

HALF MILLION COAL MINERS QUIT AT MIDNIGHT FRIDAY

Railroad Administration Commandeers All Soft Coal In Transit; To Announce Maximum Price

ALL HOPE OF SAVING LIVES OF 22 IMPRISONED MINERS ABANDONED WHEN WALLS OF MINE CAVE IN

Rescue Experts Work Against Flames Which Spread Rapidly—Number of Victims Increased by Official Estimate.

BULLETIN. Amsterdam, O., Oct. 30.—All hope for the lives of the miners imprisoned in the burning number two mine of the Youghiogheny and Ohio coal company here was practically abandoned near noon today when a cave-in occurred at a spot where the miners were believed gathered. Mine officials raised their estimate of the number caught in the mine from 19 to 22.

Amsterdam, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Hundreds of miners and mine rescue experts were fighting a desperate battle against time here today in their efforts to rescue 19 men imprisoned in burning number two mine of the Youghiogheny and Ohio coal company. The fight was on with redoubled fury with the discovery of state industrial commission mine experts that a huge pocket of gas had formed in the mine not far from the fiercely burning shaft. If the fire reaches this pocket before the rescuers reach the prisoners, a terrific explosion will rend the shaft and bring thousands of tons of rock and coal crashing down into the mine and obliterate all life. This is the opinion of Jerome Watson, in charge of the state industrial commission mine rescue car. Watson and his assistants were busy pessimistic. There were 19 men in the mines when the alarm was given yesterday morning. All except 20 made their escape through a long underground passage to an abandoned entry.

GERMANY MUST FILL TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE

Supreme Council to Force the Huns to Sign Protocol Guaranteeing to Live Up to Agreement in Treaty.

Paris, Oct. 30.—The supreme council decided today to force Germany to sign a protocol guaranteeing she will carry out the terms of the armistice. This will be attached to the original treaty as soon as it can be executed. The council also asked inter-allied naval experts to prepare a plan by which Germany shall reimburse the allies for sinking the interned German fleet at Scapa Flow. Final reply to Bulgaria's counter proposals will be submitted Saturday.

The supreme council yesterday received official information from allied military and financial authorities that Germany had violated several clauses of the armistice. Penalties to be exacted have not yet been fixed.

QUICK ACTION ON THE TREATY IS ANTICIPATED

Battle Over Reservations Was in Prospect as Senate Met Today—All Amendments Have Been Defeated.

Washington, Oct. 30.—(United Press).—Quick disposition of all remaining amendments to the peace treaty and the starting of the battle over reservations was in prospect as the senate met today. All amendments so far have been defeated and others still to come up will also be beaten, senate leaders believe following rejection of three amendments and the tabling of one other act. The Moses, Shields, and second Johnson amendment, all dealing with equalization of voting power in the league of nations were the ones beaten.

RAILROAD MEN AWAIT ANSWER FROM DIRECTOR

Future Action, Regarding Strike, Will Be Governed by Nature of Verdict Expected in Next Few Days.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Railroad workers who are asking higher pay expect to hear the verdict of the railroad administration on their requests within the next few days. Their future action will be governed by the nature of the verdict, according to brotherhood officials. Director General Hines today had before him the report of his wage adjustment board. He planned to summon officials of the brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors to a conference before Monday. "We came here to get an answer," said W. G. Lee, president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen. "We expect it soon."

Lee declined to say what course would be followed if the demands for higher wages and an adjustment of pay are refused. Demands of the workers include time and a half for overtime which they say they wish to obtain to cut down long hours of work. Decision while applying only to conductors and trainmen in this instance is expected to serve as an index of administration policy toward all railroad workers. Any action undertaken by the workers would probably be conjunctive labor officials said, including the four railroad brotherhoods and the 14 unions of railroad workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Leaders of the workers told Hines their men are restless and that it will be difficult to prevent a strike unless concessions are made.

Lee said railroad workers would not be greatly influenced by a coal strike. "We don't believe in sympathetic action," he said. A coal strike would contribute to general unrest however, and might make it harder to restrain the men.

FAMOUS WOMAN WRITER PASSES AWAY AT HOME

Ella Wheeler Wilcox Succumbs Early This Morning to Illness Following Nervous Collapse Suffered in England.

Short Beach, Conn., Oct. 30.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, author and poet, died today at her home here. She had been ill for several weeks, following a nervous collapse suffered in England. Mrs. Wilcox was born at Johnstown center, Wisconsin, in 1855. Her childhood days were spent in Wisconsin and it was here she obtained her early education. She attended the University of Wisconsin.

