with Germany. Both houses of parliament now have ratified the treaty and notification to this effect was forwarded immediately to the British government.

Washington, Sept. 12.—William C. Bullock of Philadelphia, formerly attached to the American peace mission, testified before the senate foreign relations committee today that Secretary Lansing told him in Paris last May that if "the senate and the American people knew what this treaty meant it would be defeated."

"Mr. Lansing told me the day I resigned," the witness said, "that he was opposed to that part of the league covenant relating to a mandate for Armenia. He said he considered the Shantung award and the league of nations bad. That the league would be entirely useless; that the nations had arranged the world to suit themselves; and that England and France got what they wanted.

"After saying he believed the senate would defeat the treaty if it realized its meaning, Mr. Lansing expressed the opinion that Senator Knox really would understand the treaty, but that Mr. Lodge's position would become purely political."

The committee senators burst into a round of laughter and Bullock begged to be excused from reading any more from his memorandum of the conversation.

SEIN FEIN RAIDS DISTURB IRELAND

Dublin, Sept. 12.—A strong force of soldiers this morning searched the Sein Fein headquarters in this city. A Skibbereen, in the southwestern part of the county of Cork, armed police raided a newspaper office and also a number of private residences.

RAID CLUBS

Cork, Sept. 12.—Sein Fein clubs in this city were raided this morning by armed police who conducted searches while soldiers stood guard outside. The unoccupied Sein Fein headquarters also were broken into but it is understood that nothing of importance was discovered there.

SEIZE EXPLOSIVES

Belfast, Sept. 12.—Military and police activities were everywhere in evidence today against the Sein Fein organization. Raids were carried out in Belfast at Lisburne, Derry, Dundalk, Louth and Enniskillen.

A quantity of high explosives was seized at the Derry Sein Fein headquarters.

DRAKE ENJOYING ONE DELIRIOUS SOCIALIST BUN

Progressive Little City Becomes Prey for Get-Rich-Quick Schemes of All Sorts

Drake, N. D., Sept. 12.—Ever since Drake has become world famous as the home of the "First State Owned Flour Mill," with the further notoriety of having paid \$36,000 of its money in exchange for state bonds, the town has been deluged with stock and bond salesmen, newspaper promoters and other types of aims seekers.

For the fellow whose slogan is "Fix your sucker, play your sucker, land your sucker, and then beat it," Drake is a terminal from which to work the game. The farmers in the vicinity of this money mad metropolis find that their partnership with Nature is being much interfered with by these migratory birds, who for the time being gathered in promissory notes, post dated checks and Liberty Bonds.

Equity Stock Sold
For several weeks, two real live wires have been selling stock in the Equity packing plant. These high-pressure artists are headquartered here and are cleaning up what's left of cash, collateral and anything else they can get their hands on.

They leave every morning and return after milking time. Liberty Bonds are strong prey for these fellows,—they take them at par in exchange for stock in Dakota's big butchering establishment.

The Nonparticipating newspaper promoters are also here. Drake's only paper, The News, it is reported, is to become one of the units of the Pointed Press of North Dakota. The paper hasn't been much of a thorn in the flesh for either side of the New Day argument, but the fact that the "water is fine" makes the boys feel that they want to "go in." McHenry county is so large that one paper at the county seat doesn't spread the salve heavy enough. Some of the homes in McHenry are still receiving papers which carry matter not to the liking of the fellows who now have their feet in the trough. It is rumored however, that the newspaper stock is going slow among the tillers of the soil.

"What is a home without a stock certificate,"—why Drake just now is a big clearing house for all of this paper wealth. The "first state mill" is the magnet. These fellows have a psychology of their own,—why, if those people at Drake will put up \$36,000 to buy their own mill, and which is worth only \$30,000, they must have oodles of jack, and it's Drake for me." This "get the money" crowd sure are wonders. Can you beat it.

ABSTAINERS AND NEUROSIS

London, Sept. 12.—Sir Frederick Mott, British neurologist, has determined that 60 percent of the cases of war neurosis were total abstainers.

