

KEENEY DEFENDS MINERS' ACTION

District President of West Virginia Men Writes to Wilson

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 5.—Defending the "loyalty and intense patriotism of the West Virginians," C. F. Keeney, president of District No. 17, United Mine Workers, in a letter to President Wilson made public here, declared that the miners did not receive "a just compensation sufficient to afford our families a decent living."

Mr. Keeney quotes figures from the Department of Mines showing that the wage increases granted the miners since 1916 amounted to 50 per cent, while the increase in the selling price of coal was 159.6 per cent, and the cost of living increased from 12 to 85 per cent in one year from 1917 to 1918.

Referring to the hazardous occupation of the miners, Mr. Keeney said the death rate was "higher than that of the American Expeditionary Forces."

Mr. Keeney, in conclusion, said: "As God reigns, we will not see our employed men revel in wealth, even though they blind the public, and face the dreadful ordeal of winter in the mines without a just compensation sufficient to afford our families a decent living."

The first move on the part of the coal operators toward bringing about resumption of work in the union fields of the disposal of the state and Federal Government to be used "as may seem best in the crisis."

"There was unanimity of opinion, expressed by the score of operators present, that the miners did not desire the six-hour day or the five-day week," D. C. Kennedy, secretary of the association, said.

Four mines in the unionized New River coal fields were reported to be in operation today by T. L. Lewis, secretary of the New River Operators' Association. He said these mines had an annual output of approximately 100,000 tons and employed several hundred men.

Mr. Keeney, district president of the mine workers, announced that two mines at Big Creek and Stone Branch, in the unorganized Guyan field, were closed to-day "out of sympathy" for the strikers. He said about 150 men had quit work, although the operators had offered them \$10 a day to return to work.

50,000 Men Out in District No. 2

Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 5.—President John Brophy, District No. 2, United Mine Workers, has reports from the district board members which show 50,000 idle miners in the district, he said. This number is larger than the union membership. Three nonunion operations of the Berwind White Coal Company near Houtzdale, employing 600 men, are shut down and 400 to 500 nonunion men in the Punxsutawney field quit work. Many nonunion mines, Brophy claims, are showing reduced production because of disorganization. Operators in the Central Pennsylvania field, particularly in Somerset county, say they have no fear the strike will spread. A fight between strikers and mine guards, with no serious consequences, was reported to-day at the Kelso mine, in Northern Somerset county.

PLANE, 130 LBS., INVENTED BY A FRENCHMAN

Paris, Nov. 5.—A 130-pound airplane is France's latest contribution to aerial progress. A French engineer named Archer to-day took out patents for the baby machine, which is electrically propelled, with a maximum speed of 155 miles an hour and capable of carrying two passengers. Archer expects the machine to revolutionize communication between cities. Archer is inventor of the French army's "baby cannon."

Legion Delegates Are Arriving For Annual Convention

New York, Nov. 5.—Advance delegates from every state in the Union will assemble in Minneapolis this week to consider the tentative program and other important preliminary matters for the first annual convention of The American Legion which will be held in Minneapolis next week on November 10, 11 and 12. The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock next Monday morning by Henry D. Lindsley, chairman of the National Executive Committee. It is expected that at least 2,500 delegates, representing approximately 1,000,000 former soldiers, sailors and marines, now members of the Legion, will attend this convention, the purpose of which is to establish the Legion's permanent organization and determine its future policy.

The business before the convention will be of vital interest both to ex-service men and women and to the country at large. The program will include the election of permanent officers for the ensuing year; the adoption of a permanent constitution and policy of organization; location of National Headquarters; membership questions of eligibility; nomenclature of post, state and national officers, and many other questions of organization nature.

Elected Mayor For the Fifth Time in Bridgeport, Conn.

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 5.—Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, Republican, was re-elected mayor yesterday by a plurality of 1,872 over Allan E. Vincent, Democratic-Fusion-American Labor candidate. It is the fifth consecutive election of Mayor Wilson.

