



GOVERNMENT WILL SEIZE AND OPERATE BITUMINOUS MINES WITH ARMY'S HELP

MERCURY 20 BELOW ZERO IN TERRIFIC BLIZZARD; FUEL SHORTAGE IS FELT

Two Feet of Snow Adds to Distress of the Far West Which Is Feeling Effect of Bituminous Strike

COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT IS REFUSED UNDER TERMS OFFERED BY GARFIELD

Washington, Nov. 28.—Seizure of bituminous coal mines where the owners do not show a disposition to co-operate in increasing production and use of troops to protect all miners who desire to work, has been decided upon by the government in an effort to end the bituminous coal strike, it was stated to-day officially.

In mines seized by the government the 14-per-cent wage advance agreed upon by the Cabinet will be put into effect immediately, it was said.

These plans of the government were agreed on by the Cabinet last Wednesday, officials said, so as to meet the situation resulting from a refusal of the operators or miners, or both, to agree to the government's wage increase proposal.

Cabinet officers expected many mine owners to put into effect voluntarily the 14-per-cent wage increase. Whether the mines of those refusing to do so would be seized was not made clear, but it was said that there was no general plan for government control; that each individual case would be decided on its merits.

Mines taken over by the government will be operated by the Fuel Administration, but details as to compensation to the owners were not disclosed. While various Federal agencies were preparing to carry out the government's program, Fuel Administrator Garfield reaffirmed in even more emphatic terms his position that "profiteering on the part of either labor or capital will not be tolerated."

Situation Critical

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Cold weather with snow and sleet storms to-day had spread over the Middle West and Southwest and rendered more critical the fuel situation about by the strike of bituminous coal miners, who have been idle four weeks. In many small cities and towns the coal shortage was acute, with actual suffering in prospect in some. Moderation of the cold wave by to-morrow, was forecast.

In the large producing coal fields of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the miners apparently were firm in their determination not to return to work until some wage adjustment was agreed on. In fact some district officials of the United Mine Workers in West Virginia predicted that many men who had returned to work would walk out again to-day. Some operators in that state, however, asserted that production to-day would be increased.

With no prospect of immediate resumption of production in sight, and no indication of what the next step by the government toward providing fuel would be, following breaking of the miners' and operators' negotiations at Washington, efforts of Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, to obtain volunteers to mine coal, and the announcement by Frederick D. Gardner, governor of Missouri, that he would call a conference of governors of coal producing states, which the government acted to-day, attracted attention.

The most drastic conservation measures announced by any of the large cities to-day had been ordered into effect at Kansas City, Mo., next Sunday. Schools, theaters and all places of amusement were ordered closed. The less essential manufacturing plants will be closed immediately after the fuel administration announced, and others will be listed in the order of importance. Coal from the schools' supply will be distributed to domestic consumers.

MINERS FIRM IN REFUSAL TO GO BACK TO WORK

Vote Down Efforts to Make Compromise Effective and Lose Own Proposal

SCORE THE MINE OWNERS

Hold Out For 31 Per Cent. Increase Proposed by Secretary Wilson

An abrupt end came late yesterday to all attempts to settle the nationwide coal strike by peaceful agreement.

Miners and operators spent a bleak Thanksgiving afternoon in embittered debate over the government proposal for a 14 per cent. wage increase, made Wednesday night by Fuel Administrator Garfield, rejected it and every other proposal that was forthcoming, and then dissolved, sine die.

All Sides Silent

Participants went home. Where the break left coal strike conditions no one of them, miner or operator, would say. Likewise, in official quarters, there was silence.

Acting President John L. Lewis, of the mine workers, though refusing to say one word as to the strike itself, which theoretically was called off in obedience to Federal court injunction holding it a violation of the Lever act for war-time, and fuel control, scored the government roundly at the conclusion of the day.

Trains May Stop

In Chicago to-day there were renewed reports that train schedules were to be curtailed, but there was no confirmation of this. D. Hines, director general of railroads.

Virtually all the mines had remained in operation or where work had been resumed were idle yesterday, it being a holiday, but those mines generally were expected to continue production to-day despite breaking up in the last night of the conference. There were no reports of changes in the general situation as regarded the miners over the holiday period.

Capt. Gredler Named Assistant to Musser by Railways Company

Announcement of the appointment of Captain J. G. Gredler as an assistant to the president of the Harrisburg Railways Company, was made to-day by Frank B. Musser, president of the company. Captain Gredler will look after details of the company's accounting business and public affairs. Captain Gredler, who was named as an assistant to President Musser some time ago, was placed in charge of the operation end of the company's business.

