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Adequate Protection Promised Workers by Government—No Disorder Was Reported Anywhere From Coal Strike.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Official Washington was firm in the belief tonight that the end of the coal strike is near. There is nothing definite and tangible in actual developments to justify this hopeful view, but everywhere the feeling prevailed that influence is being brought to bear to have the strikers, numbering more than four hundred thousand, return to work.

Confidential reports to the department of justice from its agents are said to show many deflections from the ranks of the strikers. Some were that large numbers of miners said they wanted to return, but were afraid to do so. Officials said adequate protection will be given. Troops will be available at the call of any governor. Scattered reports which covered twenty-eight states showed the first breaks in the ranks of organized labor in West Virginia and Colorado. No disorder is reported anywhere.

Continued pressure is being brought to bear on officials of the United Mine Workers of America to call off the strike. Definite assurance is given union officials that President Wilson and Attorney General Palmer stand ready to attempt an adjustment of the controversy that led to the strike as soon as the strike order has been rescinded.

This assurance was renewed by Mr. Palmer in a telegram to a local union in Ohio. At the same time it became known Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had informed John L. Lewis, president of the miners' union, of the government's attitude, and that Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, had been in communication with Mr. Lewis over the long distance telephone.

Mr. Gompers' message was sent Friday after his interview with Mr. Palmer, and it probably gave rise to reports yesterday he had attempted to intervene personally to end the strike. The results of the efforts of government officials and labor leaders to bring about the recalling of the strike order are not known here.

Mr. Palmer said today while it might become necessary to petition for more injunctions in the coal strike, the time had not yet arrived. He said other injunctions, if obtained, probably would be directed against persons other than those mentioned in the restraining order at Indianapolis. This is in line with his instructions to district attorneys to keep a close watch on all persons conspiring to forward the strike and to report immediately to the department of justice.

COAL DIRECTOR ISSUES ORDERS COVERING FUEL

Government Has Taken Over All Supplies in Transit or to Be Mined and Will Superintend Distribution.

RAIL ADMINISTRATION PRESSED INTO SERVICE

Preference List for Fuel Will Be the Same as That of the Administration During the War.

Atlanta, Nov. 3.—The following statement was issued tonight by the Southern Regional Coal Director: "In accordance with the government's plans to prevent industrial paralysis and suffering among the people as a result of the coal miners' strike, all coal in transit on the railroads and which may be mined has been taken over by the United States Fuel Administration and will be distributed to the public as needed in accordance with preference list of the fuel administration in effect after May 1st 1918.

Because of the impracticability of re-establishing immediately the vast organization operated by the Fuel Administration during the war, the task has been assumed under the authority of United States Fuel Administrator by the Director General of Railroads who will make the distribution through Regional committees in each of the seven regions into which the

LABOR-CAPITAL FINISH FIGHT IS ON IN SPAIN

According to Statements by Leaders Both Sides Are Well Organized and Determined to Win Out.

Barcelona, Nov. 3.—Virtually all factories closed here today due to the lockout by employers. Few troops are patrolling the streets which are crowded but mostly with curious spectators. The lockout was not extended beyond Barcelona.

Madrid, Nov. 3.—The lockout which started in Barcelona today was the starting of the fight to a finish between employers and workmen in Spain. According to statements today by leaders of both sides, each side is well organized, and determined, but the workmen are considered better organized than the employers. Syndicalists, as they are called and which include professional men as well as laborers, had a small beginning, but now number two hundred thousand members in Barcelona alone. Syndicalists claim to be working solely for improvement of conditions of their members.

EARLY ACTION SUGAR CONTROL BOARD LIKELY

Senator McNary, Author of Bill, Declares Serious Situation Will Ensnare if Control Is Not Continued.

PRESENT FAMINE IS NOT DUE TO SHORTAGE

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With prospective completion of the government's war shipbuilding program by December 31, 1920, Senator Jones said, the United States, including coastwise vessels, will have a merchant fleet of about 18,000,000 tons near that of Great Britain, and he added, the two nations will control about two-thirds of the world's tonnage.

