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NO CONTRACT YET BETWEEN MINERS AND OPERATORS

AFL-CIO PEACE NOT IN SIGHT AT THIS STAGE

However, Despite AFL Attacks, Committees Are Still in Sessions in New York.

Seven men who hold the power to decide the future course of unions with a membership of 7,750,000 workers, met in a smoke-filled conference room on reunite the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federawithin 12 hours after an accident. tion of Labor.

The meeting was the first since Mar. last three years.

since the last session may have com- a referee or compensation board. plicated the peace picture, neither side

Two hours later, C. I. O. represenentered the conference room, still

At midnight the conferees adjour ned and announced they would meet again at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night. 'We have no other announcement to make," John L. Lewis, head of the C. I. O. delegation said.

WAGNER ACT HEARINGS TO START APRIL 11th

Washington - Hearings on proposed amendments to the Wagner Act were ordered by the Senate Labor Committee for April 11.

The order came after a delay of most a month, during which CIO Entertainment on Saturday Ev- labor. and AFL unions and other progressive groups bombarded the committee and for postponement of the hearings.

Last week the Natl. Association of Manufacturers and Prs. Green of the AFL took the front pages with alquick hearings and sudden death to This aggregation are well known sta the Wagner Act.

ever. Efforts should be made to line urday night of this week. up progressives outside of the organized labor movement to join in the campaign.

On Sunday afternoon, April 30th, at 2:36 P. M. there will be a class initiation in the Aerie Home. The intia-

Similar messages should go to Sen-

The fight to defend labor's Magna ting. Charta has entered its second phase. Labor protests have delayed the Tory OWNERS OF REILLY SHAFT offensive against the Act this far. A redoubled protest will be needed to MOVE TO DISMANTLE MINE save it again.

MORE ALIENS SEEK CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

Washington.—Applications for naturalization by alien residents in the United States have shown a big increase during the past year, James L. E. Reilly of Spangler announced. Houghteling, Commissioner of Immigration, recently told a House appropriations sub-committee. There are two was the action of Congress last year in excluding aliens from WPA employ- disclosed. ment. The other is the fact that some states old age assistance benefits are confined to American citizens. ..

The Immigration nually. Last year only 67,000 aliens and 140 men were employed. were admitted to permanent residence Thus the number of unnaturalized resident aliens is decreasing. As of June 30, 1938, Commissioner Houghteling estimates that the alien population in the United States was about 3,800,000.

A declaration of intention must be filed at least two years before the grant of naturalization papers. years residence is required before an alien can win citizenship. Naturalization is granted only to those of good character who pass educational tests.

Many aliens find it advantageous to Many aliens find it advantageous to achieve American citizenship to pro- Wilmore for the past 50 years, and ator John J. Haluska and Assemblyman tect property interests in Europe Nearly 60,000 applications for verifi- nent residents, died last Thursday at gislation which is pending in Harriscation of arrival, one of the initial steps toward naturalization, are now on file. It is home of pneumonia. He had been toward naturalization, are now on file.

COMPENSATION LAW RE-

Harrisburg - Legislation to revise the Workmen's Compensation Law was introduced in both the Senate and House on Monday night.
Senator John H. Dent (D.-Westmor-

land) submitted a bill he said would overcome objections the State Su-preme Court found in clause of the 1937 law which were declared unconstitutional.

Dent's measure suggested payment in compensation only the actual weekly wages if an injured worker earned less than \$12 a week. He urged the removal of a clause which presumed negligence by an employer when a work-Tuesday night in another attempt to er was hurt and accepted as evidence

Dent proposed ripping out a clause in the old act which made an employ-24 and the seventh since President Roosevelt personally urged the two or- misrepresented his age or to a worker ganizations to compose differences who was violating the law or regulawhich have kept them apart for the tions of employment. He would remove a provision allowing labor unions Although it was believed incidents to represent a claimant in cases before

The Senator did not mention any would comment when they entered the changes in payment schedules in his amendments.

Representative Henry Wilson (R.tatives left the meting and held a 15-minute private caucus. Then the re-bill to increase the maximum benefitsfrom \$15 to \$18 a week and from \$6,500 to \$7,500 for total disability. He suggested repeal of the occupational disease supplement which he said "im posed unwarranted burdens upon the coal industry.'

PATTON EAGLES PLAN ACTIVITIES **DURING MONTH**

ening of This Week; Class Initiation Late in April.

