



END OF STRIKE IS EXPECTED BY CLOSE OF DAY

General Committee of Miners Considering Wilson's Proposal

FAVORABLE ACTION ON RETURN TO WORK BEING PREDICTED

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—The general committee of the United Mine Workers of America reconvened shortly before 10 o'clock this morning for further consideration of President Wilson's proposal for ending the strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country.

With President Wilson's proposal for ending the strike still under consideration the conference of miners recessed at 12:05 this afternoon until 1:30 for lunch. Acting President John L. Lewis said he "expected the miners to finish" to-day. Otherwise, he would make no comment.

Acting President Lewis appeared confident during the noon recess of winning the fight for acceptance of the President's plan when it comes to a final vote.

It was generally expected the proposal, providing for the immediate return to work of the miners at an increase of 14 per cent. in wages and the appointment of a commission of three men to adjust wages would be accepted before the conference adjourned for the day.

Will Be Accepted

As the committee, which consists of international and district officers and members of the executive board and scale committee, gathered, gossip as to the causes of the prolonged session was rife. With very few exceptions, however, all agreed that President Wilson's proposal would be accepted some time to-day.

One high official in the miners' organization who asked that his name be withheld, said most of the argument yesterday was on the request of Illinois miners that the Cleveland convention be reconvened to act on the proposal of President Wilson.

The radicals made their first attempt to defeat or postpone settlement of the strike by introduction yesterday of a motion to take the matter from the hands of the general committee and submit it to the locals.

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Wanted Since 1915, Is Located in Kansas

Charles C. Gutcheal, wanted in Cumberland county on a charge of desertion since 1915, has been arrested at Parsons, Kansas. Harry White, head of the White Detective Agency, who has been trailing Gutcheal, will leave to-morrow morning for Kansas to bring the fugitive east. The husband has agreed to return without requisition papers.

Previous to his departure for the west Gutcheal lived with his family on a small farm near Mechanicsburg. After the summer crops had been gathered, Gutcheal decided he would sell out and locate elsewhere. On the day of the sale the husband with his family looked after the sale visitors, and when settlement had been made with the auctioneer, Gutcheal said he wanted to see a neighbor. He kept all the proceeds of the sale, and his whereabouts were never certain until a few days ago when it was learned that he had located in Kansas.

Truck Driver Crashes Into Traffic Standard

When a truck of the Harrisburg Storage Company became unmanageable and crashed into the semaphore at Third and Market streets this morning, Traffic Officer Herman Kautz escaped injury by a quick jump.

The truck, driven by Weir P. Murray, was on the sidewalk when it struck the semaphore and turned slightly to the right in passing a wagon. Futile efforts were made by Murray, he says, to again turn the truck toward the left and to apply the brakes.

Responsibility for the accident is placed on the truck by Murray. He will be given a hearing in police court during the afternoon.

EXCHANGE CONTINUES DROP New York, Dec. 10.—Rates on sterling exchange continued their downward course to-day, checks being quoted at \$3.804, or 1/2 cents lower than the lowest quotation reported yesterday.

READ 'EM AND WEEP

London, Dec. 2.—The new women's club in Grosvenor Place, the "forum" has an American bar with one of the best list of cocktails in the west end of London. "Gloom raiser," "elephant's kick," "monkey's gland," and "Pussyfoot," are the names of some of the drinks, as the Globe, while "silver fizz," "horse's neck," "widow's kiss," "rainbow" and "clover club" are available.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity. Fair and much colder to-night and Thursday with a cold wave. Lowest temperature to-night about 12 degrees. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and Thursday with a cold wave. West and northwest gales.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS INTO EAST

Washington, Dec. 10.—The cold wave which has had the west in its grip for several days swept into the east and south early to-day, accompanied by high winds and preceded by a general and unusually heavy fall of rain.

The Weather Bureau announced that there would be a cold wave to-night and to-morrow throughout the Atlantic States, the upper Ohio Valley and the lower lake region, but that the temperature would moderate slightly to-morrow in the Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys. High winds are general all along the coast, and storm warnings are displayed this morning from Louisiana to Maine.

