

GERMAN TOWN REPORTED REDUCED TO RUINS

OPERATORS AND UNION CHIEFS CALLED ON TO FIX WAGE TERMS

UNCERTAINTY OF FUEL SITUATION MAY BE BROUGHT TO END WILL MEET MONDAY

SCALE COMMITTEE PICKS NEW YORK AS MEETING PLACE FOR FINAL DISPOSITION OF QUESTION VITAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 21.—Suggestion that the joint scale committee of miners and operators of the central competitive bituminous coal field meet Monday in New York to draft a new wage agreement was made in a telegram sent today by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, to Thomas P. Brewster, chairman of the operators' scale committee.
The operators and miners were asked by President Wilson yesterday to convene the joint wage conference as soon as possible so that the uncertainty as to the fuel supply might be ended. At the same time the president said he expected the majority report of the coal commission recommending an average wage increase of 27 per cent be accepted as binding on both the operators and miners.
Mr. Lewis' telegram to Mr. Brewster follows:
"The President's letter of the 19th inst. addressed to the operators and miners, made public yesterday, suggests the holding of an immediate joint scale conference to conclude the making of an agreement. In behalf of the mine workers I express our willingness to comply with his suggestion. Will be pleased to join with you in a call for the assembling of the joint scale committee of the central competitive field. Having in mind the convenience of all parties, I suggest that the meeting be held in New York on next Monday, March 29."

FIRST MOVE MADE TO REDUCE DANGER AT MORIARITY HILL

AGITATION FOR VIADUCT AT DANGEROUS CROSSING WHICH COST THREE LIVES IN RECENT TRAGEDY SET IN MOTION AT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

To get the whaling going and to get the people agitated over the matter, the board of township and commissioners of highways met last evening at 8 o'clock to have Moriarity hill crossing on the Rock Island railroad, three miles west of Ottawa, improved so as to lessen the danger to those using that highway. At the present time it is hoped that a viaduct can be constructed over the tracks where Albert and Ernest Williams and Harold Hollowell met death on March 1.
The meeting was a special one called by Supervisor E. V. Yockey. He presided as chairman and explained why the crossing should be repaired.
Now is the time to start on the work," he stated. "The people of this vicinity are now ready to help pay and so are the railroad officials. The Rotary club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's association are all willing to aid us and to see that the crossing goes through. It is up to us to start the ball rolling and it will go along very smoothly after a while. This will go on record as our first meeting toward the matter. At the last session of the supervisors a motion was made that some steps should be taken to report that section of the highway and I am sure the county board will aid us much in our work. The other day I met a man who stated to me that the railroad officials would willingly share some of the expense. Then not five minutes later I met another who stated that it would be a long time before they would help us. That is the thing that we want to find out."
It was then suggested by Mr. Yockey that Superintendent of Highways George Farnsworth write to the Rock Island officials and request them to be present at a public meeting to be held some time next week. It was also decided that the C. & N. W. P. rail way be asked to be present at that meeting.
A motion was then made that city organizations of Ottawa be invited to send three representatives to attend the meeting and discuss the matter thoroughly. The motion was carried.
Mr. Yockey, who is a member of the road and highway committee of the board of supervisors, stated that the committee would be glad to take part in the meeting and do what they could to carry out the present plans of building a viaduct. "Keep the agitation going," stated Mr. Yockey, "and keep it fresh in the minds of the people or anybody else who is interested in the state of this highway and I am sure that we can carry the matter through."
The meeting then adjourned with the understanding that the public hearing would be called as soon as Mr. Farnsworth heard from the Rock Island officials.
Those present at the meeting were: Justice George Kowald, Albi and Kerrigan, Commissioner Charles Sticklen, Superintendent of Highways George Farnsworth, Supervisor E. V. Yockey, Fred Helser, Justice Sam A. Keny and Attorney Lester Moran.

EX-MAYOR BRADFORD ON WITNESS STAND IN \$5,000 LAW SUIT

DU SHANE DAMAGE CASE NEARING END IN CIRCUIT COURT—FORMER EXECUTIVE TELLS OF FLOOD CONDITIONS BACK IN 1916.

