

SOFT COAL STRIKE ENDS HARDING TO PUT STRIKE BEFORE CONGRESS

TO TELL STORY OF FAILURE IN PEACE EFFORTS

Whole Matter to Be Bared. Action to Protect Roads Is Hinted

TRAINMEN GO BACK

Big Four Unauthorized Strike on Southern Lines Is Stopped by Officials

TO PROTECT ROADS

Washington, Aug. 15.—President Harding having abandoned all efforts at mediation of the rail strike was declared today by his advisers to have virtually decided to inform the railroad executives of the country that in the operation of trains they will be given the full protection and aid of the government.

The president it was stated was determined that the only course the government now could pursue was the path it followed in the coal strike—extension of an invitation to the employers to operate their properties and the federal government with the cooperation of the states would stand behind them in their efforts so far as they are directed to serving the public.

Consideration was being given by the president, it was asserted to the proposition of going before congress within the next few days with a comprehensive statement of the whole rail strike situation, including the rebuffs that have met the government's attempts at settlement.

This statement if made, it was said, would include no suggestions as to legislation, but designed to place before congress and the country the facts in the situation as viewed by the government.

The president was described by one of his advisers as "having his back up" and fully convinced that nothing further could be done through negotiation.

Endeavors at mediation, however, were continued today by the leaders of the brotherhoods of railroad operating employees and of the other railroad labor organizations whose members have not been called out on strike.

Leaders of the railroad labor organizations today made public the rejection of President Harding's final offer for settlement of the national strike of ship-craftsmen but declared that attempts to mediate the difficulty by direct dealings between railroad executives and heads of the four brotherhoods were still in progress.

Washington, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—President Harding will place the rail strike situation before congress and before the country within 48 hours, it was officially announced today at the White House.

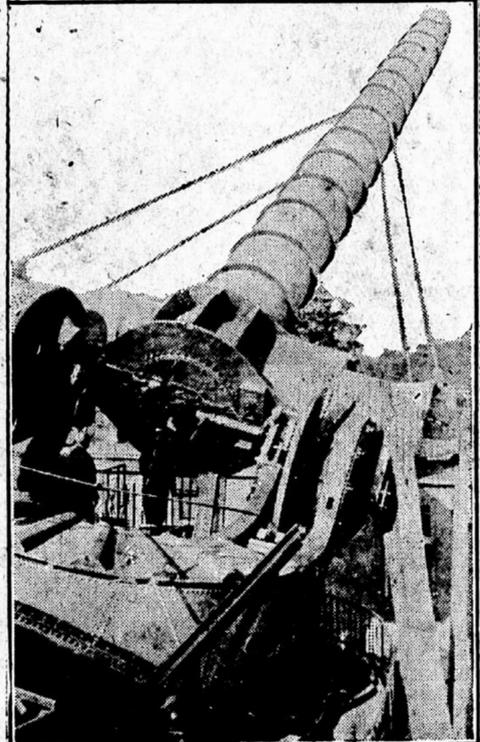
The announcement came after the President had conferred on the strike situation with his cabinet and with leaders in congress and after railroad union labor organizations had made public their rejection of the President's last settlement proposal together with the statement that chiefs of the non-striking unions planned to continue their efforts at mediation of the rail controversy.

The administration spokesman who made known the President's purpose declared there was "no ground for the executive to stand upon in advancing any further proposition" for settlement of the railroad strike, other than those which have already been laid before the management and representatives of the workmen now striking.

The impression prevailed among the President's advisers that he would in his statement to congress and through congress to the country make no suggestions as to legislation.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 15.—Few developments had changed the nation's grace railroad situation today. Efforts to settle the shompen's strike and end sporadic walkouts by train crews bore little fruit. Replies of the rail unions to (Continued on Page 7)

Flirting With the Stars



Astronomers at an observatory near Berlin take a squint at Mars through Germany's largest telescope. It looks like a giant gun.

