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# FEDERAL JUDGE A. B. ANDERSON ORDERS COAL MINERS TO CANCEL THEIR STRIKE BY NOVEMBER 11

## GET HIM, LYNCH HIM CROWD CRIED AFTER IT HAD TAKEN VOTE

So Testified Deputy Sheriff Fesperman Today for the Defense—Another Long Legal Wrangle Follows Cansler's Question on Direct Examination.

The defense in the police murder trial before Magistrate F. B. Alexander in the federal court room, chafing under ten days' delay and holding their witnesses in leash while their one weapon was the lash of the cross-examination, took up the offensive Saturday morning with a snap and a rebound to the fray, and began digging into the mountain of evidence piled up by the prosecution.

The first serious inroads into the state's case were made when Deputy V. F. Fesperman took the stand, immediately after Policeman John Linder and sergeant W. H. Pitts, and testified that after the Clem Wilson incident, he saw a crowd draw away, and take some kind of a vote, when many hands were raised. Then followed cries of "Get him, lynch him; get Paxton; here's a rope," and when a big man told the crowd that the man they wanted was in the power house, there were cries "We'll get the ——— tonight."

The morning session was interrupted by another long legal wrangle, when G. T. Cansler, on direct examination, asked Fesperman if he knew whether the strike-breakers were armed or not. The tilt promised to be a reiteration of that of Saturday last when nearly the whole of the morning session was consumed in legal debate.

A paper was admitted into the evidence on affidavit of T. F. Powell, which is ill in which witnesses say that he was at the city hall on the night of August 25 and heard John Wilson ask policemen about his brother, and when they told him that they had done it and that he would get him.

The state said it would admit that Powell would testify this if he could be subpoenaed but entered denial that Wilson said this.

John Linder, policeman, was the first witness called by the defendant counsel, representing 81 policemen. Wilson saw John Wilson in the city and told him Clem Wilson had been taken to a hospital. Witness said Wilson told him if Clem had been at home like he was the thing would not have happened. The state asked no questions as cross-examination.

Sergeant W. H. Pitts was the second defendant's witness. He corroborated Policeman Linder's statement.

Deputy Sheriff V. F. Fesperman said he was at the car barn August 25. Saw John Wilson arrive in a buggy. Asked witness where the chief was. Witness told Wilson Clem was in a hospital and that the report was made from the hospital that Clem Wilson would be all right when he was sober; that he was not hurt.

Last time witness saw John Wilson after he was going towards barn with hands thrust into his pockets. Crowd followed him, between 150 and 200 of them. Chief was coming out of barn. While witness was talking he heard a man yell a rifle and then he shot. And then everything went off—burr—burr—just like that, and witness snapped his fingers. Pistol shot was light to rear of witness, eight or ten feet away. Firing lasted 15 or 20 seconds. Then Chief Orr—exclaimed, "My God, Vick's killed!"

"No, I'm not," replied witness. Witness next entered barn and heard Chief tell Policeman Paxton to put his light out or he would get shot. Said Paxton was searching car for a bullet hole. At end of volley all police were standing in same place right at entrance of barn. Deputy Fesperman had been sent over the ground helping gather up wounded and directing part of the work.

Deputy testified he heard a lot of shouting and people saying they were going to take them boys out. Heard him continuously up to time Wilson was hit; said they were going to take them boys out if it took dynamite.

Witness described rush of police to back of barn when shots were heard. Returning the police drove around front of barn. About then Clem Wilson was hit; was shot in the back. Then cry was made to come over to the light and bear what the sheriff had to say. Sheriff then returned. Crowd was following. Sheriff said the crowd wanted Merritt taken out.

