

GARFIELD DENIES RAISE IN WAGES TO COAL MINERS

Demands Violate Two-Year Agreement, He Says; to End Bonuses

Washington, Aug. 24.—Increase in the wages of coal miners as a substitute for the payment of bonuses for the stopping of which drastic steps are to be taken will not be approved by Fuel Administrator Garfield. President Frank J. Hayes and other officials of the United Mine Workers of America received this answer from the fuel administrator yesterday in response to their request for a flat increase in wages in lieu of the payment of bonuses. Bonuses were characterized by Mr. Garfield as "an evil," and this system by which operators have competed for labor will be stopped.

Doctor Garfield recalled to the mine workers that they had signed the so-called Washington wage agreement under which they agreed that wages shall not be increased during the war, and in return they would have to accept no increase in wages until the war was over. He said that the operators were paying bonuses on the ground that the operators were paying bonuses.

The first action of the administration toward stopping bonuses was to order a reduction of 20 cents a ton in the price of coal in the Cambridge and Hocking fields of Ohio, and of 5 cents a ton in all other fields of that state except those in the eighth district.

The Ohio field, officials of the administration said, was the heart of the bonus practice which has led to dissatisfaction among the miners. The statement came to district presidents of the United Mine Workers of America, who saw Doctor Garfield, as an unpleasant surprise. They thought they had to request a further wage advance and it would be granted.

Last October they had come to Washington with representatives of the operators and though they were then on a three-year wage contract, the fact that the United States had meanwhile entered the war was considered a reason for a new contract. The operators agreed to an increase wage scale and Dr. Garfield then recommended to the president a 45-cent increase in the price fixed for bituminous coal to cover the wage increase. The new wage scale was agreed to for two years.

It has developed since that while this increase was a fair average for the country, it was too much in some districts and too little in others. In some districts the labor costs ran as high as 50 cents and in others were under 40 cents.

Offered \$5 Bonuses
With the margin remaining to the district presidents began offering bonuses to labor \$5 or \$10 a week in commissary stores, cheaper rent in the company houses and in some cases a cash bonus. As a result the miners were lured from the companies who were abiding by the Washington October agreement.

Doctor Garfield announced that the bonus system must end. "It is a violation of the agreements and it is disorganizing our entire producing system. If necessary I'll take back all or part of the 45 cent increase allowed on the price of coal," he announced early this month.

The miners became nervous. They had grown to regard the bonus as a part of their wage. "If the operators can pay a bonus, why shouldn't it be added to the wage?" they asked. "Cost of living is going up, so we have to have more money, anyway."

And so they came in to Garfield. He reviewed the history of their last agreement, recalling to them that it was for three years, but that the operators had voluntarily agreed to one increase early last year on increased cost of living and the increase in the price of coal resulting from the war, and that he himself had been a party to a further increase last October because the entrance of the United States into the war had been a matter that they could not have foreseen in making their previous agreement and entirely changed all economic conditions.

Two-Year Agreement
But this last agreement was made because of our entrance into the war, he told them, and with the full knowledge of the fact that living

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prices would increase. It was for two years.
"I can't demonstrate through a body like the United Mine Workers of America, a fine body of men, representative of labor, thoroughly high-class, that our agreements are sacred and binding, then we can't say that democracy can make the world safe," Doctor Garfield told the district presidents.
"I can't go to the President and ask for another increase in the price of coal—which an increased wage would force—and I won't."
"On the basis of coal production the wages now fixed are right. If the President's commission now studying the cost of living and the relative position of wages in the various industries makes a complete readjustment of wages, then on the basis, it may establish there may be ground for a change. But not now."

The result of an increase in one industry is increased cost of its product, in a perpetual seesaw, until the saturated man is submerged and the new wages made to start again.
"What we have to do now is hold wages and cost of living in a balance until the president's commission can complete its investigation and then, possibly, have a complete readjustment of wages in all industries."

Columbia Council Prohibits Motion Pictures on Sunday

Columbia, Pa., Aug. 24.—Council at a recent meeting unanimously adopted a resolution prohibiting the manager of the Columbia Opera House from showing motion pictures on Sunday. Council has jurisdiction over the opera house as it is the property of the borough. At a united church service this week a formal protest was filed against the proposed action of the opera house manager.

