

MINERS ARE READY TO NEGOTIATE

DOUG HOWARD'S CLUB AGAIN IS RAIDED BY COPS

Police Got Six Prisoners But Could Not Locate The Coin.

LOOK OUT NOT ON THE JOB

Two Other Prisoners Appeared in Police Court This Morning.

The Pennsylvania club figured again this morning at police court with six black men occupying seats before the long table on charge of loitering at a gambling house. Doug Howard was one of the number present for the second time on this month on charge of running the house. The men stood about until called for hearing with Mayor Conaway, Attorney Kern and Chief Moran ready to conduct proceedings. L. C. Musgrave represented the colored gentlemen who each and every one pleaded not guilty. It being impossible for the city to try the men without important officers who made the arrest and who were to be used as witnesses absent the case was called off until Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. If Attorney Musgrave finds he is unable to present Wednesday, the case will go to Thursday. Each man left a forfeit of \$10 for appearance Wednesday. One large colored fellow complained that as far as he was concerned he would have to have a hearing immediately if not sooner as he was leaving Fairmont never to return, tomorrow. The mayor requested that he leave his address so that if found not guilty his \$10 could be mailed to him. On the table were 12 decks of cards, but no other evidence other than Doug's dominoes and checkers.

At 12:30 Sunday morning Officers Boggs, John Jack and Chief Moran had a hunch that something was doing at the Pennsylvania club and they paid a quiet visit to the place. The front door was locked and while they were waiting developments, a colored woman came out of the restaurant. When she saw the officers she ran fast up a flight of stairs, the officers after her. As she was not able to warn those playing upstairs, the officers got to the locked door of Howard's room and after listening to the loud talking and scraping of money on the table they demanded to be let in.

Doug opened the door and the officers gathered up what men they could from behind trunks and chairs. The money on the table had all disappeared with lightning rapidity so that by the time the officers got in, not a penny was found. Doug wrapped up his dominoes and checkers and brought them along to the police station and after \$10 apiece was put up for appearance this morning the following persons left for back home again; Luther Wilson, Ed. Carter, Will Cain, Robert Hill, W. M. Bailey and Doug Howard.

Two other offenders this morning, Whitney Hildebrand and H. C. Romesburg got fines of \$15 and \$10, respectively, on charge of fighting. Hildebrand had a finger bandaged to the side of a beet and one eye closed shut and covered with a handkerchief. Romesburg suffered nothing but bruises. It appears that Hildebrand rented a taxi to Romesburg Saturday for \$25 to take a party on a joy ride to Clarksburg. After returning Sunday morning three other passengers got in who were taken somewhere near the feed

TERRA ALTA POTATOES
Car on Walker's sliding. Over half sold in advance. Get busy; bring bags. \$1.90 at car, \$1.00 delivered.
Hall & Garrison
Phone 1281

TO CITY TAXPAYERS
The City Tax books for both the East and West Sides are now ready for collection.

A discount of 2% will be allowed for prompt payment of all personal property and real estate taxes.
E. W. DAVIS, Treasurer,
Treasurer's Office

President Wilson's Statement About The Coal Strike

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Wilson issued this statement Saturday on the situation which developed as a result of the refusal of the leaders of the United Mine Workers of America to call off the coal strike:

White House, Washington, Oct. 25, 1919.

A STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

On September 23, 1919, the convention of the United Mine Workers of America at Cleveland, Ohio, adopted a proposal declaring that all contracts to the bituminous field shall be declared as having automatically expired Nov. 1, 1919, and making various demands including a 50 per cent increase in wages and the adoption of a six-hour work day and a five-day week; and providing that, in the event a satisfactory wage agreement should not be secured for the central competitive field before November 1, 1919, the national officials should be authorized and instructed to call a general strike of all bituminous miners and mine workers throughout the United States, effective November 1, 1919.

Pursuant to these instructions, the officers of the organization have issued a call to make the strike effective November 1. This is one of the gravest steps ever proposed in this country affecting the economic welfare and the domestic comfort and health of the people. It is proposed to abrogate an agreement as to wages which was made with the sanction of the United States Fuel administration and which was to run during the continuance of the war, but not beyond April 1, 1920.