U. S. OFFICIALS HAVE EYES ON COAL SESSIONS

Hope For Settlement on the Basis of President Wilson's Plans

Washington, Dec. 10.—Proceedings at Indianapolis where the United Mine Workers' union leaders are considering President Wilson's proposal for the settlement of the coal strike is being followed here to-day with intense interest. Adjournment of the miners last night without a decision caused keen disappointment, but hope for a settlement continues to exist among government officials.

An official message sent to the White House by Attorney General Palmer in Indianapolis was misconstrued and thereby resulted in a premature announcement yesterday that the miners had agreed to the President's proposal for the settlement of the strike. The message, which was sent by Mr. Palmer just as union representatives were beginning their meeting, as revised said the miners would "promptly acquiesce in the President's plan."

Fuel Administrator Garfield refused to comment throughout the day and would say nothing officially last night after the miners had adjourned.

The coal operators at an informal session discussed the President's proposition at length, but adjourned until to-day without reaching any agreement. While they generally withheld comment on the terms of the proposal, there were intimations that provision for retroactive wage awards to the miners without compensating increases in the government's fixed prices for coal would meet with disfavor. The operators, which was rejected by the miners at the joint conference. Restrictions on the consumption of coal and power generated from coal were not relaxed or abated in any degree nor were official steps taken looking toward their abatement.

Last Pole Blown Down by Wind in Walnut St.

The heavy wind to-day saved the city the trouble of removing the last remaining pole carrying overhead wires in Walnut street when it blew the pole over against a building. The timber carried a few wires and was scheduled for removal. The shaft was broken off at the pavement.

Just a Little Difference in Climate and Geography



WINS \$50,000 FOR AERIAL VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA

Captain Smith Covers 11,500 Miles Across Europe and Asia in 28 Days

Port Darwin, Australia, Dec. 10.—Captain Ross Smith, the Australian aviator, arrived here to-day from England, thus winning a prize of 11,500 pounds sterling offered for the first aviator to make the voyage.

Captain Ross Smith left Hounslow aviation field, near London at 9 o'clock November 12 on his flight to Australia. On November 18 he reached Cairo and on November 19 he continued his flight and on November 25 reached Delhi, India. From there he continued east until he reached Rangoon, turning southward at that city, making a number of stops along the Malay Peninsula, and in the islands of Oceania. He arrived at Bina, on Sunbawa Island, near Java, Monday night.

Port Darwin is near the northernmost tip of Australia, being near the tip of Palmerston. Under the conditions laid down by the Australian government when it offered a prize for making a flight from England to Australia, the distance of 11,500 miles had to be covered within 28 days.

CHARTER APPLICATION Application was made to-day for a charter for an organization to be known as "Independent Shepherds No. 1, of Middletown." The purpose of the organization is to collect dues and pay benefits. The income for year is fixed at a maximum of \$20,000. Three directors elected for the first year follow: George Arnold, Paul Beard and Irvin Beard.

ARMIES ON MARCH

Vienna, Dec. 10.—Telegrams from Acram report that the first and fourth Jugo-Slav army corps are moving towards Dalmatia and Northern Albania. The Serbian government, the messages state has explained that this movement is a precautionary measure against any attempt at occupation in Dalmatia or Albania by the Italians, which Jugo-Slavia would be obliged to resist forcibly.

WILL AID BUTGERS

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 10.—Rutgers College will receive \$100,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation if it is able to raise the \$1,000,000 endowment fund in the campaign now in progress. President W. H. S. Demarest announced to-day, August Hecksher of New York, has promised to contribute \$200,000 if the remainder of the fund is raised before January 1.

City Petitions Council to Save Daylight

William Elmer, superintendent of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the largest employer of skilled and unskilled labor in Harrisburg, to-day joined in the general demand that City Council pass the daylight saving ordinance introduced in council yesterday. Mr. Elmer says:

I am in favor of the daylight saving plan. It is a good thing for humanity. I think it should start one month earlier, so that the working men may have more time to enjoy that extra hour. It means an opportunity for healthful recreation which can not be enjoyed without the daylight saving plan. I hope council will pass the ordinance and the movement be made nation-wide.

The Harrisburg Telegraph to-day begins the printing of the names signed to petitions circulated in the interest of daylight saving. The signers ask council to enact suitable municipal legislation to take the place of the popular act annulled by Congress despite the Presidential veto.

