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MINERS ARE PREPARING TO ENJOY A HOLIDAY; SOME GOING TO EUROPE

For Eight Years Mines Have Operated at Full Blast and Now They Are Going to Take a Rest—Making Gardens.

(By The Associated Press.)
WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 5.—Suspension of operations in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania was hailed by the average mine workers as an opportunity for a vacation and most of them are planning thoroughly to enjoy the holiday. For eight years the colliers had been operated on almost a full schedule, the work period being marked by unusual activity. The miners, therefore, their leaders said today, were glad that for a time, at least, they would not have to answer the early morning whistles, now silent.

Younger men and boys made idle by the suspension have turned to athletics as a means of breaking the monotony. Baseball, handball and quills appear to be the favorite diversions. Baseball leagues are being formed in the three districts and regularly scheduled games are planned.

Other men are planning long fishing trips into the Pocono mountains when the trout season opens April 15. Large parties are being formed to live under canvas while in the woods.

The streets of the larger cities in the hard coal region daily are crowded with idle miners and business is reported brisk. Theaters and motion picture places are playing to capacity houses and the department stores report unusual large spring trade. Believing the suspension was inevitable, union leaders said most of the miners started weeks ago financially to fortify themselves against it, and that most of them are prepared for at least four weeks of idleness. In some places, chiefly heads of families, are seeking work in other industries to conserve their savings, the leaders said.

In the Shamokin district hundreds of the idle men are preparing gardens and truck patches for spring planting. Many are going into the gardening projects on a large scale, and in event of a protracted tie up hope to realize a substantial sum on their vegetables. Some of the plots are located on property owned by the coal companies, the fields of which have indicated that they will not interfere with the gardening.

THOUSANDS DO HONOR TO LATE BOOKER WASHINGTON

Many Attend the Unveiling of Statue to Founder of Tuskegee Institute.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., April 5.—Transportation methods ranging from special cars to mule back were utilized to bring to Tuskegee today a steady stream of white persons and negroes to attend the unveiling of a statue of Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute.

School authorities said the gathering was the largest in the history of the institute. Special bands, brought parties from York, Washington, Chicago, Atlanta and New Orleans, and the country-side rallied in automobiles, on horseback, muleback, afoot and in every conceivable kind of vehicle.

The unveiling will take place during the afternoon. Dr. Wallace Buttrick, president of the General Education Board, will deliver the founders' day address and Dr. George C. Hall, of Chicago, and Joseph Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, also will speak. A letter from President Harding, praising the work of Booker T. Washington was made public today. In it, the President said:

"I think there will be little divergence from the opinion that Booker T. Washington was one of the most useful Americans of his time, and that the work he inaugurated and so long directed is already demonstrating the wisdom of his attitude towards one of the great public questions of the nation. My own views on this subject are in no small part the result of my observation of Dr. Washington's work and its results."

"I have long felt that Booker T. Washington had vision of the right way to deal with our national problem of races, in a manner most likely to produce the best effects from the standpoint of the entire nation and of all elements of its people. I am glad of the occasion thus to signify my very high esteem for a great leader."

GREAT BRITAIN WILL ALSO CALL ON ALLIES TO PAY INTEREST ON WAR DEBT

Since She Has to Pay Interest on War Debt to United States She Will Also Expect to Collect From Other Allied Nations.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, April 5.—The British Government has addressed a note to the Allies declaring that, owing to the fact that Great Britain has to pay the interest on her debts to the United States, she reserves to herself the right to call upon the Allies in turn to pay the interest on their war debts to Great Britain.

In this connection it is pointed out that Great Britain is now fully prepared to pay the interest due the United States.

PARIS, April 5.—The French reply to the British note concerning payment of interest on war loans by England is likely to be that the question is bound up with that of the inter-allied debts, which must be dealt with as a whole, says The Echo de Paris, quoting a well informed source. Payment will only be made if the settlement, the reply will say.

The British communication notified France that the three year convention expiring at an early date, would not be renewed.

The understanding in French official circles has been that the whole question of inter-allied debts will come up soon on the initiative of Great Britain, as the result of the American funding bill requiring the payment of interest on the debts of the Allies to the United States. As all these operations are linked together, it is held in French circles that a settlement between any two countries requires a general adjustment.

The British Foreign Office is understood to have informed the French ambassador in London that the British Government will bring the question up, but the French Foreign Office declared today no formal note on the subject had yet been presented.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Beyond press reports of Great Britain's preparation to begin the payment of interest upon her five billion dollar war debt to this country, the Treasury is as yet without information on the subject.

Great Britain, officials said today, has been reported as laying aside 25,000,000 p. s. in her budget for this year to meet interest payments to this country. In October the first semi-annual interest payment will fall due after the expiration of the three year period during which, by mutual understanding, interest on the debt was deferred.

On April 15 the deferred interest due from Great Britain, officials said, will amount to approximately \$615,000,000 but this sum, it has been understood, would be the subject of funding negotiations along with the principal of the debt when the new debt commission begins working out a general liquidation scheme.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS TO MEET THURSDAY

Frank P. Wilson, State C. E. Thursday Evening at First Presbyterian Church.

A most interesting epoch in church work among young people of Gaston County is promised in the coming gathering of the first semi-annual interest meeting of the Christian Endeavorers of the county, this Thursday at 7:30 p. m., of all the Christian Endeavorers of the county. The usual glad welcome of the people of the First church will be extended to all who attend, and an interesting program will be rendered with Mr. Frank P. Wilson, state C. E. secretary for Virginia and North Carolina as the principal speaker. Interesting talks will be made on C. E. work by other leaders present, and it is expected that a Gaston county union for Christian Endeavor work in the county will be formed.