This strike is proposed at a time when the Government is making the most earnest effort to reduce the cost of living and has appealed with success to other classes of workers to postpone similar disputes until a reasonable opportunity has been afforded for dealing with the cost of living. It is recognized that the strike would practically shut off the country's supply of its principal fuel at a time when interference with that supply is calculated to create a disastrous fuel famine. All interests would be affected alike by a strike of this character, and its victims would not be the rich only, but the poor and the needy as well, those least able to provide in advance a fuel supply for domestic use. It would involve the shutting down of countless industries and the throwing out of employment of a large part of the workers of the country. It would involve stopping the operation of railroads, electric light and gas plants, street railway lines and other public utilities, and the shipping to and from this country, thus preventing our giving aid to the allied countries with supplies which they so seriously need.

The country is confronted with this prospect at a time when the war itself is still a fact when the world is still in suspense as to negotiations for peace, when our troops are still being transported, and when their means of transport is in urgent need of fuel.

From whatever angle the subject may be viewed, it is apparent that such a strike in such circumstances would be the most far-reaching plan ever presented in this country to limit the facilities of production and distribution of a necessity of life and thus indirectly restrict the production and distribution of all the necessities of life. A strike under these circumstances is not only unjustifiable, it is unlawful.

The action proposed has apparently been taken without any vote upon the specific proposition by the individual members of the United Mine workers of America throughout the United States, an almost unprecedented proceeding. I cannot believe that any right of any American worker needs for its protection the taking of this extraordinary step, and I am convinced that when the time and manner are considered, it constitutes a fundamental attack, which is wrong both morally and legally, upon the rights of society and upon the welfare of our country. I feel convinced that the individual members of the United Mine Workers would not vote, upon full consideration in favor of such a strike under these conditions.

When a movement reaches a point where it appears to involve practically the entire productive capacity of the country with respect to one of the most vital necessities of daily domestic and industrial life, and when the movement is asserted in the circumstances I have stated and at a time and in a manner calculated to involve the maximum of danger to the public welfare in this critical hour of our country's life, the public interest becomes the paramount consideration. In these circumstances I solemnly request both the national and the local officers and the individual members of the United Mine Workers of America to recall all orders looking to a strike on November 1, and to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent any stoppage of work.

It is time for plain speaking. These matters with which we now deal touch not only the welfare of a class, but vitally concern the well-being, the comfort, and the very life of all the people. I feel it my duty in the public interest to declare that any attempt to carry out the purposes of this strike and thus to paralyze the industry of the country with the consequent suffering and distress of all our people must be considered a grave moral and legal wrong against the Government and the people of the United States. I can do nothing less than to say that the law will be enforced, and means will be found to protect the interests of the nation in any emergency that may arise out of this unhappy business.

I express no opinion on the merits of the controversy. I have already suggested a plan by which a settlement may be reached, and I hold myself in readiness at the request of either or both sides to appoint at once a tribunal to investigate all the facts with a view to aiding in the earliest possible orderly settlement of the questions at issue between the coal operators and the coal miners to the end that the just rights, not only of those interests but also of the general public, may be fully protected.

HALLOWEEN SOCIAL FOR PUBLIC AT "Y"

Fairmont Y. M. C. A. will hold a Halloween social for the general public at the association rooms on Halloween night Friday next from 8 to 10 o'clock. The indications are that there will be a large turnout. L. L. Beers, of Vincennes, Ind., had been tendered the position of secretary to the boys' department of the Fairmont Y. M. C. A. It is expected that he will accept the post. Mr. Beers was in Fairmont the other week looking the field over.

Plans have been made to start the Commercial School for men and women at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening, November 5. It will be a thorough business course. Beginning next Monday the Y. M. C. A. starts its noon day shop meetings at the various industrial plants of Fairmont.

DON'T FORGET
Blackburn's
Masquerade Dance
Halloween Night
Friday, October 31st.

Ohio Governor Fires Mayor Of Canton for Riot

[By Associated Press]
COLUMBUS, Oct. 27.—Governor Cox today suspended Mayor Chas. Furman of Canton because of alleged inefficient handling of the steel strike riots in that city and appealed to a committee of Canton business men to rally around vice mayor Schranz.

