

PEACE TREATIES NOW DEAD ISSUE

Senate's Action of Stripping Proposed Facts of Their Vital Features Thwarts Taft's Plans. UNLIKELY TO SUBMIT THEM FOR APPROVAL. Elimination of Clause Three Follows a Long Day of Debate and Baling.

Washington, March 8.—Summing up the senate's action yesterday in stripping the proposed arbitration treaties with France and Great Britain of their vital features, government officials who followed the negotiations of the three agree that participation by the United States in the general arbitration of international difficulties was a dead issue so far as this session of congress was concerned. It is thought improbable President Taft would submit the treaties in their mangled form to either power for approval.

Stripped of the clause which it was claimed would invade the constitutional treaty-making power of the senate and with many other limitations added, the general arbitration treaties between the United States and England and France proposed by President Taft and Secretary Knox as forerunners of universal peace, were ratified by the senate yesterday by a vote of 76 to 2. The senators who voted against the ratification were Lorimer, Martine and Reed. The two are democrats.

President Taft before leaving for his speaking trip to Toledo and Chicago did not comment upon the senate's action. It is known he had hoped to see the treaties passed unamended. He had expressed publicly, however, that certain amendments would not be objectionable. Virtually, the treaties, by the senate's action, are "up in the air". In their modified form they must be referred to England and France. Senator Lodge and others who fought the senate's action, declared that the alteration of the much-discussed clause three of article three would imperil the success of the treaties.

HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR MILL INQUIRY

Investigation of the American Woolen Company's Affairs is Expected.

Washington, March 8.—An investigation of the American Woolen company, its organization, capitalization, labor conditions and status as a corporation, it was reported last night would be recommended to congress by the house committee on rules as a result of the preliminary inquiry which closed yesterday into the strike of mill workers at Lawrence, Mass.

An investigation of the American Woolen company was considered by democrats of the house long before the Lawrence outbreak. The rules committee have been proceeding under two resolutions of investigation. The first was introduced by Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania, and called for an investigation of strike conditions and the alleged brutalities which attended the attempt to remove children from the city; the other by Representative Berger, the socialist member from Wisconsin, directed a special inquiry into strike conditions.

The hearing closed after representatives of the American Woolen company had been heard. Before their testimony was taken the Rev. Clark Carter, a city missionary in Lawrence, whose salary is paid by the mill owners, was examined as to the conditions in the city, as were several of the citizens' committee.

"Are you in sympathy with child labor?" Representative Wilson asked. "Do you believe children should take the place of men?" The witness replied that the children do in the mills as perfectly proper for children to do, he replied.

Lewis S. Cox, postmaster of Lawrence, made a statement declaring descriptions of incidents at Lawrence were misleading. "We feel that we have been going through warfare which no one who has not been there can appreciate," he said.

"There have been attacks upon the homes of people who were connected with the mills or refused to work. Their doors have been broken down, windows broken, missiles have been thrown into the rooms while persons lay sleeping."