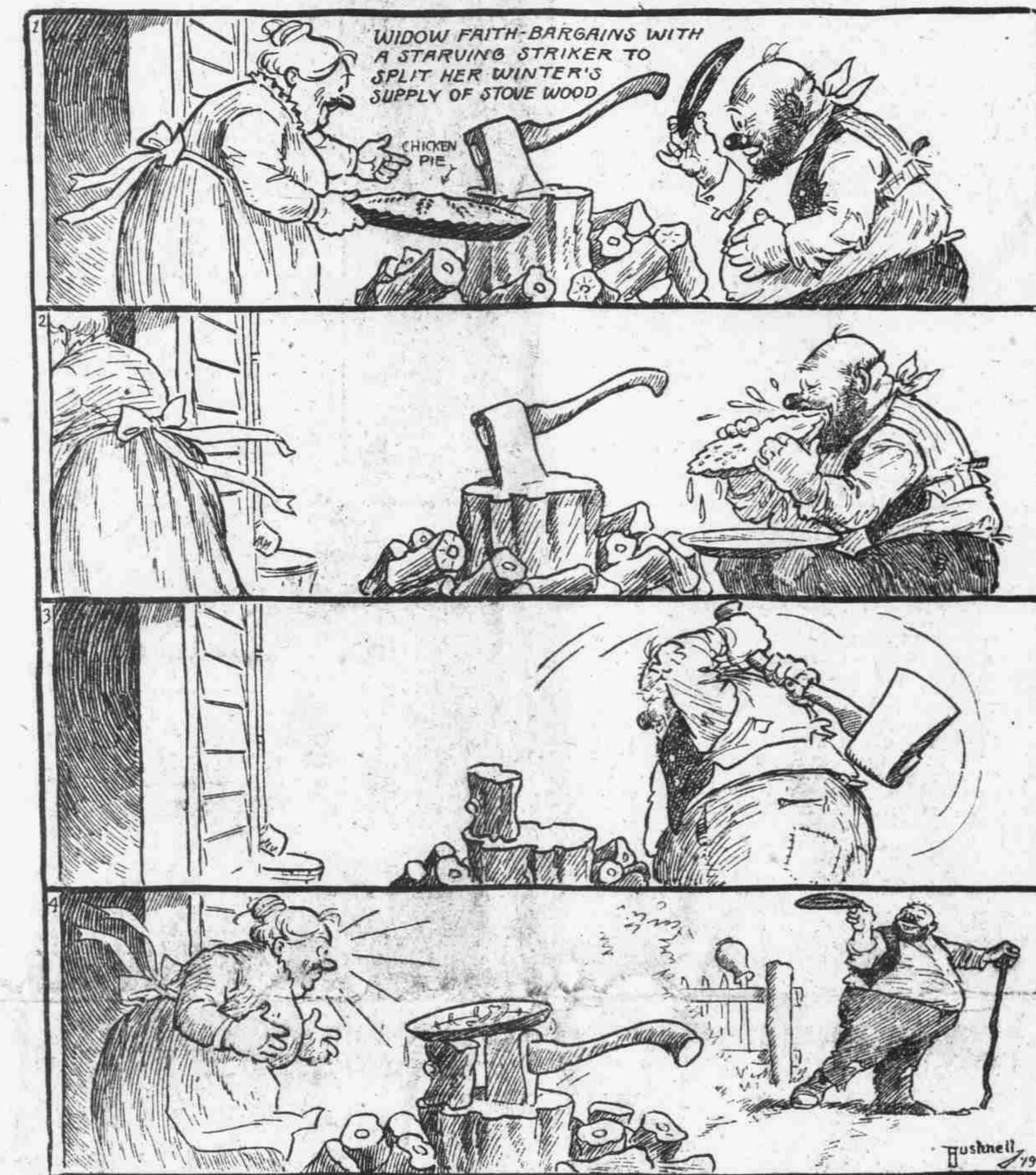
"You are older than I, do you think I would be safe?" witness said he heard chief say to Sheriff Wallace and chief answered, "I don't know." Witness said crowd drew off and took a vote of some kind; saw hands held up; heard cries of, "Bring him out; get Paxton, lynch him; here's a rope." Witness heard a big man at door call to crowd, "No need to come in here; he's not here." Crowd called, "Get the ———. We'll get him tonight." Then some one called, "Who will go with me and crowd moved after him, but drawn weapons stopped the movement.

Witness continued: "I saw sheriff take some empty coca-cola bottles out of Hammond's pockets, three or four bottles. I asked Charlie Warren to help quiet crowd, and during this John Wilson drove up.

Mr. Newell cross-examined Deputy Fesperman, who said every description of people were in the crowd at 10:30 p. m.

Were there any prominent people there—any lawyers?" asked Mr. Newell.

### TRUE TO HIS COLORS A MOTION PICTURE COMEDY IN FOUR REELS.



### ORDER DISSOLUTION OF RED COMMITTEE

Berlin, Friday, Nov. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gustav Noske, secretary for military affairs, has ordered the dissolution of the "red committee" which attempted to engineer a general strike. Three members of the committee have been arrested. The police are actively suppressing incipient demonstrations of Spartacists in connection with the celebration of the anniversary of the revolution in Germany.