Large amounts of detailed work in the future which will result from planned improvements of the company's system, necessitated the appointment of men who will look after the details.

Captain Gredler, until the end of last month, was a captain in the army and was assistant to the depot officer and administrative officer at the reserve depot at New Cumberland. His home is in Mauch Chunk, Wis. For twenty years he was in the banking business and later was a salesman and carried on a life insurance business. In his home town he was active in civic improvements and developments and took an active part in Chamber of Commerce work.

Captain Gredler will begin his new duties with the railways company immediately.

SNOWSTORM IS RAGING WITH MERCURY LOW

Much Suffering Throughout Middle West With Fuel Scarce

TRAIN SERVICE CRIPPLED

Heavy Rains and Floods in Arizona; Many Lives in Danger

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Snow ranging in depth from two feet to an inch to-day covered most of the country between the Mississippi river and the Sierra Nevada mountains, and from Canada to Northern Texas, with low temperatures prevailing throughout the area. A slight snowfall occurred in Northern Illinois, Indiana and as far east as Toledo, Ohio, while word came that some snow fell in Los Angeles, Cal., and that two inches of snow covered the ground at the aviation field near Riverside, Cal.

South of the snow belt heavy rains fell and floods swept the lowlands bordering the Salt and Agua Fria rivers in Arizona, with possible loss of life.

Suffering in many places in the central and southwest was in prospect because of the extreme cold and the limited fuel supply resulting from the coal strike. Cattle on the western ranges also were reported endangered.

In the western plains state trains were badly delayed and wire communication was crippled.

Lander, Wyo., was the coldest place in the country, according to reports the temperature there being twenty degrees below zero. At Abilene, Texas, it was six degrees above zero.

EIGHTY-FOUR-MILE GALE

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—A gale which reached 84 miles an hour on Mount Tamalpais and which was accompanied by low temperatures and snow, raged along the Pacific coast yesterday.

Shipping in San Francisco bay was damaged and the army transport Mount Vernon was torn from her anchorage. Later the vessel was pulled in place by tugs.

PIED PIPER PROMISES TO RID THE CITY OF RATS

Rodents Eat \$1,750 Worth of Food a Day, Says Man Who Will Co-operate With Health Bureau

Rats, approximately 350,000 of them, make their home in Harrisburg according to J. L. Nichols, a member of a party of Georgia Pied Pipers who have arrived in this city to conduct a four-weeks' campaign to aid in ridding the city of rodents.

Recognized by the Federal government and working in co-operation with it and health boards in cities in which they may be, the Pied Pipers are making their headquarters in the offices of the Harrisburg Board of Trade in police station. In addition to Mr. Nichols, P. L. Lowmyer is already here and others will arrive within the next several days.

Each day these parasites continue

When the Self-Starter Won't Work, What Else Can You Do?



STOCK MARKET BREAKS UNDER ADVERSE NEWS

General Motors Crashes With Drop of Twenty-One Points; Steels Show Weakness

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 28.—The deadlock in the coal strike and latest developments in the Mexican situation impelled fresh selling at the opening of the Stock Exchange to-day. General Motors lost 18 points at the outset and the reaction soon extended to 21 points. Crucible Steel lost almost 8 points and Pierce Arrow 7. Other weak features included Mexican Petroleum, Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive, United Fruit, U. S. Rubber and Republic Steel.

Declines among more representative shares were limited to one or two points.

ROBBED OF \$40,000 IN VESTIBULE AT HIS HOME

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Fire Destroys Buildings, Causing \$1,000,000 Loss

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Nov. 28.—The group of buildings formerly occupied by Johns Hopkins University and about a score of other structures in the square bounded by Howard, Ross, Monument and Eutaw streets, were either destroyed or wrecked by fire early to-day entailing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

The blaze started in McCoy Hall of the Johns Hopkins group from an undetermined cause. An explosion followed almost instantly and heavy explosions occurred in the building from time to time.

Nine firemen were injured, but none seriously.

LADY ASTOR WINS PARLIAMENTARY SEAT

Plymouth, Nov. 28.—Lady Astor, American-born wife of Viscount Astor, was elected to parliament from the Sutton division of Plymouth, according to observers. The result was announced after a count of the ballots here this afternoon. The vote stood:

Lady Astor, Unionist, 14,495; W. T. Gay, Labor, 9,292; Isaac Foote, Liberal, 4,139.