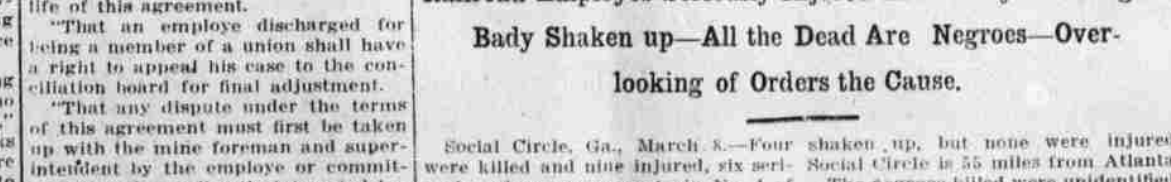
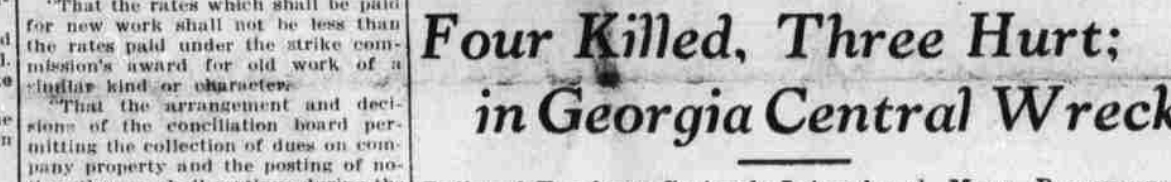
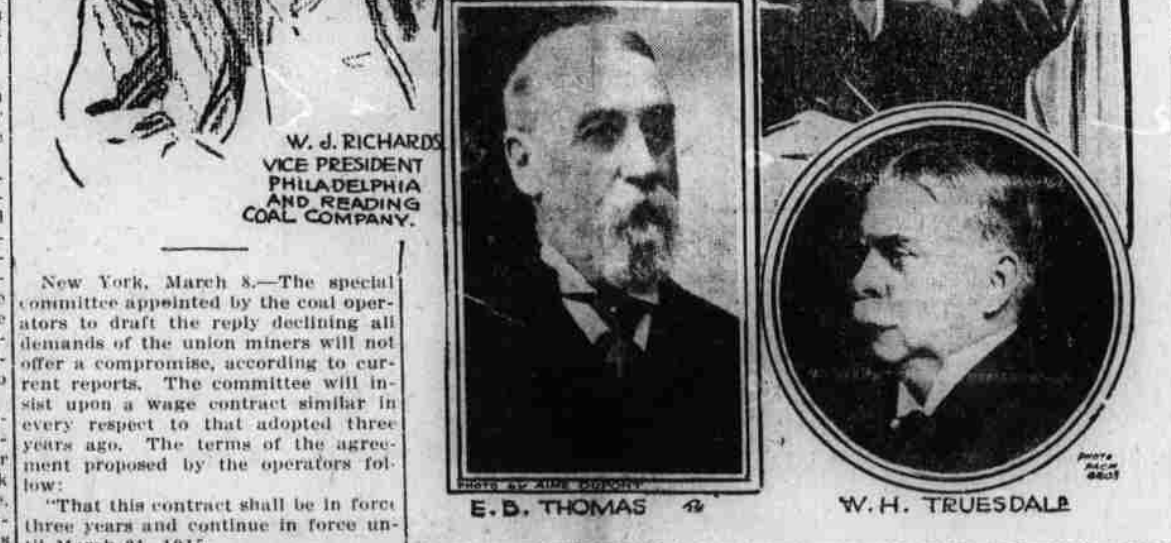
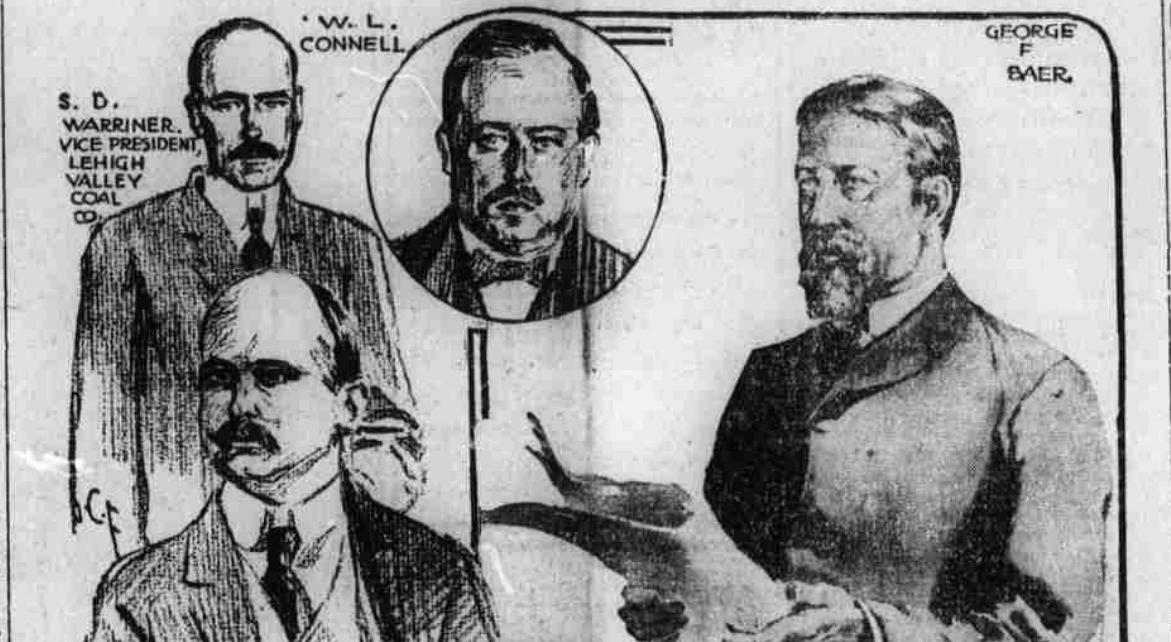
He gave a compilation of savings bank statistics in Lawrence, showing the total savings to be \$21,999,999 which on a basis of 6000 population gave an average per capita wealth of \$24.

