

PREPARE TO OPEN MINES ON GARFIELD PROPOSAL FOR 14-CENT INCREASE

Chief Test Is to Come in the Western Pennsylvania District, Where the Miners Are Most Highly Organized—Will Protect Miners Wishing to Resume Work.

OPERATORS CONFER WITH GOV. SPROUL

In Indiana District Some Operators Are Guaranteeing the Difference Between the Scale Just Offered and the Scale That May Be Definitely Settled Upon.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Operators in western Pennsylvania, which is a part of the central competitive field, will meet Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia Monday to discuss plans for protecting miners wishing to return to work, according to information received here to-day by the operators' committee.

Those in close touch with the situation regarded this as the first indication of an attempt to break the strike in the highly organized central field. The call for the meeting said the purpose was to harmonize details of the proposed 14 cent wage advance, but methods of bringing the strike to an end were expected to be the most important subject considered.

EFFECTIVE AT ONCE

Mine Owners in Indiana Coal Fields Post New Schedule.

Indianapolis, Nov. 29.—To-day marked the first concerted effort by the operators in the Indiana coal fields to bring about resumption of operation of mines tied up by the strike of United Mine Workers of America on Nov. 1. Mine owners posted notices that the increase of 14 per cent proposed by Fuel Administrator Garfield would be effective at once and some operators' companies added that miners would be granted the difference between the scale just offered and the scale that may be finally decided upon.

MINING UNDER RECEIVERSHIP

Kansas Mines May Be Turning Out 10,000 Tons a Day.

Topoka, Kan., Nov. 29.—Preparation for the resumption of coal mining operations in Kansas under a state receivership went forward to-day with the prospect, according to an announcement by Gov. Henry J. Allen, that a daily output of 10,000 tons would be realized by the middle of next week, if work could be started promptly.

DO NOT EXPECT EARLY SPURT ON COAL OUTPUT

But Operators Seem to Be Optimistic That Monday Will See Many Men Returning to Work.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Immediate results in increased production of bituminous coal were not expected to-day to follow the government's announcement that it proposes to set mining begun at a 14 cent wage increase. Operators looked upon the latest steps in the miners' strike with optimism, however, and believed that on Monday many workmen would re-enter the mines. Saturday and Sunday generally have been regarded as at least part holidays in the coal fields.

MEDICATION POSSIBLE

By A B C Nations Between United States and Mexico.

San Diego, Chile, Nov. 26.—The nation-to-day says it has learned from well informed diplomatic circles that there is a possibility of mediation by the governments in the A B C group (Argentina, Brazil and Chile), with the object of composing the difficulties that have arisen between the United States and Mexico over the case of Consul Jenkins.

INCREASED RESERVES

Hold by Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies.

New York, Nov. 29.—The actual condition clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they hold \$71,333,170 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$34,965,090 from last week.

stoms over the entire state making it necessary to delve deeply into short fuel supplies. Calling of a conference of operators of the coal-producing states for Monday or Tuesday at Chicago by Governor Gardner of Missouri, awaited statement of a definite plan of action by the federal government for re-opening the mines. Should the government decide to take over the mines, Governor Gardner said, the conference would be called, but otherwise he would issue the call "to see what the governors could do."

FRANCE GIVEN TEN SUBMARINES

Supreme Council Gives Her Large Number of German Tonnage

OTHER U-BOATS WILL PROBABLY BE BROKEN

France Favored Because During War She Could Not Build Ships

Paris, Nov. 29.—France is to be awarded ten of the German submarines, the supreme council decided to-day in continuing its consideration of the allotment of German naval tonnage among the allies. France is allowed this number of submarines, it is explained, because during the war she was unable to build to the extent of others of the allies, her plants being devoted to the making of munitions for use of all.

NEEDS DEFENSIVE WORKS

United States Should Have Them, Declares Major-General Black.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Necessity for the maintenance of defensive works at important and strategic points along the coasts of the United States is no less patent to-day than before the war with Germany, in the opinion of Major-General William M. Black, chief of engineers. In his annual report published to-day, General Black declared that "sea coast defenses had lost nothing in importance from the lessons of the war," adding:

"Rather was the extreme value of such works demonstrated. The Turkish fleet at the Dardanelles seemed to prevent the taking of Constantinople, and the opening of a line of supply for Russia. This instance alone in its far-reaching consequences proved the worth of sea coast defenses."

General Black expressed the opinion that heavy ordnance on railway mounts "must be considered simply as auxiliary defenses" to the fixed and permanent works.

FRANCE IS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

There Were Shocks in Two Places, But Only Slight Damage Was Done.

Paris, Nov. 29.—A slight earthquake shock, lasting seven seconds, was felt at 12:40 o'clock this morning at Cannes, in the Riviera, it was announced in messages received here this morning. A heavier shock was experienced a half-hour after midnight at Foix, 45 miles south of Toulouse, at the foot of the Pyrenees. Only slight damage was done at either place.

CARPENTIER CONFIDENT

Big French Fighter Thinks He Will Beat Joe Beckett.

Paris, Friday, Nov. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Georges Carpentier will have a powerful ally fighting for him when he faces Joe Beckett at Holborn stadium at Dec. 4—the rate of exchange. Carpentier will receive £3,000, win, lose or draw, according to unofficial reports. At the normal rate of exchange this would mean that the French champion would receive about 125,000 francs, but with the exchange rate as it is at present, running at about 40 francs to the pound, Carpentier's share will amount to almost 200,000 francs.

