

LABOR BOARD DENIES MOTION OF W. J. LAUCK

Asking It to Define the Principle of a "Living Wage" in Case of Maintenance of Way Employees.

HEARING ADJOURNED UNTIL TOMORROW

Board Declares It Cannot Go Beyond the Transportation Act Which Prescribes "Just and Reasonable Wages."

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 29 (By the Associated Press).—The Railroad Labor Board today denied the motion of W. J. Lauck, labor agitator, that the board immediately define the principle of a "living wage" in the case of the maintenance of way employees, who are seeking increased minimum rates of pay. At the request of E. F. Grable, president of the maintenance of way organization, the hearing then was adjourned till tomorrow morning.

Mr. Grable announced that he was telegraphing President Harding and Senator Cummins, one of the authors of the transportation act, at Washington today, asking them to present to Congress an amendment to the act, which would make it mandatory on the part of the labor board to "enunciate the principles of the living wage."

The board in its ruling on Mr. Lauck's request, declares it could not go beyond the transportation act which prescribed the establishment of "just and reasonable" wages.

The board's ruling as announced by Chairman Ben W. Hooper, follows: "On the motion submitted yesterday on behalf of the employees by Mr. Lauck, the Board announces as follows: "It is superfluous for the Board to announce in advance the principle or theory on which it will fix wages in the pending dispute. It may be assumed by the parties in this case that the Board will give full consideration to every circumstance set out in the statute for its guidance, but it will not go beyond that."

"The transportation act requires the Board to establish wages that are 'just and reasonable.' It is within the province of the parties herein to make such contentions as they see fit to make with respect to a just and reasonable wage. If the wage the maintenance of way organization finds the living wage, and it should be demonstrated to be a just and reasonable wage, the board will adopt it; otherwise it will not."

"The board will neither limit nor enlarge the rights of either party to present to the board its conception of what constitutes a just and reasonable wage within the meaning of the laws."

TWO COTTON MILLS AT GREENVILLE SHUT DOWN

(By the Associated Press.)—Greenville, S. C., Aug. 29.—Two cotton mills were closed today in this vicinity on account of lack of coal.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY WILL CLOSE SEPTEMBER 16

Unless It Receives Coal From an Unexpected Source.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Unless the Ford Motor Company receives coal from an unexpected source, it will close all its manufacturing departments in the Detroit district September 16th.

This statement was made at Mr. Ford's office today in answer to a rumor in circulation in Detroit and elsewhere to the effect that a way had been found out of the company's fuel problem.

WOULD ADD ONLY \$1.50 TO PRICE OF FORD CARS, SAYS HOOVER

Washington, Aug. 29.—Present coal prices would only add \$1.50 to the price of Ford cars, Secretary Hoover declared today in expressing the hope that the Detroit manufacturer would not find it necessary to close his plants because of the price of coal.

BRYAN IN FAVOR OF GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Declares Situation So Urgent No Time Should Be Lost in Doing So.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Declaring the "compulsion is so urgent" that no time should be lost, William Jennings Bryan in a letter today to Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, advocated action by Congress giving the President authority to take over temporarily the mines and the railroads in "out and emergency situations."

Mr. Bryan wrote that the government was faced either with the process of temporary control of the roads and mines or of turning over the army "to enforce private and personal views." The latter course, he said, would be "indefensible." He told Senator Walsh that the resolution which the latter introduced last week to give the President the power to take over the mines had his approval and should be supported by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The letter was carried to Senator Walsh's office by Mr. Bryan, who said he had come to Washington to talk over the situation with leaders in Congress.

Signing Members for Cotton Growers Association.

PEACE PACT WILL BE SIGNED WITHIN A WEEK

Between Representatives of the Miners and Hard Coal Operators.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—Definite statements that there would be no government intervention or seizure of the mines remained the outstanding feature of the anthracite situation here early today. The statement came from an authoritative but confidential source.

Within a short time, according to the source of the information, and probably within a week, representatives of the miners and hard coal operators will sign a peace pact, and 155,000 workers soon thereafter will return to their jobs.

This agreement, it was declared, will overcome the stumbling blocks which presented themselves last week when the joint peace conference of miners and operators came to a deadlock. Neither side, it was further said, would have to recede from its determinations not to make any more concessions.

