

# STRIKE PROCEEDS IN DEFIANCE OF NATION

## TOWNLEY WOULD OPERATE COAL MINE IN STATE

League Organs Interpret Frazier Wire to Lewis to Mean Public Control

## GIVE THEM TO COMMISSION

Courier - News Suggests That Board Has Power to Take Over Property

## FRAZIER SPEAKS AGAIN

Governor Frazier today sent the following telegram to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America: "John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind.: "The state is covered with snow. Winter has set in here. A serious fuel shortage exists. A strike of miners in the state will cause great suffering. The coal of North Dakota is lignite, mined only as needed and cannot be stored. Hence there are no stocks on hand. If it is not incompatible with the just demands of organized labor, I would suggest some working agreement with the miners by which fuel can be sold only to individual consumers until your difficulties have been honestly and equitably adjusted."

"LYNN J. FRAZIER, "Governor."

While there is nothing in Governor Frazier's message to President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America that even suggests that the state take over and operate the North Dakota lignite mines until the present trouble is adjusted, Townley newspaper organs in large headlines interpret it to mean that Frazier merely suggests "some working arrangement with the miners by which fuel can be sold only to individual consumers until your difficulties have been honestly and equitably adjusted."

The Townley press construes this suggestion as an offer upon the part of the state to take over and operate the mines, and it carries a special under a Bismarck date line to the effect that: "Governor Frazier, in a telegram to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight suggested that the state of North Dakota operate the coal mines of the state in agreement with the mine workers pending the settlement of the strike that has been ordered to begin tomorrow night."

"This epoch-making action in industrial history was decided upon by the governor late in the day, after it had been brought to his attention that North Dakota miners were scheduled to lay down their tools at midnight tomorrow in response to the nation-wide strike order."

## HAS LONG WANTED MINES

The Townley government in North Dakota has long sought an opportunity to take over the lignite mines. Its most direct essay to accomplish this end was made through a lengthy resolution adopted by the state council of defense in the early summer of 1918, providing for the formation of a \$1,000,000 holding company which would take over the mines, mills and elevators and operate them for the period of the war. This holding company was to be formed within the ranks of the council of defense, whose membership Governor Frazier had recruited wholly from the ranks of his party or those in sympathy with it. The resolution was given to the press as having been formally adopted. The publicity, however, proved premature, and there was so much opposition to the plan that the resolution was rescinded and responsibility for it denied by the council.

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## FIRE CONTINUES TO RAGE IN COAL MINE

Amsterdam, O., Oct. 31.—Fire continued to rage in mine No. 2 of the Y. & O. Coal company here today with no word from the twenty-one entombed miners for whom all hopes have been lost.

Richard Jones, mine superintendent, stated today that the intensity of the fire was so great it was doubtful if the bodies would ever be found.

## FIRST VISIT OF MONARCH DURING REIGN IS ENDED

Transport George Washington Bears King Albert and Consort Homeward

Old Point, Va., Oct. 31.—As the transport George Washington steamed out of Hampton Roads late today bearing King of the Belgians, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold on their homeward voyage, the first visit of a reigning monarch of Europe to the shores of America will have come to a close.

## NORTH DAKOTA'S BONDS REJECTED PENDING APPEAL

Eastern Companies Do Not Wish to Buy Securities Involved in Litigation

The William R. Compton and Alsey Stewart bond companies of New York and Chicago yesterday advised the North Dakota industrial commission that they could not underwrite the \$2,000,000 issue of Bank of North Dakota bonds and the \$1,000,000 issue of agricultural bonds, in which they were recently interested by C. B. Little, president of the First National bank of Bismarck, pending a final decision in the case of the "forty-two taxpayers," and appeal in which is now pending in the federal court.

In declining to close their option for the North Dakota bonds at this time, the attorney for the eastern bond brokers writes:

"These plans of taking over private business by the state is a matter that has too many chances of litigation until the whole matter is threshed out. Every new enterprise of this character has to go through the same proceedings, and there are so many new questions presented that I should not give an opinion approving them while they remain judicially undetermined."

## SALE OF DRINKS OVER HALF ONE PERCENT BANNED

United States Court Grants Injunction Against Saloonmen in New York

New York, Oct. 31.—United States District Judge Augustus N. Hand today granted a temporary injunction at the request of the United States district attorney prohibiting the sale of all liquor containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol.

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## BISMARCK GOES TO VALLEY CITY FOR BIG GAME

Capital City Eleven Hopes to Come Home Tonight With New Scalps

Appreciating the fact that it will have a real fight on its hands, but with determination to win if pep, nerve and team work will do it, the Bismarck football team, undisputed champions of the southwestern North Dakota district, left on No. 4 this morning for Valley City, where this afternoon it is playing the title-holder of the southeastern district. Today's battle will pick the winner for the southern half of the state and the victor will enjoy the honor of playing Grand Forks, Laramore or Williston for the inter-scholastic championship of North Dakota.