Prohibition Changes New York Hotel Life

New York, Nov. 5.—Prohibition enforcement has humbled the haughty hotel clerk in New York. A week ago he told out of towners with his loftiest and most distant air that there were no accommodations left for the night. Now he all but goes into the street hunting for prospective guests. Hall rooms, rooms and baths and whole suites have been available for the past four nights, hotel proprietors announced to-day "because of prohibition." A typical night scene in any Broadway hotel hallway now is said to be chambermaids carrying more bedding to whatever guests there are, instead of the "sold time" busting activity of bell boys rushing here and there with trays of liquor.

AIM TO UPSET U. S. GOVERNMENT

Senator Wadsworth Charges Russian Bolsheviks With Activities

Washington, Nov. 5.—The Russian Bolsheviks "have availed themselves of every opportunity to initiate in the United States a propaganda aimed to bring about the forcible overthrow of our present form of Government," Chairman Wadsworth, of the Senate Military Committee, has been informed by Assistant Secretary Phillips in a letter made public at the State Department.

The Bolsheviks, Mr. Phillips said, have at their disposal large quantities of gold, partly a revenue of the former Russian government and partly a reserve belonging to the Rumanian government, and it is considered important not to give them means through commercial transactions to bring this gold into the United States where it could be used to sustain their propaganda of "violence and unreasons."

Mr. Phillips said that while there was no blockade of Petrograd as far as the United States was concerned, no licenses for the shipment of goods to Bolshevik Russia were being issued. This policy of nonintercourse, he added, could not be continued after the proclamation of peace without additional legislation.

Sets \$75,000 as Price For Hulls of Wooden Ships

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Announcement is made that the Emergency Fleet Corporation has fixed \$75,000 as the price for the 3,500-ton Ferris type wooden ship hulls the Government intends to sell. Nearly 200 wooden ships, mostly of the Ferris type, are to be sold. The price applies to the hulls now in the mooring basins in their present state of completion, and on the bare boat basis. Equipment on the vessels will also be sold.

"To purchasers of hulls, who so desire," the announcement said, "we will sell equipment at such prices that we estimate Ferris hulls can be finished as steamers for \$230,000, or \$95.71 per deadweight ton, which should be attractive in view of the present prices for completed vessels."

Major Hines to Get Coal to Military Posts

Washington, Nov. 5.—Major General Frank T. Hines, chief of transportation in the War Department, was appointed by Secretary Baker as representative of the department in the matter of insuring a supply of coal to military organization and posts in the United States.

General Hines has been instructed, the announcement said, "to present the needs of the army to the Railroad Administration," whenever coal shipments intended for a camp have been commandeered or the usual flow of fuel interrupted through other causes.

Chile to Join the League of Nations

Washington, Nov. 5.—The Chilean minister at London has been authorized to announce the adhesion of Chile to the League of Nations, the State Department is advised officially.

GAS SIGNAL ALARMS FOR BATTLE FRONT WERE MADE BY THE LOCAL PIPE WORKS

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—The achievement of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending plant, of Harrisburg, in making signals for gas alarms on the battle front, was made public to-day by the Pennsylvania War History Commission as an example of Pennsylvania's industrial part in the great war.

To insure a gas alarm signal loud enough to be heard over the roar of artillery or rattle of machine guns, it was found that the hope for a cylinder and air compressor to get the full sound capacity. Pennsylvania came forward at once and every cylinder used for these important instruments was made by the Harrisburg concern.

The achievement of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in supplying the Army and Navy with great quantities of optical glass for binoculars, telescopes, gun-sights, periscopes, cameras and other optical instruments necessary to modern warfare was made public.

Receptacles for Pigeons' Legs. Thomas A. Gey, of Norristown, made aluminum receptacles for messages tied to carrier pigeons' legs.

When America entered the war it had neglected the training of the pigeon as a dispatch bearer on the battlefield. During the balance of 1917 and 1918, however, the War Department, at one time, neglected the pigeons. When it came to training the pigeons, it was discovered that it was necessary to provide a receptacle for the message, one of the birds having quite sufficient intelligence to carry important dispatches in their beaks.