FIRST MESSAGE SENT OVER THE NEW CABLE

Privilege Was Given to Secretary Hughes by the Western Union.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—The first message to be transmitted over the new Miami-Barbados South American cable, signed by Secretary Hughes, and addressed to the Brazilian minister of foreign affairs, was dispatched today from Miami. After expressing his gratification at the opening of the new line of communication between North and South America, the Secretary's message said it formed a new link of "mutual interest and amity."

NEW MOTOR COMPANY IS LOCATED HERE

Lester Motor Car Company Incorporated Recently—Business In Coal Building.

The Lester Motor Car Company has been incorporated and is open for business in the Coal building on West Depot Street. The company is the latest motor company to be organized here.

NO GOVERNMENT OPERATION

Proposals for Taking Over Railways and Mines Laid Aside.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Proposals for government operation of rail and coal properties were put aside, at least for the present, today and administration leaders both in and out of Congress centered their efforts instead upon less drastic measures to meet the industrial emergency.

With the return to Washington of President Harding, after an over-Sunday conference with some of his principal advisers on board the yacht Mayflower, it became apparent that no step toward government operation was to become a part of the present administration program.

Not only was it revealed that the President, himself, was not disposed definitely to ask for congressional authority to take over the properties involved in the strike situation, but it was made known also that an influential group of leaders in the Senate and House had taken a position which would make passage of the authorizing legislation extremely difficult.

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CONGRESS SHOULD GRANT AUTHORITY

Immediately to Take Over the Railroads and Mining Properties, President Harding Still Believes.

ABANDONMENT OF COAL AGENCY PLAN

President Harding Has Assured Congress That He Would Not Exercise Power Except in Great Necessity.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Harding still believes that Congress should grant him immediately authority to take over the railroads and mining properties, it was said today at the White House, but he has assured congressional spokesmen that only the gravest public necessity would move him to exercise such power if granted.

If Congress indicates unwillingness to enact legislation necessary to the President or to make formal public demand for the power, it was said, officials adding that he does not believe that there is any present necessity for action under such a grant.

In the light of facts presented at today's cabinet meeting, the President was said to believe that the bituminous coal producing situation had cleared itself up and that there would be an anthracite settlement within a very short time, leaving the condition of the railroads and shipmen's strike as the only big industrial menace.

It was declared that the President had no doubt but that by the extension of the present established and recognized administrative power, the federal government could in an emergency move to the control of essential public services without additional authorization, although for the purpose of allaying public excitement and clearing the atmosphere he was said to feel that Congress ought to make the powers definite and certain by the enactment of legislation.

At the same time while he has indicated his desire for such enactment, and further has suggested its immediate desirability he is not preparing to press the proposition against opposition which already has been voiced by some Congressional leaders.

Under present circumstances, it was said, the President does not consider the government has any further responsibility or duty to seek a settlement of the rail strike. The administrator's present intention was said to be limited to a determination to press the enforcement of existing law guaranteeing safety of life and property and the maintenance of necessary public service.

Definite abandonment of the President's proposal to Congress for a federal coal agency with capital to buy, sell and distribute coal was announced to the House by Chairman Winslow, of the Interstate Commerce Committee, at the beginning of a debate on the bill to create machinery to supervise distribution only.

The change in plans, Mr. Winslow said, had been acquiesced in by the President, whose suggestion for a purchasing and selling agency had been thrown into the background of Congressional consideration almost as soon as it was submitted.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Renewed Firmness at Opening—First Prices 12 to 23 Points Higher.

(By the Associated Press.)—New York, Aug. 29.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness at the opening today owing to relatively firm cables, continued crop complaints, and a rather more optimistic view of the labor outlook. First prices were 12 to 23 points higher, with December selling at 22.54 on covering and a little buying by trade and commission houses, but the volume of business fell off after the first hour and there were reactions of several points during early trading, as a result of realizing and scattered Southern selling.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Takes Action Relative to Attendance in Schools of All Children.

At a meeting of the School Board held August 29th, it was moved and carried that the Board approve the recommendation of the State Board of Education in regard to admitting children from outside the district to the schools from outside the district in accordance with this recommendation when such children can be placed in a room where there are not more than thirty pupils but otherwise such case must be submitted to a special committee of this board for its action.

