

**RIDDLES OLD FIELD NEWS**

Riddles Old Field, March 27.—The farmers of the community were glad to see the sunshine last week and some of them began plowing.

Mrs. Lidle Howard and son, Josey, also Mrs. Plumer Cooper attended the quarterly meeting at Lanford Saturday. They report a nice time.

Misses Rosa and Jessie Riddle spent Saturday night with Miss Hester Britton.

Miss Ida Dee Garrett spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Fowler Burns.

Miss Nellie Howard visited Miss Blanche Rhodes recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lanford, of Woodruff, visited Mrs. Lanford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cannady, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Riddle spent Thursday night with Misses Mary, Janie and Alice Garrett.

Misses Nettie and Carrie Rhodes visited Miss Nannie Owens, recently.

Miss Edna Riddle spent this week-end at her home in Laurens.

Miss Mattie Donnan visited Mrs. J. H. Garrett, this week.

Miss Blanche Cox spent Tuesday night with Miss Irene Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler Burns were visitors at the home of Mr. N. D. Garrett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Plumer Cooper spent Sunday with Mrs. Cooper's sister, Mrs. Pink Waddell.

The Laurens Drug Co. guarantee Mi-O-Na stomach tablets to promptly relieve after dinner distress and indigestion or money back.

**MINERS PLAN TIE UP OF COAL INDUSTRY**

Program Provides that not a Pound of Coal Will be Mined After April the First.

Cleveland, O., March 24.—A complete tie up of the nation's entire coal industry by 200,000 non-union miners joining the solid ranks of a half million union workers was the program adopted tonight by the general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America for the nation-wide strike set for April 1.

By a unanimous vote of its 115 members, the committee affirmed the policy of a general suspension of union workers, which prohibited the consummation of single state agreements and followed this by directing district union officials to ask all non-union men to join the strike. The unanimity of action late in the day permitted a final adjournment tonight, although the committee had planned to continue sessions tomorrow.

The resolution for an immediate call to the non-union men also provided that the "international and district unions exert all their powers and influence to bring about a strike in the non-union coal fields of America." The resolution was offered by Van Bittner of Pittsburgh, Pa., who represented the provisional Kansas union organization at the committee meeting, and it was adopted without objection and practically without discussion.

The indorsement of the policy of a general suspension of the union miners was the committee's acceptance of the program laid down by the union's convention a month ago, the suspension being ordered with the avowed purpose of gaining wage increases for anthracite miners and retaining present basic wages for the soft coal workers.

Although taking action, which the union leaders said they hoped would stop the mining of a pound of coal after April 1, the committee declared itself as not intending to cause any public suffering. In line with this stand, the committee authorized the district union officials to permit any mine to be operated whenever necessary to meet an emergency. Under this program the officials said it would be possible to supply fuel for public utilities and institutions whenever the big stocks now on hand run low. The aim of the strike, it was explained in this connection, was to prevent the mining of commercial coal as a means of forcing operators to concede the union's wage demands.

In addition, the committee also affirmed the provision of the strike call providing for all necessary protection being given to the mines during the strike. The only condition, added by the committee, was that firemen, engineers, pumpmen and others who will remain at work shall receive the present scale of wages. Then thousand men, it was estimated, would remain at the mines under this provision, but the selection of these was left to district union officials.

**HARDING URGES INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH FOR AN OBEDIENCE TO LAW**

Washington, March 24.—The church can render no higher service at this time than to put forth its utmost influence in behalf of "frank and willing obedience to the law of the land," President Harding declared tonight in an address before the Bible class of Calvary Baptist Church. No newspaper correspondents were admitted to the church, but the President's address was made public from the White House.

Without giving too much weight to alarmist expressions, the President said, "we must nevertheless recognize that there is a very apparent tendency to a lighter and more frivolous view of the citizen's relations to both the state and the church." If people who are known as leaders, he added, become known for their defiance of some law, they need not be astonished if their example is followed by others.

