

Hundreds of Thousands Miners Are Out, Union Officials Assert

Strike Effective in Every Principal Bituminous District
—Review of Results in Many Localities Announced—
Enhanced Production in One Set of Mines, Where
Thousands Remain Loyal to Operators and 6-Day
Week Will Be Resumed for First Time in Months

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 1.—With many thousand union bituminous miners idle at the centers of the industry, the strike situation today became largely a guessing contest as to what would be done next. The strikers' leaders appeared to be optimistic. The operators wore an air of indifference. They intimate that they will let the strike wear itself out. The Government is deeply concerned. The Government has taken it upon itself to represent the public—the great majority—in the controversy. Because the walkout affects so many millions of people, coming as it does almost with the first icy breath of winter, the Government considers it an outlaw strike. Its armed forces stand ready to protect the properties of the owners and the welfare of the Nation.

Garfield Names Committees

Washington, Nov. 1.—Committees to take charge of coal distribution in the eight regional railroad districts have been appointed by Rail Director Hines, the Railroad Administration announces. The committees will have headquarters at Philadelphia, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, New York and St. Louis. Fuel Administrator Garfield will have a representative on each committee. The personnel of the committees have not been named, it is said. They have been made up of operating officials and Garfield's representatives.

Miners' Claims by Districts

The bituminous coal miners, defying the government's injunction, went on strike early today.

Early reports based upon claims of union officials indicated the response to the strike order had been general in some districts.

Federal troops are mobilized at strategic points ready to act immediately in case of any disorder.

The union leaders claimed that over 100,000 miners walked out in the Pittsburgh-Clearfield districts of Western Pennsylvania. The operators countered with a claim that 40,000 non-union miners in the Connelville region remained at work.

Other union claims are: Central Illinois districts, 80,000 out.
Kansas districts, 12,000 out.
Ohio, West Virginia district, 45,000 to 50,000 out.

Maryland district, 8,000 to 10,000 out.

Southern Illinois Missouri districts, 31,000 out.

Southern Indiana practically all out.

Cambria, Pennsylvania, district, nearly 15,000 out.

Eastern Tennessee and Southeastern Kentucky, 17,500 out.

Panhandle, Pennsylvania, district, 9,000 out.

Wheeling, West Virginia district, 17,000 out.

Increased Output.

Uniontown, Pa., Nov. 1.—Independent coal operators in this section expect greatly increased mine outputs during the coal strike. Forty thousand miners employed by H. C. Flick and at other independent mines remained at work. For the first time in a year these mines will work six days a week beginning Monday.

Finest Blood at New York's Annual Horse Show Middle of Month

(By the United Press)

New York, Nov. 1.—Some of the best blooded stock in the world will be exhibited at the annual national horse show to be held in Madison Square Garden November 17 to 21. The entire proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army.

America's finest horses, headed by the famous Kentucky thoroughbreds, will compete against European entries including a stable of prize winning Arabian stallions.

THREE RED VESSELS SUNK BY BRITISH

London, Nov. 1.—Three bolshevik ships were sunk by a British fleet when red forces attempted a landing in the Gulf of Finland, according to reports received here.



WINNER OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RACE.
Left to right, Lieutenant Kiline and Lieut. B. W. Maynard, the latter in command of the airplane which won the crosscountry derby.

DAWSON IS BENT ON PUTTING GAS PLANT PROPOSITION THROUGH

Mayor's Hobby Approved by Many—Petitions Get Many Signers—Chief Burgess Himself Circulates One Paper

Mayor Joe Dawson will bring the gas plant issue to a head Monday night when he presents petitions to the City Council asking for immediate action on the proposition to sell bonds and install works to supply piped fuel and illumination to residents.

Dawson himself circulated one petition Saturday. He said it would contain 500 names, possibly more, by night. Hundreds of signatures had been had by noon. Two other petitions were out, he said. The mayor declares the people want a gas plant and will insist upon getting it. Many of Saturday's signers were prominent business and professional men. The council at its last regular meeting decided not to take immediate action on the gas plant proposition, but authorities say an enabling resolution passed weeks before that was not affected by this decision and automatically became law when the legal time had expired. Dawson estimates the plant will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Glenn Walter Gets in Wrong; Artless Scribe His Betrayer

The "Town Gossip" of the Washington Daily News relates this on Glenn C. Walter, for the past few years a frequent visitor to Kinston and well known here: "Mrs. Glenn Walter stopped me yesterday and asked me if I belonged to the Masonic lodge. I told her—'I did. And she asked me if the lodge had held a meeting on Tuesday night to confer the degree of royal wolverines. I was surprised and told her 'no'. And she asked me if the lodge had met on Monday night to confer the degree of Sons of Senacherib. I told her 'I hadn't heard of it. Then she wanted to know whether the lodge met Saturday night to read and to study about ancient happenings in Palestine, and I had to admit that in spite of the fact I tried to attend every meeting that was a new one on me. And she asked me if I'd ever heard of the Order of Blue and Knights of Ezekiel, and other strange degrees. I told her 'no'. She thanked me. This morning in comes Glenn with an awful lopsided face and tells me I've played the mischief and has ruined him. But just the same, he said, he felt relieved. It was an awful strain to think up names."