SAVE \$800,000 ANNUALLY

For Employers of Massachusetts on Workmen's Compensation.

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PEACE PARLEY DEC. 2

Between Estonia and Soviet Russia at Dorpat.

London, Nov. 29.—The Estonian government has announced that peace negotiations with Soviet Russia will be begun at Dorpat on Tuesday next, Dec. 2, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow to-day.

BEGINNING OF R. R. STRIKE

Trainmen and Yard Men at Kansas City Will Quit This Afternoon

ALL THE RAILROADS THERE AFFECTED

A Strike Vote by 2,000 Men Was Taken at Meeting To-day

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 29.—Two thousand railroad trainmen and yardmen of Kansas City will go on strike at 4 o'clock this afternoon, according to an announcement by the local branch of the railway trainmen officials. All of the railroads entering Kansas City will be affected, with the possible exception of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific. The strike vote was taken at an early hour this morning.

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WILSON'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS TUESDAY

He Has Been Working on It for Two Weeks, Dictating to His Stenographer.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—President Wilson's message to Congress will not be transmitted until Tuesday, it was said to-day at the White House. It is expected to cover a wide range of subjects, with particular attention to the industrial situation.

MEXICAN SITUATION STILL UNSATISFACTORY

Although Denial of Battle Between Carranza and Obregon Factions Eased the Tension.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Denial from Mexico City of the reported fighting between Carranza and Obregon, presidential candidates, served to ease the tension of the relations between the two factions in the United States. The state department, however, had not altered its determination to enforce the demand for the prompt release of American Consul General Jenkins, imprisoned on the charge of conniving with his bandit captors.

PROPOSE TO RAISE THE LUSITANIA

Baron De Wardener Predicts the Great Ship Will Be in Service Again.

Portland, Me., Nov. 29.—Count Krystyna Ostrowski, who will represent Poland as consul general at the United States, was among the passengers who arrived here from Liverpool on the steamer Megantic and is on his way to Washington to-day. He was accompanied by Countess Ostrowski.

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Bangor, Me., Nov. 29.—The hunting season which will close to-day one hour after sunset, has been the most successful in years. Not only do the records of game shipments show big increases over recent years, but wardens say that they do not recall a season when so many hunters have gone into the Maine woods seeking big game.

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BODY FOUND IN POND

And Place Marked by Overcoat as Charles H. Brooks Had Promised.

Brattleboro, Nov. 29.—The body of Charles H. Brooks of West Brattleboro, who disappeared from his home Sunday evening, was found yesterday in the mill pond at the Melvin Dalrymple mill, formerly the Goodenough mill, in West Brattleboro, on the road to West Guilford. It was found by Mr. Dalrymple, who first discovered Mr. Brooks' overcoat, which was left beside the water just as he said he would leave it.

TELEPHONE GIRL FOILED TWO MASKED BANDITS

When Receiver in Office at Providence Was Knocked Off Hook by Struggle with Watchman.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 29.—Two masked bandits entered the office of the Fuller Construction company in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust company building at 3:30 this morning, hit the watchman with a sandbag, bound him and attempted to enter the paymaster's office, where \$4,000, the payroll, was in a safe. A telephone operator heard the struggle when a receiver was knocked from the hook and notified the police. They surrounded the building, but found no trace of the bandits.

NEW LOW LEVELS

For British and French Exchange on New York Market.

New York, Nov. 29.—British and French exchange went to new low levels here to-day, demand sterling touching 3.90 three-sixteenths while francs were quoted at 9.84 francs per dollar. Sterling exchange later rallied to 3.99 five-eighths on short covering.

ONLY ONE FEATURE LEFT

For Consideration by the International Labor Conference.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—Only one convention, that providing for a leave of absence for women at childbirth, remained for action when the international labor conference met this morning in its final session.

JAPS ARREST CHINESE

Feeling at Fuchow, China, Is Said to Be Very Bitter.

Amoy, China, Friday, Nov. 28.—Reports reaching this city from Fuchow state that West Brattleboro a year ago, rested there by detachments landed by Japanese warships. The district is anti-Japanese, and feeling is reported to be very bitter. Reports from inland are that the situation there is even more serious.

HUNGER STRIKE GOES TO PIECES

All But Five of Ellis Island Radicals Rush to the Breakfast Call

WERE RAVENOUS AFTER LONG FAST

Silence Strike of the Number Has Also Been Broken

New York, Nov. 29.—The hunger strike of the "Ellis Island soviet" was broken to-day. All but five of the 68 radicals who had refused to eat since last Monday evening eagerly answered the call for breakfast.

NEED FIRE ESCAPES

Several Buildings Rated by Chief Preble Not Sufficiently Equipped.

In the line of fire prevention and disaster prevention, Chief Preble of the fire department has begun an inspection of various buildings in Barre where there are halls for the accommodation of a large number of people. He has found several buildings which he considers are not adequately equipped with means of egress in case of fire or panic such as that which occurred at Ville Platte, Ia., recently when 28 people lost their lives in a dance hall fire.

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TEACHERS' UNIONS?

Rumors State That Tentative Organizations Are Being Formed.

Rumors of the prospective formation of teachers' organizations in various cities of Vermont are being floated about the state and the rumors so far in some cases as to assert that tentative organizations have already