Patton aerie No. 1244, Fraternal Order of Eagles, have planned two funcmost identical demands for immediate tions for the month of April and at the hearings and for drastic revisions designed to cripple the Act. Senator this week, April 8th, members and al-Thomas, Committee chairman, show- so their ladies will take part, and all ed reporters a pile of wires received of them are invited to come. It will be from the NAM and from Chambers entertainment bringing in person on of Commerce, indicating a concerted employer pressure campaign for Rambling Cowboys, with five people. and radio stars featured over WFBG. Now that hearings are set, CIO and WWSW and WJAS, and the entertain-AFL unions opposing the plan to kill | ment includes Comedy, Muisic, Singthe Act will have to step up and ing, Yodeling and Roping. Don't forfight to save it to a faster tempo than get, the time is from 9 to 12 on Sat-

The hearings start April 11 in the Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. Patton Aerie Degree team. The veter-C. Wires should be sent to Senator an members of the aerie will be pre-Elbert D. Thomas, chairman, Senate sented with veteran buttons at meet-Committee on Education and Labor, ing. A representative of the Grand Aedemanding that the Act be left alone. rie will be present as the principal speaker, and a big time is looked forward ators and Representatives from local to in local Eagledom. There will be a lunch and entertainment after the mee.

The Reilly Shaft at Spangler, for more than 20 years one of the leading mining operations in Northern Cambria County has joined the "ghost" list of abandoned mines.

Inactive for the last six months Reilly Shaft is being dismantled. John

Mine cars, pumps, motors and all machinery will be brought to the surface and stored. Everything will be major reasons for this increase. One removed from the mine with the exception of elevator cages, Reilly

Reilly Shaft, owned and operated by Joseph H. Reilly Coal Company, Inc., was opened in 1916 by Joseph H and John E. Reilly. The former resides naturalizing about 165,000 aliens an- in Philadelphia. Normally between 125

> With pumping machinery to be stored above ground a "water problem' will develop for any such time as it might be decided to reopen the mine. Owners of the mine said that while a considerable supply of coal remains Reilly Shaft has been an unprofitable operation for some time.

WALLACE SHERBINE DIES AT WILMORE

Wallace Sherbine, 71, postmaster at one of Cambria county's most promi- Albert J. O'Connor explain scho

VISION GOAL IN HOUSE CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE FIRES **BROADSIDE AT STRIKE-BREAKERS**

Liberties Committee on Monday fired a mighty broadside at the entire Signif strikebreaking industry.

spy agents, strikebreakers and pri-

In addition it would bar governsidies to firms which refuse to pledge observance of the Act. Heavy penal- long ago."

The Senate Civil ties are provided for those who break

Significant is the fact that civil Monday night. rights of workers are not only pro-The "Oppressive Labor Practices tected by the Committee's proposal, Act of 1939," filed in the upper house but that violators face heavy penalties by Senators Robert LaFollette and for violations. If the act is passed, it Elbert Thomas, calls for outlawing will be to the economic interest of emthe use of industrial munitions, labor players to help preserve civil liberties.

"This bill is several decades overpolice forces against organized due," the two Senators declared in a thracite and bituminous mines. joint statement as they filed their proposals. "On complaints made, and on thracite Control Board" to standardize reporting disagreement over a new ment contracts of more than \$10,000, the finding of past governmental infederal loans or ship-operating sub- vestigations in the last 40 years, such tion without price-fixing a bill should have been introduced

RETAIL CLERKS HAVE MEETING AT BARNESBORO

Come Before Monthly Gathering of Body.

The regular monthly meeting of the United Retail and Wholesale Employes competition among teams of the bituminous fields will be staged at Ebensof America, held in the Moose Temple burg this year. at Barnesbaro, recently, drew delegates from thirteen retail and wholesale locals in central and western Pennsylvania.

fore the public as unfair to organized lost to Cambria county this year.

not respecting the United Mine Work- of Mines, John Ira Thomas. ers' picket lines. The council instructed their representatives to assist the United Mine Workers and if necessary, will not handle any article delivered region

A committee was elected to hear an Clerks who have a \$25.00 fine for each member for not answering a strike call tests. on February 3, 1939. The committee selected to hear the appeal is composed of Francis Feighner and Florence Italiono of Ebensburg and Kenneth Grazei of Colver.

The U. R. & W. E. of A. Joint Council elected the following Committee to draft up a new agreement to be presented to the Industrial Stores. Negotiations will open the latter part of May to replace contracts expiring on June 30. The committee, which will assist International Vice President Elmer A. Barger, will be: Meade Retallack, Local 27, Ebensburg; Kenneth Grazier, Local 27, Colver; Margaret cal 115, Marstellar; Arthur McCall, locall 126, Gallitzin; John Fresh, local 1027, Nanty-Glo; J. K. Merritts, local 183, Dixonville; James Dunlop, local 182. Rossiter; Jennie Patterson, local 184, McIntyre; C. C. Coy, local 203, Waterman; George Byrne, local 191. Ernest; Jessie Miller, local 124, Ehrenfeld; Artimese Capello, local 1027, of Nanty-Glo; and Frances Androchock, local 27, Lilly.

All members and locals are urged to consult any of the elected committee with any proposed changes in the present agreement. A special committee meeting will be called within two to draft the proposed contract.