Communists Gain Throughout Poland

Berlin, Nov. 5.—The Vorwaerts says it has received information indicating that the Communist movement is rapidly gaining strength among the wage earners of Poland. Lack of employment and shortage of food are stated to be the chief contributory causes. The food situation still continues serious, it is alleged, despite the supplies received from America.

According to the most recent figures in Warsaw is fully a hundred thousand. Lodz and other large industrial centers it is reported that the ranks of the workless are constantly increasing.

The growth of communism has been greatly accelerated by the return of late of a number of Polish communist leaders from Moscow, who have proved very apt pupils of Russian methods.

Mrs. Preston Gibson Sued by Her Mother

New York, Nov. 5.—Action to obtain possession of furniture loaned to her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Rogers Pratt Gibson, who recently married Preston Gibson, playwright and author, has been started by Mrs. Anne M. Benjamin, who obtained a writ of replevin and served it on Sheriff Knott. This temporarily transfers the control of the furniture to him.

The argument on the writ will be heard in the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the furniture is in the Harlem storage warehouses, where Mrs. Gibson placed it before her marriage.

Reichstag Building Has Been Renovated

Berlin, Nov. 5.—The Reichstag building has undergone a rigorous renovation and has been pronounced again fit for Parliamentary occupation. The work occupied nine months. In ridding the great gilded edifice of all traces of the revolution the largest calibered vacuum cleaners, the most powerful of disinfectants and the deadliest of vermin exterminators were employed.

While in addition to the damage it had undergone, the building contained so many unpleasant reminders of the days when civil war was waged in Berlin the National Assembly had a reasonable excuse for prolonging its sojourn in Weimar. But now that disinfectants and vermin-exterminators have completed their work such excuse no longer exists.

The shortage of hotel and lodging house accommodation, however, is likely to prove embarrassing to those of the returning legislators who have neglected to secure quarters in advance.

Plenty of Coal For Pittsburghers

Pittsburgh, Nov. 5.—Fears that Pittsburgh would be compelled to return to heatless days and lightless nights were dispelled by R. W. Gardiner, commissioner of the Pittsburgh Coal Operators' Association, in a reassuring statement to the public.

Mr. Gardiner said 20,000 tons of newly-mined coal was now at Monongahela river wharves and before the strike was called operators had greatly increased shipments to wholesalers in this. He could see no reason why consumers should be deprived of coal in order that railroads, public utilities or manufacturers should be supplied.

Reports from the Pittsburgh mining district indicated that very little change, if any, had taken place in the situation.

GAS IN THE STOMACH IS DANGEROUS

Recommends Daily Use of Magnesia To Overcome Trouble Caused by Fermenting Food and Acid Indigestion.

Gas and wind in the stomach accompanied by that full, bloated feeling arise from almost certain evidence of the presence of excessive hydrochloric acid in the stomach, creating so-called "acid indigestion."

Acid stomachs are dangerous because too much acid irritates the delicate lining of the stomach, often leading to gastritis accompanied by serious stomach ulcers. Food ferments and souring the digesting gas which distends the stomach and hampers the normal functions of the vital internal organs, often affecting the heart.

It is the worst of evils to neglect such a serious condition or to treat with ordinary digestive aids which have no neutralizing effect on the stomach acids. Instead of certain druggist a few ounces of Bisurated Magnesia and take a teaspoonful in a quarter glass of water right after eating. This will drive the gas, wind and flat right out of the body, sweeten the stomach, neutralize the excess acid and prevent its formation and there is no sourness or pain. Bisurated Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid or milk) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and the best form of magnesia for stomach purposes. It is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion.

Snobbery War Is on in Witham, England

London, Nov. 5.—Dr. Charles P. Knight has begun an avowed war on snobbery in Witham, reputed to be one of the most exclusive places in Essex, through the introduction of dancing classes for young and old. "This winter all Witham will be dancing," Dr. Knight declared. "I believe we are defeating class distinctions. We have here the daughters of vicars and medical men and they are dancing with shop and factory girls, soldiers and others. Classiness cannot survive that."



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