



INDUSTRIES SUFFER FOR FUEL AS WORKERS PARLEY WITH OWNERS OF MINES Shops and Industries Face Crisis as Strikers Mark Time While Negotiations Hang Fire; Coal Is Scarce

AGREE TO 31 PER CENT. INCREASE IF PUBLIC IS MADE TO PAY FOR ENTIRE COST

Washington, Nov. 24.—Operators and miners of the Central Competitive bituminous coal field marked time to-day in their negotiations for a new wage scale while awaiting a decision by Fuel Administrator Garfield as to what portion of any wage advance should be passed on to the public.

When the wage scale committees met this morning the operators obtained an adjustment until to-morrow at which time they expect Dr. Garfield will be prepared to make a statement based on further investigation of facts connected with the coal industry.

Two separate proposals are before the committees. One is the offer of the operators for an increase of 20 per cent. for day work and 15 cents a ton for mining and the other is the demand of the miners for a wage increase of 40 per cent. and a seven-hour day.

Dr. Garfield, Attorney General Palmer and Assistant Attorney General Ames went into conference this afternoon to discuss the general coal strike situation.

Although there were virtually no new developments just before the conference began, it was evident that both sides recognized that a settlement could not long be delayed.

Although none of the operators would say so flatly, it was learned the scale committee of the operators had informed Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator, that they would agree to the advance of 31 per cent. in wages proposed by W. B. Wilson, secretary of labor, if the government would assume the responsibility for the increased cost in production.

In government circles this was taken to mean the operators want assurance that they will be allowed to advance the price of coal to the consumer up to a point that will meet the increase given to labor.

That is the problem the President, Doctor Garfield and the Cabinet must settle. The preliminary consideration is to take place to-day when A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general; Doctor Garfield, Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, and Secretary Wilson meet to arrange a program which will be considered by the full Cabinet to-morrow, and it is generally expected that, if his condition permits, President Wilson will be advised of the various steps and serve as final arbiter of the course to be pursued.

Coal famine near reports received by operators from middle western states showed that the coal shortage had reached the famine stage and that the cold weather had brought suffering and hardship.

Several operators declared their willingness to accept whatever proposition the government might offer. With the entire country in production the need of resuming the production of coal on a normal basis, neither the miners nor the owners of the properties, they said, could afford to turn a deaf ear to recommendations of the government.

Plants Shut Down Industrial plants all over the Middle West continued to close down to-day, fuel supplies to public utilities were curtailed further and regional coal committees advised individuals to save coal as the nationwide strike of bituminous miners entered its 24th day.

The only large producing center reporting an improvement during the last 24 hours was West Virginia where the output in the nonunion fields of the Southern part of the state was said by the operators to be normal. The operators also asserted that additional organized mines in the New river and Kanawha districts in that state were expected to open to-day.

In the great bituminous fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, the miners apparently were determined to remain idle until a settlement of the controversy of the wages and hours is reached by the conference at Washington of operators and officials of the United Mine Workers of America.

At Indianapolis, manufacturers agreed to close their factories three days a week beginning to-day, until the coal shortage is relieved. In Chicago heat was shut off in street cars.

Five hundred Virginia state troops reached St. Charles, a mining town near the Virginia-Kentucky border where it was reported radicals had threatened to shoot any of the striking miners who attempted to return to work.

CHIMNEY ABLAZE A small fire resulting from an overheated chimney called out several companies of the Fire Department this morning at 11:30 o'clock to the home of Charles Smith, 1110 Monroe street. The fire was extinguished without the aid of the engines.

SAYS BIG PROFIT IN SOFT COAL New York, Nov. 24.—Soft coal mine owners made "shocking and indefensible" profits in 1917, and there is "grave doubt" that they are entitled to increased prices because of the proposed thirty-one per cent. increase in miners' wages, William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, declared to-day in a telegram to Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield. The owners' profits, as shown by their income tax returns, examined by him as Secretary of the Treasury in 1918, he said showed earnings on capital stock ranging from 15 to 2,000 per cent.

"I am convinced that the wage increases proposed for the mine workers are just and reasonable," he stated.

THE WEATHER Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair to clear, Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. Lowest to-night about freezing. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Gentle to moderate northwest winds.