UNLIMITED GOLD HELD BY SOVIETS FOR WORLD TRADE

Four Hundred Million Rubles to Be Spent For Supplies When Blockade Lifts

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THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy, probably rain or snow to-night and Saturday. Not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 20 below.

Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night, probably rain or snow early Saturday morning and on Saturday. Little change in temperature. Gentle to moderate northeast winds.

GERMANY NOT TO GIVE DOCKS TO REPLACE SHIPS

Not Responsible For Incident at Scapa Flow, Government Claims

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Great Britain has given Jugo-Slavia assurances that the Adriatic question will soon be taken up by the Supreme Council and that Great Britain's influence will be used to secure a just and equitable settlement in accord with the life and interests of Jugo-Slavia, according to private dispatches.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—It is stated in authoritative quarters that Germany will not comply with the demand of the Entente for 400,000 tons of docks, with dredges and tugs as an offset to the German warships sunk at Scapa Flow.

It was indicated that Germany would stand pat on her proposition to refer the dispute to The Hague Tribunal. It is claimed that Germany should not be held responsible for the acts of the marine forces at Scapa Flow.

MANY MEN NOW WORKING AT YOUNGSTOWN PLANT

Youngstown, O., Nov. 28.—Nearly a thousand men to-day entered the center street gate of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company in East Youngstown, according to observers. That mill entrance has been regarded as the stronghold of the steel strikers here and has been the most heavily picketed. Steel plant officials maintain that coal shortage, not labor scarcity, is preventing opening of more departments.

JUNIOR SCHOOLS BATTLE TO WIN FOOTBALL FAME

Edison and Camp Curtin Elevens Playing at Island Park Today

FIRST ANNUAL CONTEST

Thousands of Students Cheer Teams as They Line Up For Play

Football with thrills, smashing line plunges, long runs and great punting was on the grid bill at Island Park this afternoon. It was the first battle for city junior high honors with a crowd that appeared as large as that of yesterday for the annual Thanksgiving game. The contestants were the Camp Curtin and Edison junior high elevens.

First Annual Battle

This was the first annual battle and rivalry was strong. The game will take the place of the former Tech-Central contests, for the juniors are out for the best that can be offered. Each school has its coach and complete athletic organization. The juniors have been working all season for this game.

Both Camp Curtin and Edison have played strong teams this season. While the West End school has a shade on Edison in scores and victories there is no telling the outcome of to-day's battle until the final whistle is blown. In weight the teams are about even, and there will be plenty of speed. Horace Geisel has been tutoring the Camp Curtin boys, while "Shorty" Miller is looking after Edison.

The crowd to-day rivaled that seen each year at the annual grammar of more departments.

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CARRANZA FLEES WHEN NEW REVOLT TEARS MEXICO

SAN ANTONIO. — REPORTS WERE RECEIVED HERE TO-DAY FROM THE BORDER TO THE EFFECT THAT FIGHTING HAD BROKEN OUT IN MEXICO CITY BETWEEN THE OBREGON AND CARRANZA FACTIONS. CARRANZA IS REPORTED TO HAVE FLED TO QUERETARO. GENERAL PABLO GONZALES IS REPORTED TO BE LEADING THE CARRANZA TROOPS.

WASHINGTON. — REPORTS THAT CARRANZA AND OBREGON FORCES IN MEXICO CITY HAD CLASHED WERE RECEIVED WITH NO SURPRISE IN OFFICIAL WASHINGTON. IT WAS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF THEY WERE TRUE THE BREAK HAD COME A LITTLE EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

SOVIET POWER BROKEN

New York.—The hunger strike, which was continued to-day, has split the Ellis Island "Soviet" into two factions—the left wing, which spurns food, and the right wing, which devours it at every opportunity. The left wing has passed ten meals since last Tuesday.

U. S. TO PROBE JENKINS CASE

Washington. — Further investigation of the facts will be made before the American government replies to the Mexican notes refusing to comply with the demand for the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla.

77-YEAR-OLD MAN KILLS ANOTHER

Philadelphia. — Abraham R. Vansant, 77 years old, killed Albert Ray, less than half his age, at the dinner table last night. Then he sent out of town Mrs. Ray, a bride of less than a month, who was present at the shooting, and another witness. He placed a gun in the dead man's hand, but broke down and confessed after trying to make out a case of suicide.