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COAL STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

Miners Accept Invitation of Secretary Wilson to Attend Conference to Negotiate New Contract With Miners

The way for the final adjustment of the controversy between the bituminous coal operators and the United Mine Workers of America, which resulted in a strike of 425,000 union miners and action by the government in the Federal court, now appears in sight.

While the representatives of the miners, who Tuesday agreed to comply with the mandate of United States District Judge A. B. Anderson and mailed an order rescinding the strike, were discussing the future policy of the organization, telegrams were received from W. B. Wilson, secretary of labor, and Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the operators' scale committee, by John L. Lewis, acting president of the miners' inviting the miners' representatives into a conference.

Mr. Lewis, on behalf of the mine workers, accepted the invitation of Secretary Wilson to meet bituminous operators of the country in Washington next Friday morning at 11 o'clock and replied to Mr. Brewster, who requested a meeting of the central competitive scale committee with the operators of the district in Washington, Monday, November 17, "to negotiate a contract to be in force upon the termination of the contract now in effect," that the miners already had accepted the invitation of Mr. Wilson.

Although the strike has been called off, court action in the strike case has not been completed by any means. The miners' attorneys are preparing their writ of error with a view to appealing the case to the United States circuit court of appeals and expect to file their petition for this step within the next two or three days.

The attorneys stated that they expected to carry the case to the highest tribunal of the country if the government is upheld in all lower courts in this contention.

From the standpoint of the government the miners themselves are not absolved from further obedience to the court's injunction through withdrawal of the strike order and unless the case is dismissed injunction writs served on more than 60 of the United Mine Workers' officials are returnable before December 2.

Thirty-one officials of the organization were served with copies of the temporary restraining order issued October 31, returnable November 20. About thirty-five others were served during a session of the conference Tuesday with copies of the temporary restraining order issued last Saturday. There has been much speculation as to how the notice of withdrawal of the strike order would be received by the miners in the fields. In some quarters it was believed that the men would return almost as a whole on orders from their union heads. However, there were indications that in some districts a feeling against obeying the order to resume work existed. Delegates to the conference who were questioned on this subject would make no predictions.

It was said at the international headquarters of the organization that practically all of the copies of the order, which call off the nationwide bituminous coal strike were in the mails before the time limit set by Judge Anderson, 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. The recall order previously had been submitted to the court, who characterized it as a "good faith effort" to comply with the court's mandate. This was after the general committee of the miners, composed of international officers, district, presidents and members of the executive board and scale committee, had been in session approximately 18 hours and at 4:10 Tuesday morning decided to comply with the mandate of the court.

Patriotic devotion to the government and American ideals and institutions caused the United Mine Workers of America to comply with the order of the United States court to withdraw the strike order, according to a statement made by Ellis Searles, editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal.

GETS MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT

Burke Boy, Master Engineer Albert Lee Rust, Honored With British Decoration

In addition to his citation for bravery in the American army Master Engineer Albert Lee Rust, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rust, of Calvin, recently received from General Rawlinson, commander of the Fourth British army, notification of his decoration with the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The order of citation is dated March 6, 1919, from General Rawlinson's headquarters. In the fifty or more names on the list it is noted that six are Americans. The honor is a coveted one. Burke county should be proud of the fact that it has bestowed upon one of her sons.

GET-TOGETHER MEETING AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

All members of the First Baptist church and congregation are invited to a "Get-together Meeting" Friday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock. A short musical program will be rendered.

ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES FROM PRES. AND PERSHING

Both Address Statements to the American People on First Anniversary Signing Armistice

President Wilson and General Pershing Monday issued statements to the American people on the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

The President said to Americans the reflections of Armistice Day would be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory both because of "the thing from which it has freed us, and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The exercise by the American people of practical patriotism during the war, General Pershing said, was an avowal of their firm adherence to the principles of free government that will continue to have great influence upon the progressive thought throughout the world.

Wilson's Greeting to Countrymen.

President Wilson's message follows:

To My Fellow-countrymen:
A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggression of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half. With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men. To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the cause.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. A. M. KISTLER

Ill Less Than Hour, Beloved Lady and Wife of Prominent Citizen Passed Away At Her Home Here.

Seldom has the community been so shocked as when the news spread quickly around last Thursday night that Mrs. A. M. Kistler, wife of one of the town's most prominent citizens, had passed away suddenly at her home here.

