

BIG FOUR CHIEFS HOLD CONFERENCE IN SECRET

Poll of Sentiment in Both Houses Shows Strong Opposition to President's Plan to Give Him Power to Take Over Roads and Mines in Emergency—Indications are That Such Will Only Be Given When Need Actually Arises—Strike in Bituminous Mines in Pennsylvania About Ended and Governor Recalls Troops on Guard Duty

(By the United Press)
Cleveland, Aug. 30.—Chiefs of the "big four" brotherhoods' session here were shrouded in secrecy when they resumed their deliberations over the situation caused by the shopmen's strike.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Congress will not enact emergency legislation authorizing the seizure of railroads and idle coal mines except in the immediate presence of an absolute crisis such as does not exist now, carrying actual public suffering. This is virtually a complete poll of sentiment in both houses today and is the reaction on President Harding's proposal that emergency legislation to arm him with power to take over the properties as a last resort be enacted before adjournment.

BITUMINOUS STRIKE PENNSYLVANIA ENDED.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 30.—The virtual end of the coal strike in the bituminous fields in this State was recognized by Governor Sproul with a recall of the guardsmen who have been in the field since July 21st. Four troops of cavalry and one machine gun troop were ordered home this week, the Governor says.

BIG FOUR NOT WORKING ON SHOPMEN STRIKE NOW.

Cleveland, Aug. 30.—Strike of the railroad shopmen in a closed incident with the "big four" brotherhoods for the present, President Lee of the trainmen said today just before the conference opened here.

THOUSANDS OF MINERS READY FOR WORK.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 30.—Thousands of striking miners prepared to return to work today upon announcement that the last of the big operators had agreed to reopen their mines under the Cleveland agreement.

Good Meeting at Hickory Grove Conducted by Rev. R. E. Pittman of LaGrange

Rev. R. E. Pittman, pastor of the LaGrange circuit of the Methodist Church, has just closed a splendid revival at Hickory Grove in Buckleberry. Mr. Pittman reports that the people of that section are a fine type and he is very much impressed with the fine farming lands thereabouts.

Picked Crews Fight Vigorously to Rescue Entombed Gold Miners

(By the United Press)
Jackson, Cal., Aug. 30.—Picked crews fought through the solid earth and rock today to dig out 43 entombed miners, who it is feared have already perished. They were cut off by fire in the depths of the Argonaut gold mine here. The race against death for the lives of the entrapped men will end Thursday. Seven hundred feet of earth and granite separated the workers and entombed miners yesterday. They have conquered 400 feet of the distance. Fifty feet of solid granite must be blasted at the last moment.

Prominent Richmond Man Disappears From a Coastwise Steamer

(By the United Press)
Norfolk, Aug. 30.—Edward Moon, a wealthy Richmond broker and William Coan of Lexington were being hunted by the authorities today, following the mysterious disappearance of Moon from the steamer Jefferson Tuesday. Moon's personal effects were left on board but all trace of the man has been lost. The police fear he may have been a victim of foul play, but offer no solution to his disappearance. The authorities are also looking for Coan who occupied the state room with Moon, according to a statement of the ship's crew.

Another Woman Said to Have Been Witness to New Jersey Killing

(By the United Press)
Edgewater, Aug. 30.—A woman whose name was not disclosed, who comforted Bergeen as he lay dying in the road after being shot by George Cline, was found by investigators today. To this woman Bergeen is alleged to have whispered the story of how he met death after he admitted intimacy with Cline's wife.

Mysterious Death of Memphis Woman May Be Cleared Up by Arrest

(By the United Press)
Chattanooga, Aug. 30.—John W. Hudson, alias J. A. Mitchell, was arrested here Monday charged with violating an automobile ordinance. It was discovered that Hudson was wanted in Memphis in connection with an investigation of the mysterious death of Mrs. Hattie Ferguson of that place, whose body was found after the spring floods this year.

BULLETINS

HIRAM JOHNSON LEADING FOR NOMINATION

(By the United Press)
San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Senator Hiram Johnson is leading Charles Moore for the Republican senatorial nomination in the primary returns to date.

LAST MINUTE EFFORT SAVE BOY.

Atlanta, Aug. 30.—Attorneys for Frank Dupree, convicted bandit and slayer, went to Carrollton today to ask Governor Hardwick for a 30 day reprieve for the youth.

Paris Has Unconfirmed Report That American Army on Rhine be Larger

(By the United Press)
Paris, Aug. 30.—The American Army of Occupation in the Rhine will be increased to 3,000, an unconfirmed report received here today said.

SPOKEN NEWSPAPER IS LATEST IN PARIS.

(Special to The Free Press)
Paris, Aug. 30.—A spoken newspaper is the latest literary fad in Paris. Instead of reading dreary columns of type the news is told to you for the price of a newspaper.

Visiting R. R. Officials at Raleigh Are Very Non Committal About Strike

(By OSCAR J. COFFIN, Special Capital Correspondent.)
Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Vice President W. L. Stanley of the Seaboard, who figured much in the effort to settle the Seaboard strike when it began two months ago, was in Raleigh yesterday and today, but the official said that his visit had nothing to do with the settlement of this difficulty.

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BLEASE LEADING IN RETURNS FROM S. C. PRIMARY TUESDAY

Run-Off Between Former Governor and Thomas McLeod Seems Certain—Close Race Between Them For Plurality in First

(By the United Press)
Columbia, S. C., Aug. 30.—Incomplete returns from all counties indicated that a second race for governor will be run by Cole Blease and Thomas McLeod. With 137,000 votes counted, it was doubtful which one would get a plurality, but Blease was leading by more than 6,000.