TRIBUTE GIVEN NORTHCLIFFE IN ENGLISH PRESS

Great Deal of Space Devoted to Review of Career of Distinguished Editor

(By the Associated Press) London, Aug. 15.—A remarkable tribute is paid by the British press to the late Viscount Northcliffe this morning, columns, and in some instances even pages being devoted to editorials, photographs and special articles on the achievements and personality of the master journalist whose career ended at the height of his power.

Naturally the Northcliffe publications make the greatest effort to eulogize "The Chief" and the Times devotes four pages, with upturned column rules as a mark of mourning, to biographical sketches and messages of regret from journalists, politicians and diplomats in all parts of the world.

Tributes from America, including President Harding's message of condolence to Lady Northcliffe, are displayed prominently. George Harvey the American ambassador sent a message from Scotland, but King George, who is there also, is not represented among the published telegrams and cablegrams from the empire's prominent personages.

The press generally terms Lord Northcliffe the greatest British journalist of all times. His spirited Fleet Street competitors, but intimate personal friends, Lord Burnham and Lord Beaverbrook, the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph and the Daily Express, are united in their praise of Northcliffe's service to journalism of the empire.

NATIONAL ARMY AGAIN GAINS TAKES LAST POSITION OF IMPORTANCE FROM IRREGULARS

(By the Associated Press) Dublin, Aug. 15.—Kilmercy, the last position of importance in county Kerry held by the Irish irregulars, has been occupied by national army troops. The occupation was preceded by a brief engagement on the outskirts of the town after which the irregulars fled.

Drogheda is surrounded by irregular forces and a battle is apparently imminent. The nationals are preparing for a counter offensive. A large ambushing party of irregulars has taken up a position on the Dublin road with the object of holding up any national reinforcements.

MASS MEETING ON LIGNITE IS CALLED HERE

President of North Dakota Lignite Operators Association Urges Action

UNITED ACTION, NEED

All Citizens Must Get Behind Industry for Development of State

Proposal for a mass meeting to be held in Bismarck on the night of August 30 at which possibilities of the lignite industry in western North Dakota will be discussed and plans suggested for its development was voiced by Stanley Washburn, president of the newly formed North Dakota Lignite Coal Operators' Association, in Bismarck today.

After discussing his proposal Mr. Washburn was urged by many citizens to call the meeting. He announced postponement of the lignite operators meeting to Aug. 30 and called a mass meeting for that night.

Citizens of Mandan, Bismarck and other towns in western North Dakota, state and county officials and others interested in the development of North Dakota will be invited to the meeting.

Governor Nestos will preside at the meeting. Dean Babcock and others are expected to discuss lignite coal, its uses and its possibilities. It is planned to make the meeting devoid of technical discussions and interesting to all who attend.

The lignite industry is in its infancy and holds forth the greatest single possibility of industrial development in North Dakota, Mr. Washburn believes.

Railroads operating in the Northwest are taking hundreds of thousands of dollars out of North Dakota and spending it in Illinois and other states for coal when they can burn lignite more cheaply, Mr. Washburn declares. Consumption of lignite by the railroads is cited by him as one of the great possibilities of development of the great lignite fields of the state.

Speaking as an outsider—Mr. Washburn's home is in the east—he declares that the value of the lignite coal fields have not been appreciated. United action by citizens of the state, an organized campaign to create a vast market for lignite coal in the Northwest are prime needs of the industry, he declares.

RADIO SCHOOL TOMORROW

First School of Its Kind to Be Held in North Dakota

The first radio school to be held in Bismarck will open tomorrow night at St. Mary's Auditorium under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Father Hillary of St. John's university, has been appointed as instructor for the school, which will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Father Hillary has made a study of radio and is known as one of the leading exponents in the wireless telephone in the Northwest.

There will be special classes arranged for boys who wish to build their own sets, but the main lecture course will be at night. In addition to the explanation of radio, which will be made with few technical terms as possible, there will be concerts received over the Knights of Columbus radio phone.

ADVERTISE AIR TAXIS TO ALL PARTS OF NATION

(By the Associated Press) Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 15.—A local taxicab company today advertised airplane service to all parts of the United States.

