

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Forecast for North and South Carolina: Fair Thursday and probably Friday; no change in temperature.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

ORDER GUARDSMEN AT SPENCER DEMOBILIZED

France Appears On Eve Of Drastic Step To Get Reparations

ARMY MAY MOVE TO COMMISSION OF DECISION ADVERSE

Officials Talk and Act As If Coercive Measures Agreed Upon.

RUHR OCCUPATION IS ANTICIPATED

People Are Behind Government—Troop Movements are Reported.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Crim determined to obtain reparations from Germany, seize guarantees and enforce such payments in the event that the reparations commission's decision tomorrow should grant a moratorium to Germany without exacting the security demanded by France is everywhere evident in French official circles tonight.

While official announcement is withheld, in order not to interfere with the work of the commission and owing to the desire of the French government to allow the German delegates every possible opportunity to make a final proposal which might be acceptable to France, French officials talk and act as if the plan were adopted and France's decision to take coercive measures against Germany had already been decided upon.

The war office also is very busy and is in constant communication with General DeGoutte's headquarters at Mayence; large movements of troops were reported from Nancy, Metz and the Rhineland and there seemed to be no doubt in the minds of officials generally that the occupation of the Ruhr was a foregone conclusion should the commission's decision go against France.

Herr Schroeder's propositions to the commission are described as "absolutely unacceptable." Premier Poincare had a long conference tonight with M. Viviani and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Desletrize. Later he received Andrew Lefevre, former minister of war, a most persistent advocate of the adoption of strong measures toward Germany.

Lefevre appeared in great spirits as he emerged from the Poincare cabinet.

"Our only chance to get anything from Germany," he said, "is to go and take it. This is what I have been preaching since the signing of the peace treaty. I am happy to find that my viewpoint will prevail."

Whether the French parliament will be convened in extraordinary session will be decided at a meeting of the council of ministers Friday, but it is expected throughout the country are solidly behind the government, with the exception of the communists and socialists, and approve the punitive measures which Premier Poincare may adopt.

Since the return of M. Poincare from London, members of the cabinet have been busy every Sunday unveiling monuments to the dead in many of the large cities, especially those occupied by the Germans during the war.

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All sorts of conjectures were offered as to his plans for escape. He may have jumped into a new suit of clothing and taken a Pullman for some distant point with a new suit and a handbag, and some one without to hand him a ticket and a Pullman reservation, he could have passed unnoticed into the car, and he might have been slumbering.

WILL PRESIDENT VELO SOLDIERS' BONUS MEASURE?

Simmons and Other Amendments Declared Objectionable.

FINAL VOTE MAY BE REACHED TODAY

Will Be Favorable, With Party Lines Effected, It is Believed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30.—All pending amendments to the soldiers' bonus bill were disposed of today by the Senate, but whether a final vote would be reached tomorrow depended upon the number and length of speeches.

With favorable action assured, the question in the minds of friends and foes alike was the reception the measure would receive at the White House. There still was no official word from the President, but critics who discussed the subject with him today said they gained the impression that the addition of the land reclamation project and the provision for the payment of the bonus out of the interest on the debt had made the bill even more objectionable than it was in its original form.

Again today the possibilities of a veto ran through the Senate, and these are now in progress between the ambassador and Leonid Kravsin, Soviet minister of foreign trade and commerce.

The statement explained "that the American ambassador at Berlin had made inquiries with regard to the attitude of the Soviet authorities should this government consider sending to Russia in the future an expert technical commission to study and report on the economic situation there," adding that "there has been no question at any time of sending any commission to Russia, other than an economic commission of experts to investigate and report."

While State Department officials declined to comment in further explanation of the purpose of the commission, it was interpreted in other official quarters as indicating a possible independent move by this government to prepare itself with first hand information on the economic situation in Russia which would be useful in the event that was decided in the future to continue to the restoration of that country. At the department and elsewhere in diplomatic quarters, however, the assertion was made that the proposed commission was not intended to have negotiatory power and in no way was to be regarded as a preliminary step towards recognition of the Soviet government. Italy, Belgium, Great Britain and Japan already have proposed an investigation by experts into the economic situation in Russia. The United States.

Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, an opponent of the bonus, contending the bill "ran directly counter" to some of the executive's objections and failed to meet other conditions. He referred particularly to the request for postponement until industrial and financial conditions had reached a more normal state and his disapproval of "peace-meal" payments to the veterans.

