

ISSUES ORDER FOR STRIKE OF MINERS IN ALABAMA MINES

BITUMINOUS COAL FIELDS AFFECTED

Claim Awards of President's Commission Not Been Put Into Effect

REPORT ON SITUATION IN ALABAMA SUBMITTED

Convention of Anthracite Miners in Wilkes-Barre, Representing 65 Locals, Votes To 'Take Vacation' Until Companies Accede To Terms of Minority Report

Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, late today issued an order for a general strike in the bituminous coal fields in Alabama. The order followed a report by the organization committee of the international executive board.

The report declared the coal operators had failed to put into effect the awards of President Wilson's coal commission of last March. It said the miners were working for wages far less than those specified by the commission and declared every attempt to arrange a conference with the coal operators of Alabama had failed.

Strike Order Telegraphed. J. B. Kenamer, president of district No. 20 of the mine workers, with offices at Birmingham, was notified of the strike order by telegraph. Numerous mines in the Alabama field have been idle because of the alleged refusal of the operators to accept the findings of the coal commission.

HARD COAL MINERS VOTE TO TAKE A VACATION. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 1.—Three hundred delegates representing 65 locals of district No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, in convention here today voted to "take a vacation until the coal companies accede to the demands for increased wages and better working conditions, as framed in the minority report of Neal J. Perry, the miners' representative on the anthracite wage commission."

AGREE TO ACCEPT WAGE AWARD UNDER PROTEST. Hazelton, Pa., Sept. 1.—The local committee of the United Mine Workers of America, representing the three hard coal districts, late today agreed to accept the award of the anthracite coal commission under protest and follow this up with the presentation of new demands. The miners' committee will meet the representatives of the operators in Scranton tomorrow in pursuance of a call issued by Secretary of Labor Wilson for the purpose of writing the terms of the award into a two-year contract.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE URGED TO MAKE SPEECHES

Winston-Salem, Sept. 1.—W. B. Taylor, wealthy tobacco manufacturer here, who heads the State Socialist ticket for Governor, has not decided whether he will make an active speech-making campaign. Some of his friends are anxious to have him speak in at least the largest including Greensboro, Charlotte, Durham, Raleigh, Asheville, Wilmington and Salisbury. He is a good talker and has been in the Socialist game for several years.

"Smiling Jim Kelly, who has done a good showing since he took charge of Winston-Salem's baseball team, will likely be chosen by the directors to pilot the club next year. The owners of the club have been notified that Prince Albert Park has been sold to the R. J. Reynolds tobacco company for recreation grounds the employees. Therefore it will be necessary to seek other playing grounds for next season. The former school tax levy will be about 22 cents on the \$100 property valuation according to announcement made today by Superintendent W. B. Spas. Of this amount the State will levy 13 cents and the county 9 cents. These amounts will only provide for six months terms. Therefore it will be necessary for the schools to make a special levy to run the schools nine months."

OLDEST SALISBURY CITIZEN DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Salisbury, Sept. 1.—J. Allen Brown, 78, the oldest native-born citizen of Salisbury, living here at the time of his death, died this afternoon, the immediate cause of death being pneumonia. In 1867 Mr. Brown established the first fire insurance agency in Salisbury and was active in that line of work till his death. Four sons and four daughters survive. One son is John D. Brown, who for many years was Senator Overman's secretary.

CHARLOTTE MAN LEAVES ESTATE OF HALF MILLION

Charlotte, Sept. 1.—The will of George E. Wilson, Sr., was probated today. Mr. Wilson leaves an estate of over \$500,000 divided equally between his wife and children, Miss Annie Wilson, George E. Wilson, Jr., and Mrs. John A. Tate. Date of will, 1906. George Wilson and W. C. Wilkinson, executors. Mr. Wilson is the brother of Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, of Raleigh.

DEMOCRATS WANT PROBE TO BOTTOM OF COX'S CHARGES

Republicans Seek To Discredit Candidate By Calling Off Investigation

COMMITTEE URGED TO GET STATE CHAIRMEN

No Democrat Looking For Chairman Hays or Treasurer Upham To Tell Whole Truth About Sources of Campaign Contributions; No Reversal of Suffrage Expected

News and Observer Bureau, 406 District National Bank Building, (By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Sept. 1.—The Republicans are naturally doing every thing in their power to discredit Cox's charges of a big campaign fund to corrupt the election. They are trying to call off the Senate committee investigation because Governor Cox has insisted that Republican chairmen of State and local campaign committees be called. Democrats who are in the confidence of Cox say that the proofs can only be brought out by putting these men on the stand.