FARMERS FEAR THEY CANNOT SHIP GRAIN

Farmers in Mountrail and Burke counties, west of the Ft. Berthold reservation country, are exhibiting concern over the railroad strike, fearing they will be unable to ship their grain, Dr. M. H. Worst, commissioner of immigration, who has returned from a trip in the western part of the state, said today.

There are no storage facilities available for all the grain which will be threshed, he said. Farmers in that section also, are getting along with a little help as possible, he said, many of them cutting their own grain and then shocking it themselves.

Crops in the lower Yellowstone valley and Ft. Berthold reservation are the best he has ever seen in North Dakota, Dr. Worst, a resident of the state for 40 years, said.

CO. AUDITORS OF STATE COME IN CONFERENCE

Real Work Is Planned by Officers for Annual Convention Held Here

THEY DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Auditors to Take Up All Phases of Public Business as Handled by Them

County auditors of the state came together in annual convention here this afternoon and immediately set about to do some real work during their meeting with pleasure sandwiched in between busy hours of the program. The convention continues tomorrow and on Thursday the auditors will meet with Tax Commissioner C. C. Converse to discuss innumerable phases of the tax situation.

President Wm. W. Felson of Pembina county was to call the auditors together this afternoon in the senate chamber, Mayor A. P. Lehart was to welcome them and Governor Nestos was expected to speak briefly. Concluding his response to the address of welcome Mr. Felson was to deliver the president's message to the auditors on the subject, "County Auditors Association—At Your Service, North Dakota."

The first job picked out for the county auditors by the program committee was a discussion of election work. It was an "experience meeting" in which the auditors "unlearned" their experiences in handling election returns, with a view of all auditors getting the benefit of any short-cut methods adopted by one.

Have Night Session on the program announcing that "evening discussion to keep up until someone moves an adjournment for a few hours sleep."

The open forum discussion includes such problems as: How best to apportion tax collections, how to make up tax sale notices, prepare tax sale certificates, and compile record of tax sale; how to prepare corrections and omissions, how to prepare the county budget, how best to dispose of land sold to county for delinquent taxes, how to prepare hail insurance records and other similar problems. The program announced that "the main point in view is how best to accomplish the work of a county auditor efficiently and at the least cost to the taxpayer."

To Tour City There will be a continuation tomorrow morning and afternoon of the general discussion. A question box will be opened at the beginning of the session tomorrow morning. Definitions as to legal questions will be submitted to the Attorney General, Tax Commissioner and Hall Commissioner. Before the conclusion of the Wednesday session officers will be elected.

During the leisure moments the auditors will be guests of local business men on an auto tour of the city, including the new bridge, Fort Abraham Lincoln, Country Club and the state penitentiary.

President Felson invited state officials and the public to sit in at the conference.

APPOINTED TO BOARD

Dr. George M. Williamson of Grand Forks, Dr. H. H. Buron of Fargo, and Dr. W. O. Gerrish of Jamestown, have been appointed to membership on the state board of Medical Examiners by Governor R. A. Nestos. The appointment of Dr. Joseph W. Farr of Lidgerwood, to the State Osteopathic board was also announced. Dr. Williamson has been secretary of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

BANKRUPTCY OF GERMANY IS CALLED PLOT

French Ministers Declare Nation Merely Feigning Financial Ruin as Policy

FORCES CREDIT PLEDGE

France Fears Neighbor at Work on Plan to Recapitulate World Commerce

(By the Associated Press) Paris, Aug. 15.—The French delegation to the allied conference in London in a long statement to the Havas Agency defines its position at the breakup of the meeting, affirms that the delegation showed patience and moderation throughout and declares Germany is persevering in a policy calculated to make Europe believe she is in a state of bankruptcy. "German's plan of action," said the statement, "explained the systematic depreciation of her currency. She was certain to ruin her own credit in the operation, but counted on the allies being forced to favor an international loan and thus receive her credit. She hoped that the first credit operation for her would be possible without coercion or pledges, and if the operation produced twenty billion marks for reparations she would consider she had paid enough."

