



May Call Legislature to Settle Coal Dispute

DRAFT ENEMIES LED BY MASON TRY TO KILL LAW

PETITIONS AND THREAT TO CONGRESS

Foes of Conscription Bombard Congress With Letter, Movement Pro-German.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Foes of conscription hope to bring about the repeal of the draft law before the second draft can be levied under it.

To this end a most remarkable movement has been started—remarkable in view of the fact that the country is at war. This movement is in the form of a propaganda to overwhelm Congress with petitions which will carry implications of political reprisals in case the statute is not wiped off the books.

BLATANT MASON THE LEADER.

Representative William E. Mason of Illinois is regarded as the leader of the forces that are seeking to compel the abolition of conscription before the time for a second draft. He announces that he will introduce the legislation sought and will fight for repeal of the draft act on the ground it is unconstitutional to send drafted soldiers to fight on foreign soil. He indicated that a gigantic propaganda had been organized back of the repeal resolution.

LETTERS ACCOMPANY PETITIONS.

Supplemental to the bombardment of petitions anonymous letters of a threatening character are being received by members of congress which point to an organized effort by pro-Germans, Socialists and pacifists to cause either the repeal of the selective draft law or its submission to a nation-wide referendum.

Anonymous threatening letters received by Representatives Gordon and Emerson of Ohio, who voted for conscription, are printed with the original letters on a good quality of linen correspondence paper. At the top of each letter is pasted a newspaper clipping quoting Secretary of War Baker as saying that the country's young men should rejoice to register for a war in defense of democracy.

At one side of the clipping are the words: "The mealy-mouthed humbug!" Beneath the width of the sheet, is drawn a long coffin and under it appears the following: "Orders 300,000 coffins as a first installment. Humanity! Democracy! Fake! Liberty bond!"

In smaller letters is printed the following: "There's something smoldering in this country that'll raise hell with you fellows in Washington if you don't forget John Bull and help your own people back to decent living conditions."

Representative Emerson forwarded the letter sent to him by District Attorney Wertz at Cleveland with the request that he make a thorough investigation.

"I have no personal fears," said he, "but if a secret organization is responsible for such treats it ought to be exposed."

Gordon tossed his copy into the waste basket. He said he had voted for the draft law and would not support any movement to repeal it during the war.

INDIANA EDITORS SPEAK BY MONOGRAPH

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 28.—The monograph on the Merchants Heat and Light Company Building began Monday a series of messages by Indiana editors on the needs of the country. The first, by Charles G. Seffrit, of the Washington Herald, is as follows: "Urgo greater activity in all productive, industrial and commercial lines. Produce more. Buy, sell, build, spend more. Stinginess is not thrift. Keep things moving. Unless the people make money they can not pay war taxes and buy Liberty bonds.—Charles G. Seffrit, Editor of the Washington Herald." Other messages will be from the following editors: John Henry Zuber, South Bend News-Times; Mrs. Minnie Crampton Wilson, Clinton County Citizen-Times; Claude G. Bowers, Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette; George B. Lockwood, Muncie Press; Edward C. Tener, Anderson Herald; George A. Elliott, Newcastle Courier; Percy A. Parry, Hammond Times; F. A. Miller, South Bend Tribune, and J. A. Kautz, Kokomo Tribune.

Hammond Ball Park. American Giants vs. Cuban Stars, Saturday, June 29. 6:28.2

FRIDAY NIGHT FOR PATRIOTS

Hammond is to be awakened Friday night by the greatest outburst of patriotic fervor in its history.

More magnificent than the wonderful parades and flag raisings in this vicinity since the declaration of war will be the demonstration tomorrow night.

Plans of the big affair are being kept secret. The officials asked THE TIMES to only state to its readers that it will be a rare treat offered them and "it will more than pay every man, woman and child who has an ounce of American red blood in their veins to be on the downtown streets after 7 o'clock Friday night."

A Notable Array.

All that could be learned was the principals of the cast, which is: Judge V. S. Reiter, Attorney Joseph Conroy, David E. Boone and Jesse E. Wilson, president of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic Drum corps, Hammond Boy Scouts and Red Cross nurses.