Although since her illness last winter it was known that she was not as strong as formerly, she was apparently in her usual health that day and just before her death had been out in her car. Shortly after seven o'clock she and Miss Mamie Collett had driven to the home of a mutual friend, Miss May Mills. Before leaving the Collett home she became ill and before reaching her own home she was breathing with difficulty. However she walked without assistance to her room, but within 15 minutes, before a doctor could reach her, she had died. Mr. Kistler, who was in Asheville, was summoned by telephone, and returned home as hurriedly as possible by automobile. Her elder son, Mr. Charles Kistler, a student at the State University, reached home early the next morning. When the end came none of her immediate family were with her, her other son, Master Fred Kistler, being in school at Bethlehem, Pa.

Accompanied by Mr. Kistler, Mr. W. C. Ervin and Mr. Charles Kistler, the body left on No. 16 the next afternoon for Bethlehem. Mrs. Kistler's old home and the home of her only sister, Mrs. F. W. Dettler. There she was buried by the side of her mother at sunset Saturday evening. A short service was held at the home Friday afternoon just before train time.

Mrs. Kistler was the daughter of a Moravian minister and was a most devout church member. In the absence of a Moravian church here the family has been identified with the Presbyterian church, its loyal supporters and attendants. In her death the church has lost a faithful and consecrated member.

The Kistler home was ideal in its relationships and noted for its hospitality and the graciousness of its mistress. Her kindly interest in children brought many of them there for happy play hours, particularly children from the School for the Deaf, deprived of the influences of their own homes.

The family have the deep sympathy of the community in their irreparable loss.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT?



LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin have moved to Black Mountain to make their home.

Mr. and Mr. Charlie Bristol and children will leave for McKinney, Tex., today, where they will make their home.

Next Sunday there will be evening service at Saint Stephen's (colored) church at 4 p. m. All the members are urged to be present.

The rector and a considerable number of the members of Grace church are in Hickory today attending a conference on the nation-wide campaign.

Last Thursday Pitts & Giles closed deal with Mr. J. L. Anderson whereby they became owners of the building occupied by Lane & C. on Sterling street.

Mr. W. A. Speagle is building a pretty new home, constructed of concrete blocks, on the Asheville road in the suburb which has been named "Brookside."

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon in the church parlors, with Mesdames J. H. Wilson and G. C. Denton hostesses.

The graded school received about \$30 of the proceeds of an entertainment Saturday night by a troupe of Hawaiian singers and dancers. Those who attended spoke in high terms of the entertainment.

Quarterly meeting will be held Saturday, November 15th, at Salem church. There will be preaching at 11 o'clock by Presiding Elder Parker Holmes. Dinner will be served on the grounds and in the afternoon quarterly conference will be held.

The board of stewards of the Methodist church will be installed at the morning service next Sunday. The board this year includes four women—Mesdames J. M. Mull, M. B. Kibler, A. A. Connelly and M. B. Goodwin.

Rev. J. A. Fry newly appointed pastor of the Morganton circuit has moved his family from Nebo his former charge to Morganton and they are now domiciled at the Morganton circuit parsonage. Rev. N. M. Modlin and family have moved to Denton.

Mr. P. F. Newton brought a bunch of peach blooms to The News-Herald office the other day. In some of the buds new peaches had been formed. He also had a cluster of ripe strawberries from his ever-bearing vines. Several of the peach trees at Grace Hospital were in bloom last week. It is said that the trees which have bloomed this fall will not bear next year.

ROLL CALL TIME EXTENDED

In order to give everybody who has not already joined the Red Cross an opportunity to do so Chairman John H. Pearson has extended the period of the Roll Call through this week. Burke county's quota has not yet been reached. If you have not yet done your duty, you still have a chance.

'SUGAR FAMINE

The scarcity of sugar in Morganton has about reached the famine stage. Here, as elsewhere, it seems that there is little hope that the situation will be materially relieved any time soon.

ALDERMAN MILLNER RESIGNS FROM BOARD

Mr. C. L. Davis Appointed to Fill Vacancy Caused By Mr. Millner's Resignation

At the last regular meeting of the board of town aldermen Mr. H. L. Millner, who last spring began his second term as a member of the board, tendered his resignation to take effect immediately and at the same meeting Mr. C. L. Davis was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Millner's resignation.

In the following letter, addressed to Mayor Bristol, Mr. Miller gave his reason for resigning:

I herewith tender my resignation as alderman from Ward No. 4 to take effect immediately. Certain dissatisfied persons having raised the question of my legal right to serve on the board while being interested in the contract under which the town of Morganton is served with electric power and light, I consider it contrary to the principles of good government to attempt to maintain myself in a position which might be construed as a false one.