Y. M. C. A. MAN TO ADDRESS AUDIENCE HERE SUNDAY P. M.

Albert Chesley, Noted Specialist on Boys' Work, Will Speak to Mass Meeting at Christian Church. Public is Invited

"The Boy As An Asset To The Community" will be the subject of an address by Albert M. Chesley, noted specialist on work with boys, at a mass meeting at Gordon Street Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Chesley, of New York City, is associate editor of "Association Men" the official organ of the North American Y. M. C. A.; was for 10 years city secretary for boys in Washington, D. C., and later State secretary for Pennsylvania. He is the author of two well-known books on boys' work. Mr. Chesley was induced to come to Kinston by E. G. Wilson, State Y. M. C. A. secretary, to present to the people of this city a plan for a work among the boys of the community.

Friday afternoon Mr. Chesley met with a number of representative men and women at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Walsh, on McLewee street, and described vividly the results possible through an organized work for boys. Present at this meeting were Messdames C. F. Harvey, Sr., S. C. Sitterton, N. J. Rouse, W. T. Hines, Miss Kate Pritchett, Mr. Briggs of High Point, City Solicitor J. L. Hamme, Rev. B. P. Smith, pastor of Gordon Street church, Rev. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and D. T. Edwards. These persons organized themselves into a committee to hold the mass meeting Sunday afternoon, in order that the people of Kinston might have an opportunity to hear Mr. Chesley.

All men and women are invited to attend the meeting. "All of Kinston should be present," said Mr. Chesley Saturday, "for as I said on viewing the unprecedented prosperity of this city, what shall it profit a community if it gain the whole world and lose its boys?"

MORE MONEY ASKED FOR NITRATE PLANT

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 1.—A bill to appropriate \$12,000,000 for improvement of the Mural Shoals, Alabama, nitrate plant was introduced today by Representative Kahn of California, at the request of Secretary of War Baker. Kahn said he believed the \$70,000,000 already put into the plant would be a dead loss unless the additional money was spent.

ROUSE IS CHAIRMAN OF ROUNTREE POST OF AMERICAN LEGION

Temporary Officers Named Friday Night—Hundreds Ex-Servicemen Eligible to Membership in War Veterans' Order

Robert H. Rouse was elected temporary chairman of the new post of the American Legion here at the organization meeting Friday night. A fair number of ex-service men attended the session at the army. Charles A. York was named temporary vice-chairman and Ben. Foxman temporary secretary-treasurer. The following were appointed a committee on constitution and bylaws: R. A. Whitaker, chairman; Reynold Allen, Thornton Hood, C. Felix Harvey, Jr. The following comprise the membership committee: George Skinner, chairman; John Duffy, Troy Poseue, Rev. Leon M. Hall, Will A. Allen, P. D. Croom, C. B. Martin, David Dixon, C. T. Morris, Jack Temple, Paul Bisette and Earl Brewer.

All of the several hundred ex-soldiers and sailors in Lenoir county are invited to join. Those enrolling prior to Armistice Day will be charter members. Meetings will be held on Friday nights, at the armory for the present.

The post, to be named for Joseph D. Rountree, first local man killed in France, will acquire quarters and equip them as early as practicable.

JOHN HALIFAX REACHES JAPAN AND IS POPULAR

Antiquated Character of Fiction Offends Nipponese Modesty by Making Love—Censor Gets Busy With Comical Result.

(By the United Press)

New York, Nov. 1.—"Pollyanna" is the year's greatest success in Japan, with "John Halifax, Gentleman," a close second, according to a report received by the Interchurch World Movement of North America, whose national headquarters is in New York City, from American missionaries in the Orient.

The missionaries report that while they are seeking to counteract the unwholesome continental literature that is found in Nippon, the Japanese paradoxically have expurgated the love scenes in "John Halifax, Gentleman," in accordance with their peculiar sense of delicacy. The romantic proposal of the hero to the heroine, for instance, is indicated in the Japanese version only by a row of asterisks, with a footnote explaining: "At this point he asked her to marry him."

Ralph Connor's "Sky Pilot" and "Black Beauty" also have prominent positions on Japanese bookshelves. The latter book is said to have had great influence on the treatment of animals by the Japanese.

In China, "The Wide, Wide World," a favorite in school libraries here a generation ago, heads the list and it is said to be no unusual sight to see a stately mandarin reading the Chinese translation of this book as he rides through the streets of Peking or Shanghai in his sedan chair.

IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS CONFERENCES BE HELD

Leaders of National Prominence to Attend Meetings at Points in Southeast—One Will Be Staged at Raleigh.

(By the United Press)

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 1.—A series of important religious conferences covering the nine states of the Southeast and bringing together the leaders of the Protestant denominations is being arranged for the month of December under the auspices of the Interchurch World Movement of North America.

Present at each of the conferences will be a group of religious leaders of national prominence who will present the problems which are to be met. The meetings, however, will not be made up so much of addresses as of round table discussion by the various representatives of all the denominations which are represented.