In what role the well known orators will play is rather an easy question to answer, inasmuch as it is hinted that "Hammond and its youth is to be awakened to its duty." One leader said today that speeches would be made, and judging from the pick the officials made, little more attraction would be needed to urge the people to be present.

The arrangements are the most unique ever planned for the benefit of the government in Hammond, one leader said today, and it is anticipated that the downtown section will be crowded to capacity.

"PALACE PAVILION" UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Canvas Home of Bessey-Loveridge Stock Companies.

A canvas theatre to seat over 1,600 people is being erected on the north side of State street, just west of Morton court. It is to be the home of the Jack Bessey and John Loveridge Combined Stock companies for the summer, and will be called the "Palace Pavilion."

Performances are to be given each evening with no matinee starting Sunday night, July 8. Mr. Bessey will appear in "Kick-In," the opening night and will introduce Mervin Ross, his new leading woman, to Hammond theatre goers. George Green and a "jazz" band of seven pieces will furnish the music.

One arrest was made during the fore part of the day in connection with indictments returned by the Gary grand jury. Phillip Mekatinsky, a prominent business man, was hit by a true bill charging him with letting property that is used for immoral purposes. Mekatinsky gave bond for \$1,000. Dan E. White who was arrested late yesterday on the charge of conducting a house of ill fame today gave bond of \$1,000.

Deputy Sheriff Fred B. Stults and W. H. Ols late today were to start to serve the first batch of fifty-one issued, as a result of grand jury indictments.

MANAGER DWYER AND HIS CABBAGES

The Hammond Country club has decided to do another "bit" for the Red Cross.

It has turned some of its broad acres this season into intensive cabbage plant raising and Manager Dwyer has some 10,000 of these babies all ready for business.

They will be on sale at the Woolworth stores for ten cents a dozen. This is the time to plant 'em and the Red Cross gets all the money.

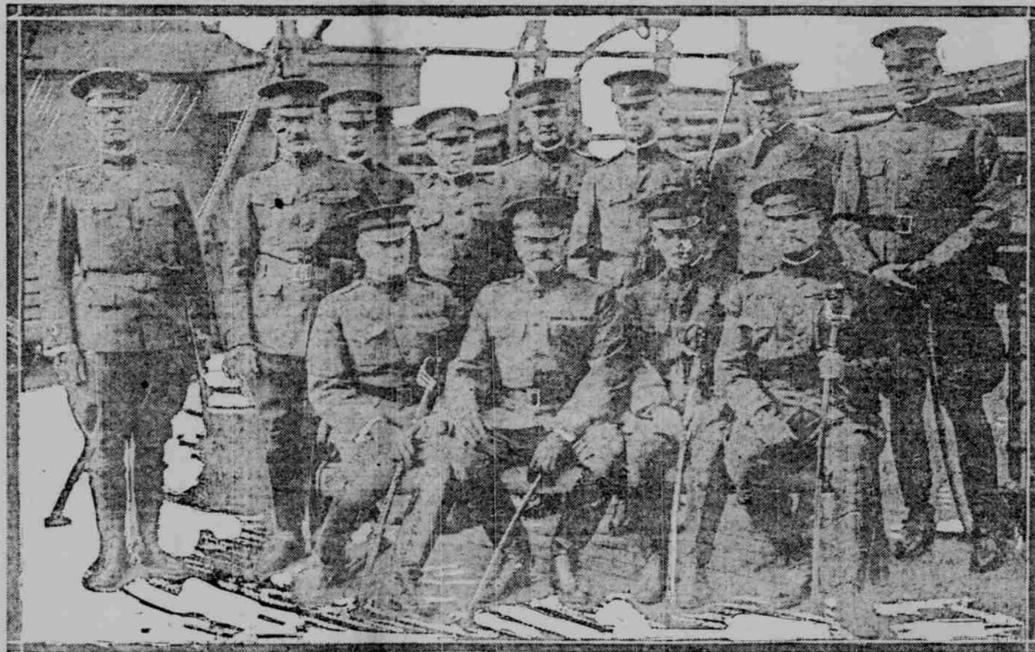
GETS BIG PLANT

(Special to THE TIMES.) MICHIGAN CITY, IND., June 28.—This city has landed the big L. Wolff Mfg. Co. plant of Chicago because of the political conditions and agitators in Chicago. A new plant to employ 5,000 is to be built right away. Plans are in the hands of the architects.

