

ILLINOIS COMPANY TURNS COAL PARLEY

Throws Mine Capacity of Nearly One Million Tons to Four- State Wage Conference

FIRST BREAK BY OPERATORS

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The United Electric Coal Company, owning mining property in Ohio and Illinois, has thrown its tonnage to the four-state wage conference at Cleveland, a move which was authentically reported here this morning. The capacity of the company's Illinois mines was given as between \$300,000 and \$400,000 tons.

This is the first reported break in the stand taken by the Illinois Operators' Association.

Cleveland, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Work of framing a wage scale agreement which union officials said they expect using as a basis of settlement in the nation-wide coal strike was begun today by a committee of twenty-two miners and operators. President John L. Lewis, of the miners, and Michael G. Gahagan, of the operators, presided over the meeting.

The operators participating in the conference were shown by its Credentials Committee to control about 20 per cent of the coal production of the central competitive field, which comprises Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Approximately two-thirds of this tonnage was that controlled by Ohio operators.

NORTHWEST URGES COAL SHIPMENTS

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Representatives from Washington, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, to be known as the Northwest Coal Committee, to aid in speeding up coal shipments to the conference of Governors of these States here yesterday.

Close on the heels of the conference came word from Washington that an increase of 50,000 tons each week in the movement of bituminous coal to the Northwest had been approved by the Federal Coal Commission. This will amount to a total of 250,000 tons a week to come via Lake Superior ports.

N. Y. Financiers Intervene in Strike

at the time the big four brotherhoods were threatening a Nation-wide strike preceded passage of the Adamson act.

Prior to the general meeting, officials of eastern roads went into conference with President Harding to consider his proposed plan, but with an open mind. At the time they met, no western rail chiefs apparently had arrived at the Grand Central Terminal.

The Eastern division appeared unalterably opposed to acceptance of the President's plan, because it provided that the question of returning strikers to work should be decided by the United States Railroad Labor Board for final decision.

The attack was led by L. E. Lorce, president of the Delaware and Hudson; A. H. Smith, of the Pennsylvania; and Frederick Underwood, of the Erie. To accept the plan, they maintained, would be to jeopardize, at the hands of the Labor Board, their promises to non-striking and non-union employees that their rights would be based on loyalty.

As a third ground for refusing the President's offer the belligerents declared they already were in sight of an open victory over the strikers and urged that they be permitted to continue without interference a "finish fight."

Washington, Aug. 11.—By A. P.—Chief officials of the seventeen railroad labor organizations assembled shortly after 10 o'clock today to consider the response which will be made to the seven striking shop craft unions to President Harding's latest proposal of a head for settling the railroad strike.

MAY GIVE GERMANY BRIEF MORATORIUM

London Hears France Grants Release Till End of Pres- ent Year

THREE PREMIERS CONFER

Paris, Aug. 11.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from London this afternoon, says a moratorium will be granted Germany until the end of this year.

In a note handed to the allied delegations in London last night, according to the Havas dispatch, the British definitely outlined their attitude on Premier Poincare's proposals.

The plan for a 20 per cent tax on German exports, says the dispatch, is accepted by the British, as are also the proposals for seizure of the customs and the control of mines and forests, but the latter is agreed to only conditionally upon the Germans continuing recalcitrant and maintaining their opposition to the new customs laws.

The Havas correspondent considers it improbable M. Poincare will accept the fresh attempt at conciliation and that it is likely the morning meeting will be made to induce Premier Lloyd George to agree to immediate application of the first four measures of M. Poincare's plan.

The correspondent believes it is not impossible a compromise may be reached on that basis.

London, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Premiers Poincare, Lloyd George and Clemenceau met today in the official opening of the Reparations Conference.

The conference lasted four hours, after which M. Poincare said: "We shall continue our conversations this afternoon. I have received from Mr. Lloyd George a written communication, which we are discussing."

This referred to the document prepared by members of the British Cabinet. The French Premier said he did not think there would be any session of the full conference today.

M. Poincare said an agreement had been reached on "the first part" of a reparations plan, but he did not indicate what it was. He said they were working on the other parts.

Foreign Minister Schanzer, of Italy, although he did not participate in this morning's conversations, expressed himself as quite confident that an agreement was in the process of being made.

The document which was prepared yesterday by the British Prime Minister's associates, it is understood, embodies a definite alternative to Premier Poincare's reparations plan, and is the basis of today's conversations between the British, French and Belgian premiers, who are considering it point by point.