No Democrat expects Chairman Will Hays or Treasurer Upham of the Republican national committee to tell the whole truth about the amount of money the Republicans are raising but every newspaper man in Washington knows that the substance of Cox's charges is true. They know it because nearly two years ago Will Hays explained to them that his party would adopt the Liberty loan plan of financing for this campaign. They know well the sort of man Will Hays is and they know that he is not telling the truth, as Governor Cox states. It is a battle now to get the truth and the Republicans will fight to the last ditch to avoid revealing it. That is how the case at this stage appears to the Democrats.

No Reversal of Suffrage. Reconsideration by the lower house of the Tennessee Legislature and defeat of the suffrage amendment ratification is not expected in official and congressional circles here to cause Secretary of State Colby to reverse his course in preliminarily the amendment to be a valid part of the constitution of the United States.

The question is not a new one. In the United States Senate, February 23, 1910, there was a debate over the power of a State to recall its assent duly given to a constitutional amendment. The fifteenth amendment to the constitution was ratified by the New York Legislature April 14, 1909, but January 5, 1910, the Legislature passed a resolution withdrawing its assent. However, March 30, 1910, the Secretary of State issued a proclamation declaring that this amendment had been ratified by the necessary number of States, including New York.

It is held here that the only way Secretary Colby's proclamation can be affected is by having adjudicated in the courts the question whether the amendment was in fact ratified by the Tennessee Legislature.

Consent May Ratify. It is understood that Governor Holt of Connecticut will soon call the Legislature of that State into extra session September 15, not for the purpose of ratifying suffrage but to enable the State to put the suffrage of women into effect. It is believed now that the Republicans, seeing that women are sure to vote, may seek to take advantage of the confusion raised by Tennessee by having Connecticut ratify. By such action they would attempt to deprive the Democrats of the credit of ratification. But the women suffrage workers will themselves make no attempt to have Connecticut ratify.

Secretary Beaman of the North Carolina traffic association and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, who is preparing North Carolina's case in reopening the North Carolina-Virginia rate fight, said the recent increase in freight rates had made the task much heavier than he had expected on coming here. The tabulation of the new schedules for all the principal shipping points in the State will keep Mr. Beaman and his staff very busy until the brief is filed on September 23.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will on September 25 hear arguments in the freight rate case between the North Carolina Pine Association and the carriers. This is the case where the carrier raised their rates one cent per hundred pounds for timber and lumber shipped from points in North Carolina to Norfolk. The increase on its face was regarded as so exorbitant by the commission that it ordered the carriers to suspend the new schedule until January 1, 1921.

Simmons to Washington. Senator Simmons has returned to Washington and it is understood that he has succeeded in having the shipping board continue the government ship yard at New Bern. The ships too large for the present depth of the New Bern harbor will be built at Wilmington.

Secretary Daniels returned yesterday from Charleston, W. Va., where he went to inspect the government's armor plate and projectile plant for the navy. The armor plate plant there is due entirely to the efforts of the Secretary. When Mr. Daniels became Secretary of the Navy he pointed out to Congress that the private armor plate concerns were robbing the government of many millions in their bids in naval construction. Fortunately for the navy and the country the Secretary could make his appeal to a Democratic Congress, and he got the appropriation for the plant in spite of bitter Republican opposition. The Secretary in his speech at Charleston said:

"First Place for Navy. We are not only completing this great plant, but we are building enormous docks and other needed shore facilities."