Hammond Ball Park. Hammond vs. Galligans, Sunday, June 30th. 6:27.3

Young man your Country calls this week!

Pershing and Staff in France Are Paving Way for Approaching Arrival of More American Troops



Maj. Gen. Pershing and his staff, photographed in England.

Maj. Gen. Pershing and his staff have been very busy since their arrival on the other side of the Atlantic, preparing for the coming of the first American army. This picture of the staff was taken shortly after Pershing's arrival in England and shows, right to left, seated: Lieut. Col. Harbord, chief of staff; Maj. Gen. Pershing; Col. Albard, adjutant general; Col. Brewster, in inspector general. Standing: Col. Ireland, medical corps; Col. Taylor, chief engineer officer; Maj. Dodd, aviator; Col. McCarthy, quartermaster general; Col. Bethel, judge advocate; Col. Russell, chief signal officer; Lieut. Col. Williams, chief ordnance officer; Capt. Margette, aide-de-camp and interpreter.

BOB JONES COMING TO CONVENTION

Famous Evangelist and National President of the W. C. T. U. Are Big Platform Guns to Be Fired As Endeavorers Convene.

The first annual convention of the Christian Endeavor societies of Indiana will open this evening at the Hammond Christian church. Sixteen denominations including the Presbyterians, Disciples, Friends and Methodists, having totally 950 young people's societies, 100 intermediate and 400 junior orders in the state, will be represented by more than four hundred delegates. Heretofore the convention has been held every other year.

The convention will close following a Sunday evening service. Fully half of the delegates are expected to be present for the opening service this evening. The first to arrive today were Miss Margaret Tiemann and Miss Vida Williams of Evansville who alighted from a Monon train at 6:30 a. m. Special coaches were attached to an Indianapolis train which reached Hammond at 4:09 this afternoon and contained the delegates from Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Sheridan, Delphi, Monticello, Monon and Frankfort.

Many Members in Army. With the ranks of membership depleted by recruiting the individual societies are said to favor a conservative policy for expansion during the war and this will probably be carried on the floor of the convention as the main issue. Hammond endeavor societies alone have given twenty boys to the country and the war will make greater inroads into the membership as the war progresses. Patriotism is expected to feature the convention.

All services are to be held at the First Christian church with the exception of the meeting for men at the Masonic temple Sunday afternoon which will be addressed by Evangelist Bob Jones. At the same hour Miss Anna A. Gordon, national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is to address girls and women at the First Christian church. The publically urged to attend the evening sessions of the convention. The convention is welcome at all services and is expected will not be closed to the public at any time.

Advance Registration Large. The convention a year ago, when it was decided to have it annually, was

What Red Cross Work for Women Really Means

WHAT THE AMERICAN WOMAN CAN DO FOR THE RED CROSS

1. The Professional Woman—Only the very best professional trained graduate nurses, with known executive ability, stand any chance of reaching the base war hospitals with the first American armies.

2. The Non-Professional Woman—Volunteer—Nurses aids are now being selected. Their duties are very hard—largely preparation of food in diet kitchens, food for the hospital staff, general hospital work.

These aids are being selected from those possessing certificates in the Red Cross courses. Many large cities already have such classes. Classes can be started anywhere by from ten to twenty women. Write to the Red Cross Bureau of Nursing Service, Washington, D. C.

Non-professional women volunteers should see officers of their local chapters for direction and advice.

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, June 28.—Romance in Red Cross war nursing is not altogether dead.