The recommendations of the State Board of Education referred to above have the following provisions: "The County Board of Education and the City Boards of Education should cooperate in providing a six months term for all the children, as required by the Constitution.

"That the boards of trustees of the special chartered schools should admit children living outside their districts only upon the written order of the county board of education.

"That the county board of education should give an order for the admission to the city schools of children from rural territory only in cases where the children affected live nearer a school within the city district than any school offering instruction in the required grade, or where, on account of the location of roads or natural barriers, it is clear that the convenience of such children would be served thereby.

"To the parents of such children no tuition charges shall be made for six months of the term but for three months of the term tuition shall be paid in advance by the parents at a rate approximately the per capita cost of the city schools for the previous year.

For the six months term the county board shall pay into the city board the difference of the per capita cost of the city schools and the amount received from the county board for the same purpose. In estimating the per capita cost the interest on school bonds shall be included."

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Is to Be Held in New Orleans From October 16 to 20.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 29.—Ship Pullman cars, tents and Army supply base building, private homes and hotels will house the thousands of delegates and visitors expected at the American Legion national convention in New Orleans, October 16-20.

A preliminary canvass by the convention hotels and housing committee has demonstrated the fact that New Orleans will be able to house 150,000 guests.

Passenger liners will be docked and former "goats" and marines will be allotted first cabin accommodations on them.

A Pullman city of hundreds of cars to be established in three large railroad yards, will care for 14,000 visitors, the convention committee has announced. "The hotels on wheels" will be provided with all the conveniences of a modern hostelry. Dining car service will be maintained, shower bath will be erected and all equipment will be electrically lighted while parked.

HOLD AVIATOR IS "NUISANCE"

"Noise-Dive" at Ball Game Narrowly Misses Bleachers.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 28.—W. H. Filmore, a California aviator, who has been making exhibition flights here, was arrested last night, charged with committing a nuisance after a flight over the baseball park during a game between Durham and Raleigh. According to spectators he brought his airplane down in a nose dive and missed by 15 feet the left field bleachers, in which were seated more than 1,000 fans. Many of the fans made haste in "falling out" of the stands and some were said to be slightly injured.

CONCERT PLEASURES

Central School Auditorium Filled to Hear a Splendid Entertainment.

The concert given by the Singing Class from the Masonic Home at Oxford in the auditorium of Central school Monday night was a great success, both in point of attendance and receipts. The large audience was packed and standing room was to be had. Ten girls, boys composed the class this year, with Miss Myrtle Muse, teacher, and pianist, and Mr. L. W. Alderman in charge. The receipts amounted to more than \$900.00. The programme was unusually good and well rendered. That it was appreciated by the audience was evidenced by the many encores. Among the most popular numbers on the programme were the song "We're Goin' to the Mumps," pole drill and recitation "The Not Me," the latter by the youngest member of the class, Master Mayland Massengill, which took down the house. All the children showed splendid training.

The party was entertained at the various homes of the city while here and left this morning for Kannapolis, where tonight an entertainment will be given.

Near the close of the entertainment Mr. Alderman made a short talk, and urged all who would to pay the Home a visit and inspect the work being done there. He said among other things that there are 35,000 Masons in North Carolina who are responsible for the management of the Home and that only one child out of every five there are children of Masons. A hospital to cost about \$75,000 is now under construction and when completed will be a valuable addition to the equipment of the Home.

THE STATE COLLEGE

Fall Session to Open September 5—Over 300 New Students.

Raleigh, Aug. 29.—With comparatively few changes in the faculty, the thirty-fourth session of State College will open with the registration of students on Tuesday, September 5th. Registration will continue through Wednesday, the 6th, and class work will begin Thursday morning, September 7.

More than three hundred new men have already been admitted to the Freshman Class and applications are still being received at the Registrar's office on every mail. It has been found necessary to assign three students to each room in Watauga Hall and the First, Second and Third dormitories, but this congestion will be somewhat relieved with the completion of the three new sections of South Dormitory, which are expected to be ready for occupancy about the first of October.

Ricks Hall, the new Agricultural extension building, and Pines Hall, the new home of the department of mechanical engineering, will be ready for use at, or soon after, the opening of college, but the additions to the dining hall doubling its present capacity of 750 will not be finished until about the first of November.