"Her situation then would be better than that of the victorious allies," the statement went on, "since she would have only a small foreign debt and her industry would be in full activity. Thus she would resume in Europe and the world at large the position of the victors, the economic hegemony, wrested from her by the four years of war. The French delegation wishes to oppose an equitable and rational program to this German scheme."

The statement reviews in detail the proceedings of the London conference and declares the French delegation was obliged to reject the last proposal of receiving requests for payment from her creditors while at the same time without reserves against her former enemy debtors.

"Under these circumstances" it adds, M. Poincare refused to associate himself with any decision of the conference, even for referring the problem to the reparations commission and announced the French government would deliberate on the situation and that in any case it would reserve its freedom of action.

LAKE SEAMEN TO CONSIDER WAGE SCALE

(By the Associated Press) Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 15.—Members of the executive board of the international seamen's union were called to meet here today to decide whether to accept the wage increase granted lake seamen below the grade of licensed officers by the Lake Carriers' association yesterday.

Acceptance of the increase, which amounts to 15 a month for firemen, deck hands, able seamen, stewards, oilers and cooks, it was intimated before the meeting convened will probably avert the threatened strike. The increase becomes effective September 1. Mates and assistant engineers who are hired by the season also were awarded an advance in guarantees.

Ninety-eight per cent of the members of the international union voted several weeks ago to strike in protest against a further reduction in wages, claiming their pay has been cut from \$13 a month in 1920 to \$80 this year, the last \$5 reduction having been made this spring. At the same time they demanded an increase in wages and an eight hour shift.

Although the Lake Carriers association is operated under the open shop plan, union officers say the firemen, oilers and water tenders are 80 per cent organized, the sailors 67-1-2 per cent and the cooks 55 per cent. The directors of the Lake Carriers yesterday decided to continue the operation under the open shop plan and took no action in regard to the eight hour day.

A meeting was to be held at Grand Forks today between W. A. Sherman of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Ole Lund, head of the state grain department and the potato shippers, to discuss the inspection of potatoes which will be instituted this fall under a cooperative agreement between the U. S. Department and the state department.

SPUD MEETING TO BE HELD

(By the Associated Press) Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 15.—Farmers in western North Dakota are being urged to refrain from "stubbing" in the winter this year because of the danger of furnishing an ideal breeding place for grasshoppers, which might then develop into a serious pest for next year's crops, said Stewart Lockwood, government insect specialist, formerly located at the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo, now at Billings, Mont.

"This year there has been an abundance of native grasses in western North Dakota, due to the wet season," said Mr. Lockwood, "and the grasshoppers, which are present in sufficient numbers to do considerable damage in a dry season have been content this year to feed on the native grass, and have not moved into the grain fields."

STORES' NOTES TURNED OVER FOR COLLECTION

C. W. Reichert, receiver for the consumers United Stores Company, has turned over to the state industrial commission notes given to the stores company aggregating \$28,000, the action is understood to have been taken with many creditors of the stores company, the notes to be collected by the creditors, the amount applied on accounts and any balances turned to the Consumers company.

The industrial commission is creditor of the store company for about \$14,000, representing bills for flour bought from the Drake mill and not paid for. It has developed, according to Secretary Crawford, that in one instance at least a local stores company paid the amount to the parent company and the parent company failed to pay the mill account.

STRIKE MAY MEAN LOSS OF FRUIT CROP

Estimated that California Growers May Lose 37 Million Alone on Tie-up

(By the Associated Press) San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The Pacific coast today felt a bitter pinch from the railroad tieups which have been developing, lifting and clamping down again ever since Thursday night.

Passengers who had been marooned at the desert towns which serve as terminals for the Santa Fe lines southwestern divisions had been brought to places of greater comfort, but little had been done for the fruit growers.

There was a tense situation at Las Vegas, where about 150 persons—men who have replaced striking shompen, guards employed to protect the railroad property, and the wives and children of some of both classes—were virtually prisoners in a railroad enclosure, picketed all around by strikers.

