

STRIKE UP TO FRAZIER OPERATORS REJECT DEMANDS HILDRETH WARNS OF U. S. PROSECUTION

FRAZIER TELLS WHY HE'S IN ON MINERS' MUDDLE

Governor Declares His Only Purpose Was to Save People From Suffering

WOULD OPERATE MINES

Gives Operators Final Assurance of Intent to Continue Producing Coal

"In the event that you gentlemen are unable to get together, I shall, as governor of this state, feel called upon to exercise all the legal powers at my command to keep the mines in operation. I desire to state further that it is not my intention to interfere in any way with the negotiations now being conducted by the federal government and that any agreement made by you should not interfere with a final settlement, and must terminate immediately upon the settlement effected in the central bituminous field," said Governor Lynn J. Frazier in concluding a long statement to the coal operators issued at the close of his second conference with them, late Thursday afternoon.

SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE

"At the time I wired President Lewis of the United Mine Workers association I realized that something had to be done immediately to prevent a walkout of all organized miners in North Dakota, and that great suffering would immediately ensue on account of a shortage of coal throughout the state. My telegram resulted in the withdrawal of the strike order by District President Drennan, which order had gone out and which would have been effective on November 1, and all the mines in the state operated by union labor would have been shut down. In some instances where the order cancelling the strike was not received, there was a cessation of operations.

"I have had but one purpose in mind in getting you gentlemen together that being to keep the mines in operation in order that the people of this state should not suffer serious hardships, and which might result in loss of life. It has not been my purpose to take any part in the controversy between the miners and mine-owners. As governor of the state of North Dakota I feel that I am performing my duty to all the people of the state in handling this matter in this manner, and I would urge that both sides to this controversy show a spirit of cooperation in accomplishing the purposes above stated."

The conference adjourned at 4:30 until 8:30 in the evening without reporting progress.

STATE BOARD HELD TO BLAME FOR BIG INCREASE IN TAXES

State Auditor Kositzky Prepares Tables Showing Boost Running Up to 84 Per Cent

That the state board of equalization increased the assessed valuation of farm lands as returned by the county boards 84 percent, in the instance of Foster county, 79 percent, in Slope county, 71 percent, in Traill 70 percent, in Sargent, and all the way from eight to 50 per cent in a majority of the other counties is shown in a table issued today by State Auditor Kositzky in response to a request from county auditors.

County auditors advise Mr. Kositzky that farmers are complaining because their taxes are considerably higher, and that they wish something to prove their right to pass the buck. In submitting the tables of land values as equalized by the state board, the state auditor advises that sitting as a member of the assessed valuation of farm lands. Acre values as raised by the state board range from \$8.64 to \$57.71. Cass county is given the highest valuation in the state, and Traill is second with an average value of \$55.01 per acre.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS SUPPER
Royal Neighbors who wish to attend the turkey supper to be given at 6:30 next Tuesday evening at the Knights of Pythias hall are requested to notify Mrs. L. M. Parsons, Phone 227, before November 9.

For Ontario Premier



E. C. DRURY.
Ottawa, Nov. 6.—E. C. Drury, a farmer, 41 years old, is likely to be the new premier of Ontario. He is the chosen leader of the United Farmers' and Labor parties. His residence is Simcoe-co.

WILSON CABINET CONCENTRATING ON LABOR CRISIS

Fuel Administrator and Director of Railways Called Into Conference

MORE TRAINS CUT OFF

Washington, Nov. 7.—The strike of bituminous coal miners in particular and the industrial situation in general were discussed by President Wilson's cabinet today at a special meeting called by Secretary Lansing of the state department. Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director General Hines of the railroad administration were present.

FURTHER TRAIN REDUCTION

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Curtailed passenger train service, discontinuance of bunkering of foreign owned vessels at American ports, restrictions in some places of the use of public utilities and appeals for coal from various cities as the strike of approximately 425,000 bituminous coal miners today rounded out its first week gave the nation further indication of the distress in store should there be a protracted suspension of mining operations. To the states already reported suffering from a coal shortage, Kansas, Nebraska, Alabama and Iowa today was added Oklahoma.