These conferences will begin the first of December and will continue until December 29 on the following schedule: December 1 to 3, Wash-

THIRD RED CROSS ROLL CALL; DRIVE DURING NEXT WEEK

Americans' Dollars to Be Gathered in for Relief Work, and Americans' Pledges of Service for Benefit Humanity

(By D. T. EDWARDS)

The "Third Red Cross Roll Call," which is to be conducted next week, will be a momentous occasion in American life.

For nearly a half century the Red Cross has played an important role in American affairs. But until the world war began the organization was comparatively small. When the Hun invaded Belgium the society sprang into greater importance and began to grow; and when America entered the lists the growth became phenomenal.

Then began a record of Red Cross activity that is one of the glories of the darkest period in the world's history. However, those days have passed now and within a short while the war-time task will have been closed.

Red Cross Must Not Demobilize.

But America cannot allow a disintegration of the noble spirit of humanitarianism developed in the times of stress and organized by the Red Cross for service.

The Red Cross has become the greatest human service organization that the world has ever known. And though the war has passed the spirit of service must not be allowed to die. The peace plans of the organization are more important to America's future than its war program was.

Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Its purpose is to foster conditions that will make for the health, happiness and prosperity of every American home, by coordinating and supplementing all public health activities in such a way that no future call-of any kind—will find over a third of our man-power unfit for full service.

Just at this time we are apt to suffer from relaxation. The war is over and most of our men are back at home. But for years the home service department of the Red Cross will be a vital necessity; and its plans for health-building and home-preservation are revealing a program that is most alluring.

We cannot afford to demobilize the Red Cross at this critical time in our national life. Its strength must not only be retained but augmented by an enlarged membership if we would accomplish our purposes.

Will Be An Eye-Opener.

So we are facing a crucial period; and next week's canvass will show just what the American people are willing to empower its relief organization to undertake for the future.

That is why Mr. R. F. Hill and associates will make an effort from now until armistice day—November 11, to enroll through the local chapter all the patriotic citizens of this county. This is not a campaign for funds, so much as it is a campaign for enlistment in the service of humanity.

And in order to do your part in this great work all that you need is a heart and a dollar that will secure membership.

PRESIDENT HAD A GOOD NIGHT OF IT

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 1.—President Wilson had a good night; his condition is satisfactory, the White House stated today. The President showed no ill effects from his exertion in connection with the coal strike.

WILMINGTON HOPES LAUNCH NEW LEAGUE IN THIS SECTION

Kinston Asked Send Delegation to Meeting There Tuesday

WANTS CLASS C BASEBALL

Chamber of Commerce of Cape Fear City Backs Movement—Both North and South Carolina Towns Invited Enter

Will D. Hood, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Saturday appointed the following to represent Kinston at the baseball meeting to be held at Wilmington Tuesday: George Suggs, Ernest V. Webb, Clarence Oettinger, Will Harvey, Henry Marston. The following telegram from the Wilmington chamber Friday night brought about immediate action on the part of Mr. Hood: "Believing that the cities of Eastern North and South Carolina are ready and enthusiastic for baseball and that they do not want to be outside the sphere of professional ball next season, as well as responding to requests from several of these towns, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce invites your city to be represented at a meeting in Wilmington next Tuesday, November 4, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of forming a Carolina League. If we have league ball we must act at once. Please place this wire in the hands of those backing baseball in your city and reply immediately by wire. Have your representatives at meeting clothed with power to act."

(Special to The Free Press)

Wilmington, Nov. 1.—Absolute confidence was expressed here this morning by those who are agitating a new baseball league to be composed of Eastern North and South Carolina towns and cities that such a league will be formed next Tuesday when nine of the principal cities in this section will have representatives at a meeting to be held in Wilmington. Those cities invited to be represented at the meeting are Kinston, Wilson, Rocky Mount, New Bern, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Sumter and Florence, and word received here late last night from part of those named was to the effect that they will have delegates at the coming meeting.

The session will take place in the rooms of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and will be called to order at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. It is believed that by early Wednesday morning the cities admitted to membership in the league can begin making their plans for the playing season.

Fast League Can Be Had.

William A. French, president of the Wilmington club, declared in an interview granted here last night that, in the event the South Carolina and North Carolina cities unite in the present undertaking, they can produce a faster and more successful league in every respect than either the South Atlantic Association or the Piedmont League.

Thus far not one of the cities invited to send representatives to the meeting has declined to do so, and fans here are hoping that all nine cities will be represented. It will be possible to admit only eight at the utmost and possibly only six, and it therefore behooves the fans in every city in the proposed circuit to bestir themselves at once.

It is declared by James A. Cowan of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, who last night issued the call for the meeting, that an effort will be made to secure a "C" classification for the league and that in all probability the same player limit and salary limit will prevail as are in force in the South Atlantic Association, 14 players and \$2,000 per month.

Yes or No.

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COTTON.

Futures quotations Saturday:	
December	36.00 36.99
January	35.90 36.05
March	35.30 35.80
May	34.97 35.95
July	34.39 34.80

Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about 150 bales, prices from 37 1/2 downward.