Passenger trains were getting through on the Southern Pacific's two routes and, with great difficulty on the Santa Fe between Los Angeles and some point to the east yet to be determined, but the Western Pacific continued indefinitely suspended.

Southern Oregon, alarmed by the Southern Pacific's embargo, showed apprehension that the fruit crop in that region might not be moved to canneries, with resultant heavy losses.

Estimates of the loss varied widely—one going so far as to place that in California at \$37,000,000 to the growers alone—but all agreed that on account of the delicate nature of the crop, the damage due to lack of transportation had been heavy already and was increasing by thousands hourly.

H. M. Remington, manager of the California Growers and Shippers Protective League, said the strike is costing fruit growers of the state \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 each day the embargo is on.

WILTON MINE READY TO OPEN

Men Probably Will Go to Work Tomorrow There

(By the Associated Press) News of the apparent settlement of the soft coal strike was received with joy in Wilton today. The settlement means the immediate reopening of the Washburn Lignite Coal Company's mine there. The mine is ready to open tomorrow, if official word is received in time to permit it. W. P. Macomber, general manager, told The Tribune over long-distance telephone. One hundred men will go to work the first day.

Both the company and the union miners have been anxious to go to work, and have been closely watching the proceedings taking place in Cleveland, Ohio.

WARNING AGAINST GRASSHOPPER PEST

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WAGE SCALE READY TO SIGN ENDS STRIFE

Operators Prepare to Speed Up Production in Bituminous Districts

SAME WAGES TO BE PAID

Every Indication that Anthracite Workers Will Reach Agreement Soon

(By the Associated Press) Cleveland, O., Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—An agreement ending in part the soft coal strike that has been in effect since April 1, last, was unanimously approved by operators and miners in a joint conference here at 3:10 p. m. today.

Signing of the agreement commenced immediately.

Cleveland, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Both operators and miners ratified an agreement to bring about part settlement of the soft coal strike. Formal signing of the agreement went over until a joint conference this afternoon.

Fundamental change in the union's system of collective bargaining was brought about by the scale drafted here. The retention of the central competitive field, comprising western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, as the basis for negotiating a contract was lost, and in its place a reorganized conference, representing scattered mines in six states was set up. This change was the main loss of the miners' organization demands. Their demand for a six-hour day, five-day week was never pressed. The principal demand they gained was that against any reduction of wages.

Break in 20th Week The break in the strike came in its twentieth week. Approximately 450 men, soft coal miners, joined the walk-out last April 1, as did 155,000 anthracite workers. The strike settled soon after April 1 into a stalemate, with the only particular activity being in the non-union central Pennsylvania field where thousands enlisted in the walkout.

Little violence marked the strike. The outstanding exception was at Herrin, Ill., where more than two score non-union workers were killed in June. In general, the strike became a vacation for the miners.

Same Wage Scale. In brief the settlement provides that the miners shall be returned to work at the same scale of wages that were in effect when they went on strike; the new contract is to continue in force until next April 1; the agreement also provides for appointment of an advisory fact-finding commission, to consider settlement of disputes in the coal industry.

The settlement came after a week spent in marking time here by operators and miners. Finally, the showdown on the issue of compulsory arbitration came, resulting in three big operators withdrawing from the conference when President Lewis refused to accede to the demand. Then the conference reorganized and threw the doors open to all soft coal operators.

A quick agreement in principles followed, with operators controlling production of sixty million tons annually committed to its adoption.

The operators in the meeting have mines in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. Orders went forward from these operators here today to their bosses, back home, to get ready to speed up coal production. Miners, too, were confident that an early resumption of work at scattered mines would result in other operators burying their acceptance to the agreement.

Soft coal operators participating in conference with miners on part settlement of the coal strike announced today through their spokesman, T. K. Maher of Cleveland, that they would sign the scale that was agreed on in principle last night.

The operators' decision was reached (Continued on Page 7)