

WATCHING AHEAD THREATEN TO OVERTURN SOVJET; U. S. TO TAKE OVER COAL MINES IF MEDIATION FAILS

MOORE TO RULE HIS OWN CAMPAIGN IN SPITE OF VARES Will Ignore Assertion That City Committee Alone Legally Can Conduct Fight

ALL FACTIONS HAVE ONE AIM, IS NOMINEE'S ASSERTION Formally Notified That Every Ward Has Indorsed His Candidacy

The campaign for the election of Congressman Moore as Mayor and of the other candidates on the Republican ticket will be conducted as originally planned by the Moore united Republican campaign committee, despite the declaration of Senator Vares.

All Working for Same End Congressman Moore, commenting today on the meeting of the city committee, said all elements in the party were working to the same end—the election of the Republican ticket.

Confidence Believed Likely It is probable Mr. Kendrick will confer later with representatives of the Vares committee and arrange to obtain some certificates for the city.

Moore predicted the Republican party would win the November election over the Democratic and Charley parties by one of the largest majorities in the history of Philadelphia.

SAILOR SEVERELY SCALDED Because he spent all his money here without saving enough for a night's lodging, Leo Reynolds, a sailor from the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has learned a lesson in the wisdom of thrift.

SALUS CALLS ON KENDRICK Vares Senator's Visit to Moore Headquarters Stirrs "Rialto" There was general amazement around the headquarters of the Moore United Republican Committee in the Lincoln Building this afternoon when Senator Samuel W. Salus stopped in for a chat with Murdoch Kendrick, campaign manager for Congressman Moore.

Salus was the first Vares leader to invade the Moore stronghold. There was all sorts of speculation. Many surmised that the senator came with an important message from Senator Vares.

But Mr. Salus was noncommittal. "I just had a little personal business with Mr. Kendrick," he said. And Mr. Kendrick said politics were not discussed.

VISIT NEW YORK NEXT SUNDAY 42-50 Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa. Leave Broad St. at 8 P. M. West Philadelphia, Pa. at 10 P. M. Philadelphia, Pa. at 11 P. M. Philadelphia, Pa. at 12 P. M. Philadelphia, Pa. at 1 P. M.

INDUSTRIAL PARLEY FLOUNDERS ABOUT IN SEARCH FOR PANACEA

Labor Thrown Into Confusion by Gompers's Illness. Reds May Rule if Workers Are Flouted, Says Union Chief

"GROPING OF THE GROUPS" IN CONFERENCE PROVES POOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR SOVIET SYSTEM

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1919, by the Public Ledger Company

Washington, Oct. 15.—All plans for today at the industrial conference were disrupted by the announcement on the assembling of the members that Mr. Gompers was ill from nervous exhaustion and in the care of a physician at his home.

His absence threw the labor group into confusion. A hurried conference was held to decide upon a course of action. Meantime Mr. Baruch, chairman of the people's group, had prepared a resolution which he asked the three groups to consider.

It in brief proposed a postponement of further action on the steel strike resolution until the conference could formulate some concrete plan of action dealing with the other important subjects already presented.

It is now recognized what every observer here has noted, that the conference is floundering about and getting nowhere, and that it must get to work on fundamental principles.

Two days have elapsed and nothing has been accomplished of any moment. The conference will likely adjourn in sympathy for Mr. Gompers, and this interval will be utilized in an attempt to formulate a basis on which capital and labor can get together.

Secretary Lane, the presiding officer, stated today that he did not think the conference could complete its labors under four weeks. He was, he said, more hopeful of a satisfactory outcome today than he has been at any time since the conference convened.

Gompers Faces Gory The most dramatic episode of the conference has witnessed, or is likely to witness, came as a climax just before yesterday's adjournment, when the two great industrial forces in America faced each other across a narrow gap of twenty feet.

The long windows on the western side of the hall were rich with sunlight, the coats of arms outlined in colored glass of South and Central American republics, through which the setting sun shone in premonitory beauty.

Visitors' Space Crowded Every seat in the space allotted to visitors was occupied, and beyond them a fringe of eager listeners stood patiently silent. The members of the conference, arranged by groups around long tables set without whisper or movement except now and then to shift to a more comfortable position.

Throughout Mr. Gompers's address Judge Gary sat diagonally and half facing the speaker, who was not twenty feet distant. His face betrayed not the slightest inkling of his thoughts.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. sat at the opposite end of the long table from Judge Gary and directly behind the Socialist, John Spargo.

There were two brilliant highlights in Mr. Gompers's address. One was his confession, heretofore accepted by students of the industrial situation, but never admitted by its leaders, of organized labor, that the men of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor are not only fighting, but are in fear of the I. W. W. and the

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MUST SETTLE FUEL WAR, GOVERNMENT WARNS BOTH SIDES

Plans Federal Operation of Bituminous Fields if Necessary to Avert Disaster

HAS NEEDED POWER UNDER WAR LEGISLATION

Both Operators and Workers Likely to Accept Peace Offers at Conference

By CLAYTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Oct. 15.—If President Lewis of the soft coal miners, and the soft coal operators do not accept arbitration at tomorrow morning's conference with Secretary Wilson, of the Labor Department, the United States Government is likely to take over the soft coal mines and operate them itself.

A strike in the coal fields, if effective, would be vital to the country. There is only a few days' supply of soft coal ahead as it is used for fuel does not admit of storage in large quantities.

It would affect adversely the administration's campaign to reduce the cost of living and would vastly complicate the relations of capital and labor, which are already difficult enough and which the industrial conference here will be unable to improve if the industry of the country are permitted to lapse into chaos by the addition of a soft coal strike to the steel strike.