### PROPOSE AMNESTY ACT.

Vienna, Friday, Nov. 7.—An amnesty act, which would cover minor civil offenses, political crimes and certain branches of military discipline but which would exclude from its operation profiteers and food hoarders, has been proposed by the government.

### INDIAN WHO SIGNED BILLIONS IN BONDS GETS ANOTHER JOB

Houston B. Teehee, Cherokee Indian, for the past four and one-half years register of the U. S. treasury, has decided to transfer his signature from government currency to oil become treasurer of a big Oklahoma oil company. Teehee's signature appears on all the Liberty bonds.



Houston B. Teehee.

## SENATE COMMITTEE PRESENTS A REPORT ON INVESTIGATION

Washington, Nov. 8.—Characterizing all strikes as "industrial barbarism" and declaring that "there is no place in this country either for industrial despotism or labor despotism," the senate committee authorized to investigate the steel strike today presented a report covering its hearings both in Washington and in Pittsburgh, and criticizing both the workers and the employers in at least partial disruption of the steel industry.

The committee's plain conclusion, concurred in by all members, was expressed in the statement that "the public has a right to determine that capital shall not arrogate to itself the right to determine in its own way those industrial questions, and as is the same as labor, and the duty is upon congress to provide some way of adjusting these difficulties."

### FOOTBALL AT 4 P. M. TODAY

Davidson and North Carolina State Will Meet in Football Classic.

The football representatives of Davidson and the North Carolina State College will meet at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Weart field in the only inter-collegiate game scheduled for Charlotte this season. The adherents of the two colleges began to arrive here Friday night and were arriving Saturday morning.

From Davidson, in addition to the football team and many students, not to mention townspeople, there will be four companies of the R. O. T. C. and the new college band there.

Alumni of the State College, of which there are many here, will be present from all parts of the state and there will be many visitors from nearby towns and the countryside. The State College has won a total of 291 points this season in the various games it has participated in and has come out victorious in four of the six games they have played. The University of North Carolina being the winners over them. Davidson has not won so many of her contests as the State but has usually lost by only a narrow margin and her team is recognized as a very strong one.

### 700,000 TONS IN ONE DAY'S WORK

Compares With 2,000,000 Tons Daily Average for Coal Production.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Production of bituminous coal last Saturday, the first day of the coal strike, was estimated today by the Geological Survey at slightly less than 700,000 tons. This compares with an average normal daily output of nearly 2,000,000 tons.

For the five days preceding the strike the output was 12,142,000 tons, an average per working day of more than 2,000,000 tons. This was far above the average and was exceeded during only one other week this year.

### LABOR ORGANIZERS ORDERED TO LEAVE

Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 8.—Determined to run organizers out of town, it is said, a committee of business men of the city has given two labor organizers until 5 o'clock this afternoon to leave Johnstown. Meanwhile, the city is quiet but the committee is on the alert and "ready to take further action" unless the organizers comply with the request, it is stated.

The organizers are T. J. Conboy, of the steel workers' union and Dominick Gelotte, of the United Mine Workers. Both were requested last night by the committee to leave the city immediately under the said covenant have been forced to leave Johnstown, where he was scheduled to speak.

### FIRST RESERVATION BEFORE THE SENATE

Washington, Nov. 8.—The first of the foreign relations committee reservations to the peace treaty was before the senate today and a vote without prolonged discussion was expected.

The text of the reservation follows: "The United States so understands and construes article one that in case of notice of withdrawal from the league of nations, as provided in said article, the United States shall be the sole judge as to whether all its international obligations and all its obligations under the said covenant have been fulfilled, and notice of withdrawal by the United States may be given by acon current resolution of the congress of the United States."

### THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Charlotte and Vicinity. Cloudy tonight and Sunday with probably local rains. Gentle north-east winds.

### COTTON GINNED TO NOVEMBER 1

Census Bureau Announces Ginnings—N. C. Figures Are 498,817.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Cotton ginned prior to November 1 amounted to 6,273,866 running bales, including 70,594 round bales, 14,081 bales of American Egyptian, and 3,396 bales of sea island, the census bureau announced today.