"Follow the first law of nature which is self-preservation and take any coal you can get your hands on," was a reply of Governor U. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma to one county's appeal for aid.

While it was officially announced by the director general of railroads that no general curtailment of train service was contemplated, 66 trains today had been annulled in the central west.

PREPARE FOR A LONG SEIGE

Washington, Nov. 7.—Officials in direct touch with the strike situation apparently were preparing for a prolonged shut down of the mine. While the railroad administration's central committee would not divulge details of its work members admitted that arrangements were being made for full production of fuel should the strike become a "bitter end" fight.

In West Virginia miners continued to return in small numbers to the union shafts according to reports here. The non union miners were being given every encouragement also to increase their output.

Northwestern Trains Suspended
Minneapolis, Nov. 7.—Temporary discontinuance of several trains in the northwest were announced today by the United States railroad administration. Those on the first list are the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul between southwestern Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa points. This action was taken it was stated to speed up coal shipments from the head of the lakes.

LANGER RENEWS CHALLENGES TO BOSS OF LEAGUE

Attorney General, Addressing Home-Folk, Says Chieftains Evade the Issue

BELIEVES PEOPLE RIGHT

Declares They Have Shown the Power to Kick Out Dishonest or Weak Officials

New Leipzig, N. D., Nov. 7.—Declaring that he is facing as attorney general of North Dakota the same sort of fight which confronted him when he began as state's attorney the cleaning up of Morton county six years ago, William Langer last night addressed a mass meeting of "his own people," farmers who gathered here from miles around from bullwicks which Langer first stumped when he was the farmers' candidate for state's attorney.

Reviewing the birth of the league, the attorney general said:

"Three years ago the common people of this state demanded certain reforms. The officers and men in control of government of North Dakota refused to grant these reforms. The people quietly threw these men out of office and control. That is a fine thing about the people of North Dakota," said Mr. Langer, one of the trio of state officials whose impeachment has been threatened by league newspapers thought to reflect the opinions of President A. C. Townley. "They fire out of office any man or set of men who won't do their duty, who break faith, who shirk responsibility, or become the tools, manikins and playthings for unscrupulous, cunning adventurers."

THE BIRTH OF THE LEAGUE

"Three years ago you chose a ticket headed by Governor Frazier. Lower taxes, economy, legal justice to the rich and poor alike, terminal elevators and state hail insurance were some of the planks in your platform. You took the leaders of the league on faith, the same as you took the officials you elected on faith, with the exception that you had more confidence in the good faith of Townley and his outfit because of their professional friendship for you than you had in some of the very men you elected to office. Your confidence in Townley was misplaced. Frazier, who started out well, has proven a woeful failure. The attorney general declared the radical element was not in control when the league was born, but that it was now in the saddle, and that the farmers were being kept in ignorance of the fact. He enumerated a long list of "party socialists or professional agitators" working for the league, including in his "roll-call" as he referred to it, President A. C. Townley, Lieut.-Gov. Howard Wood and other men prominent in the organization.

He referred to league legislators who are on Townley's pay-roll, he declared, for \$125, \$250 and \$300 per month, as "come-ons," and mentioned the recent league convention in Fargo as a "shake-down meeting."

Reviewing that convention he asked: "Did any one of you present here anything, Frazier or Loftus explain anything to the farmers?"

"Did they explain how it happened that Hastings and his outfit got \$20,000 for a week's work in the organization of the so-called league bank of Valley City?"

BOUNTY WAS RETURNED

"Did they explain how it happened that they were obliged to return the grant of \$15,026.91 gotten from the farmers in the same deal—how Mr. Hall and I made them return it to the farmers?"

"Did they explain how it happened that the spinless nonentity that answers to the name of governor voted 'no' on the returning of the \$15,026.91 to the farmers and the making good of the \$36,375 in notes?"