Reserves Are Given Some Strenuous Work

Members of the Harrisburg Reserves were given some strenuous work at the Island drill last night in addition to the instruction which they gave to drafted men. Some of the men who are more advanced and who will leave for Camp Lee Monday drilled with the Reserves. Captain J. J. Hartman, who assisted at the drills last night, put the Reserves through a skirmish drill, while the usual street work was carried out without regard to weather. Training of drafted men went on all evening, while Bugler Kurkenkabe had men learning to blow the calls. To-day Major Stine took details of the Reserves to upper end boroughs to complete drilling of drafted men who start next week. At Elizabethville some of the other men who will instruct men in the draft, so were put through paces, while men from several boroughs were gathered at Loyalty picnic for their weekly drill.

Soldiers of Kaiser and Charles Drive in Albania

Rome, Aug. 24.—In Albania the forces of the Central Powers yesterday renewed their attacks from the Mali Tomorica, it was announced today by the Italian war office. In the center the enemy made progress to the north of the head of the Buvalica.

GOT FAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS

W. H. Warner, who was held for court in York on a swindling charge yesterday, admitted that he had operated in this city. He admitted securing subscriptions for magazines which he did not represent.

RAIL TRAFFIC DELAYED

Traffic on the east line of the Pennsylvania railroad at Dauphin was delayed for several hours yesterday in a rear-end collision of an empty engine and a freight train. Damage was only slight.

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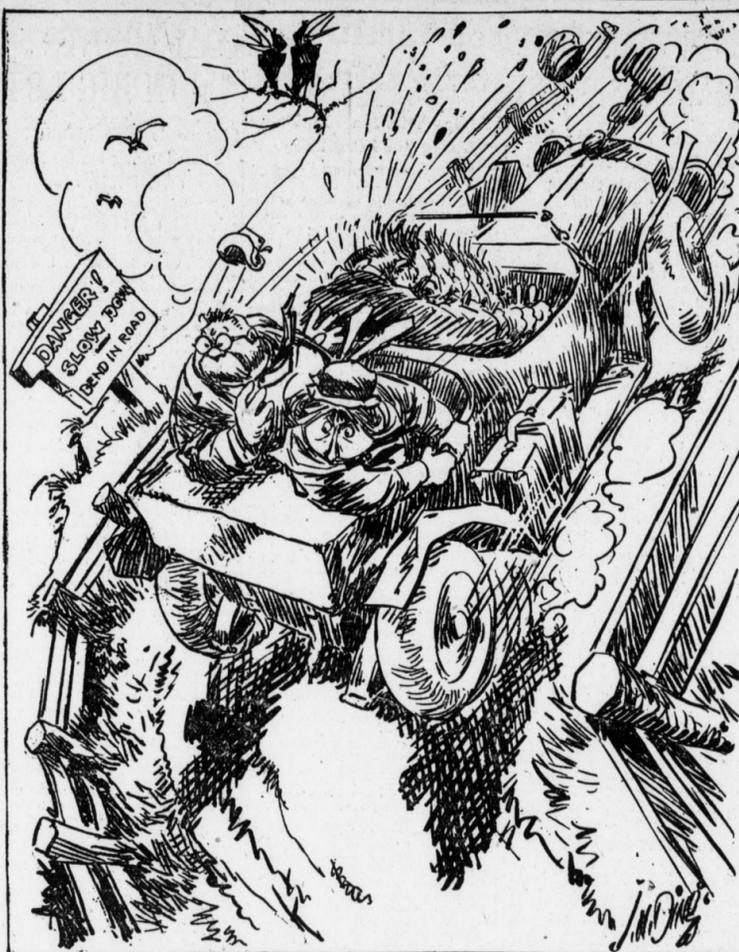
W. T. Haak, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haak is serving in France, according to a card received by his parents. He is attached to Company D, 112th United States Infantry. He was formerly employed at the Evangelical Publishing House as a printer.

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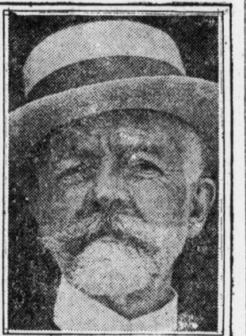
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WORLD PEACE TO BE FORCED ONTO HUN, LODGE SAYS

Must Restore Belgium, Return Alsace-Lorraine and Free Russia



SENATOR HENRY CABOT LODGE

Washington, Aug. 24.—An earnest warning against "insidious and poisonous" German peace propaganda and a declaration that peace must be dictated to and negotiated with Germany to place her in a position where she never again can disturb the world's peace, were made in the Senate yesterday by Sen. Lodge, of Massachusetts, ranking Republican of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Peace terms which must and will be forced on Germany were specifically detailed by Senator Lodge, in addressing the Senate in support of the manpower bill to extend the army draft age. They included complete restoration of Belgium, unconditional return of Alsace-Lorraine to France and of Italia Irredenta to Italy, safety for Greece, independence for Serbia and Rumania, an independent Poland, independence of the Slav peoples and freedom of Russia from German domination, including return of the Russian territory wrested by Germany in the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

Furthermore, Senator Lodge declared Constantinople must be made a free port and Palestine never restored to Turkish rule.