CATTLE-DIPPING RECORD AGAIN BROKEN IN TEXAS.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Texas broke its own cattle dipping record when in July 6,783,503 dippings in that State were reported by the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. The figure is more than 150,000 greater than the dippings for June, which as recently announced, broke all records for progressive tick eradication since the work began in 1906.

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(By the United Press)
Kansas City, Aug. 30.—Two dead men lashed to the steering wheels of automobiles piled on the bottom of the Missouri River near Neerman, is where bandits have been buried this way by members of their gang, Sheriff Kepler says, he said today.

Lieut.-Governor of Oklahoma Arrested on a Charge of Perjury

(By the United Press)
Oklahoma City, Aug. 30.—Lieutenant-Governor Trapp of Oklahoma was arrested here today on a warrant from Seminole County, charging him with perjury and preparing false testimony. The warrant was served by the sheriff from Seminole County.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOR ORGANIZED LABOR FROM FEDERAL COUNCIL

(By the United Press)
Washington, Aug. 30.—The church is called upon to exert its efforts to the utmost to bring the Christian spirit of fairness and goodwill into the economic order, to teach Christian principles and to insist upon their application to industry, in the Labor Day Sunday Message of the Commission on the Church and Social Service of the Federal Council of Churches.

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Heads Theatrical Industry



Augustus Thomas, noted playwright, who has been appointed to a post analogous to that of Will Hays in the movies and Judge Landis in baseball. Mr. Thomas has been for years one of the foremost figures in the American Theatre, and his appointment as executive chairman of the Producing Managers Association meets the approval of all theatromaniacs. According to reports he has put his "John Hancock" to a contract for three years, and although the figures are not known, they are estimated in the neighborhood of \$25,000 annually.

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MAY TAKE ACTION TO STOP SMUGGLING OF ALIENS IN COUNTRY

Thousands of Chinese in Cuba Awaiting Chance of Entering United States. Ask Congress to Pass Compulsory Law

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, Aug. 30.—Estimates of from one hundred to three hundred thousand aliens with no right to be in this country have been made by Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor and Director Burns of the Department of Justice Investigation Bureau.

Advance in Price Coal; Supply Here Less Than 200 Tons

While no instructions have been received in Kinston regarding the raising of coal, the Lenoir Oil & Ice Co., the largest coal dealers here, have been selling only one ton to the customer, except in cases where contracts had been made earlier in the year. This policy was inaugurated by the local concern on its initiative, with the idea of maintaining equal distribution of fuel, until some assurance is had from the government that coal deliveries will be made with some regularity.

Shift of Operations May Be Caused in Monongahela Regions

(By the United Press)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 30.—The rich Connellsville coal and coke region may never again hold the same place in relation to the steel industry in the Pittsburgh district.

Presbyterian Pastor and Family Return From Enjoyable Month's Trip

Rev. and Mrs. H. N. McDiarmid and their little son Wilson Hines returned Tuesday night from a month's vacation granted by the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. The first two weeks of the vacation were spent at Raeford and Rose Hill, the parental homes of Mr. and Mrs. McDiarmid. The last two weeks were spent at Montreat, the Summer Assembly Grounds of the Southern Presbyterian Church. At this famous summer resort the Presbyterian pastor and his wife had the privilege of hearing, for a week each, such well known theologians as Dr. G. Campbell and Dr. W. L. Garrison, former Pastor of Westminster Tabernacle, London, Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, Professor of Symetic Languages in Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. T. W. Currie, President of Austin Seminary, and a number of other specialists in religious subjects and church methods. The month's recuperation has been in every way helpful and inspiring to the local pastor and his family. They are now ready for the fall work with renewed strength.

PIKES PEAK GLIDE THE LATEST STEP.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 30.—There's at least one place in the U. S. where the jazz dancers don't cavort in the new and "peppy" steps. It isn't because there are any objections. But the dancers can't stand the strain. Up on the summit of Pikes Peak, the old fashioned waltzes are the most popular among the dancers. When one exercises violently at an altitude of 14,108 feet the thin air soon puts an end to the activity. Mountain sickness results. The Pikes Peak toddle is an invention of the "upper regions." It's a show, graceful dance not calculated to shorten the breath unduly. At that, however, sitting out is mighty popular—with the moon and stars 14,000 feet closer.

Representative Crisp of Dare Was Drowned Less Than 3 feet Water

(By OSCAR J. COFFIN, Special Capital Correspondent.)
Raleigh, Aug. 30.—Eastern North Carolinians who are here from the first district, bring the story that Representative B. G. Crisp of Dare, who was drowned Sunday, lost his life in water less than three feet deep. Mr. Crisp was a good swimmer, but for several weeks he has been a most unnatural sleeper and was broken down completely. He had been ill and was unable when the accident caught him to struggle from the water which was barely deep enough to allow him to drown when in a reclining position.

Three Ohio People Killed With Heavy Iron Bar; No Clues

(By the United Press.)
Canton, Ohio, Aug. 30.—Three persons were brutally beaten to death with an iron bar here today. The police found the mutilated bodies of Frank Burns and wife and Mrs. Mary Nola at the Burns' home. Frank Burns was also injured in the attack but physicians say he will live. There are no clues.