"Did they explain how it happened that over a quarter-million of the state's money was in the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo?"

"Did they explain how it happened that although legally the Scandinavian-American bank could loan only \$9,000 to any person or corporation, they had loaned \$170,000 to the Townley stores, \$148,000 to Townley's League, \$66,182 to Townley's League Exchange, \$47,950 to Townley's service bureau."

THE EXCESS LOANS

"Did they explain to you that the excess loans alone amounted to over \$734,000, also the bank had a capital of but \$50,000?"

"Did they explain how it happened that Townley could take thousands of dollars in notes given to the Consumers Stores Co. on his collection trips and there deceive the farmers by saying that 'Big Biz says that your note was sold. It was not sold at all. Here it is!'"

SEA AND LAND



GEN. HORTHY
Budapest, Nov. 5.—General Horthy is now in command of the new Hungarian army. Formerly he was Admiral Horthy and commanded the Austrian navy.

TREATY TO BE PIGEON-HOLED IF MISTREATED

Senator Hitchcock Says President Doesn't Have to Accept Senate Action

WILL NOT COMPROMISE

Washington, Nov. 7.—President Wilson today told Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska administration leader in the senate treaty fight that he would be entirely satisfied with any reservations supporters of the treaty might feel justified in accepting to defend the reservations reported by the foreign relations committee and if that failed to vote down the resolution of ratification containing them. His next move would be to present a resolution of ratification and should a deadlock ensue to attempt a compromise with republican opponents.

No Compromise

The president, Senator Hitchcock said, expressed "his very strong approval" of what had been done to date and agreed that no compromise would be offered unless a deadlock was reached on a resolution of ratification. Senator Hitchcock outlined his program as first, an endeavor to defend the reservations reported by the foreign relations committee and if that failed to vote down the resolution of ratification containing them. His next move would be to present a resolution of ratification and should a deadlock ensue to attempt a compromise with republican opponents.

Can Pigeon-Hole Treaty

Senator Hitchcock said if a resolution of ratification containing the committee reservation were adopted that would settle the fight so far as the senate was concerned, but that the president could "pigeon-hole" the treaty. He declined to speculate as to the probable course of the president should the committee resolution prevail.

BISMARCK MAN LEARNS OF DEATH OF FATHER

T. C. Walker of Bismarck has just received word that his father, T. C. Walker, a member of the state legislature in the nineties and long prominent in prohibition circles, passed away some time ago. The deceased was a pioneer resident of Townier county, where he located in 1882. He was 81 years old.

MODERN BROTHERHOODS

A regular meeting of Bismarck Lodge No. 1018, Modern Brotherhood of America, was held at the Knights of Pythias hall at 8 o'clock last evening. A social time followed the business session.

HELPLESS, STARVING IN MIDST OF PLENTY, FREEZING WITH FUEL ALL ABOUT, AGED CARETAKER SUICIDES

Colearaine, Minn. — Rendered helpless by blood poisoning and unable to gather firewood or reach provisions which was stored in plentiful quantities in the cellar, James Francisco caretaker at C. L. Simons cottage on Wabana lake, 17 miles from Colearaine, shot himself thru the heart with a revolver rather than face death from starvation or cold.

The body was found yesterday by Jack Hayes who lives nearby. Terrible conditions were found at the Simons cottage by Hayes. The body was partially frozen, and food was scattered about the main room but outside the reach of the old caretaker. A letter started by Francisco three days after the poison set in and continued at intervals until shortly before his death was found. The old man had fired all but one revolver shot to attract attention and summon help, and then used the last shot to take his life. Francisco's only known relative is Mrs. Inez Edwards of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a daughter.

THREATENED WITH FEDERAL PROSECUTION IF THEY VIOLATED INJUNCTION AND GAVE WAY TO FRAZIER, OPERATORS REJECT PLAN

Two thousand organized coal miners will be on strike in North Dakota by midnight.