Until recently I was advised and believed that as the light and power contract was executed a year or more before my election to the board, it would in itself offer no bar to my serving, but it would appear that the matter is at least open to serious question.

I regret leaving the town government before the expiration of the time for which I was elected, and wish to thank you, Mr. Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, as well as each member of the town administration for the unfailing courtesy and co-operation I have received during my term of service.

MR. RECTOR DIED AT DREXEL

Mr. J. L. Rector died at his home near Drexel Saturday, November 8. He was a member of Enon Baptist church and the leader of the Enon choir. He was a member of the Junior Order at Valdese and took much interest in the order.

Burial was made at Enon church Sunday at 2 p. m., the services conducted by Rev. F. A. Bower with the Junior Order taking part.

Mr. Rector was recognized as one of the leading young men of his section and will be greatly missed in the community and in his church.

ASHEVILLE WHOLESALE GROCERY WIPED OUT

Fire believed to have been caused by crossed wires on the second floor Monday afternoon completely gutted the Asheville Wholesale Grocery Co., in the depot section. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. H. C. Johnson, the owner, is in California, having just arrived there to visit a sick daughter. The stock of goods is estimated at \$80,000 by a member of the firm and the building owned by the company is valued at \$20,000.

CROSSING SIGNAL AT DEPOT

A long felt need at the Southern station has been supplied this week in the form of a warning bell at the crossing. This crossing is very dangerous a steep approach from the south side making it alarmingly so. The bell that has been installed works automatically beginning to ring whenever a train comes on the rails at a certain distance in either direction.

WASHINGTON CELEBRATES THE FIRST YEAR OF PEACE

Prince of Wales Arrives, President Wilson Gets Up and Coal Strike is Ended.

Two events of national importance not on the arranged program—the arrival of the Prince of Wales as the guest of the nation and President Wilson leaving his bed for the first time since illness forced him to abandon his speaking tour last month—marked the celebration of Armistice day in Washington.

A general feeling of relief in Washington over the decision of the soft coal miners to rescind the strike order was another high point in the day set apart to commemorate the ending of hostilities in the war.

Rain fell almost continuously during the day, forcing many of the arranged events of celebration to be held inside in departments and bureaus. The rain, however, could not dampen the ardor of those participating in the ceremonies connected with the planting of two memorial California redwood trees in LaFayette square, opposite the White House.

At the anniversary hour, 11 o'clock in the morning, the rattle of musketry from the army firing platoon, formally announced that the trees were in place, banked by earth brought from many States for the purpose and with memorial documents to be sheltered for years to come beneath their roots.

At night a chorus of community singers gathered on the steps of the treasury across from the White House to serenade Mr. Wilson. The President had planned some days in advance to leave his sick bed that day as in some measure his own commemoration of the significance of Armistice day and reposing in a wheel chair was able to hear a part of the program arranged by the singers in his honor.

BY AUTO FROM CALIFORNIA.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins, of Tappanish, Wash., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hawkins. They were married in August in Oakland, Cal., the home of the bride, Miss Della Cassey, and started at once by automobile for Morganton. At St. Louis Mrs. Hawkins took the train and arrived here last week, and while awaiting Mr. Hawkins visited his sister, Mrs. A. S. Mull. Mr. Hawkins completed the trip through the country this week.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE

Effective last Sunday the schedules of trains Nos. 12 and 16, both east-bound, were changed. No. 12 is now due to arrive at 5 o'clock instead of 3:45 p. m., as formerly, and No. 16 is scheduled at 7:15 p. m., instead of 5:20.

PLANS FOR NEW HOTEL ACCEPTED

Four-Story Building Will Be Built of Tapestry Brick; Will Contain 53 Bedrooms—Extension Provisions

The board of directors of the new hotel company met with the building committee of the company on Wednesday afternoon of last week to consider the architect's plans for the new building. Architect Asbury, of Charlotte, was present and went into minute details with the committee. With slight revisions his plans were accepted unanimously.

The new hotel will face Green street, the frontage of the building being 120 feet. In front of the building will be a grass plot 50 feet in width and on either side provision is made for grass plots of 20 feet wide. On Union street it will extend back 62 feet with provision made for extension on this street when such becomes necessary.

The building will be four stories high, in addition to the basement. The first floor will contain the lobby, dining room, kitchens, etc. The other three floors will have 53 bedrooms, each with bath.

The building is to be constructed of dark gray tapestry brick with sandstone trimmings and will cost about \$100,000.