"These are the principal conditions," he said, "which will give a victory worth having. No peace that satisfies Germany can ever satisfy us. It cannot be a negotiated peace. It must be a dictated peace and we and our allies must dictate it."

"The Germans, repulsed and losing," said Senator Lodge, "unabashedly will begin an insidious and poisonous peace propaganda. With this weapon they have succeeded in disorganizing Russia. It is the German propaganda which we shall be obliged to face in the ensuing months."

HOUSE STANDS UP FOR 18 TO 45; LOYAL TO BAKER

Backs Administration War Bill by Vote of 172 to Ninety

Washington, Aug. 24.—The House yesterday rejected by a vote of 172 to 90 an amendment by Representative Johnson, of Washington, to change the draft limits to 19 and 45 in the man-power bill.

Representative Johnson also proposed to make the maximum age fifty years, but was voted down, 168 to 118.

An amendment by Representative Blackmon, of Alabama, to make the minimum age 21 years was rejected, 195 to 42.

The House also rejected, 167 to 120, the McKenzie or Military Committee amendment, which would have required that youths from 18 to 20 be placed in a separate class to be called to the colors only after older registrants.

Members of Congress and of State Legislatures will be subject to the draft in the new man-power bill, under an amendment adopted. It also includes executive officials of the states and United States.

Agriculture was recognized as an industry essential to the war under an amendment providing persons engaged in that work shall be exempted from the draft.

In the midst of confusion and uproar over a proposed amendment to make government employees liable to draft the House hurriedly adjourned.

Sentiment in the House apparently is very strong to force into military service the 20,000 or more men of military age who are working in civil life for the government in departments and commissions in Washington and elsewhere.

FOOD TO ALLIES U. S. WAR TASK, HOOVER WARNS

Fats, Beef and Sugar to Be Supplied From America, He Declares

New York, Aug. 24.—The United States will share with the Allies their sacrifice of food as well as blood in the cause of world democracy, declared Herbert C. Hoover, federal food administrator, on his arrival here yesterday on his way to Washington after a brief visit to England and France.

Asserting that "we have to make good" and that he had given a pledge to this effect to the Allied food administrators while sitting "at a common table in a common cause," Mr. Hoover said, to do so, America next year will have to supply the Allies 4,000,000,000 pounds of fats, 500,000,000 bushels of cereals and 1,500,000 tons of sugar. However, Mr. Hoover added, beginning September 1, there will be no need for drastic food rationing in the Allied countries, except in the case of sugar and beef. In a statement dealing with his observations abroad, Mr. Hoover said, in part:

Harvests Saved by Women
"The harvests in France, England and Italy are better than one could expect in the tremendous drain of man-power to the front. This is due to the women. There is no sight in the world that would appeal to the American heart as that of the literally millions of women doing all the work of getting in the harvests while their men are at work in the shops and driving back the Germans."

Of the foodstuffs which America must export Mr. Hoover said: "After shipping is set aside for transport of the American Army and for military purposes of the Allies, a definite amount of tonnage is made available for transport of the program of food for civilian consumption. The purpose of our European food conference has been to determine the amount of food upon which health and morale can be maintained and to determine the nearest possible sources of supply of this food to the Allies."

"Upon North America falls the burden of food supply. While Canada can export 100,000,000 bushels of grain this year, the major part of the Allies' program for next year falls upon us. We have also to feed our own enormous army. We can do it if we simply have the will to live with every economy and to waste nothing."

"By the great effort of our farmers our United States harvests are better this year, but in order that we may build up a surplus of wheat this year, as against possible crop failures such as we had last year, we have decided to mix twenty per cent. of other grains with wheat flour in all the countries fighting Germany. We cannot ask for better than France and we propose the American people should maintain a common standard of bread with them."