Government Has the Power The government has the power under war legislation to take over the coal mines. It has never exercised it. If it should, it would exercise it now by reason either of the obstinacy of the operators or the miners, it would undoubtedly operate the mines through the present operators, as it has the railroads.

And while being unable to force the striking miners to work, it would be able to operate the mines with a smaller force and operate them. Soft coal is like the railroads, government interference with combination has resulted in wasteful mining contracts with the original owners of the land involve great waste.

Operators Not Strong The result of non-combination is that few coal operators, controlling enough capital to buy coal fields outright and get rid of the wasteful leases. Even if a system of storage could be developed at the mine, it would be uneconomical to do so.

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Entitled to Title "Baron" Incidentally, Colonel Groomer is entitled to the title "baron" before his name. It was conferred with a decoration he received from Russia.

Spent Four Months in Russia Colonel Groomer has spent the last four months in Russia in charge of the distribution of food valued at \$300,000 sent to three Russian-Balkan states by the American relief administration.

Strike Call Issued to Soft-Coal Men Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 15.—The Indiana all-out bituminous coal miners of the country to "cease production of coal at midnight on Friday, October 31, 1919," was issued from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America here at noon today.

TO PROBE VALBANERA WRECK Miami, Fla., Oct. 15.—(By A. P.)—A Cuban wrecking company, it is reported here, is preparing to investigate the wreck of the Spanish steamship Valbanera. The steamship went down off Havana about several weeks ago, during a hurricane with 200 passengers and a crew of 152.

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WILSON INSISTS ON LABOR DECISION

Washington, Oct. 15.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson will not sanction adjournment of the national industrial conference here until it has exhausted every possible means of finding a solution of the present industrial situation, White House officials said today.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS Fifth Laurel race, 1 mile and 70 yards—Grandee, 1:22. Johnson, \$70.30, \$26.20, \$9.90, won; Legacy, 1:03, Hamilton, \$9.70, \$5.70, second; Torquato II, 1:08, Stirling, \$11.10, third. Time, 1:49 3-5.

MAYNARD CONTINUES FLIGHT FROM SLAT LAKE CITY SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 15.—Lieutenant B. W. Maynard, eastbound on his return flight in the transcontinental air derby, left Buena Vista Field here at 12:28 p. m. today.

JAPANESE TROOPS GOING TO SIBERIA TOKIO, Oct. 15.—It is announced by the War Office that a brigade of infantry and a battalion of engineers from the Thirteenth Division will be despatched to Siberia and to North Manchuria.

150 LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE AT BOSTON BOSTON, Oct. 15.—Cargo movements were suspended at several docks and delayed on others today by the strike of nearly 1500 longshoremen at this port. Most of the dock workers left their places yesterday. The strike was not sanctioned by the union, according to union leaders.

U. S. STEAMER HELPLESS OFF BAHAMAS WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The United States coast survey steamer Sialia is reported helpless off the island of Salvador, in the Bahamas because of boiler trouble.

Head of State Police Says Germany Will Boom Within Next 20 Years Colonel John C. Groomer, superintendent of state police, who has been suggested as director of public safety in the next administration, arrived in New York today after twenty months' service overseas.

COL. GROOMER BACK, PRESIDENT BETTER WARMS OF TEUTONS DESPITE HEADACHE

Head of State Police Says Germany Will Boom Within Next 20 Years Condition That Caused Restlessness Monday Relieved, Physicians Announce

By the Associated Press Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson had a good night's rest and continues to show improvement despite a slight headache, said a bulletin today by his physicians.

Physicians Announce The bulletin followed. "The President had a good night's rest, enjoyed his breakfast, and, aside from a slight headache, continues to make improvement. The condition which caused the restlessness of Monday night, and about which Doctor Fowler was consulted, gave no trouble during the night."

Rescued in Midecean Ship Due in New York Saturday Saves All on Burning Venezia New York, Oct. 15.—(By A. P.)—A wireless message was received today by the local agents of the French Line from the captain of the steamship Chicago saying that he had on board nineteen first-class passengers, eighteen second, 103 third, rescued from the Fate liner Venezia, which was abandoned in fire in Midecean.

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RUSSIAN TROOPS WIN BIG VICTORIES OVER BOLSHIEVIKI

Denikine Seizes Orel and Menaces Moscow—Thousands of Trotsky's Men Captured

REDS' LINES SHATTERED CLOSE TO PETROGRAD

Poles Join in Riga Battle Against Teutons—Germany May Help Blockade

Collapse of the soviet government in Russia is threatened. Denikine, from the south, has captured Orel and pressed closer to Moscow.

Thousands of prisoners and vast quantities of war material have been captured from the Bolsheviks. Poles have opened a drive on the Germano-Russian forces in the Riga region.

Germany may join with the Allies in a blockade of soviet Russia. By the Associated Press London, Oct. 15.—With General Denikine's cossack army advancing on Moscow from the south and the northwestern Russian forces almost within striking distance of Petrograd, the soviet government of Russia appears to be facing a crisis.

Press Toward Moscow While Orel is 238 miles south of Moscow, possession of the city will give General Denikine a secure base on vast stretches of territory in old Russia, as the place is one of the most important railway centers south of the present Moscow front.

Another Specialist Calls The northwest Russian army has apparently crashed through the Bolshevik lines over a wide front. It is reported here today they have pushed some thirty-five miles beyond Yamburg, which it captured recently, and to within twenty miles of Gatchina, which is only thirty miles southwest of Petrograd.

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