In her younger life she was a contributor to various American magazines and newspapers, writing poetry, prose and some fiction. She was also widely known for her children's books. She was married in 1884 to Robert M. Wilcox, who died in 1906. Her later years were spent at her home at Short Beach, Conn. Mrs. Wilcox wrote her autobiography in 1919 under the title of "The World and I." In that year she went to Europe as a representative of the Red Star. Among her better known books are: "The Double Life," "The Beautiful Land of Nod," "Sailing the Sunny Seas," "Historical Mother Goose," "New Thought, Common Sense," and "Lest We Forget."

DISTANCE UNCERTAIN. New York, Oct. 30.—The Facker collegiate institute in barring powder and rouge for girl pupils also decreed that their dresses should begin at their heels and go to within a reasonable distance of their necks.

Coal Miners Wire Labor Secretary Wilson Their Determination To Carry Out Strike Which Becomes Effective Tomorrow Night

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE PROTECTION COAL CONSUMERS OF COUNTRY

Following Extraordinary Meeting of Cabinet This Morning Attorney General Palmer Declares President Will Be Asked to Issue an Order Naming Maximum Prices—Priority List Also Given Out Today by Director General of Railroads.

BULLETIN. Washington, Oct. 30.—Without a record vote, the senate late today adopted the Thomas resolution assuring the administration of its support in any constitutional steps that may be necessary during the impending coal strike.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The ship of state today began battling down hatches and making all fast in preparation for the great industrial storm expected to break with the miners' strike Saturday. The railroad administration practically assumed control over all bituminous coal now in transit. Simultaneously Rail Director Hines published a priority list which will govern distribution of all coal for industrial, commercial and domestic uses.

Following an extraordinary session of the cabinet Attorney General Palmer announced that President Wilson will be asked today to issue an order virtually establishing maximum coal prices.

SUMS UP THE SUPPLY. Secretary Lane, summing up the nation's fuel supply, was inclined to be optimistic. Heads of various industries and institutions throughout the country, however, predicted the pinch of a coal famine would be felt within one to three weeks. They said the following were certain to suffer: Homes, hospitals, schools, manufacturing plants of various kinds, electric railways, packing and other food industries, hotels, steamship companies. Thomas T. Brewster, president of the coal operators' association, in a statement written for the United Press, said the mine owners were still ready to negotiate with the men, providing the strike orders were rescinded.

Following the cabinet meeting today, Attorney General Palmer issued the following: (Continued on page two.)

BIG COAL OPERATORS IN WASHINGTON REFUSE TO ACCEPT WORKERS' TERMS



Coal operators photographed on leaving a conference in Washington. (Left to right: A. W. Calloway, Thomas F. Brewster, S. H. Robbins and A. R. Hamilton.) Big coal operators were in Washington last week trying to arrive at some satisfactory agreement with the miners, who threaten to go on strike Nov. 1. The above group of operators was photographed just after leaving a conference in which they flatly refused to accept the workers' terms.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW. Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 30.—Howard Rogers, aged 16 months, son of Mrs. I. W. Rogers, of Sacramento, who escaped injury in yesterday's wreck of the San Joaquin express, today gave out the following statement: "Toot, toot, toot, choo, choo, bang."

COAL PRIORITY LIST

Washington, Oct. 30.—The following priority list which will determine the order in which railroads, homes and industries will be given available coal, was announced by Rail Director Hines: A—Steam railroads. Inland and coastwise vessels. B—Domestic, including hotels, hospitals and asylums. C—Navy and army. D—Public utilities, including plants and such portions of plants as supply light, heat and water for public use. E—Producers and manufacturers of food; including refrigeration. F—National, state, county and municipal government emergency requirements. G—Bunkers and other marine emergency requirements not specified above. H—Producers of news print paper and plants necessary to the printing and publication of daily newspapers.

OPERATORS TO MEET FRIDAY IN CLEVELAND

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 30.—Chicago representatives of coal miners were ready to leave here early today to attend the meeting of the operators at Cleveland to consider the miners' strike.

The Indiana representatives are: Ed Logsdon, M. L. Gould, Indianapolis, and A. M. Ogilvie and P. H. Penna, Terre Haute, Ind.

Reports early today were that the operators would review the strike situation and consider offering their services to the government in case federal authorities assume control of the mines.

SEATING HUNS IN CONFERENCE MEANS FIGHT

Admission of German and Austrian Delegates to International Labor Meeting Will Be Contested by Other Countries

Washington, Oct. 30.—Admission of German and Austrian delegates was expected to precipitate a fight when the international labor conference resumed sessions late today.

The German delegation is not entitled to be seated in the conference under the rules provided in the peace treaty, since Germany is not yet a member of the league of nations. The delegation embarked at Rotterdam with the hope that the conference would change the rules. The Germans are due to land Sunday. They are traveling on passports vised for admission.