From time to time the Telegraph has printed interviews with prominent businessmen who employ thousands of men and women. Employers and workers alike are in favor of an ordinance such as was introduced Tuesday by Mayor Daniel L. Keister. Some of the signers follow:

- M. Kichline, E. C. Shumaker, C. L. E. Gausge, H. C. Rose, R. H. Beamer, R. E. Weaver, Gus M. Steinmetz, Wellington Jones, Harry A. Boyer, George E. Neberger, John H. Park, I. J. Grove.

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LIGHTLESS AND HEATLESS NIGHTS NOT FOR CITY

Use of River Coal Saving Factor, Say Heads of Utilities Company

That there will be no regulation of the hours during which city merchants may keep open and the periods during which they may keep their windows lighted, was the opinion expressed to-day by officials of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company.

The utility company is not dependent on bituminous coal for its source of power, light and heat, relying solely on river coal and the Susquehanna river at York Haven, and so will fall without the list of regulations as made public to-day, the officials say. In consequence, they add, mer-

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LITTLE CHANGE IN CITY OFFICES NOW PREDICTED

Hovertter and Oves May Make Appointments; No County Shakeup

With the reorganization of the city and county administration Monday, January 5, it is not believed that there will be many changes made by officials taking office on that date.

In the city with the exception of the police department, no changes are anticipated as all the councilmen have been re-elected and will likely continue their present organizations. A rumor that Joseph W. Ibach, chief clerk in the Highway Department, would be named the next chief of police, has not been confirmed, and friends of Mr. Ibach openly pre-

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LITERACY TEST FOR VOTERS IS URGED IN STATE

Changes in Election Laws Are Studied by Constitutional Commission

HOME RULE IS PROPOSED Delegates Would Give Municipalities Wider Range in Local Government

First reports of committees were presented to the Constitutional Revision Commission at the opening session to-day, but statements were made by committee chairmen that they were to be considered more or less tentative and subject to recall for further study. It is not the idea to have a calendar for some days to consider the proposals of Philadelphia, who could not be present yesterday, was sworn in at the opening of the meeting by Secretary of the Commonwealth Cyrus E. Woods.

The Declaration of Rights was reported as recommended for no change together with a number of other sections and among amendments favored by various committee reports were prohibition of legislators holding any position of profit under the State Government, inclusion of a literacy test for voters, removal of the four-year period of disfranchisement for violators of election laws so that the penalty in addition to imprisonment or fine will include absolute disfranchisement and the harmonizing of the State constitutional provision relative to suffrage with that of the United States. The committee also recommended the striking out of words referring to males and Ex-Judge E. J. Fox, Northampton, at once asked what should be included. He suggested the word "person" and the matter will be taken up later. Two committees referred municipal debt and election matters to the committee on cities and charters.

George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia, called attention to the fact that committee reports must be considered tentative owing to the brief time given to study.

Constitutional amendments providing for classification of counties, cities, boroughs and other municipal divisions, and permitting legislative appropriations to charitable and educational institutions, providing there is no denominational or sectarian instruction therein and admission is afforded without regard to denominational or sectarian lines, will be recommended by the committee of the Constitutional Revision Commission in charge of study of legislative powers.

The recommendation in regard to legislation and to enlarge the present three classes of cities. The proposed amendment will be an addition to Article III, and be known as Section 34. It was drafted as follows: "The Legislature shall have power to classify counties, cities, boroughs, school districts and townships according to population and all laws passed relating to each class shall be general within the meaning of this Constitution, but counties, cities and boroughs shall be divided into more than seven and boroughs and townships into more than five classes."

This committee also decided to recommend several matters of legislative procedure, doing away with the requirement of reading each bill three days at length, for single appropriation bills, and that the State might have a civil pension list, specifically authorizing judicial, State, State institutional and teachers' retirement systems. Another amendment affecting cities will authorize creation of advisory commissions and State commissions, with jurisdiction over municipalities. The clause forbidding State inspection of merchandise and that relative to trust fund investments will be recommended for omission.