This was the situation seen at 1 o'clock this afternoon by Railway Commissioner Frank Milhollan, who is vice president of the North Dakota Federation of Labor and a member of Governor Frazier's labor cabinet.

The understanding is that Drennan left his strike order in the hands of friends of Frazier's administration prior to his departure at 1 o'clock this morning for Billings, Mont.

Mr. Milhollan would not confirm this supposition, but he stated that "the order had gone out," and that he expected all organized miners to have walked out by midnight.

"President Drennan has unlimited authority in this district," said Mr. Milhollan. "If he calls a strike only the national convention of the Mine Workers could overrule him."

Threatened with criminal prosecution and imprisonment if they violated the federal injunctions now pending and aided and abetted by the United Mine Workers in their defiance of this injunction by contributing a sum equivalent to sixty per cent of the wages now received by North Dakota miners to the strike benefit fund of the union, North Dakota coal operators at 1:30 this morning advised Governor Frazier that they could not accept the plan which the governor and Henry Drennan of Billings, district president of the United Mine Workers, had presented for their approval.

The conference ended with the expectation that a strike would be called by President Drennan this morning; that the strike order would be closely followed by a proclamation from Governor Frazier, declaring the existence of an emergency warranting the seizure of the mines; that the governor would take over the mines in behalf of the state, appoint Capt. I. P. Baker his agent in the operation of the mines, place in effect the sixty per cent wage increase demanded, and deflect into the United Miners' strike fund the additional amount so assessed against the coal consumers of North Dakota.

In so doing, it is contended, the governor will be acting in direct defiance of the United States government, and in violation of the property rights guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions to the owners of North Dakota lignite mines. He will be also levying upon every consumer of lignite coal in North Dakota a strike benefit tax of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per ton to be used by the United Mine Workers in maintaining in idleness striking miners in other states.

President Drennan left for his home in Billings, Mont., early in the morning, at the close of the conference.

All union miners in this district were at work this morning.

Governor Frazier's office reported no new developments this afternoon. The governor stated that no proclamation for the nationalization of the state mines had been issued, and that he had no statement to make to the press.

FRAZIER GIVEN BLAME

Because, it is contended, of a telegram sent to John Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, last week asking permission to operate the mines in this state, North Dakota has a probable strike of its lignite coal miners on its hands this morning.

Acting on the advice of the United States district attorney for North Dakota, the coal operators refused to sign President Henry Drennan's demand for a flat increase of sixty per cent in wages for all lignite miners in the state. The federal district attorney said that such a proposal would be in direct violation of federal statutes and if signed the operators would face arrest and conviction.

GOVERNOR REBELS

By siding with Drennan and accusing the operators of "stalling," Governor Frazier, chief executive of the state of North Dakota, is held to have gone unmistakably on record as opposing the federal government. In spite of the district attorney's warning and advice, Governor Frazier at last night's conference with the operators insisted that they should agree to Drennan's demands.

It is understood that Drennan has ordered a strike of all union lignite miners in the state to take effect this morning, but nothing could be learned up to the time of going to press as to miners obeying such instructions if they had been received. The Wilton mines were in full operation this morning, and the same is true of the Washburn mines, it is understood.

ANOTHER ALLEGED CATTLE RUSTLER IN PRISON HERE

Charles Arndt, apprehended in Benson county on a warrant charging him with being a member of Jack Guyer's alleged band of cattle rustlers, which is charged with extensive operations between North and South Dakota, is in county jail here, where Guyer is also held, awaiting trial. The arrest was made through evidence procured by Attorney General Langer, who engaged a corps of expert cattle thief catchers loaned him by the Montana Cattlemen's Association.

ATTEMPT TO PLAY POLITICS

The inside facts of the conference between Governor Frazier and President Drennan and the coal operators is said to be a story of baffled ambitions, dismal failure to play politics and a pitiful attempt to defy the United States government, according to those who have been in close touch with the situation from the time Governor Frazier sent his memorable telegram to the acting head of the miners' organization. (Continued on Page Four.)