Construction work at the dining hall will not interfere with the present accommodations for feeding the students as the new addition is practically a separate structure being located as a new wing immediately in the rear. The old kitchen will serve both wings, but it has already been enlarged and new and more modern equipment has been installed throughout.

There will be no changes in department in the teaching personnel, although a few additions have been made in some of the subordinate positions and in some cases it has been necessary to fill positions made vacant by resignations.

ARE AGAINST MARKETING BY CO-OPERATIVE PLAN

Dr. Alexander and Stone, of Farmers' Union Outline Views at Picnic.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 28.—Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, in his address before the Forsyth branch of the Farmers' Union at their annual picnic in the western part of the county Saturday, declared that he did not believe that co-operative marketing under the plan outlined by the leaders of the movement, was just the thing needed by the farmers, and he expressed the opinion that those who signed up would soon be convinced that they had made a mistake.

Dr. Alexander advocated government ownership and operation of coal mines, railroads, banks and all public utilities.

MAIL DOOR-SLOT OR RECEPTACLE REQUIRED

First Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, August 25, 1922.—On account of the delays caused by carriers at dwelling houses where no door-slot or mail receptacle is provided, and the fact that a large majority of dwellings are thus equipped already, it seems timely, within a reasonable period, to require all who are to receive mail by street carriers at their dwellings to provide such accommodations, the expense of the same being small. Postmasters are therefore thus instructed. The length of notice should not exceed four months, although there may be exceptional cases where postmasters should use reasonable discretion or ask for instructions.

NO HOPE NOW FOR THE ENTOMBED MINERS

Nearly a Mile Below the Earth's Surface—Cannot Be Reached Within Eighteen Hours.

CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE BY FIRE

Men Attempting to Reach Them in Mine Skips Dragged Back to Surfaces, Faces Blackened by Fire.

Jackson, Cal., Aug. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Volumes of nauseating gas issuing from the burning depths of the Argonaut mine through the shafts already led to the belief that the men now said to number 47, who were imprisoned in the Argonaut mine at midnight Sunday night by a fire, have all perished.

The attempts to cut through from the depths of the Kennedy mine, the deepest gold mine in America, to the bottom on the Argonaut has been abandoned as hopeless.

The only hope of rescuing the men who are trapped like rats in a hole is through the main shaft, and that hope is growing fainter every hour.

Jackson, Cal., Aug. 29 (By the Associated Press).—Held in the grip of despair as hour follows hour in their vigil, families and fellow workers of the 48 gold miners imprisoned since midnight Sunday, nearly a mile below the earth's surface in the Argonaut mine today clung stubbornly to the shred of hope that their husbands, fathers and buddies, still lived, although the most optimistic hope was to reach the men within 18 hours.

During the night men attempting to mine "skips" to ride down through the fuming levels were dragged back to the surface, their faces blackened. They came to grip eagerly for fresh air and to tell of the hopelessness of the trip below. The tracks on which the skips run were warped and distorted with the heat, at some places even being melted away.

TERMINATION OF STRIKE IN PITTSBURGH DISTRICT FORECAST

United Mine Workers Say They Will Meet Scale Committee of Coal Producers.

(By the Associated Press.)—Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 29.—Termination of the coal strike in the Pittsburgh bituminous district was forecast today when the district officers of the United Mine Workers announced they would meet the scale committee of Pittsburgh Coal Producers Association this afternoon on invitation of the association to discuss framing a scale under the Cleveland agreement.

"Peacock Alley" Author Ex-Soldier

Edmund Golding, who, from a story by Ouida Bergere, wrote "Peacock Alley," the Tiffany production for Metro, starring Mae Murray at the Pastime Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, is an Englishman. He was leading man in Sir Herbert Tree's company before the war and during the war he served in France.

His scenarios include "Tolaine David," "Madonnas and Men," "Man of Stone," "The Regular Girl," "The Glorious Hour," "Beyond the Bend," "The Devil-Lover," "The Sin That Was His," "Dangerous Toys," "Dangerous Paradise," and "Daughter of the World."

In "Peacock Alley" he tells the romance of a Paris dancer who married an American business man. (The picture is presented by Robert Z. Leonard, who is also director. The photography is by Oliver T. Marsh, the art settings by Charles Cadwallader, and the sub-titles by Frederic and Fanny Hatton.

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