Every member of the board of directors and of the building committee was most enthusiastic over the plans, which were accepted without a dissenting vote. Mr. Asbury was instructed to have made a water color perspective of the building.

Orders for material will be placed shortly and as soon as the old building on the site shall have been torn away excavating will be begun.

The building committee is composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. F. P. Tate, J. A. Dickson, J. H. Giles, H. L. Millner, W. I. Davis.

DEATH OF CHILD.

Little Ruth York Harbison, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harbison, died last Friday afternoon at the home of her parents here. The child had had diphtheria but had recovered and was thought to be completely out of danger when she became suddenly ill and died before the doctor could reach her.

Funeral and burial services were held Saturday afternoon at Oak Hill, conducted by Rev. C. M. Pickens.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS.

Red Cross Christmas seals will be on sale again this year. Miss Marion Miller has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of selling the seals.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

TABLE ROCK

That long looked for frost came last week. It seems from all appearances that a snow is soon to follow. Most of the farmers have finished sowing wheat and gathering corn. Wood getting is the order of the day.

Mr. John Patton is carrying the mail a few days for Mr. Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Harris.

Mr. Max Ramsour was the guest Sunday of Mrs. S. C. Galloway.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wakefield spent the week-end with their son, Mr. A. C. Wakefield on Linville.

Mrs. John Patton was the guest of Miss Lela Williams Monday.

Miss Josie Harris returned Saturday to the State Hospital after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Tom Kincaid, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Harris.

Friends and relatives of little Miss Belva Kincaid are glad to know that she is rapidly recovering from her recent illness. Her mother, who has been quite sick also, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kincaid and two small children spent Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. W. A. Kincaid.

Mrs. Parks McGimsey has been sick but is some better.

Mr. J. A. Fleming is also on the sick list. He is suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Page.

Miss Frances McGimsey was the guest Sunday of Miss Pansy Kincaid.

Misses Hattie Cowan and Pansy Kincaid spent Thursday night at the home of Mr. Ben Kincaid.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McGimsey and little Miss Anna Sue spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Grace Hood, at Joy.

Messrs. Logan Wakefield and Hamp Branch and Miss Ophelia Branch were guests Sunday of Miss Mary Jane Harris and her brother.

A corn shucking at Mr. D. A. Wakefield's was much enjoyed last Monday afternoon. Friday night there was one at the home of Mr. Tom Whisenant, and Friday afternoon Mr. Randall Beck also had a shucking.

Mr. Bee A. Sisk, of Rutherford College, came home Monday. We understand that the school there was suspended on account of deficient heating facilities.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McFalls spent the week-end with Mr. Stroup, near Enola.

We are in receipt of a letter signed "A Morganton Friend" in which we are severely criticized for the manner in which we have been "writing up the paper," as they termed it. The fault they mention was a supposed misuse of "Mr." and "Miss." Evidently the author of the letter has never been introduced to the use of "Messrs." to mean more than one gentleman and "Misses" to refer to more than one lady.

GLEN ALPINE.

Mrs. Julius Powell, living near here, had for dinner the 7th of this month new bunch beans. Frost came this year on the 6th, the latest I expect in several years.

Protracted meeting at the Baptist church is still holding over. Considerable interest is manifested, but as yet no conversions. Rev. J. Elmer Lacy, of Washington City, has been doing most of the preaching assisted by Rev. F. A. Bower and Rev. A. P. Brantley, of the Methodist church. The meeting will continue possibly for a few days.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. John L. Ray, of Kenley, and at the Methodist church at 7 o'clock p. m. by Rev. Parker Holmes, presiding elder of this circuit.

Rev. A. P. Brantley, resident minister of the Methodist church here, (Continued on third page)

COX'S STORE HAS BEEN MUCH ENLARGED

Floor Space Has Been More Than Doubled—Business on Departmental Plan.

Last Saturday marked the opening of the addition to Mr. X. H. Cox's new store of Sterling street. The new building adjoins the old stand and the two have been connected, thus forming a large double building that gives this popular store more than twice the floor space formerly occupied. The new section, which is the former Boger building remodeled and enlarged, is being used as the dry goods and ladies' department. In the other section are the shoes and men's department.

Having started several years ago on a small scale the present proportions to which the Cox store has grown demonstrate in no small way what good management, energy and advertising on a big scale will accomplish. Mr. Cox believes in newspaper advertising and attributes his business growth largely to his unstinted use of newspaper space.

Cox's store now is a credit to the town. The firm deserves congratulations on their recent expansion and on their progressive spirit.