MECHANICSBURG PROTESTS AGAINST GRADE CROSSING

Burgess John J. Millisen, of Mechanicsburg, to-day discussed with officials of the Public Service Commission ways and means to secure abolition of grade crossings on the Cumberland Valley railroad in that borough. The matter will be taken up with the borough council.

POPE ONLY THANKED KAISER

Rome, Aug. 24.—Referring to newspaper statements that the Pope, answering a telegram from the Kaiser who sent him greetings on his anniversary, had invoked a benediction on "the emperor's work," the Vatican organ, Observatore Romano, says: "This statement is untrue. The Pope thanked the emperor for his greetings and for the benediction which the emperor himself had invoked on the charitable work of his Holiness."

124 NAMES ON WAR ZONE LIST OF CASUALTIES

Mt. Holly Springs and Newville Soldiers Reported by General Pershing

Washington, Aug. 24.—The army casualty list reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces to-day contained 124 names, divided as follows:
Killed in action 9
Missing in action 17
Wounded severely 73
Died of wounds 12
Died from accident and other causes 6
Died of disease 1
Wounded, degree undetermined .. 5
Prisoners 1

Total 124
The following Pennsylvanians are named:

- KILLED IN ACTION**
Corporal J. Floyd Simons, Bethlehem.
Private Paul E. Bills, Somerset.
Charles E. Kelly, Meyersdale.
DIED FROM ACCIDENT AND OTHER CAUSES
Corporal Clarence E. Knaub, Red Lion.
SEVERELY WOUNDED
Sergeants Stewart Donald Graham, Meadville.
Carl LeRoy Peterson, Bradford.
Corporal Clarence A. Baxter, Pittsburgh.
Privates Stanford W. Burke, Scranton.
William Cammer, Scranton.
Carlton Monroe Cowher, Mapleton Depot.
George Dougherty, Mt. Holly Springs.
William Arthur Fraker, Newville.
William Kemok, East Stroudsburg.
Merle John Leopold, Bradford.
Reigh A. Marietta, Brownsville.
Oscar Leonard Sandberg, Kane.
Mike Sushok, Homestead.
James D. Van Tassel, Halton.
Dominick Rogers, Danville.

MISSING IN ACTION
Corporal Leo F. Harvey, Philadelphia.
Privates Gilbert Burns, Mahanoy City.
William W. Keeler, Clearfield.
William R. Lower, Lewisburg.
Earl E. Smith, Pottsville.

PRISONER
Lieutenant Edward R. Taylor, Bellefonte.

MAY ENTER NAVY
Notice was received at state draft headquarters to-day from Provost Marshal General Crowder that leave of absence would be granted to men to enter training courses to become naval officers.

YOUNG TROUT GO INTO STREAMS

State "Planting" Operations Are Going Ahead With Considerable Vigor

Thousands of young trout have been sent from fish hatcheries of the state to small streams in the northern and western counties of Pennsylvania in the last week, the season for "planting" streams with fish having had to be started earlier than known before owing to the unusual conditions brought about by the war. Generally the distribution of trout does not begin until late in September, but this year transportation is so uncertain that the Department of Fisheries decided to do what it could and do it early.

"We have been very fortunate in getting many fishermen and lovers of sport to agree to handle the shipments for us," said Commissioner Nathan R. Buller. "We are short-handed at the hatcheries and every man we can get is at work. The cans have been sent to men who are known to be interested and they are putting out the fish. The reports show that they are arriving in good condition. If things can be handled we will send out many young trout and blue gills before frost comes."

Reports to Commissioner Buller tell of good bass and salmon fishing in many sections of the state, the bass fishing being particularly good. It is probable that steps will be taken in the next few days to bring to attention of federal authorities the pollution of the West branch of the Susquehanna by what is alleged to be refuse from explosive factories on tributaries. The state authorities have found the wastes to have killed large numbers of fish, but the owners of the plants insist that they are working on war orders and that the state must not interfere.

Protest Against Trolley Fare Increase at Columbia

Columbia, Pa., Aug. 24.—Borough council at a recent meeting instructed the Committee on Municipal Legislation and the borough solicitor to attend a meeting of the Public Service Commission at Lancaster, next month and file a protest against the raise of trolley fares by the Conestoga Traction Company. This action was taken in accordance with public sentiment, which is strongly opposed to the increase in fares.

EPIDEMIC KILLING HOGS

Marietta, Pa., Aug. 24.—There is an epidemic among hogs in West Earl township and many are dying. The cause is not known, but believed to be hog cholera. They are sick but a few minutes.

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