Leading proponents of the bill urged throughout the debate that the Senate refrain from "loading down" the measure with additional amendments which might furnish a further ground for a veto. All proposed changes were rejected by decisive majorities.

Senator Smoot presented and argued at length in favor of the plan to give each veteran a 20-year life insurance policy, but this was rejected, 41 to 15.

As they will on the final vote, the bill disappeared on the roll call today. The Borah amendment was supported by 16 Republicans and 13 Democrats and 13 Democrats and 13 Democrats and 13 Democrats.

The Smoot insurance amendment received 15 Republican and three Democratic votes, with 30 Republicans and 16 Democratic votes in opposition.

SIMMONS SERVES NOTICE DEBTS MUST BE PAID

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Senator Simmons served notice in the Senate today to foreign countries that the United States should not be willing to cancel their indebtedness. He said his amendment for using the debt to pay the bonus.

SOUTH CAROLINA SECOND PRIMARY COMES SEP. 12

Johnson Believed California's Republican Nominee for Senate.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 31.—With only 93 of the state's 1397 precincts unreported in the South Carolina Democratic primary Tuesday, a second race between Governor-elect and Thomas G. McLeod for the nomination for governor is certain. It is estimated that 5,000 votes are to be reported, indicating that approximately 75 per cent of the total enrollment of 2,065,531 voted.

The tabulated vote at 1 o'clock this morning gave, for governor: Cole L. Blease 71,796; Thomas G. McLeod 61,898; George K. Laney 6,831; William Coleman 3,469; John T. Duncan 1,492; and J. J. Cantey 1,179.

A second race will be run by Blease and McLeod, with the second primary September 12.

On the face of incomplete returns, E. B. Jackson, of Wagener, has apparently been nominated for lieutenant-governor, he having a majority of 2,469 over his opponent. The tabulated vote in this race was: Jackson 71,393; Dr. E. C. L. Adams 34,957; J. K. Owens 33,946.

R. E. Craig has been nominated for adjutant and inspector-general over T. B. Marshall. Mr. Craig has a lead of more than 10,000 over his opponent. The vote last night stood: Craig 33,964; Marshall 73,086.

A second race will be state superintendent of education, apparently between John E. Swearingin, incumbent and J. H. Hope. The vote for the office was: Swearingin 49,509; Hope 34,555; Mrs. Bessie Skinker at London.

Purged Of Bolshevism, Odessa Soviet Leading New Russian Revolution

While Report Gains Currency, United States Opens Negotiations With Moscow to Know if Commission Can Investigate Conditions.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says a report has been received in the German capital that the Odessa Soviet has purged itself of Bolshevism, proclaimed its independence of Moscow and called upon all citizens to unite against the "communist usurpers."

The report alleges that the whole of South Russia has joined with Odessa and that the revolution has been attended by bloody encounters.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Opening of informal negotiations by the United States with Soviet Russia with a view of ascertaining from the Moscow authorities whether they would approve the sending of an American technical commission there to investigate and report on economic conditions, was revealed today in an official statement issued today at the State Department. Ambassador Hough-

ton, at Berlin, was said to have already opened informal communications with the Soviet officials and these are now in progress between the ambassador and Leonid Kravsin, Soviet minister of foreign trade and commerce.

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MERCHANTS VOTE OBSERVANCE OF ARMISTICE DAY

Will Close on Labor Day This Year, But Not in Future.

Members of the Asheville Merchants' Association decided yesterday to close their stores all day Monday, September 4, Labor Day, and in each succeeding year to disregard Labor Day and substitute the observance of Armistice Day, November 11.

This action was taken yesterday afternoon at a call meeting of the members of the board of directors and was announced following a vote of all present.

It is stated, however, that drug and cigar stores will remain open as usual.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was well attended and all present voiced their sentiments in regard to the two holidays, with the final result being in favor of observing the day on which the World War was ended, November 11, 1918.

Employees will have all day Labor Day, however, this year and many will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a day of rest, while others will visit many resorts in this section.

GERMAN CABINET NOT TO ACCEPT DEMANDS

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The cabinet has decided to reject new demands sent through Herr Schroeder, of the German finance ministry, by the reparations commission in Paris, for some productive or gold guarantees as a condition to the granting of a moratorium to Germany.

ONE INDICTMENT IN WILLIAMSON WAR OBTAINED

Illinois Miners Pledged to Defend Their Men to the Limit.

INCRIMINATION THOUGHT FEARED

Reaction of Feeling Displayed—Think It May Be Vindicated.