But disappointment faces the beautiful American woman who fancies herself holding some dying soldier's head in her lap, taking his last words for his mother or perhaps sending to a soldier's reward with a last kiss.

Work—hard toil—generally out of sound of the cannon is the part of the trained nurse at the base hospital. For her assistant or aid—and under

held at Muncie, Ind., with 800 delegates. As Hammond is in the extreme north-west portion of the state it is not expected the attendance will be so large. Over seven hundred have registered in advance. Of these 250 are local endeavorers leaving 450 from out of town. Conservatively estimating, the attendance will be more than four hundred.

Rev. C. J. Sharp, pastor of the Hammond Christian church, is the chairman of local arrangements. Miss Mildred Abernathy is in charge of the reception committee and C. A. Bounds has charge of ushers.

The convention theme is "Victory" and refers not only to the national and international situation in a patriotic way but also to the success of the endeavorers in their "Campaign For Millions" launched by the World's Endeavor convention in 1915 to end July 1, 1917. Twenty thousand new societies have been organized, the greater number in America, since the campaign opened which set the stakes at "millions of new Endeavorers, millions of

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this classification falls the greater number of volunteer American women—there is even more becoming toll.

Hospital housework and even the most personal tasks for wounded soldiers are the part of the nurse's aid. Gently reared high school girls who at present do no dish-washing, scrubbing and cooking, desiring to serve their country perhaps think of Red Cross work.

If they volunteer they soon are disillusioned. They turn sick at the stomach when told their duties may include

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PERSHING TO GET NEW CONTINGENT

(By United Press.) WASHINGTON, June 28.—General Pershing's men in France will be augmented as fast as possible by other trained troops. This was as far as officials at the war department would go today in discussing future plans, now that Americans are safely on French soil. Censorship and safety provisions forbid details. However, it transpires no rules to indicate that national guardsmen are likely to be in the units sent abroad ahead of the new national army. No army officer thinks this new army can be molded into fighting shape before spring at the earliest. Meanwhile other fighting forces, seasoned by service in this country and in Mexico, Haiti, Santo Domingo and the islands will take their places in the trenches, ready and eager for their part in overwhelming Germany.

When word for the Pershing expedition was given the general was studiously mapping out preliminaries. For a time it well might staggered the staff. Ships were short, submarines were plentiful and on the alert. To dodge them, send all the divisions safely across and transfer sufficient supplies was the problem. In accomplishing this the navy played an able part. The gray sea dogs watched the transports and kept grim vigil. A single secret in the war department code related the arrival. It announced only that Pershing's men had arrived safely. But to Washington and the nation the message spelled a tremendous success.

Army authorities anticipated full details of the journey would be available before night. They did not sanction the original publication of the arrival news. Admiral Gleaves, quiet, suave navy commander, deserves praise for his able handling of the convoys.

Latest Bulletins

(By United Press Cablegram.) PARIS, June 28.—Violent artillery followed infantry fighting in Coraillet. A German attack directed against Watwiler failed.

(By United Press Cablegram.) BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS. (With the British Armies in the Field.) Canadian troops today occupied the town of Elou dip Leauvette, one-half mile southwest of Lens. This is the nearest the British have come to the city proper.

Mention of the patrols pushing further on indicates a general retreat by the Germans and abandonment of their positions under the strong pressure which the British have been applying to the city. Lens is now practically encircled on three sides.

(By United Press Cablegram.) PARIS, June 28.—Paris was flooded with American naval officers and blue jackets today, men from ships that accompanied the American expeditionary army on its voyage to France. They were cheered and feted everywhere they went.

(By United Press Cablegram.) ROME, June 28.—The Central Powers are beginning to fear that Russia will soon be an active participant in the allied plan of joint offensive operation. Word received from the front today arrested there were evidences there that a considerable number of Austrian divisions have been hurriedly withdrawn from the Italian front and transferred back north. Many of these troops were troops that were shifted from the northern fighting line at the height of General Cadorna's offensive to stiffen the weakening German front. At that time the Central Powers were confident of success of their separate peace plot and had practically stopped all fighting on the Russian front by deliberate fraternizing.