Juries in the Du Shane case \$5,000 damage suit listened to evidence for the defense during all of today. They probably will not be given the case until some time tomorrow afternoon, his several important admissions for the city are to be made before the evidence is closed.
Ex-Mayor E. P. Bradford chief executive of the city in 1916, when the Du Shane home is alleged to have been flooded, occupied the stand during the greater part of the afternoon, he told of the night of Jan. 24, 1916, when the waters of the Illinois and Fox rivers reached the highest stage in their history, and of how he worked during the entire night rescuing the residents of Center Ottawa who were marooned in their homes by the high water. It was on this night that Du Shane claims his home was flooded.
Mr. Bradford stated that he was never given any kind of a formal notice of the Du Shane case until he was served with a legal notice that a suit had been instituted against the city.
The morning ex-Commissioner August Holbrook, who served as judge pro tempore of streets and alleys during 1916, occupied the stand for more than an hour. He denied that Du Shane complained to him of the condition of Carville street, but said that Du Shane, who is now dead, complained, and that on one occasion Du Shane was with Du Shane. He also said of the general condition of Carville street and the ravine.
Walter Schaefer, who testified yesterday as an expert on the point of time, as was Clarence Hale, also testified for the plaintiff yesterday.
Farnsworth Tells of Ravine.
Following ex-Commissioner C. V. Campbell, Walter S. Schaefer, who was employed as assistant to Engineer George Farnsworth when the ravine was dug, was next in the South Ottawa took the stand. Mr. Schaefer testified that during the ten years he lived in South Ottawa, very little water flowed through the ravine. He told of seeing the Du Shane premises when they were flooded and of crossing a wooden log of the city having filled in the lot of the Du Shane property, where Du Shane resided in 1916, at the time of the high water. At that time he was the defense lawyer. He told that during the ten years he lived in South Ottawa, very little water flowed through the ravine. He told of seeing the Du Shane premises when they were flooded and of crossing a wooden log of the city having filled in the lot of the Du Shane property, where Du Shane resided in 1916, at the time of the high water. At that time he was the defense lawyer.

THE VENTRILQUIST



ROTARY CLUB STARTS AGITATION FOR NEW MAIN ST. BRIDGE OVER FOX

PASSES RESOLUTIONS FAVORING IMMEDIATE STEPS BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE NEW CONNECTING EAST OTTAWA WITH LOOP—WANT STATE AID ROAD RELOCATED.

A motion to build a new bridge over the Fox river on Main street, was passed as the member of the Rotary club at their regular meeting last evening when resolutions were passed recommending that the opportunity was ripe for the construction of the bridge. It was also recommended that the new federal aid road pass their east Ottawa, and that the state aid road pass their Ottawa avenue, rather than follow the river.
The local committee, of which Attorney Clarence Griggs is chairman, was appointed to go to the council and try to induce them to erect a new bridge and to interest the city officials, members of the Business Men's association and Chamber of Commerce in the matter.
The men pass as their reasons for starting agitation for a new bridge that the present structure was unsafe. It is hoped to induce the council to make the improvement at once.
The meeting was well attended and was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the year. It was in charge of Attorney Griggs, who spoke informally on the subject of "Good Roads." A general discussion followed, after which Mr. Griggs introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:
"Whereas the Main street bridge over the Fox river ought to be rebuilt and
"Whereas in part of the General Assembly approved June 30, 1919, it is provided that whenever it becomes necessary to construct a bridge in any city of less than 15,000 population, the cost of which will be more than \$50,000 on the hundred dollar on the last assessment roll and the levy of road

CLASHES AT HALLE BRING DISASTER TO BATTLE SWEEP CITY

Leipzig, March 24.—Halle, the large industrial town northwest of here, was completely cut off from communications tonight. The latest reports were the troops gained an upper hand today after a considerable part of the city had been reduced to ruins.

DOUBLE WEDDING IS SOLEMNIZED TODAY AT LUTHERAN MANSE

MISS EDYTH AND IRENE WOLTER BRIDES AT DUAL CEREMONY—ANDREW ROSENFEELDER AND JESSE JERDE HAPPY GROOMS.

Misses Edythe and Irene Wolter, two sisters, of 1127 West Madison street, and Andrew Rosenfelder and Jesse Jerde were united in marriage at a pretty double wedding this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Arvid O. Morkvold at the Lutheran manse. Andrew Rosenfelder is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosenfelder and served in the army for two years.
The romance of Miss Edythe, the elder of the two girls, and Mr. Rosenfelder began before the war. The marriage of the young couple, which was to have taken place then, was suspended while the young man answered the call of his country.
Jesse Jerde is a well known South Side resident.
The sisters were charmingly attired in navy blue tulle and white with blue to match. They wore corsage bouquets of lilies of the valley.
The young couples were unattended and immediately after the ceremony left for an extended honeymoon in Chicago.
It is young women are well known and have made their home here for many years. Mrs. Rosenfelder is a popular dressmaker and has many friends in the city. Mrs. Jerde is well known among the younger set, and the many friends of the four extend their heartfelt congratulations.
Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfelder will make their home on Jackson street, where the groom has built a pretty summer home for his bride.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerde will reside here for a few weeks after which they will leave for Texas, where they intend to make their future home.

LA SALLE MEDIC REFUSES PLACE ON SANITARIUM BOARD

Dr. A. M. Orr of La Salle, tendered his resignation as a member of the La Salle County Tuberculosis Sanitarium board this afternoon, stating that he could not accept the post without neglecting his duties in La Salle. Dr. Orr was appointed yesterday to fill the vacancy created on the board by the death of Dr. A. W. Ireland of Cuba. The announcement that he would not accept was sent to County Clerk Thomas Ferguson.

