

**Strikers Asked to Work While Commission Acts**

By Associated Press  
Washington, Dec. 13. — George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, today telephoned the strikes in St. Paul and Minneapolis to return to work in view of the order for an investigation by the President's Labor Commission. Lawson said that if he could get his message through to St. Paul and Minneapolis he would get the strikers back to work by 1 o'clock this afternoon. He took his action on the basis of a telegram Secretary Baker, as chairman of the Council of National Defense, sent to President Wilson's Labor Commission now in the West, instructing the body to stop in Minnesota. Secretary Baker, after conferring with the President, sent the telegram to Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, now with the commission in San Francisco.

**Patriotic Prayer Service For Soldiers and Nation**

Patriotic prayer services are being held each Friday in the Pine Street Presbyterian Church. The announcement for to-morrow's service follows: "The Friday afternoon service of prayer for our country has become one of the most helpful efforts of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church to take its part in the world conflict. This meeting, which is but half an hour long, is set at 5.15 o'clock in order that men and women may drop in on their way home from work for at least part of the service. "The meeting is undenominational and every one is asked who carries in his heart a burden of national or personal needs. Men are particularly welcome, especially those of draft age, whose turn may soon come to take their part in the great struggle for freedom."

**COMMISSIONERS SAID TO FAVOR PIGGERY PLAN**

**Councilmen Are Impressed With Disposal of Garbage in Wilkes-Barre**

Harrisburg officials after an inspection trip through the piggery at Wilkes-Barre returned to the city so favorably impressed with the success of the method that it was stated to-day the contract for garbage collection and disposal will probably be awarded next Tuesday to Hagy Brothers, at the bid of \$24,000 a year. While it could not be learned definitely that such action is being considered, remarks by a number of the commissioners indicated the piggery disposal plan is favored more than the reduction proposition. According to city officials who inspected the Wilkes-Barre piggery, it is not a nuisance and is under careful management. It is understood if the contract is let to Hagy Brothers provisions will be included similar to the ones in force in Wilkes-Barre.

**City Keeps Record**  
The contractor in that city keeps a complete record of all the houses in the city from which garbage is collected. Wagons similar to the ones used here are sent over the various districts the drivers checking up on each collection. The garbage is then hauled to a central station at the edge of the city, where it is assorted and all cans, paper, other refuse and rotten garbage is picked out. The garbage is then filled into cans, loaded on large trucks and hauled to the piggery three miles from the city. At the piggery it is dumped into a large tank, thoroughly steamed, emptied to a large platform and drained. It is then fed to the hogs.

The Harrisburg officials were the guests of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon yesterday. A big membership drive for the chamber is just closing in that city. Mayor Daniel L. Keister and Commissioner Gross made short addresses while the other officials who took the trip were introduced. They were Commissioners Fred L. Morgenthaler, William H. Lynch, City Engineer M. E. Cowden, City Clerk E. Ross Smith, City Assessor James C. Thompson and commissioner-elect Charles W. Burtlett. The party returned late last evening. It was reported in city official circles to-day that early action will be urged in organizing the ash and garbage supervision bureau and providing for municipal ash collections. So far no definite arrangements to provide for gathering ashes and refuse have been considered by council although Commissioner Lynch, of the Highway Department, has repeatedly urged completion of plans for this work, as provision must be made in the budget for both the garbage contract and municipal ash collections.

**Municipal Band Honors Members in U. S. Service**

The members of the Municipal Band of Harrisburg met last evening at their hall, 225 Market street, to do honor to those of their organization who have joined the colors. The fine musical program was arranged by the director, Frank Blumentine, and during its execution there was presented and unfurled a service flag containing nine stars, for the following: Sergeant D. M. Clark, leader of the Eighth Regiment Band; Sergeant Julius Cohen, Sergeant Harry Runkle, Corporal R. E. Robinson, Corporal George Roberts, Private George Shutt, Private John Shaffner, Private Stewart Askins and Private Dwight W. Jerauld. While these boys all left as members of the Eighth Pennsylvania Band and are still regarded as members of this organization, they are now attached to the One Hundred Twelfth Regular Infantry headquarters. The flag was the gift of Ira Romberger, of Romberger Brothers, and in the absence of Mr. Romberger, a fitting presentation speech was made by W. W. Burris, treasurer of the Municipal Band, and the flag was accepted and unfurled by Director Blumentine while the members played the "Star Spangled Banner." A letter of appreciation was ordered sent to Mr. Romberger for his gift.

**Spain Will Protest Bombardment of Steamer**

By Associated Press  
Madrid, Wednesday, Dec. 12. — Premier Albuernas announced today that the Spanish government was preparing an energetic protest to Germany regarding the bombardment of the Spanish steamer Claudio by a German submarine. The Spanish steamship Claudio, Premier Albuernas announced Monday, was attacked by a German submarine which fired upon the steamer, killing eight sailors and wounding others. The Claudio was able to make port under her own steam.

**Mount Hope Company Sells Property as Junk**

By Associated Press  
Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 13. — Forced out of business because its coal land worked out, the Mount Hope Coal Company, at St. Clair, Pa., sold its property to junk dealers. The owners of adjoining tracts containing plenty of coal refused to lease. Because of the importance of keeping up the coal supply at present the Mount Hope Company appealed to the Federal Fuel Administrator. It is claimed, asking that the Government lend its influence to keep the colliery working, but the appeal was not acted upon. The colliery shipped 75,000 tons of anthracite annually.

**American Engineers Have Thanks of Field Marshal**

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, Dec. 12. — (By The Associated Press) — Field Marshal Haig, commander of the British forces in France, has expressed to General Pershing, in a letter, his thanks for the assistance given by American Army Engineers around Gouzeaucourt on November 30.

**ENTERS U. S. ARMY**  
Eldred B. Smith, of 1712 Regina street, will leave this evening for Troy, N. Y., to enter the Ordnance Corps of the United States Army. Mr. Smith carries with him a special letter of introduction from Washington and is an expert machinist. He was formerly connected with the Bethlehem Steel Company at Steelton.



**Nine of Our Boys Enlisted In the Service**



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Heist Culp



G. O. Day



M. Fernster



Geo. Stark

**9 of Our Boys Enlisted**

They are not here to speak for themselves, but we are sure that they would sign their names to this announcement, were they here to do so.

- Josef H. Strouse (U. S. Naval Reserves)
- Charles Gerdes (Governor's Troop)
- I. T. Rockman (U. S. Quartermaster's Department)
- Robert Fleck (Motor Truck Co.)
- Louis Stein (Aviation Corps)
- John Branca (7th Regiment Band)
- Charles B. Snyder Jr. (Governor's Troop)
- Albert Michaels (Signal Corps)
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