WEATHER

Forecast for Boise and vicinity: FAIR TONIGHT AND FRIDAY. For Idaho: Tonight and Friday, fair. Highest temperature yesterday, 40. Lowest temperature this morning, 32. Mean temperature yesterday, 34.

President Lewis of United Mine Workers of America in Message Bitterly Attacks Appeal of President Wilson Declaring it Prevented Any Possible Chance for Satisfactory Settlement of Situation.

Indianapolis, Oct. 30.—Coal miners stand firm on their determination to strike, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America wired Secretary of Labor Wilson today.

Lewis' telegram was in reply to a message received from the secretary of labor by the conference of union heads yesterday in which Wilson made "certain suggestions" to aid in settling the difficulty between the miners and operators.

Wilson's message was not given out here and it was not stated what the suggestions were.

ATTACKS WILSON'S APPEAL

Lewis in his message bitterly attacked the appeal made by President Wilson that the strike call be rescinded. He said: "Unprecedented and unwarranted action of the cabinet and president of the United States in issuing statements Saturday last has done more to prevent satisfactory settlement of impending strike and working out of wage agreement than any other element which has entered into the situation."

He characterized the President's statement as a "bitterly partisan" document. "It attacks the intentions of the workers without even suggesting that mine operators may have brought about the unhappy situation," Lewis said.

"Threat is made to exercise full force of government to prevent stoppage of work without any corresponding threat to exert full force of government to enforce fair working conditions and living wages."

Lewis claimed the miners in conference with the operators and Secretary Wilson at Washington, were willing and anxious to open joint negotiations without reservation.

POSITION UNCHANGED

"Our position remains the same today," he continued. "We shall hold ourselves in readiness to attend any joint conference which may be arranged by you upon fair basis and stand ready to convene international convention of our organization whenever our scale committee has received an honorable proposition for presentation to such convention."

Lewis further stated in the message that the presidential edict threatens to deny to mine workers protection of both the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the constitution.

"It threatens invasion of constitutional and inalienable rights of American citizens," he continued. "It is a climax of a long series of attempted usurpation of executive power."

NO CRIME TO STRIKE

Under the laws of the United States, said Lewis, beyond any presidential amendment or abrogation, it is not a crime to strike. An individual can not be punished for striking, as for the commission of a crime.

"Miners are threatened with involuntary servitude by the presidential attempt to make refusal to work, individually or collectively a crime, the message continued.

"The President threatens the mine workers with a sanctified peage demands that they perform involuntary service; proclaims a refusal to be a crime when no such crime exists, nor can a crime be defined under the constitution."

"The right and the duty rests upon free American labor to maintain unimpaired the constitutional privileges"

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UTAH MINES TO CLOSE DOWN ON NEXT SATURDAY

Only Intervention Can Prevent Supply of Coal for This State Being Cut Off—Miners to Answer Strike Call.

(Capital News Special Service). Salt Lake, Oct. 30.—Unless there should be intervention from Washington, practically all the Utah mines will close down on the first of November. While this will not seriously interfere with the Idaho situation, because of the fact that Utah coal operators, as well as Wyoming operators have tacitly agreed to ship no more coal this winter or at other time so long as there was a local demand for their output, the development is interesting because it had been expected that most of the coal miners here would not go out. With the practical certainty of their going on strike a keen shortage will be experienced here. It is expected that some of the men will remain at work in properties of the Carbon Fuel company and of the Utah Fuel company, but even these concerns, it is believed, will not be in position to deliver anywhere near their normal output. The Mutual coal company, in which many Idaho people are interested, and confidently expects to be in position to deliver coal two to three months sooner than had been anticipated. Indeed it is possible that delivery will be made from this property much sooner than the period indicated as every effort is being made by the company to secure production with the least possible loss of time in view of the public dilemma in the districts in which it is interested.

IDAHO CITIZENS TO OBSERVE NOV. 11 AS "ARMISTICE" DAY

Governor Davis Issues Proclamation at Request of American Legion Making Designation.

Governor D. W. Davis today issued a proclamation at the request of the Idaho American Legion, designating Nov. 11 as "Armistice day," and a holiday through the state, and calling upon Idaho citizens to observe it in a spirit of thankfulness and joy, and prayer that Divine Providence may continue to guide the nation to righteous victories.

The proclamation is as follows: From the commencement of our history as a people, by the designation of special anniversary days, it has been the custom to commemorate events and achievements marking the progress of the nation, or in grateful and loving tribute to citizens who, by their lives of nobility and patriotism have upheld the honor and glory of their country. As the story of the Liberty Bell (Continued on page two.)