MARION, Ill., Aug. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—The investigation of the Grand Jury of the Heroin mine war of June 21 and 22 last, on the third day of its progress, developed two outstanding features; the issuance of the first indictment, and the appearance here of state officials of the Illinois mine workers, including Frank Farrington, president, who issued a statement tonight charging "forces have combined to convict our members."

Immediately upon their arrival here the officials of the Illinois mine workers went into conference with A. W. Kerr, chief counsel of the miners which lasted several hours. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Farrington issued the following statement:

"The Illinois miners union already has pledged every means at its command to the defense of any and all its members that may be indicted in connection with the trouble at the strip mine of the Southern Illinois Coal Company. Our legal force has been on the ground sometime and I am here today in company with Vice-President Harry Fishwick, and Secretary-Treasurer Walter Nesbit, so that we may inform ourselves as to exactly what has been done in the interest of our members. We intend to keep in close touch with the trial of such of our men as may be indicted. The Illinois Miners Union will spare no expense in defending its members."

"The very magnitude of the agitation, which is nation-wide, for conviction in connection with this trouble jeopardizes the lives and freedom of innocent men and makes it necessary that the state organization furnish every possible means of defense for our members and that we shall do."

Today's inquiry took on somewhat of an international aspect, when it was learned that an effort was being made by the Grand Jury to determine whether Mexican war among the victims of the mine war but it was said by officials in touch with the inquiry that thus far nothing tangible had been revealed showing that Mexicans were killed.

The fact that some witnesses are said to have refused to answer questions during the inquiry, while others seem to have suffered a lapse of memory as to certain details, had led court officials to believe that fear of incriminating themselves has caused the witnesses to withhold information.

Attorney-General Edward J. Brundage, who is conducting the investigation declared today he was confident that some of these witnesses would offer state's evidence as soon as the returning of indictments showed the Grand Jury had knowledge of the witnesses participation in the crimes.

Mr. Brundage declared he was convinced that the investigation was bringing to light evidence upon which convictions could be obtained later when the defendants were brought to trial.

Warning Is Given Overt Actions Will Bring Troops Back

Hard Coal Peace Settlement Now Being Discussed

DEMOBILIZATION IS EXPECTED TO BE OVER TONIGHT

Search for Guns Among Picketers Marks Last Day of Guard Duty.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30.—Members of the scale committee of the anthracite miners and operators today took up consideration of the suggestions made to them at Washington last night by Senators Pepper and Reed, of Pennsylvania, to end the hard coal strike.

There were no definite announcements as to results of the day's activities and none is expected until after each side has communicated to the Pennsylvania senators the result of its separate considerations of the new proposals. There were many rumors throughout the anthracite regions that a settlement had been reached, but there was no foundation for them.

CLEVELAND AGREEMENT PREVAILS OVER FIELD PITTSBURGH, Aug. 30.—The bituminous coal strike in the Pittsburgh field came to an end shortly after noon today when the Pittsburgh Coal Company, the largest commercial producer of the region, signed an agreement with district officers of the United Mine Workers. This company was the last in the district to accept the union terms under the Cleveland agreement.

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GIVING HIM THE RIGHT CLUB

BY BILLY BORNE.



TRAPPED MINERS' WIVES PRAY FOR THEIR DELIVERY

Rats, Driven by Fumes, Leave Mines — Men There Since Sunday.

JACKSON, Calif., Aug. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—A new effort was started today for the rescue of 43 or more men entombed in the Argonaut mine here since last Saturday night.

While work continued at reopening a man-way from the 3,600-foot level of the adjacent Kennedy mine into the 4,200-foot level of the Argonaut workings, other crews set to work to break through a wall of rock and dirt from the Kennedy's 3,900-foot level, which would admit of entrance into the Argonaut shaft at a depth of 4,650 feet.

Miners' experts directing the rescue work would not estimate the length of time required to reopen either of the tunnels but the belief was that neither the neither crew could hope to reach the imprisoned miners in less than 48 hours.

There were few people about the shafts of the Kennedy and Argonaut mines.

The wives and families of the trapped men, however, assembled at the mouth of the shaft this afternoon to join in prayers for the delivery of the men.

Today rats began pouring from the shafts and families of the trapped men, however, assembled at the mouth of the shaft this afternoon to join in prayers for the delivery of the men.

Two years ago when the Argonaut burned, the same thing occurred on the second day after the lanes broke out. All gold mines along the Mother Lode are infested with the rodents.

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