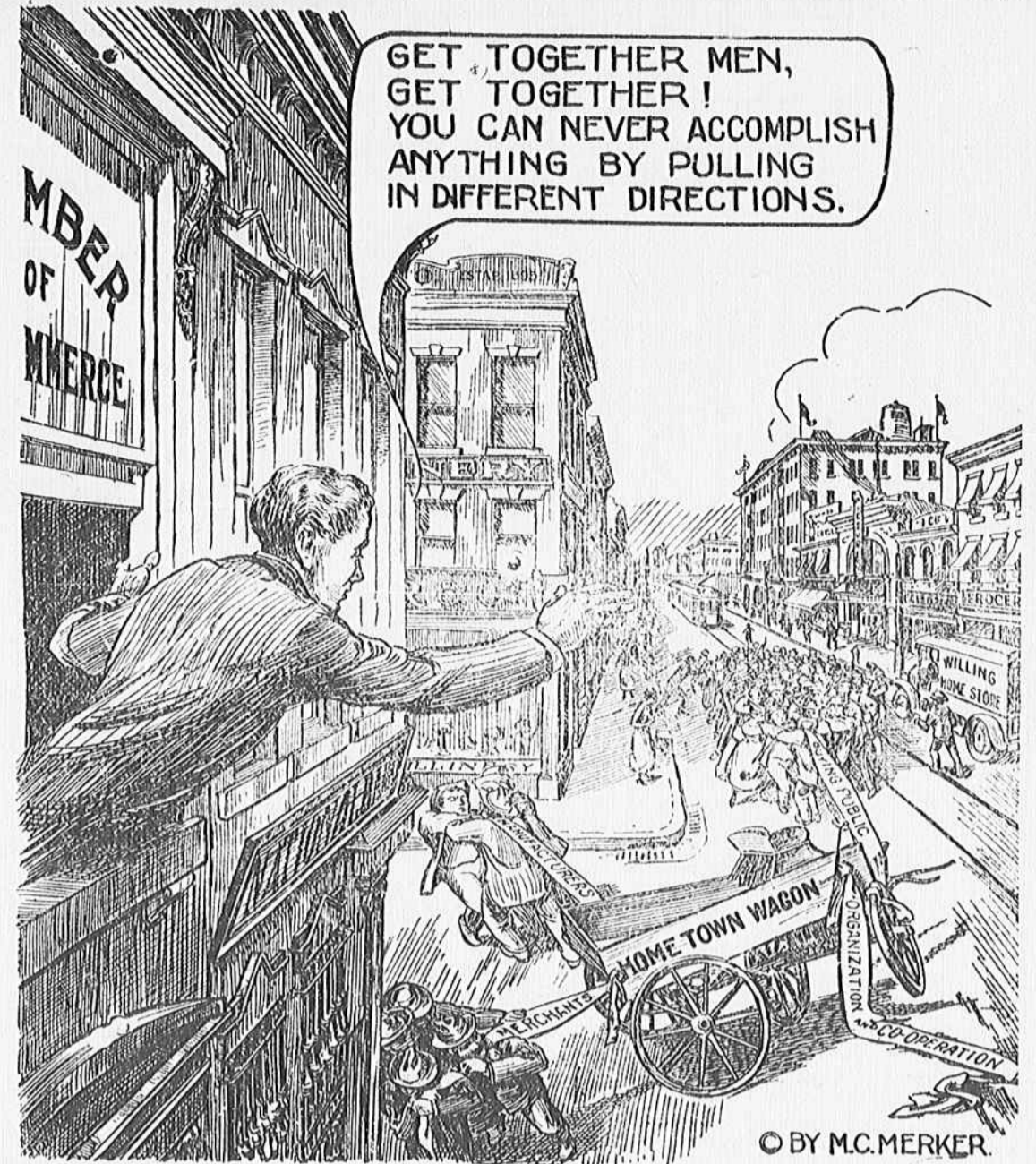
At another point Mr. Harding discussed "the loose talk nowadays about the cause of the spiritual demoralization of the community" and declared it could not be laid entirely to the war, but to a tendency before that period toward "a certain moral laxity, a shifting of standards, a weakening of the sterner fibers."

In his experience of a year in the White House, he said, "there has come to me no other such unwelcome impression as the manifest religious intolerance which exists among many of our citizens."

"I hold it to be a menace to the very liberties we boast and cherish," he asserted.

Declaring his belief in the part which religious reverence has played in American achievements, the President added:

"If I were to utter a prayer for this republic tonight, it would be to reconsecrate us in religious devotion, and make us abidingly a God-fearing, God-loving people."



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