PERMANENT FEDERAL POLICY IS ADVOCATED

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Regarding the government's future shipping policy, Senator Jones said about eight million of the twelve million tons under the American flag in foreign trade will be government owned. "We may differ about government ownership," he said, "but that can be no issue. The government owns these ships, whether we will or no. We must not allow private parties to take the cream of this shipping and let the government hold the balance

Minority views, presented by Senator Ransdell, democrat, of Louisiana, expressed agreement in the plan to continue the sugar board, with authority for its purchase of Cuban sugar, but opposed giving the board power to buy and sell domestic sugars as an unwarranted interference with natural economic laws and as likely to unduly depress prices of Louisiana and other domestic sugar.

UNITED STATES WILL SURPASS GREAT BRITAIN WITHIN A YEAR

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Says War Shipbuilding Program When Completed Will Make America Equal England.

ROLL CALL DRIVE IN CITY TO BE EXPEDITED

BOOSTERS WILL LEAVE TONIGHT FOR METROPOLIS

Pensacola boosters will leave on the evening train tonight to carry the battle for centennial honors into Jacksonville territory for the fourth time. And the boosters from this city are determined that when they return from this trip they will have the centennial. A fight to the finish is planned and every possible effort will be made to have a definite decision rendered at tomorrow's meeting. The state commission will be urged to name a site, Pensacola preferably, and failing in that to declare themselves unable to reach a decision and disband.

Definite figures as to the size of Pensacola's delegation were not available last night, but at least one Pullman car will be required to carry the local delegates and it is believed that West Florida counties will add at least a dozen more to the party. The pilgrimage is the all-important tope of discussion among centennial workers today, and an effort will be made to swell the number of crusaders to fifty this morning.

MARSTON POST LEGION PLANS BIG FESTIVAL

Celebration Will Commence at Eleven O'clock Next Tuesday Morning and Continue Until Midnight.

IS TO COMMEMORATE ARMISTICE SIGNING

Program Includes Parade of Veterans and Service Men, Barbecue and Street Dance at Night.

Frank Marston Post, American Legion, is making plans for a big celebration in Pensacola next Tuesday, November 11, to observe the first anniversary of Armistice Day. The plans were outlined thoroughly last night and include among other things a parade, barbecue and street dance.

The celebration will open at 11 o'clock in the morning with the sounding of whistles, ringing of bells and firing of guns. The Armistice became effective at 11 o'clock on the morning of November 11, 1918, and Frank Marston Post plans to commemorate the event properly.

WORKERS ARE OPTIMISTIC BUT PLAN STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN TO REACH QUOTA BEFORE SATURDAY

Chairman Hyer Believes Goal Will Be Attained Because City Never Has Failed in Any Drive.

POSTOFFICE BOOTH LEADS IN MEMBERS

SAILING ORDERS TO DESTROYERS ARE CANCELLED

Rochester Leaves Tomorrow for Charleston to Attend Deeper Waterways Convention—Returns November 17.

The destroyer flotilla will not go north this month, according to an announcement yesterday by Lieut. Commander Joel W. Bunkley, aide to admiral Charles P. Plunkett. The original plans called for the Rochester, which is now at New Orleans, and several of the destroyers, making the trip to New York for the Army and Navy football game the latter part of this month, and later returning to this port for further training. However it has been necessary to alter these plans.

The U. S. S. Rochester will arrive from New Orleans tomorrow morning and will leave tomorrow afternoon for Charleston, S. C., to be present at the Deeper Waterways Convention which convenes in that city within the next few days. The Rochester will return to Pensacola by November 17, and unless other orders are issued will remain in this port for the remainder of the training period. Admiral Plunkett and his staff will go with the ship to Charleston.

ESCAMBIA FAIR DIRECTORS ARE KEEPING BUSY

Building Committee Prepared to Start Work Today on Hundred Foot Structure For Livestock Pens.

Directors of the Escambia county fair association are keeping busy these days lining up the last ends of their arrangements for the fair to be held at Mollo, November 12, 13 and 14. Manager Hardy drove about 100 miles yesterday, making arrangements for exhibits, and will continue the work today.

At a meeting of the directors last night in the office of County Demonstration Agent Burnett, the building committee reported and was authorized to commence today on the erection of 100x100 foot structure for pens for cattle, hogs and other livestock. It was voted to issue complimentary tickets to all contributors of \$10 and over. The state secretary of agriculture has been invited to attend the fair and has promised to be present.

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