Service Men Will Be Given Entertainment Post No. 27, American Legion, Planning Big Program For December 4: to Be Given in Chestnut Street Hall

By Private K. P. Doughboys, gobs, devil dogs, nurses, all service and ex-service men of Harrisburg, members of the American Legion, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish-American War Veterans, Veterans of the Civil War and soldiers and sailors who don't belong to any of the organizations mentioned—Greetings: You are invited to set aside the evening of Thursday, December 4, and to make no other engagement for that evening, because some of your "buddies" have arranged a big party at Chestnut Street Hall and provided "beansoup" social events.

In the first place, there will be cigars and cigars, pipes and pipe tobacco scattered broadcast throughout the auditorium, so that there will be plenty of smokes for everybody, nurses included, all evening without cost. A special corner will be reserved for the nurses and the gallery set aside for the colored men who were in the service. Your ticket of admission will be your uniform, your discharge but-

Out of the Uniform and No "Civies" to Put On



THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER COSTS \$10

With Turkeys Selling at 65 Cents a Pound Family of Five Cannot Get a Big Fowl and Remain Within Limit

Thanksgiving dinner for the average Harrisburg family of five will cost slightly more than \$10 this year, according to quotations issued to-day from one of the city's leading grocery stores.

This price, of course, is dependent on the presence or absence of turkey on the menu. Some householders have passed around the tip that their dinner is not going to cost \$10 by reason of the fact that King Turkey will have no place on the table.

The dinner for this year will cost almost \$2.50 more than a similar dinner cost last year, according to quotations given by Arthur Williams, Federal food administrator.

The upward trend of prices this year, is accounted for by reason of the abnormally high prices being paid for dressed turkeys. These fowls, cleaned and ready for the pan, this year will be offered to the consumer at 65 cents per pound, an unexampled high price. The general list, however, shows a slight decrease in cost.

Included in the menu are soup meat, celery, turkey, cranberries, sweet potatoes, turnips, pumpkins, mixed nuts, apples, oranges, coffee, bread, butter, eggs, milk, etc.

APPLY FOR CHARTER The Riverside Fire Company, No. 15, will apply for a chartered December 2.

BANK CLERKS STRIKE Dublin, Sunday, Nov. 23.—Bank clerks throughout Ireland will strike on December 31 unless the directors of banks consent to recognize their union, an action which they have hitherto refused to take. This was decided upon at a conference of the Irish Bank Clerks' Union here to-day. Fifty-six delegates at the meeting voted unanimously in favor of the strike, which will affect 3,000 out of a total of 3,700 bank clerks in Ireland.

A SERVANT GIRL SEEKS SEAT London, Nov. 24.—Jessie Stephens, a servant girl, with a mass of dark hair, who generally goes about hatless, has signified her intention of entering the race for Parliament on the Labor ticket. She is endeavoring to gain a seat in the local borough council of Bermondsey and will then stand as a Parliamentary candidate.

Miss Stephens has been employed as a cook, housemaid, a cook-general, the "boss" of a large common lodging house in Glasgow, and a porter in a chemical warehouse. During the war she drove a three-ton lorry.

IS 69 YEARS OLD AND NEVER SAW A "MOVIE" Daniel Finrock, of Paxtonia, Went to One Circus When a Boy, but Doesn't Remember Whose It Was

No sir-ee, C. Floyd Hopkins, Peter Magaro and other theatrical and movie show operators, past and present, would not be occupying the positions of affluence they now do, if people of this district were all as is Daniel Finrock. Daniel Finrock, let it be explained, is 69 years old and has his place of abode at Paxtonia. By occupation he is a machinist's helper in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Once in his life, just once and that in the far distant past of his youth, he saw a circus. Whether it was

RELATION OF U. S. NOT CHANGED BY TREATY FAILURE GENERAL REVOLT MAY OVERTHROW ITALIAN KING

Country Is Still One of Allied Powers, Peace Conference Circles Believe

Advent of Bolshevism Seen in Recent Successes of Radical Socialists

GERMANY IS HESITATING REBELLION TALKED OF Much Discussion About Sudden Departure of Commission to Paris

By Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 24.—The withdrawal of the American troops from Coblenz, in occupied Germany, is no considered in American Peace Conference circles necessary in consequence of the failure of the United States to ratify the German Peace Treaty. It is contended that the United States is still one of the Allied and Associated powers, and that the postponement of final action on the Treaty does not change its relation to either the associated powers or to Germany.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The sudden departure of the commission headed by Herr von Simson, delegated by the German government to sign for Germany the protocol guaranteeing enforcement of the Peace Treaty, and to exchange ratifications of the document, is regarded in American peace delegation circles as having close connection with the news of the adjournment of the United States Congress without ratifying the Treaty.