Bob George will play his first game with Bismarck today. He goes back to his original post at center after having been laid up for several weeks as a result of an injury sustained in an early practice game. Holtz will make his first appearance with the Bismarck aggregation as fullback, and Brandt is brought up out of the backfield to play guard. Coach Boise believes the new lineup is the best which Bismarck has thrown into any game this season and he is relying upon his new combination to hold Valley City and to bring home the bacon tonight.

The eleven is playing the following men this afternoon: Center, Bob George; guards, Berndt, Jones, Burke and Ericson; tackles, Allen and Vetter; end, McGowan, Fogarty and Taylor; backs, Holtz, Boise, Cook and Moses. The Bismarck boys will return to Bismarck on No. 1 tonight. The high school is planning to meet them en masse at the train. If the boys return victors, as Bismarck fans insist they must, the old town will be stood on end and made to do jazz steps for the rest of the night.

## TEAMS EVENLY MATCHED

Valley City, N. D., Oct. 31.—Valley City and Bismarck high schools will battle here this afternoon for the football supremacy of southern North Dakota. Bismarck's goal line has not been crossed this season. Valley City has easily won all of its games. The teams are regarded as evenly matched.

## NOVEMBER'S END MAY SEE CLOSE OF PEACE BOARD

Adriatic Question Not Expected to Prolong Life of Paris Conference

Paris, Oct. 31.—The end of November may see the close of the Paris peace conference which has negotiated the peace treaty with Germany and Austria and has carried the negotiations with Bulgaria well toward completion.

Unless the conference can speedily reach an agreement with Roumania and compel it to discontinue its interference in Hungarian affairs, there seems little chance that a peace treaty can be negotiated with Hungary at present, in which case the conference will probably close without making the treaty.

The Adriatic question will not necessarily prolong the life of the conference.

December 1 is now looked upon as the latest probable date for the adjournment.

## GERMAN BRIDGE BLOWER TO PRISON FOR DECADE

Fredericktown, New Brunswick, Oct. 31.—Werner Horn, the German terrorist who attempted to destroy the St. Croix bridge by dynamiting it February 2, 1915, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

## IN GARAGE BUSINESS

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## THEY LISTENED TO MR. TOWNLEY

FARGO, N. D.—Here is a flashlight picture taken by the National Nonpartisan league of the interior of the Scandinavian-American bank the night of the league mass meeting to show how farmers answered President Townley's appeal to them to save the bank.

## JACK PERSHING FOR SMALL ARMY

Washington, Oct. 31.—Disagreeing with war department recommendations for a permanent army of 500,000, General John J. Pershing today told a joint meeting of the senate and house military committees he thought the number could be placed at "an inside figure of 250,000 to 300,000 and possibly less."

## COMMITTEES ARE SOLICITING FOR ROOSEVELT FUND

Teams Covering City and County Securing Subscriptions for Memorial

Burleigh county was asked yesterday to contribute its share toward the \$60,000 fund which North Dakota is expected to raise for its share toward memorials to Theodore Roosevelt in the larger cities of the country and also one of this state.

The campaign is directed by H. P. Goddard and Mr. Goddard is using the same organization he headed in various Liberty loan drives. Chairmen are in charge of the contributions in the various districts in the county and the city was combed yesterday by teams.

The quota set for the county is \$2,500 and it is hoped that the various soliciting committees will not have any difficulty securing this amount. Every pupil in the city schools has contributed something to the fund and the county students will be asked to do the same. The teachers attending the Burleigh county institute at the court house were asked to cooperate with the committee yesterday and they all promised to do so.

The amount originally set as desired from the county at large was \$10,000,000 but at the request of Colonel Roosevelt's family this amount was cut in half. It is planned to erect a memorial to the former president and "Great American" at his former home at Oyster Bay, N. Y. and another at Washington.

North Dakota, because of "Teddy's" connection with the early day of the state, is planning to erect a memorial within its border that will be typical of the time when he hunted and raised cattle near Medora.

The various teams that solicited the business men of Bismarck yesterday composed of D. T. Owen, E. H. Howell, H. H. Steele, F. A. Lehr, C. W. McGraw, Carl Nelson, Burt Finney, W. A. McDonald, O. W. Roberts, M. B. Gillman. These teams will continue their work today.

## TELFER FARM LAND BRINGS MORE THAN \$30 AN ACRE NOW

Quarter Section Sold to Charles Moore Brings Good Price, Says Dealer

Charles Moore has recently bought a quarter-section of farming land in Telfer township at more than \$30 an acre making this one of the highest prices ever paid for land in that vicinity. The sale was made through the offices of G. M. Register of this city and was purchased from a Minnesota party. Mr. Moore intends to develop this property into one of the most modern farms in the county.

Other sales handled recently by Mr. Register were the property on Eighth street between Avenues A and B bought by A. L. Shafer. Shafer, state high school inspector who bought it from H. P. Hanson and the property at Fifth and Rosser streets bought by Herman Plath from H. G. Grove, who was formerly in the hide and leather business here, but who now resides at Minneapolis.

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# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR IN PROTEST; SLAVERY, SAYS LEADER

## CANNOT AVERT STRIKE, SAYS LEWIS

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.—A temporary injunction obtained here today by the government cannot avert the strike of bituminous coal miners set for midnight tonight, according to John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers. Lewis' announcement came shortly after he had been served with a writ stopping strike activities at union headquarters here.