Coal Lands Are Withdrawn in Sale

Three tracts of Pittsburgh coal aggregating 76.31 acres was offered on the court house steps on Saturday afternoon by Attorney Frank E. Amos, P. M. Hoge and Charles Powell, special commissioners, appointed to dispose of the coal known as the William Ridgely Heirs addition in the Eighth ward, Fairmont. The sale was discontinued after the highest bid, \$18,000 was offered for the tracts. The property will again be offered next Saturday.

WEEK AHEAD TO BE BUSY FOR MINES IN THIS REGION

Car Supply Today More Than Twice the Number Asked.

LAST WEEK BROKE RECORD

Have Stopped Guessing Here About Strike Probabilities.

There is a 250 per cent car supply on the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad today—the largest on the division this year.

The supply in the Fairmont region has been very fine recently and far better than the Baltimore and Ohio railroad was able to deliver at the same season of the year in '18. As the strike date grows near the rush for coal increases and the railroads are doing their utmost to cope with the situation. In this regard there has been marked efficiency within the past month or more and operators are free to hand this to the railroads.

Today's cars on the B. & O. railroad total 3,110, while the mines had requested 1,579. The cars are classified as follows: Open, 3,105; coke, 5. Today's placement was 2,007. Keeping pace with the B. & O. the Monongahela Railway today has a 100 per cent car supply with the indications of a full run on Tuesday. Chances are pretty good for a full run well into the present week. Today's placement was 360. There are 314 cars in sight.

Bumper Production.
Slim chances there appeared to be for last week's production being the heaviest of the present year in the mid week but Saturday's big showing made it possible that last week led all others of 1919. Production on the Monongah division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad last week was 6,981 cars of coal and coke or 58 cars heavier than the former bumper production week of the year—that ending October 11, which was 6,923 cars of coal and coke. Last week's daily production averaged 1,185 cars, while that during the week ending October 11 was 1,154 cars. The remarkable thing about the record made last week was that the production during the last three days of the week was heavier in proportion than the beginning of the

PLEDGES MONTHLY T.R. CONTRIBUTION

Roosevelt Day Was Adequately Observed in the Fairmont High School.

Roosevelt day in Fairmont brought a rather good addition to the Roosevelt Memorial fund when the amount is taken into consideration, but not very much when the number of contributions are considered. One of the contributions, however, was unique in that it contains a pledge of a monthly contribution for the cause. This came from H. K. Lowe, an attaché of the War department now located here. Mr. Lowe's letter is as follows: Enclosed please find \$5 for the Roosevelt Memorial association. Wish it could be as many thousands.

Each month for twelve months I pledge to send you \$2 therefor. Another notable contribution today is from C. H. Hutchinson, the well known coal operator for \$50.

The fund now stands as follows:
Fairmont Elks \$50.00
C. H. Hutchinson 5.00
H. K. Lowe 1.00
C. T. Cary 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. Lee 2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stone 5.00
Elizabeth Stone 1.00
M. L. McPetridge 1.00
At the high school today a Roosevelt program was carried out in all the rooms of the building in the English classes, features of which are patriotic songs, readings, including the governor's proclamation and a message from the State Superintendent of Schools—with four minutes talks on the life of Roosevelt, with quotations from his speeches and favorite sayings.

Governor Asks Miners to Stand Behind Wilson

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 27.—Before leaving for Washington last night Governor John J. Cornwell addressed a letter to President Frank Keeney, of District No. 17, United Mine Workers, which includes the Kanawha coal fields and all of Northern West Virginia. The text of the letter from Governor Cornwell to President Keeney is as follows:

"In view of the national officers of your organization to rescind the strike call for November 1st, and his declaration that such a strike, under the circumstances, will be an unlawful one, I feel that, as chief executive of the state of West Virginia, I should appeal to you, and through you, to the United Mine Workers within the state of West Virginia, in an earnest request and with the very sincere hope that the representatives of your organization, as well as the rank and file thereof, will respond to the President's appeal and, regardless of what may be, the attitude of the officers and members thereof in other states, that you and the other members of your organization in West Virginia, will exercise your influence to avert the calamity, emphasized in the President's statement, which would be precipitated by a nationwide strike of the bituminous coal miners, and that the United Mine Workers of West Virginia will stand behind the President and the United States government in this crisis with the same loyalty and patriotism that they manifested during the war. The people will expect this of you and them and I sincerely hope that they will not be disappointed."