Brussels, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—According to information received from London today, an agreement has virtually been reached on the four main points of the reparations controversy and a general accord is now anticipated. The French semi-official Havas Agency, the impression in London is decidedly optimistic and talk of a split has ceased, it adds.

Moberly, Mo., Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Stationary firemen employed by the Wabash Railroad have voted not to move from their homes through the local yards until the demands of the striking shopmen are granted. Unsafe equipment, as a result of the shopmen's strike, is given by the men as the cause of their action.

Autoist Mysteriously Shot in Bootlegger War

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surrender by Congress of its power to make tariffs.

But there remains the necessity of getting some kind of tariff bill through Congress before election, and it is almost certain that the present bill cannot be passed unless power to adjust the rates is placed in the President's hands. Eastern Senators generally oppose the bill on the ground that it will prevent the exchange of goods between this and foreign nations and thus prevent the development of this country's trade abroad.

Insist on Feature
Among the Republicans who will not vote for the bill if the elastic feature is left out are Senator Edge and Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey; Moses, of New Hampshire; Cummins, of Iowa; Leonard, of Wisconsin; Jones and probably Polk, of Washington, and several others.

BAR ASSOCIATION IN ROW OVER HEAD

Proposition to Elect Secretary Hughes President Meets Strong Opposition

FIVE OTHER CANDIDATES

San Francisco, Aug. 11.—Delegates to the annual convention of the American Bar Association met today to elect a president for the ensuing year. Charles Thaddeus Terry, of New York, was reported to be the choice of the general council or the organization.

Ostensibly, the choice of its chief executive is carried out by the association each year, but within the general council, which meets in executive session, a battle generally rages. This year, if credence is to be placed in the reports, is no exception.

It is wanted that a faction of the association came to San Francisco with the firm intention of choosing Secretary of State Hughes to direct its affairs for the next twelve months. But opposition developed—not to Mr. Hughes, the nationalist jurist—but to him as president while Secretary of State. Reports say that the test of strength between the Hughes proponents and the opposition came at the election of the general council, when former Governor Whitman, of New York, defeated Henry W. Taft, brother of the Chief Justice.

Choice of the general council today seemed to center on Mr. Terry, but he was not the only candidate. There were many votes in the council for John W. Davis, former Ambassador to Great Britain; R. E. L. Saner, of Texas, and Paul Holland, of Ohio.

In addition to the election of officers, an address by Nicholas Murray Butler and consideration of a committee report were features of the final session of the association.

TOO NEAR FOR COMFORT

Bees With Active Stingers Puzzle State Health Department

Harrisburg, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Bees are buzzing so busily in Pleasantville that an appeal has been sent to the State Department of Health to curb their activities.

A complaint to the department declared that swarms of honey bees live so close to the sidewalks that they are causing trouble. Two dogs have been stung so badly they died and several passers-by have been annoyed. The department admitted it was puzzled as to how to cope with the situation.

Auto Racer Killed

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Edward Schille, widely known automobile race driver, and Herb J. Keller, former service and automobile man, were killed last night when an airplane piloted by Keller plunged into the streets of Naperville, about thirty miles from Chicago.

WHAT INTEREST NEW YORKERS

Sometimes interesting Philadelphia as well. The wheat is separated from the chaff in New York City. It is a valuable and interesting feature of the Public Ledger. "Make It a Habit."—Ad.

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upon the lines of any coal-loading carrier, such carrier is hereby authorized and directed to place, furnish and assign such coal mines with cars suitable for the loading and transportation of coal in succession as may be required for the following classes of purposes, and in following order of classes, namely:

Class 1. For such special purposes as may from time to time be specially designated by the commission or its agent therefor. In designating special purposes, under this reservation, the commission or its agent will designate the class of relative priority, as Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 or Class 5, which such special purposes or particular shipment or shipments shall receive.

Class 2. (a) For fuel for railroads and other common carriers and for bunkering ships and vessels; (b) for the loading and transportation of the general public under a franchise therefor, with street and interurban railroads, electric power and light, gas, water and sewer works, ice plants which directly serve the public generally with ice, or supply refrigeration for human foodstuffs; hospitals; (c) for the United States, State, county or municipal government and for their hospitals, schools and for other public institutions—all to the end that such common carriers, public utilities, quasi public utilities and governments may be kept supplied with coal for current use for such purposes, but not for storage, exchange or sale; (d) bituminous coal which has passed over screens of four inches or larger opening, coke and anthracite coal, to be shipped to retail dealers for household use.