(By United Press Cablegram.) LISBON, June 28.—A wave of tremendous enthusiasm swept the parliament today when formal announcement was made that a battalion of Portuguese troops somewhere on the fighting line in France had destroyed a German patrol and taken a number of prisoners.

(By United Press Cablegram.) ATHENS, June 28.—After a few days I expect to have much to say to my beloved Athenians," was Premier Venizelos' salutation when it was demanded he make a speech immediately after he and his cabinet had taken the oath of office. Venizelos was called to the balcony of his hotel by cheering crowds. He and his ministers began their duties at once.

Unsettled with thunder showers this afternoon or tonight. Friday partly cloudy; moderate variable winds.

You can be a "chooser" young man if you enlist this week. After, you must go where you're put.

GOODRICH SO NOTIFIES WASHINGTON

Governor Says He Has Fooled With the Coal Operators About Long Enough.

TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 28.—Once more the prospect of a special session of the legislature stares Indiana in the face. Unless Congress comes through with a law giving the President authority to fix the price of coal and to regulate the distribution of coal throughout the country within a short time, Governor Goodrich is going to call the legislature together and ask it to take action that will settle the coal question for Indiana. He has not made any such announcement, but persons who are close to him and who know what he thinks and what he has in his mind say this is what he proposes to do. He has fooled with the coal operators and the coal problem about as long as he is going to fool with it, and has got nowhere, and he is determined that Indiana people shall have relief.

There is every indication that the coal operators are not acting in good faith and that they do not intend to cut the price of coal until they are forced to do it, one way or the other. When the coal shortage and the high prices were tackled some time ago the operators came through with a defense that they were unable to get coal to the markets because of a shortage of cars. They said the railroads did not supply them with more than 50 per cent enough cars to keep their mines running half the time, and that this car shortage was the cause of the shortage of coal and high prices.

But since the public service commission, the state council of defense and the Governor took hold of the proposition and started to work it out the railroads have been furnishing the mines with all the way from 80 to 100 per cent of all cars asked for, and in some instances they report that they are giving mines more cars than they ask for. And yet coal prices have not gone down. They are as high as ever, and some of the operators are advising customers to buy large quantities of coal now at present prices because coal will be higher within a short time. Just what they propose to base further advanced prices upon is not known, because they placed all of the blame before on shortage of cars.

Last week the operators flatly refused to have anything further to do with the plan to solve the coal problem in this state until after other lines of business had also been regulated. Thus they threw down the gauntlet of defiance to the state authorities and tactically defied them to do anything toward bringing coal prices down.

This attitude on the part of the coal operators has aroused indignation all over the state, and it has given rise to the likelihood of prompt action by the legislature.

Governor Goodrich asked W. H. Thompson, Republican, and Charles E. Cox, Democrat, leading lawyers of this city, to prepare for him a written opinion on the question of whether the Legislature had power to enact legislation to fix prices and regulate the production and distribution of coal in the state. Cox is a former judge of the Indiana supreme court. There can be no politics in the move just taken, because both parties are represented by these two lawyers. In their opinion, just delivered to Governor Goodrich they agree that the legislature has full power to take such action and to enact such laws.

This opinion was laid before the state council of defense, yesterday, and that body immediately adopted a resolution calling on Congress to pass a law giving the president authority to fix coal prices and regulate the distribution of coal throughout the country, and it became known that unless Congress does this soon Governor Goodrich will take the advice of Thompson and Cox and call the legislature together.

It is currently reported that Indiana coal operators are making more money now than they ever made before in the history of the industry and the public is paying the bill. The operators say they see no reason why they should make any sacrifice by giving up any of their present profits.

Whether any other legislation besides the coal matter will be proposed at the special session remains to be seen, but it is thought that the legislature might be asked to make such appropriations for war purposes as may be found necessary. Every possible effort will be made to keep party politics out of the session and to put the entire matter on the high ground of patriotism and justice.

Hammond Ball Park. Hammond vs. Merrimacs, Wednesday, July 4. 6:28.5

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