More than 60 delegates attended. The next Joint Council meeting will be held in the Moore Hotel in Indiana on April 25th at 7.30 o'clock.

Plans were made to establish headquarters at central points to sign up truck drivers into the Retail and the Wholesale Employes. Headquarters are to be announced at a later date. In the meantime all truckers interested are weeks to draft the proposed contract. O. Box, 756, Spangler, Penna.

TEACHERS SEEK TO RETAIN TENURE LAW

More than seventy-five teachers re presenting ten school districts in Cam-

FIRST-AID MEET WILL BE STAGED AT EBENSBURG

Several Questions of Importance | State Championship Competition | Will Again Be Feature of the Cambria County Fair.

The state championship first-aid

An annual feature of the Cambria County Fair, overtures had been made to transfer the finals of the state mee Several firms were placed on the the Retail Employes Unfair List, namely Indiana mine officials returned Sat-Hoffman's Ice Cream Company at urday from Pittsburgh with "the ba-Barnesboro and Ross and Degatano, con' in the form of a guarantee from Dry Cleaning Company of Indiana, and the State Department of Mines that endorsed action to advertise them be-

At a meeting Friday afternoon at Several questions of importance the U.S. Bureau of Mines headquarwere discussed. A request from the ters, arrangements were made to hold United Mine Workers that the Retail a series of sectional contests to en-Employes assist in action upon Local trants to the state meet at Ebensburg 110 of the Teamsters' Union for end in September. Richard Maize, Unioncouraging and assisting the Progressive town mine inspector, presided at the Miners' movement in Johnstown and meeting as representative of Secretary

Roy D. Joseph, Johnstown, inspect-

appeal from American Store Company monstrations be included in the pro- ion.

pany, Barnesboro; Walter Van Court, ization to continue V. Berry, safety director, Industrial lies. Collieries Corporation; William Lamont, secretary of the general committee and sectional chairman for this area; Ira P. Bradley, C. A. Hughes Co.; William H. Filer, state mine inspector Price, local 115, Emeigh; C. H. Reams, of Ebensburg, and a number of Indiana and Somerset county operators' representatives.

WPA QUOTA FOR AREA TO BE CUT 1,000 IN MONTH

The employment 'quota for Works Progress Administration Area 11 has been cut from 15.100 to 14.100 for the month of April, according to word received on Monday afternoon by John S. Ginter, head of the local four-county office, from State WPA Administrator E. C. Smith Jr.

The reduction in working forces is to be effected by this Saturday, it was said. A checkup revealed that vice Commission regulation which unemployment compensation law. affected, however, because the preto the numbers now employed.

be made from highway units opera- license need not be inspected. ting under the WPA. He added that particular efforts will be made to weed out inefficient and incompetent workers during the present retrenchment.

Death of Infant.

Wayne John McGonegal, infant son f Elsworth and Lillian (Kirsch) Mc-Gonegal of Carrolltown. died last Thursday at the parental home. Surviving are the parents and a brother William.

A tablespoon of cold water added holiday. to egg whites before they are whipped will increase the quality.

COAL MEASURES

Harrisburg - Eight bills designed to help the coal industry, including one to create a \$30,000,000 "Pennsylvania" Anthracite Reconstruction Corpora-tion" were presented in the House on

Members of the special Republican committee which conducted a recess measures which would: 1-Create the "Reconstruction Cor-

poration."

2-Require state licensing of an-

quality and sizes and control produc-4-License breakers or preparation

plants. 5—Require that all coal shipments

be accompanied by "certificates of origin" and provide heavy penalties for came after three weeks of futile effort those who possess or transport coal was reported to the joint confer-without such certificates.

torney general, to be spent on fighting 338,000 miners who stopped work Mon-for reduction of coal transportation day anxiously awaiting word. charges; half the money to be used for anthracite

"These bills are not in final form," said Representative E. Kent Kane, Republican, McKean, chairman of the committee on mines and mining.

"There will doubtless be public hearings thereon. We welcome suggestions from operators, laborers, transporters asserted the operators had said "no and dealers. We are not for price-fix- to 26 proposals the union had made rejected all such proposals."

GRANGE FAVORS LARGE SUM FOR

John A. McSparran, Former Agriculture Head, Principal Speaker at Carrolltown.