The American opinion, however, does not agree with the majority of French criticism that the Germans are using the failure of the Senate to ratify the Treaty as a pretext for avoiding fulfillment of the Peace terms. It is suggested that the Germans are hesitating because they are confronted with a situation in which the absence of American members from the commission charged with the supervision of execution of the Treaty deprives them of what they are supposed to consider as a counterpoise to the points of view of their former European enemies.

The American Council note to the German delegation is understood to be a sort of summons to the Germans to make known whether they want to sign the protocol and make the Treaty effective or not. It is not understood to be couched as an ultimatum.

ROME, Nov. 24.—Tomasso Tittoni, Italian foreign minister, has resigned and Ettore Scialoja, minister without portfolio, has been named to succeed him, according to the Epoca.

Rome, Nov. 24.—Rumors of the widest character regarding the possibility of a very serious crisis, involving not only the cabinet but also the reigning house of Italy, are in circulation as the opening of parliament set for December 1 approaches.

The Socialists, proud of their recent victory, are eager to continue what they call their "march forward." The older members of the party, however, such as Deputy Turati, leader of the Intransigent, Deputy Treves, and Signor Modigliani, are against any excesses.

The new elements which have entered the Socialist parliamentary group are declared to be animated by revolutionary sentiments and to favor an extreme policy which, in their opinion will inevitably lead to the advent of Bolshevism in Italy. This section now is undoubtedly the most numerous if not the most important one in the party. It is considered that it will almost certainly assume command of the party because of the audacity and determination of its members to attain control by whatever means seems best to them.

Members of this section are quoted as declaring their comprising, as they do more than 150 "five wires" among the 550 deputies, the remainder will not dare oppose them, and that they will be able to accomplish "some supreme act of rebellion which will overthrow the [Continued on Page 19.]

SCHAFFER WILL HEAD REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

Attorney General Made Chairman of State Commission by Governor Sproul

Attorney General William I. Schaffer, of Pennsylvania, will be chairman of the State Commission on Constitutional Amendment and Revision, the personnel of which was announced by Governor Sproul yesterday. The appointments include 24 others, two of them women, and in the list are United States Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer and United States Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, former state officials and judges, eminent lawyers, former legislators, city officials, newspaper men and college presidents. Sixteen of the 25 appointees are Republicans, seven are Democrats and two are Independent Republicans.

Governor Sproul made the appointments under authority of the act of June 4, 1915, and as soon as Attorney General Schaffer recovers from an attack of illness arrangements will be made for the convening of the commission.

HOLD 60 MEETINGS Berlin, Sunday, Nov. 23.—Independent Socialists held sixty meetings throughout the greater city to-day to demonstrate against reaction and what George Ledebour, a party leader, called "the murderers" of the nation which has taken the place of the government.

TWO DEAD IN FIRE Waterville, Me., Nov. 24.—Gladys Harvey, 15, and her little niece, Glensy Gaeke, lost their lives in a fire which burned the home of Edward C. Gaeke, a railroad employe, near here to-day. Their bodies were found in the ruins.

GIVE UP HOPE FOR CREW Sault Ste Marie.—The slender hope held by marine men that some of the crew of the steamer Myron, sunk off Whitefish Point in the gale of a Saturday and Sunday, might have survived, was virtually abandoned at noon to-day when no further news was received from the various craft searching for trace of the victims.

SAYS GIRL IS DEAD Wilkes-Barre.—The parents of Sophie Lienski, 14 years old, a school girl, who disappeared from her home in Lyon yesterday, to-day received a message to the effect that she had been kidnapped and would be found dead.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Albert P. Leonard, Lucknow and Mabel K. Evelbach, Penbrook; Robert Lucas and Gladys Boyd, Steelton.