THE PRESIDENT BEGINS OHIO-ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN

Great Crowd Hears Him Speak at Alliance, O.—Confers With Leaders.

Alliance, O., March 8.—President Taft today started his three days' campaign through Ohio and Illinois with a talk about Ohio's political conditions with Taft leaders. Arrangements were made to have the president's train stop at a dozen stations through Ohio during the day. He probably will make many speeches.

Committee of Mine Operators Will Not Offer a Compromise



New York, March 8.—The special committee appointed by the coal operators to draft the reply declining all demands of the union miners will not offer a compromise, according to current reports. The committee will insist upon a wage contract similar in every respect to that adopted three years ago. The terms of the agreement proposed by the operators follow:

"That this contract shall be in force three years and continue in force until March 31, 1915.

"That the rates which shall be paid for new work shall not be less than the rates paid under the strike commission's award for old work of a similar kind or character.

"That the arrangement and decisions of the conciliation board permitting the collection of dues on company property and the posting of notices thereon shall continue during the life of this agreement.

"That an employe discharged for being a member of a union shall have a right to appeal his case to the conciliation board for final adjustment.

"That any dispute under the terms of this agreement must first be taken up with the mine foreman and superintendent by the employe or committee of employes directly interested before it be taken up with the conciliation board for final adjustment.

"That the employers shall issue pay statements designating the name of the company, the name of employe, the colliery where employed, the half month, the amount of wages and the class of work performed."

These practically are the terms the operators will submit to the mine workers at the conference next Wednesday. The operators declare there will be no concessions, and as the miners' representatives, backed by the demands of their union, repeatedly have said that the contract of 1909 never would be agreed to again, a dispute leading to one of the greatest coal strikes in the history of the country is looked for.

Four Killed, Three Hurt; in Georgia Central Wreck

Railroad Employes Seriously Injured and Many Passengers Bady Shaken up—All the Dead Are Negroes—Overlooking of Orders the Cause.

Social Circle, Ga., March 8.—Four were killed and nine injured, six seriously, when passenger train No. 1 of the Georgia Central railroad, leaving Atlanta at midnight, collided with a freight train three miles from here at 2:15 o'clock this morning. The dead were: W. E. Carey, mail clerk of Atlanta; Fred Mailes, baggage master, of Atlanta; S. A. Pool, mail clerk, of Atlanta; and W. S. Clark of Thompson, Ga., passenger.