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WHITE AND MARSH TESTIFY THEY HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT GOV. COX'S CLAIMS

MOORE TO APPEAR FOR GOVERNOR COX

Nominee's Pre-Convention Campaign Manager Ready To Present Evidence

GOES TO CHICAGO TO BE READY TO TESTIFY

Declares If Men To Be Called 'Deny or Refuse To Produce' Evidence To Substantiate Cox's Charges, He Will Call Attention of Department of Justice To Matter

Columbus, Sept. 1.—E. H. Moore, of Youngstown, Ohio, pre-convention manager for Governor Cox, will leave for Chicago tonight as the personal representative of the Democratic presidential nominee to be ready to present to the Senate sub-committee investigating campaign expenditures data in support of the governor's charge that the Republican committee is collecting a campaign fund of \$15,000,000.

This announcement was made this evening by both Mr. Moore and Governor Cox after an all-day conference participated in by the nominee, Mr. Moore and Senator Atlee Pomerene, Democratic member of the investigating committee.

Mr. Moore declared that if the men to be called in the investigation "deny or refuse to produce" evidence, which he said will substantiate the governor's charges, he will present the evidence himself. He also declared that if those witnesses do not produce the evidence, he intends to call the matter to the attention of the Department of Justice.

"I will have no hesitancy in calling the attention of the Department of Justice to the situation," he said.

Would Convict Leaders. "If the Republican party were indicted, I would stake my reputation as a lawyer that the leaders would be convicted by a Republican jury just the same as Newberry was convicted by a Republican jury in Michigan," Mr. Moore asserted.

Mr. Moore stated that he expected evidence to substantiate the governor's charges to come from the "paid district representatives" of the national committee in charge of collection of funds in their respective districts and also from the "unpaid district chairmen." He declared they were in possession of the facts.

Have Not Got Information. Commenting upon the investigation and its progress, Mr. Moore asserted that charges had been made and denied, but that "the committee has not had the information to conduct a thorough cross-examination of Chairman Hays and others."

He intimated that the material which he is taking to Chicago in the form of documents and otherwise will furnish this information. He said that he probably will insist that both Chairman Hays and Treasurer Upham be recalled for cross-examination.

Moore Reads Letter. As part of the data which will take to Chicago, Mr. Moore read the following extract from a letter purporting to have been written by one of the regional directors in the South to a man to whom Moore referred as one of the "money diggers":

"I have been wondering if you will get any reaction from the p. of Senator Harding's speech of acceptance, which covers the enfranchisement of the negro. We, of course, do not want to discuss this phase of the situation, but I would like to be advised if this stirs up any antagonistic sentiment in the Southern States. This is a paragraph intended as a sop to the voters of the central western industrial States."

"I am on my way to Birmingham, for there's where the real money lies."

This letter was said to have been written on stationery of the Republican national committee, 111 West Washington street, Chicago.

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SAYS COLBY TO ACT IN BEHALF OF MACSWINEY

Washington, Sept. 1.—Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the American Commission for Irish Independence, after a conference today with Secretary Colby, announced that Mr. Colby had promised "to endeavor to do something and do it quickly" in behalf of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, now on a hunger strike in Brixton jail, London.

Mr. Walsh said he asked the Statement Department Secretary to interview either officially or personally with Premier Lloyd George to save MacSwiney, who he said would die within twelve hours. He made a similar request of President Wilson in a letter left at the White House.

Secretary Colby, after Mr. Walsh's visit, in response to questions said he had the plea which had been presented to him under consideration.

Mr. Walsh said he cited to Secretary Colby as precedents for American intervention in behalf of the Cork mayor the representations made by the United States in 1906 to the Russian government against the Jewish pogroms.

NO CHANGE REPORTED IN MAYOR'S CONDITION. London, Sept. 1.—The condition of Lord Mayor MacSwiney in Brixton prison tonight was without change, except that he appeared a trifle weaker. His relatives seem less anxious than they were a few days ago, Mrs. MacSwiney not paying her customary visit tonight.

BIG SUBSCRIPTION PLAN NOT ADOPTED

Upham Says Cox Charges Refer To Contribution Plan Never Ratified

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, issued a statement tonight in which he declared that when Governor Cox "charged the Republicans were seeking subscriptions of \$5,000 to \$10,000 and quoted a document marked 'Form 101' as his proof, he was speaking of a plan which was never adopted."

"Form 101" called for such a plan, but was "never ratified or put into use and was expressly vetoed," according to the statement, which was prepared by Harry M. Blair, assistant to Mr. Upham.