OTTAWA ELECTRIC CO. INCORPORATED TODAY

The La Salle County Electric Company, which was incorporated today in La Salle, has a capital of \$25,000. The following have been subscribed and paid in: John J. Higgins of Ottawa, P. C. Nelson of Springfield, \$2,500 each; H. D. Hoffman, Mendota, \$2,500 each.
Avoid the Cynic.
If you want to retain a wholesome view of life, if you want to hold your faith in mankind, if you want to have enduring peace of mind, keep away from cynics. Should any such be among your acquaintances, give them a wide berth. They may be bright, clever, entertaining people. Cynics often are. But they are poisonous people.—Chicago News.

WOOD LEADS OVER LOWDEN IN DAKOTA

Wood continued to increase his lead over Lowden in the Republican presidential nomination race in Dakota today. The vote from 28 of 43 precincts in three of sixty-two counties now including all leading vote areas. Wood 27,028; Lowden, 26,028; Johnson, 18,084.

When to Smile.
As long as things go well with some folks, they are chigger as a basket of chips but the minute they feel a pin prick of hard luck, their faces are as long as a hammer handle. Men with the real stuff in them smile the biggest when the tug at their hearts is hardest.

World's Lead Pencil Consumption.
The world's product of lead pencils probably amounts to nearly 2,000,000,000 (two billion) a year, half of which are made from American-grown cedar. The United States makes about 750,000,000 a year.

FIRST THUNDER SHOWER OF SEASON

The shower of last night and today interrupted many garden makers who were busily engaged in the planting of early vegetables and preparing the rest of their garden. The first thunder storm fell last night. With the arrival of the showers and lightning, weather prophets feel certain that the backbone of old man winter is shot to pieces and spring is here to stay.

DEPORT SINN FEINERS ON BRITISH "ARK"

Queenstown, March 22.—Sixty-two Sinn Fein prisoners under heavy military escort were brought by motor lorry from the court jail to this city today, where they were put aboard a British sloop which departed presumably for England. The sloop was accompanied by two destroyers. The prisoners sang republican songs and returned farewells of the crowds as the vessels left the harbor.

TURKS MUST QUIT EUROPE; U. S. EDICT

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 21.—The original position of the American government that the Turks should be expelled from Europe is reiterated in a note to the allied supreme council to be transmitted soon.
Cultivate Patience.
Patience is one of the finest attributes of character. It may be based on great self-control; it may also be based on true foresight. As an exercise of self-control, it is wise because everything comes to him who waits. The whirling of time brings in its revenges—and its rewards. Patience, as a matter of calculation, is creditable to the intelligence.—Humphrey J. Desmond.

BOY WHO ESCAPED WOMAN OFFICER CAUGHT

Walter Pile of Streator who escaped Mrs. Josephine Wagner, the Streator probation officer while enroute to the Homewood Boys' School, was taken in charge yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Tom Armstrong at the home of his brother. The boy, who was 14 years of age, was committed to the home on March 12th by Judge Rex K. Johnson. The elder Pile threatened anyone who would try to get Walter from him.
N. J. Congressman Drops Dead.
Washington, March 24.—Representative W. J. Browning of Camden, N. J., dropped dead today in the barber shop at the capital.

WORLD WAR VETERAN WEDS STREATOR GIRL

Miss Grace L. Nowell of Streator and Harold B. Quate of this city were married late yesterday afternoon by Rev. Hiram F. Lawler in the parsonage of the First Methodist church. Mrs. Elma Timmons, sister of the groom, and John L. Nowell of Streator, father of the bride, were witnesses.
The groom is a veteran of the world war and served for seven months overseas. He is employed at the Weidman Silica Sand company.
The young couple will make their home in West Ottawa.

ROCK ISLAND ARGUS MERGES WITH UNION

(By the Associated Press.)
Rock Island, Ill., March 24.—An announcement is made today of the absorption of the Rock Island Daily Argus by the Rock Island Union.
The change becomes effective tomorrow, when the first issue in half a century the city will have only one daily newspaper. The Union has been Republican in politics. The Argus, which has been Democratic, will become independent.

TWO LEAVE FOR ARMY ONE AN OLD VETERAN

Two more applicants have been accepted for enlistment at the local recruiting office and have left for Peoria, where they will be given their examination.
Robert W. Lindsay of Morris will serve in Battery A, 41st Field Artillery, and James Martovano will go to Company C, 54th Infantry. Both of these outfits are stationed at Camp Grant.
Lindsay did his "bit" with Company B, 1st Infantry, Illinois National Guard, having enlisted during the early days of the war. As a result