The committee on taxation is studying the many methods of taxation which are being suggested over the country as well as exemptions. This committee has adopted the plan of laying side by side all the proposals for taxation and exemption as a preliminary to comparative study and final decision. The taxation subject is of such paramount importance, owing to Federal taxes, that the committee will give the most careful consideration to every feature and it may be weeks before it reaches any determination. The aim, said Chairman George Wharton Pepper, is to secure for

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Production of Oil in Mexico Ceases as Result of Carranza Decrees

Washington, Dec. 10.—Production of oil in Mexico practically has ceased as the result of decrees promulgated by President Carranza and the general attitude of the Mexican government toward foreign oil companies. Chairman Payne of the Shipping Board, was told to-day by a delegation of American oil men, headed by F. R. Kellogg, of New York.

Drilling of new wells in the Tampico district, from which comes much of the world's oil supply, has been prohibited by the Mexican government, the oil men said, and there have been difficulties with transportation to seaports for shipment and other handicaps.

Shipping board officials conceded that a situation as outlined by the oil men would have serious effects for the American merchant marine, as the board's supply comes largely from the Mexican fields. The board now is operating some 500 oil-burning ships and the stores now on hand will not last more than two months.

SEVERE COLD WAVE IS DUE TONIGHT

Harrisburg will be in the grip of a severe cold wave before morning, E. R. Demain, local forecaster for the United States weather bureau declared at noon to-day.

A temperature of 12 degrees is expected while colder weather may follow. The storm which for two days has been raging in the far west is said to be sweeping eastward although the deep snow will be absent along the Atlantic seaboard.

Mr. Demain forecasts to-day the closing of many of the streams in the vicinity. Thick ice is expected on all still water and the river may fill with soft ice.

WOMEN ARE HOME TOO MUCH, SAYS WELFARE WORKER

Men Make Best Roomers, Reports Lodginghouse Keeper Who Bars Girls

What womanly trait is responsible for turning an efficient shop or office girl into an undesirable lodger, or conversely, what makes a woman refuse a comfortable room to a worker of her own sex? This was the question asked to-day of several women who have had experience in finding suitable homes for working girls and women following the announcement yesterday by Mrs. Beatie Boone, director of the Chamber of Commerce housing bureau, that women commonly slam the door shut in the face of the female applicant for furnished rooms.

No Suggestions While women welfare workers admitted that the woman problem is not a new one, they said it would be hard to outline any scheme whereby

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AUTO STOLEN

An automobile owned by George Martin, of Baltimore, was stolen from Market Square between 6:45 and 9 o'clock last evening, according to a report filed at police headquarters by Martin.

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OPERATORS NOT PLEASED WITH PROPOSAL

Washington.—Coal operators were here to-day to resume discussion of the President's proposition to settle the strike. Although there was no formal statement it was intimated that the operators objected to the provision for retroactive wage awards to the miners without increases in the price of coal.

VOTE DOWN PROPOSAL TO REJECT OFFER

Washington.—Representatives of the United Mine Workers of America to-day voted down a proposal to reject the strike settlement offer made by President Wilson, according to information reaching Washington from Indianapolis, where the union officials are in session.

NEW RED OFFENSIVE IS REPULSED

Reval.—The Bolsheviks have begun a new offensive on the Narva front. After terrific artillery fire ten assaults were delivered upon the Estonian positions. All the attacks were repulsed, the reports state, with heavy losses to the Bolshevik forces.

"INSURGENTS" OUSTED FROM LEAGUE

New York.—The "insurgents" in the American League were ousted from the directorate to-day and a board favorable to President Ban Johnson was elected. Frank Navin, of Detroit; Thomas Shibe, of Philadelphia; and Benjamin Minor, of Washington, were elected in place of James C. Dunn, of Cleveland; Harry Frazee, of Boston; Charles Comiskey, of Chicago, and Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston, of New York. The last three named have been conducting warfare against Johnson.

TRAIN GOES IN DITCH AT 30 MILES AN HOUR

Auburn, N. Y.—Train No. 32, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, Auburn division, was wrecked this morning and a half south of Harford Mills when a gear in the locomotive tender broke and derailed the cars following. All went into the ditch at 30 miles an hour. Many were injured, but only one will die.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jeremiah K. Koup, Edmund and Ethel M. Keim, Steelton; Theodore H. Boyer, Union Deposit; and Gladys L. McGregor, Harrisburg; Leo T. Connelly and Margaret J. O'Leary, Harrisburg; Guy C. Hut and Sara M. Strum, Harrisburg.