Protects Lake Superior Ports

And subject thereto in order of priority: "Class 3. For bituminous coal consigned to any Lake Erie port for transshipment by water to ports upon Lake Superior.

And subject thereto in order of priority: "Class 4. Coal for the production and manufacture of foodstuffs and medicines and for the manufacture of containers therefor, for daily use, but not for storage, exchange or sale.

And subject thereto in order of priority: "Class 5. Other purposes.

No coal embraced in Classes 1, 2, 3 or 4 shall be subject to reassignment or diversion except for some purpose in the same class or a superior class in the order of priority herein prescribed."

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VENTNOR ATTACKS TROLLEY SERVICE

Residents Sign Petitions to Carry Fight to State Utility Commission

PHILADELPHIAN RESCUED

Atlantic City, Aug. 11.—Tiring of the apathy of city officials, residents of Ventnor City yesterday started signing petitions that will ask the State Utility Commission to probe the service of the trolley cars of the Atlantic City and Shore Railroad, operators of the only trolley system on the island.

Since last March Ventnor City and city authorities refused to grant this concession the service was cut in half by running in a spur at the southern limits of Atlantic City, where 50 per cent of the cars were shunted over and run back to the center of this resort without making the Ventnor City trip.

Captain Hiram Steelman, overseas veteran, who recently announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for City Council from the Second Ward of Ventnor City, started the petition yesterday and will carry the fight through to a finish. Hundreds of signatures were secured within a few hours yesterday afternoon.

The petition, directed to the Utility Commission declares: "Your attention is particularly directed to the practice of operating cars between the Inlet in Atlantic City, and Jackson avenue, the dividing line between Atlantic City and Ventnor City, without giving transfers from said cars to points below Jackson avenue, which practice we believe is without sanction of your honorable body and without authorization in law."

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HOSPITAL SITE APPROVED

Martin Ends Long Dispute Over Neverisk Institution

Reading, Pa., Aug. 11.—Colonel Edward Martin, State Health Commissioner, has approved the present Berks tuberculosis hospital on Neverisk Mountain, ending a long controversy over the site of a county hospital authorized by voters last year. The public generally opposed a new site because new buildings might have involved spending \$300,000 or more for location of the hospital for the purpose. The Tuberculosis Society here will give the property to the county, subject to payment of \$24,000 debt.

Mrs. Emma Gantner, Mrs. Charles Leiby and Frank Gantner, all of this city, reported having an audience with the Pope in Rome recently on their return home yesterday. They say the Pontiff expressed great interest in Catholics in America and conversed freely with them in English.

Aerial Antennae Obsolete

Washington, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Experiments have convinced postoffice experts that the day of aerial antennae for wireless receiving has passed. According to Superintendent J. C. Edgerton, of the radio section, the department has been using "large vertical outside-multiple turn-loops," "underground-horizontal-loops," and "underground-antennae," and eliminating such static interference.

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Murder and Bootlegging

"A Nefarious and Traitorous Business"
Prohibition Commissioner Haynes

An amazing series of articles on bootlegging by Frederic William Wile will be released for publication in the morning Public Ledger of next Sunday.

This series is the result of a Nation-wide personal investigation, made by Mr. Wile for the Public Ledger, of the bootlegging industry, which has reached a volume of business whose profits approximate \$300,000,000 per year.

Here is what Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes says about bootlegging:

"Bootlegging is no longer a mere pastime, but has become a nefarious and traitorous business. The bootlegger is a criminal giving assistance and encouragement to those forces of profiteering criminality, whose business it is to prostitute statesmanship and debauch citizenship. These forces have murdered more men in the discharge of their duties, proportionate to the number employed in law-enforcement, than fell on French battlefields in defense of our flag. They form a powerful combine of corrupt agencies which, through duplicity, bribery and every other device known to the illicit traffic, are systematically engaged in nullifying the Eighteenth Amendment and its enforcement branches. It is time for Americans to see in the bootlegger of today the spirit of both the anarchist and bolshevist. He is breeding a disrespect for law, which is leading toward the fulfillment of that tragic prophecy of Macaulay, who predicted that American civilization would be destroyed by lawlessness engendered within the Republic's own institutions."

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