Ginnings last year prior to November 1 were 7,777,159 running bales, including 120,181 round bales, 4,599 bales of American-Egyptian and 16,032 bales of sea island.

This year's ginnings by states were: Alabama 489,658; Arizona 21,674; Arkansas 358,409; California 19,119; Florida 13,288; Georgia 1,314,743; Louisiana 187,382; Mississippi 532,985; Missouri 19,880; North Carolina 498,817; Oklahoma 363,897; South Carolina 1,053,774; Tennessee 113,074; Texas 1,276,089; Virginia 9,835; all other states 1,260.

Sea island ginnings by states were: Florida 1,919; Georgia 478; South Carolina 999.

### SETTLE MINERS STRIKE.

Huelva, Spain, Friday, Nov. 7.—The strike of the miners here, which occasioned serious rioting, has been settled.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS ABRUPTLY ENDED BY FEDERAL JUDGE

November 11 Was Chosen as Date Owing to the Absence of Several Defendants from Indianapolis—Is a Conspiracy, Judge Anderson Rules.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 8.—The United Mine Workers of America were today ordered to withdraw the strike order under which 400,000 men quit work November 1. The mandate was issued by Judge A. B. Anderson, of the United States district court, after a hearing in which the union attorneys fought vainly for a chance to present arguments on the right to strike.

The union was given until November 11 at 6 p. m. to issue the cancellation. This date was selected because so many defendants were absent. The union attorneys explained the absences must be summoned by telegraph from many parts of the country to issue the cancellation order.

The attorneys announced that President Lewis and Secretary Green of the union intend obeying the court order, but that they could not speak for their fellow officials.

### STARS AND STRIPES BONUS MEASURE UP IN CONGRESS



Rep. T. S. Williams.

The Stars and Stripes, the independent newspaper for returned soldiers, has presented to congress a bonus bill, with selective compensation features. The resolution was introduced by Representative T. S. Williams, after consultation with Representative Morgan of Oklahoma, author of the Morgans bonus bill, as an effort to combine best features of all proposed to help the service men and the nation.

### SUBPOENAS ISSUED.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Subpoenas for sixty manufacturers of men's clothing alleged to have been victimized by members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America today were in the hands of deputies from the state's attorney's office. Because of alleged threats a number of the manufacturers have refused to talk.

### ANTICIPATE REJECTION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 8.—Anticipating rejection by the United States district court here today of their motion for dismissal of the restraining order issued against officials of the United Mine Workers of America October 21, attorneys for the miners today were prepared to make a fight for release of the strike fund now tied up by the government's injunction proceedings.

Hearing of the petition to make the restraining order a temporary injunction was set for 10 o'clock. Government plans included an effort to have the temporary injunction made permanent at a final hearing later this month and, if possible, to secure immediately an order to compel miners' chiefs to call off the strike.

The program for the hearing today provided that the miners' motion for dismissal of the government's restraining order should be argued first. The miners should be argued first. The miners should be argued first. The miners should be argued first.

The government's action against the strikers' leaders is based on the provisions of the federal law making a crime to conspire to limit the production of food or fuel. Under this law, the action against the union health might have been resumed.

### LEWIS REFINED.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Injunction proceedings against officials of the United Mine Workers of America will be pressed at Indianapolis today, Attorney General Palmer announced. John L. Lewis, acting president of the miners' union, refused to accede to the government's demands that the strike order be recalled pending mediation of the controversy.

### VIEWED WITH ALARM.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—The eighth consecutive day of virtual non-production in the coal fields, with miners and operators huddled, already the source of some suffering and disarrangement of routine, was looked on here with considerable alarm.

Little change in the general conditions surrounding the strike were apparent today, the public evidently holding in abeyance further appeals for coal pending hearings of the federal injunction proceedings. No considerable betterment in the amount of coal brought to the surface was reported, although Alabama and West Virginia production was said to be improved slightly.

In addition to ordering stopped the bunkering at American ports of vessels flying foreign flags and the cancelling of sixty-six trains in the midwest, governmental agencies had taken no drastic steps in an effort to relieve the threatened coal shortage.

### VOICE TO RETURN.

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 8.—Miners at the Wisconsin Steel company's coal operations at Benham, Ky., are reported to have voted 483 to 37 favorably to returning to work Monday morning. These men are not affiliated with the United Mine Workers of America, although they walked out with union men on November 1. This is the first break in the strike in the Tennessee Kentucky coal field.

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