TREATY AMENDMENT LOST IN SENATE

Proposition to Increase the Vote of U. S. in League Rejected.

[By Associated Press]
WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Johnson amendment to the peace treaty proposing in effect that the voting power of the United States in the League of Nations be increased to equal that of Great Britain and her dominions was rejected today by the Senate. The vote was 38 for the amendment and 49 against it.

KISNER COMPANY TO BUILD SCHOOL

Contract for New Structure at Monongah Was Let Saturday.

At six o'clock Saturday evening the Board of Education of Lincoln district held a meeting in the office of County Superintendent Toothman at the conclusion of which a contract was let to the J. M. Kisner Lumber company for a 10-room high school building at Monongah, to be started within the next few days. The contract let to the Kisner company calls for a building to be erected which will enclose the rooms, will include stairways, rooms partitioned, studing for walls, but no plastering, doors partly finished and one coat of painting on the outside with nothing finished on the inside. In August another contract will be let for the finishing of the building.

The new Monongah High school will contain 10 rooms and will include a gymnasium, domestic science room, annual training room and large auditorium. The building will be 100 by 60 feet in outside measurement. It will cost approximately \$40,000. The John M. Kisner Lumber company is working at present on a 50 by 90 feet brick store room building at Four States owned by the Four States Coal company and put up by the Four States Mercantile company. The building is partly finished and will be done about the first of March. It will contain two floors and a basement and will be used for storage purposes.

SAY THEY ARE WILLING TO FORM AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL AVERT THE BIG STRIKE

Acting President Lewis, However, Simply Reiterates His Statement That the Increase in Wages Is Subject to Negotiation

NO FORMAL REPLY TO WILSON TILL WED.

Probably Will Be Drawn Up at a Meeting of the International Executive Board to Be Held at Indianapolis.

[By Associated Press.]
INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 27.—While preparations for the strike of a half million soft coal miners of the United States ordered for next Saturday are being continued, it was said at the International headquarters of the Mine Workers of America here today that the miners are ready and willing to negotiate a new wage agreement between now and November first that will avert the strike.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 27.—John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, at his home here was not prepared early today to define the attitude of his organization toward the statement made Saturday by President Wilson that the strike of bituminous coal workers set for November first if carried out would not only be adjustable but unlawful.

Mr. Lewis reiterated his statement that the sixty percent increase in wages demanded by the miners is subject to negotiations as are all demands of the men, but added that the situation was in status quo.

SUBMIT PLANS FOR APPROACH TO BRIDGE

City Board of Affairs Discusses of Routine Business Today.

Matters largely of a routine nature were attended to at the regular Monday meeting of the City Board of Directors and several citizens appeared before the board to make recommendations and requests for improvements of various parts of the city streets.

Charles F. Bornfeld residing engineer for the John F. Casey company presented revised plans submitted by the Monongahela River railroad company relative to the building of a new approach to the station from Newton street through the railroad's property on the East side. The Board had asked that the plans be revised to conform with the city's status. The Board approved the plans but will take up some minor details of the matter with the railroad company.

Julius Gaffon appeared before the board and asked that he be allowed to continue work on building steps and a window to a porch on lower Madison street which had already proceeded to some extent but which the city had ordered stopped on account of its not conforming to the ordinances of the city. The matter was referred to S. B. Miller for investigation.

A committee of colored men composed of Barney Brown, William Moore and William Washington appeared before the Board and asked that a culvert be built beneath the Baptist church property on Cleveland avenue and stated that the congregation was about ready to move the structure back off the street on which it encroached. Former commissioner of Finance J. Walter Barnes appeared before the board and stated that the old Board had agreed to build this culvert when the congregation was ready to move the edifice and that the work was promised for in the old bond issue. The matter was referred to District.