"The record in my office," said Mr. Upham, "shows that the statement of Governor Cox with reference to plans for increasing the limit of contributions is based upon a suggested plan which never was put into operation. The facts are simple and I have records to back them up. June 14 of this year, Harry M. Blair, of my office, prepared a tentative campaign fund plan which proposed abandonment of the plan previously adopted by the national committee to try to keep the limit of contributions down to \$1,000. This was in a document, form 101, which Mr. Blair prepared and

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GOMPERS ATTACKS 'OPEN SHOP' STAND

Characterizes "Open Shop" Platform of C. of C. As "Dishonest Document"

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Democratic Officials Tell Investigating Committee They Believe Cox's Charges Are True, Nevertheless

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS TO REPUBLICAN BOOK SUBMITTED BY MARSH

Treasurer of Democratic Committee Says Lists Indicate Violation of Federal Statutes; Original Lists 'Either In Hands of Governor Cox or the Department of Justice'; Witnesses Testify That Democrats Are Yet Without Campaign Committee or Finance Committee; Name Republican Organizations Engaged in Collecting Campaign Money; Tell of G.O.P. Hope To Carry North Carolina

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Officials of the Democratic national committee testified today before the Senatorial committee investigating campaign expenses that they brought no evidence from Governor James M. Cox to sustain his charges of Republican corruption fund, but that they believed the charges were true.

George White, recently elected chairman of the Democratic organization, and Wilbur Marsh, its treasurer, both lacked their candidate's assertion, and in addition Mr. Marsh produced photographic copies of subscription lists to Republican book publisher by William Barnes, of the Albany, N. Y., Evening Journal, which he said indicated a violation of the Federal statute forbidding political subscriptions by corporations.

Have Original Lists. Mr. Marsh told Senator Kenyon, chairman of the investigating committee, that the original lists were "either in the hands of Governor Cox or the Department of Justice. Asked why they had not been turned over to a basis the attorney general's office as a basis for possible prosecutions, he replied:

"We considered them an excellent campaign document. Besides, we have had them only two weeks."

"Well," said Senator Kenyon, "if any of the signers of these lists have violated the law, they ought to be jailed no matter whether they are Republicans or Democrats."

Other Witnesses. Other witnesses today were Parley P. Christensen, nominee of the Farmer-Labor party; Guy T. Scott, treasurer of the Republican congressional and senatorial campaign committees, and W. D. Jamison, hold over financial director of the Democratic national organization. Mr. Jamison appeared at a night session, which was ordered in an effort to speed up the hearings.

Messrs. White and Marsh agreed that the Democratic coffers were practically empty, but both denied the charges as yet had no campaign committee, no finance committee and Mr. Marsh added that the heads of bureaus had not yet been appointed.

Budget Not Excessive. They agreed also that there was nothing in the budget of \$3,079,000 presented on Monday by Will Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, that was a "dishonest document," as Mr. Marsh thought the amount named was not excessive for a Republican campaign, but he said it would be far more than was necessary for a Democratic effort to elect a president.

Differs on Campaign Fund. The officials differed as to the amount needed for this year's campaign by their party. Mr. White made a strictly personal estimate of \$2,500,000, but Mr. Marsh said this was too high a figure, and that in the two months remaining before election, as good a campaign as the 1916 effort could be conducted for \$1,200,000. He said he would "be very happy" with that amount at the disposal of the national committee. The evidence confirmed previous assertions that the 1916 campaign cost the Democratic organization \$2,500,000.

The Barnes book received considerable attention throughout the day. Mr. Marsh explained that to his mind the subscription list indicated a plan to collect large campaign funds independently of the regular Republican machinery. He said there were several organizations engaged in similar work and at the best of Senator Kenyon, he mentioned the National Young Men's Republican League, the Southern Protective Tariff Association, the Committee of American Business Men, the American Defense Society and the Republican Publicity Association.

Bears Out Assertions. He mentioned each organization the witness submitted a letter from its headquarters, which he said bore out his assertions. He protested that he did not consider the young men's league reprehensible in itself, he thought the idea of such an organization was a good one and that the Democrats had one of their own and hoped to revive it.

"But we financed our league through the national committee and whatever it collected was turned into the committee," he said.

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