Wife Shot Him in Dream Declares Eugene H. Grace

Atlanta, March 8.—That his wife shot him unintentionally while dreaming is the theory advanced by Eugene H. Grace, who is critically wounded by a bullet while his wife is in jail in connection with the mysterious case. Mrs. Grace was re-arrested yesterday.

WANT RATES REDUCED ON CAROLINA LUMBER

Freight Charges From This State to Virginia Gateways Declared Excessive.

Washington, March 8.—Nineteen lumber companies in North Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania today filed with the interstate commerce commission a complaint against the Atlantic Coast Line and other railroads that the rate of 101 cents per 100 pounds on lumber from various North Carolina points to the Virginia gateways should be reduced to nine cents.

Five Killed in Canadian Wreck. Ottawa, March 8.—Five were killed and several injured in a Canadian Pacific wreck near Hull today.

POLE REACHED BY AMUNDSEN

STATE DELEGATION CLAIMED FOR T.R. Norwegian Arrived at Antarctic Point December 14, Last, He Cables Kristiania Newspapers.

Roosevelt Men Meet to Perfect Carolina Organization for Former President.

Supporters of Col. Roosevelt from various sections of the state met today in the chamber of commerce rooms with a view to perfecting a state wide Roosevelt organization. Messrs. Pearson, Lyman, Lusk and Barrett from Asheville are here.

With Roosevelt sentiment throughout the state growing daily and the circumstance that the state committee failed to endorse Taft for renomination, friends of the colonel are now confident he will get the whole delegation of 24 votes. The meeting being held today is a representative one, both in respect to character and number. The conference is of a semi-executive character and those assembled got down to the business of organization about noon.

Taft Men Hard Pressed in the Keystone State. Advices to Dixon Indicate President May Not Get Delegation Majority.

Notwithstanding the predictions of Senators Penrose and Oliver that the Pennsylvania delegation will be practically unanimous for the renomination of President Taft, advices already received at the Roosevelt headquarters here indicate that the Taft people will be lucky if they have a majority of the delegates from the Keystone state.

Although there will be no direct vote in the primaries in April on the subject of presidential preferences, it is apparent that the people are aroused and will express their views by voting only for candidates running on the Roosevelt platform.

Senator Dixon is receiving thousands of letters from every section of Pennsylvania, pledging support to the former president. Senator Dixon said that the people are determined to contest every inch of the way for Colonel Roosevelt. Not only will they vote for Roosevelt men for national delegates, but they propose to vote for delegates to the state convention who are friendly to the colonel.

Letters came to Roosevelt headquarters here yesterday from Philadelphia, Chester, Scranton, Johnstown, Pittsburgh and Erie, saying that the colonel's friends are out asleep, and that they will fight to the last ditch for the former president.

Page Amendment Defeated. Two North Carolina congressmen made speeches in the house today while the agricultural appropriation bill was under consideration.

Representative Page denounced the practice of appropriating money for useless vegetable and flower seed, which are sent to the people by congressmen as a campaign document, and introduced an amendment to the bill to strike out such parts as referred to this particular appropriation. His amendment was defeated.

EX-MILLIONAIRE HELD ON VAGRANCY CHARGE. New York, March 8.—Colonel Wayne Belvin, once a millionaire, was arrested today charged with vagrancy. Belvin has been a conspicuous figure here for many years. He inherited \$600,000 from his father and came here from Richmond, Va., in 1887. He was reduced to poverty through stock market operations.

Savannah Club Won't Stage Races. Savannah, March 8.—The Savannah Automobile club today announced that it would not take the initiative in staging automobile races over the Savannah course this fall.

Threatened Lynching Averted. Jacksonville, March 8.—Quiet prevailed here today after 3 o'clock this morning when the mob which threatened to lynch a negro, Eugene Baxter, charged with murdering Simon Silverstein, dispersed. Further demonstrations are unexpected as the courts have promised a speedy trial.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT. If I could select the Man I Would Name. Name: Address: Cut this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette-News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a registry book provided at the office. Results will be published from time to time and in no case will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.