John A. McSparran, former secretary past master of the Pennsylvania Grange, was the principal speaker at or of the sixth district, was named as a meeting of Cambria County Pomona chairman of the sectional meet for that Grange, 51, Patrons of Husbandry, in the American Legion Home at Carroll-The general committee recommend- town. Nine subordinate granges of the ed that mine rescue and explosion de- county were represented at the sess-

McSparran's theme was "The Placeof A Farm Organization in A Demo-In addition to Inspector Joseph, the cracy' and he gave a resume of some ence after Walter L. Robison, Clevedelegation which attended the Pitts of the outstanding accomplishments of burgh meeting included: L. F. Crouse, the grange which he served for ten the disagreement and said the whole general superintendent of the Monroe Coal Company, Revloc; Alexander Grange be used as a medium to ex-Jack, general superintendent of the press the desires of the farmers in Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corporation, Cresson; C. P. Brinton, engineer he said, embraces the whole family in for the Barnes and Tucker Coal Com- its membership and advised the organby co-operative Koppers Coal Company, Sonman; J. buying, to bring benefits to far famitook only five minutes as Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the operators, moved to recommit the whole matter

The Grange went on record in favor graduated income tax in Pennsylvania.

Members of the grange expressed the belief that any appropriation less than \$2,000,000 would be insufficient to carry out work of the Bureau of Animal Industry in the eradication of Diseases of Cattle in conjunction with the federal government. Resolutions were adopted calling upon the state legislature to appropriate that sum.

Another resolution favored a three year probationary period for teachers of all school districts.

The Grange opposed any move

few more than 600 persons will be prevents farmers from hauling a neighbor's milk without taking out a cer- hundreds on branch offices of the State sent working force totals 14,727. The tificate of public convenience, which Unemployment Compensation Division. number of persons to be dismissed in adds to the expense of such deliveries each county will be in direct ratio and another resolution asked that the State Unemployment Compensation Dimotor code be amended so that vehi- vision, disclosed a request from 500 Ginter said that most dismissals will cles that are not required to have a li-

LIQUOR STORES TO CLOSE EARLY

stores to close this Saturday night at towns field workers of the local office

closing before a holiday. Easter customers the stores would be closed all day Good Friday, a legal the deadlocked New York parley

The earlier closing is to permit em- 24 before the miners ca ployes to quit earlier.

ARE INTRODUCED MINERS WANT

study of coal problems sponsored the Murray Reports UMWA Have Dropped Demand For Closed Shop. Optimism Is Still Prevalent

> New York - Eight negotiators, after wage and hour contract for the suspended bituminous coal industry, were ordered on Tuesday to resume their efforts, with full power to recommend a settlement.

The deadlock of the negotiators 6—Appropriate \$200,000 to the at- cian management and labor, and as

Philip Murray, vice president of the the benefit of bituminous and half for United Mine Workers of America, told the conference the "miners' final proposition" was renewal of the old agreement for two years and elimination

of the penalty clause for illegal strikes. Murray said the elimination of the penalty clauses from district agreements was the stumbling block. He ing on the general public and have for improvements in working conto 26 proposals the union had made

ditions. He said the miners, to protect the industry against "raids" by other unions, had suggested a union shop and recognition of the U. M. W. of A. as the exclusive bargaining agency.

He reported that the operators advanced not a "single argument" against the union shop proposal but voted against it in the subcommittee, and said they wanted the penalty clause to remain in the contracts.

The penalty clause is included in each district agreement between the union and coal associations which are parties to the Appalacian conference The terms of each differ somewhat, but in each instance call for fines of of agriculture in Pennsylvania and a \$1 to \$2 a day against each miner who strikes in violation of the contract and levies fines on coal companies for lock-

He advised against "confusing the

"The United Mine Workers are not insisting on a union shop clause but a forthright demand for elimination of the penalty clause," Murray said.

Murray addressed the joint confer-

land operator, the chairman, reported After Murray gave the union's picture of the situation the conference recessed for lunch, without word from the operators. The afternoon session

to bring back its report at the earliest possible moment. O'Neill made no reply to Murray and without comment Robison called for a vote under the unit rule. miners and operators voted "aye" and the conference adjourned to await the further report of the subcommittee.

to the eight negotiators with authority

Compensation Sought Inability of operators and union miners to reach an agreement on a new wage-hour contract may turn the enforced idleness of Pennsylvania's bituminous miners into a "holiday" with pay-if it lasts long enough.

For the first time since the United this time to scrap the Milk Control Board unless some other means is tract, no work" code, its members are provided to stabilize the milk indus- in a legal position to soften the economic blows of an extended period of A resolution opposed the Public Ser- idleness with benefits provided by the

Miners were reported descending by Thomas V. Hayes, miners at Vintondale. Hayes said he

would go to Vintondale in answer to the request. At a number of Western Pennsylvania division headquarters emergency staffs were pressed into service to han dle the applications. Haves revealed Harrisburg — The Liquor Control that in the event other requests were Board on Monday ordered managers filed on behalf of large numbers in of all but a few metropolitan liquor any of the Cambria County mining

9 p. m. instead of the usual 11 p. m. would visit the affected places. Whether the miners will be able to The board also reminded prospective receive benefits from the 1937 compensation act hinged on the outcome of

The impasse must la until April employment compensatio