BOLSHEVIKI WIN TRIUMPH OVER KOLCHAK

Thousands Put to Death in Pillage That Follows at Omsk

CAPTURE 12,000 PRISONERS

London Reports That Danger Has Finally Been Removed by Siberian Army

Omsk, Sunday, Aug. 31.—Refugees arriving from Perm assert that the Bolsheviki after the capture of that city permitted Chinese and Hungarian detachments to pillage it for three days. After that an extraordinary commission began working and everyone suspected of being in sympathy with the Siberian army was shot. The number of persons put to death it was declared, aggregated several thousands.

CAPTURE 45,000

London, Sept. 12.—The remainder of admiral Kolchak's southern army in the region of Aktubinsk and Orsk has surrendered to the Bolsheviki, it is claimed in a Bolsheviki wireless dispatch from Moscow today. This raises the total of Bolsheviki capture from the Kolchak forces within a week to 45,000, it is declared.

A Bolsheviki wireless message claimed the capture of nearly 12,000 prisoners from the Kolchak southern army.

Today soviet communication announces the capture of a number of prisoners in the northern Dvina region (the Archangel front). These prisoners it is declared in the official statement included some British troops.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Dispatches from Omsk on Sept. 10 by the American consul report that the northern Siberian army has stopped its retreat; it is now east of the Isham river. It is generally believed that Omsk is out of Bolsheviki danger.

They make no mention of the disasters to the southern army reported in Bolsheviki wireless in Moscow to London.

SERVIANS SUFFER LOSSES

Paris, Thursday, Sept. 11.—A Montenegro official communication issued at Paris says that fighting continued furiously against the Serbian invaders who have suffered severe losses. The Servians had sent 15,900 reinforcements.

URGE TROOP WITHDRAWAL

Glasgow, Sept. 12.—A slashing indictment of Winston Churchill, the secretary for war, for his declaration of yesterday regarding the delay in the evacuation of North Russia by British forces was delivered by James Henry Thomas, labor member of parliament at the resumption of the session of the trades union congress here today. Mr. Thomas moved a resolution demanding that the troops be withdrawn from Russia.

The congress enthusiastically adopted the resolution which besides demanding immediate withdrawal of troops from Russia demanded the repeal of the conscription act. It provided for the calling of a special congress for the taking of decided action if necessary should the demands be not satisfactorily met.

UNUSUAL DISPLAY OF WAR TROPHIES AT WEBB WINDOWS

Capt. I. M. Capper Brings Back Many Articles With Histories Attached

One of the most interesting exhibitions of German war trophies and other relics of the European battlefields is being displayed in one of the Webb Bros. windows by Capt. I. M. Capper who was a Y. M. C. A. secretary with the American army in France.

This display has many trophies very seldom seen, even by men who served in France for long periods and the articles were obtained by Capt. Capper under all sorts of conditions and many of them have interesting histories attached to them.

Included in the exhibition is a German gas mask which is so different from that used by the soldiers in the allied armies. A pair of aviators unbreakable glass goggles with special leather case to carry them and two German helmets are displayed.

Probably the most unusual trophies exhibited are a number of finely made medals which it is said are only awarded to the German nobility on exceptional occasions. These medals are of enamel cleverly decorated and many of them are heavily filled with gold. One medal was evidently presented in connection with some event relating to the Turkish empire.

Several automatic Luger pistols and a part of a German machine gun are on view. A number of German, English, French and other foreign coins are displayed, including a number of very scarce gold ones which those governments withdrew from circulation early in the war.

364-YEAR-OLD HOTEL NOW MOVIE THEATER

Northampton, Sept. 12.—George Hotel, 364 years old, is turned into a movie theatre, perhaps the oldest in the world to be put to so modern a use. The Duke of Monmouth made headquarters there on the eve of the rebellion in the West Country. In 1768 it was headquarters of a parliamentary contest in which half a million dollars was spent to get the votes of 1149 electors.

ANOTHER RUMANIAN CABINET FALLS—NEW CABINET-MAKER QUALIFIES FOR RISKY JOB

Vienna (Wednesday), Sept. 10.—The Bratianu cabinet in Rumania has fallen, according to unofficial reports which reached Vienna from Bucharest today. M. Jonecus is said to be forming a new government. This is believed here to foreshadow a change in the Rumanian policy respecting the Hungarian occupation.