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.—A temporary injunction restraining all strike activities of the United Mine Workers of America was issued in the federal district court here today on application of the United States government. Judge A. B. Anderson signed the order on the showing set forth by C. B. Ames, assistant attorney general, that a national disaster was impending and on the broad general ground that the government has the right to enforce its laws and protect its people from calamity.

The order was directed against Frank G. Hayes, the incapacitated president of the union; John L. Lewis, acting president; William Green, secretary-treasurer, and all other officials of the organization. It took effect when served and will continue in force until after the formal hearing which Judge Anderson set for November 8.

In presenting the petition Mr. Ames made it clear that the case will not involve the general right of workmen to organize or quit work. He said it would have no bearing on other industries and "merely involves the right of labor during the war to restrict or destroy the supply of food and fuel."

"It rests," he added, "on the broad general powers of the government to enforce its laws and to protect its people against disaster."

The union officials are forbidden to send out any other orders, written or oral, tending to promote the strike in any way or make it effective. They are restrained from sending any messages of "encouragement or extortion" or from dispersing any union funds as strike benefits.

## MISS VAN SOLEN LOSES BIG AUTO

Eight Cylinder Olds Burns on Road Beyond Prison

Miss Lucille Van Solen, proprietor of the famous Van Solen ranch at Cannonball, was left stranded on the Red Trail, two miles east of the state penitentiary last night, when her eight-cylinder Oldsmobile caught fire and was completely destroyed. Miss Van Solen was en route home from a visit in Bismarck, planning to take the east road and cross the river at Cannonball, owing to the ferry being out of operation at this point. She was about two miles east of the penitentiary when heat under the floor of her car warned her that something was wrong. She barely had time to stop the car and leap from her seat when the whole machine burst into flames.

## Italian Premier Comes Out for An Italianized Fiume

Rome, Oct. 31.—In the midst of a parliamentary election campaign Signor Nitti, the Italian premier, has come out boldly in a letter to his constituents for an Italian Fiume. He asserts that the town, on the Adriatic which has been seized and is being held by Gabriel D'Annunzio "must not be abandoned to an uncertain fate" and declared that the Italian government, having reaffirmed the Italianity of Fiume, "is employing every means to defend it against attack."

## A. F. OF L. PROTESTS

Washington, Oct. 31.—Officials of the American Federation of Labor protested to Attorney General Palmer today against the action of the government in obtaining an injunction in the coal strike.

Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, did not accompany the delegation, but an engagement was made for him to see the attorney general later in the day.

The federation officials declare the injunction violated the rights of union labor and indicated that the coal miners would have their support in any fight brought to dissolve the injunction.

Mr. Palmer reiterated that the government was proceeding slowly against one union which, he declared, was trying to violate the law. He said the right to strike was not involved.

It was explained that while labor naturally opposed the government by injunction in this case the government was moving for the people's welfare. Inquiry was made at the White House as to the government's plan of action after the department of justice refused to discuss the purpose of Assistant Attorney General Ames' visit to Indianapolis.

Application for injunction will shift the government's fight to the heart of the coal field territory and will actually mean the first offensive warfare to prevent industrial chaos by closing of the soft coal mines. Frequent meetings of the cabinet will be held to keep in touch with the situation here.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Injunctions restraining the officers of the United Mine Workers of America from conspiring to violate the fuel control act will be sought by the government today at Indianapolis, it was said at the White House.

## COURT ACTION EXPECTED

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.—With more than 400,000 bituminous coal miners prepared to go on strike at 12 o'clock tonight, federal court action by the government in Indianapolis to prevent the effectiveness of the tie-up loomed big as a probability today.

Either of two plans of action by the government present themselves. Under the Lever act which makes it a crime for two or more persons to agree to limit the production of necessities of life, union leaders might be arrested in an effort to prevent them from carrying out strike plans or an injunction to restrain the miners' officials from conducting the strike might be asked.

Early today messages began pouring into international headquarters of the mine workers here from bituminous coal mining districts throught the country declaring that the miners were prepared for the walkout tonight and expressing confidence that the industry would be effectively tied up before tomorrow morning.

## Frisco Heavy Will Meet Jack Dempsey

San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 31.—William Meehan, heavyweight of this city, today claimed he had received a telegram from Dave Mackey, Newark, N. J., promoter, saying final details for an eight-round bout between himself and Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, at Newark on December 8 had been arranged.

## ENLARGING OFFICE

The local offices of the American Express company are being considerably enlarged and when the work is completed will be more than double the space formerly used for the office. The continually increasing business required the additional room.

## Washington Miners to Quit

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 31.—Every coal miner in Washington will strike at midnight, Robert H. Harlin, president of district No. 10, United Mine Workers of America, said here today when told of the injunction granted at Indianapolis.

## House Pledges Support

Washington, Oct. 31.—Republican leaders of the house today agreed to the adoption of the resolution approved yesterday by the senate pledging support to the "national administration and all others in authority" in



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