Every society in the county has been extended a cordial invitation to be present and large delegations are expected from the following churches and communities: First Church, Charles B. Armstrong Memorial and West Avenue Presbyterian church of Gaston, Glynn, Union, New Hope, Lowell, Belmont, Dallas, Cherryville and Bessemer City. The importance of the meeting is emphasized in the fact that the ministers of the above churches without exception have pledged their cooperation in the work, and expect to be present at the gathering Thursday night.

CIVIL VETS WOULD HAVE GREAT REUNION

(By The Associated Press.)
GETTSBURG, Pa., April 5.—Civil war veterans have started a movement for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg with another great reunion here in July, 1923. The local Grand Army post, sponsor for the movement has been assured the cooperation of the chamber of commerce and business men's organizations in an effort to obtain Federal and State aid in financing the project and getting a military display worthy of the occasion.

CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ROUNDING UP BOOTLEGGERS

Chief Orr and His Men Have Thrown Out the Drag Net For Venders of Booze—Several Draw Long Road Sentences—All Appeal to Superior Court—Police Believe They Have Several of the Worst Offenders.

Chief of Police Joe Orr and his men are rounding up the liquor sellers in Gastonia. During the past two weeks a number of men have been arrested, tried and sentenced on charges of selling liquor and the police department thinks it has caught some of the chief offenders in the recent round-ups. In almost every liquor case tried before Judge A. C. Jones in Municipal Court recently appeals have been taken by the defendants to Superior Court which convenes next month. At that time a large number of these cases will come up for trial and it is expected that a stream of liquor will be put up by the liquor gang to escape their just deserts.

For several months past Gastonia has been flooded with cheap liquor—not cheap in price, for it retails at \$3.00 a pint—but cheap in quality. This has been a matter of common knowledge and comment by the citizenship generally and yet it has apparently been a difficult matter to put hands on the blind tigers and bootleggers. It is the hope of the law abiding element of the city—which is the large majority—that the present campaign by the officers will result in landing on the roads every professional bootlegger and blind tiger operating here. All of the men tried for whiskey selling during the past two weeks have been white men with one exception and it is believed that a goodly number of the white men who are designated by the police department as "wholesalers."

Charles Heavener was tried in Municipal Court Monday on the charge of receiving, transporting and keeping liquor for sale, was convicted on two counts and sentenced to 12 months and 10 months respectively on the county roads. Through his attorney he took an appeal to Superior Court and his bond was fixed at \$1,000, which he posted. Testimony at the trial was to the effect that Heavener furnished Arthur Sanders, colored, a five-gallon can of liquor and the latter was selling it.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL HOLD A BIG MEETING TO START SERVICE DRIVE

Service and Compensation Drive Will Begin Thursday, April 6—Aim is to Collect All Information About Every Former Service Man.

Gaston Post No. 23, American Legion, will hold an important meeting Thursday evening at the courthouse when the National "Service and Compensation" drive for the county will be inaugurated. The following letter sent out to the member gives the purpose of the meeting and the drive:

"Here's the plan: There will be started in North Carolina on the 6th of April by the Legion all over the State, a National Service and Compensation Drive. Questionnaires will be given you, through committees, which we want filled out by every ex-service man in Gaston county, whether he is a member of the Legion or not. These questionnaires, when returned will give the Legion first hand information on every man who went to war. If he's in trouble through sickness incurred in line of duty, out of a job, is having trouble with War Risk Insurance or if there's any way he can be helped, we will then have a record of him and will be able to know how to get about helping him. If you'll come to the meeting, we can, in a few words explain more of this proposition, but from this outline you can judge that this drive is a nation wide plan whereby the Legion wants to have written information about every man who went to war."

"The only way we can get to every ex-service man in Gaston county is through a personal, mill to mill, house to house, church to church, business to business canvass and to do this, we've got to have the cooperation of every Legionnaire."

"This is not a membership drive, but a movement whereby we hope to do what we've outlined above."

"Now, there won't be any more at this meeting, no feed, no fireworks, we won't keep you over an hour. We've got a world of 'em' started now and if you'll take an hour off and meet with us, you'll certainly be helping along a good cause. It's mighty easy to pass us up and go to the picture show but it's very little we're asking, so we're looking for you Daddy—and counting on you to lend the old helping hand."

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Labor Leader Says That All They Want Is Justice and Fullest Pledge—Is Willing to Abide by Arbitration.

NEW YORK, April 5.—In a statement today by President Thomas E. McMahon, of the United Textile Workers of America, replying to that made last week by Edwin P. Greene, treasurer of the Pacific Mills at Lawrence, regarding the recent wage cut and consequent strike, the labor leader declared for arbitration of the controversy.

The textile industry he described as "already the worst paid labor industry in the United States." The wage data of the national industrial conference board covering 19 industries in addition to textile industries supported this conclusion, he asserted.

President McMahon said he erred in a recent public statement that a 33 1/3 per cent stock dividend was distributed by Pacific Mills in 1919, adding:

"If I think Mr. Greene will agree with me that it was a natural mistake to make since so very few increases in capitalization of New England textile mills have been made except by issuing stock dividends. That is, capitalizing profits."

Continuing, Mr. McMahon said:

"It seems to me clear that since Mr. Greene's mills welcome the fullest publicity and base their case upon justice that nothing stands in the way of their making a natural mistake to make since so very few increases in capitalization of New England textile mills have been made except by issuing stock dividends. That is, capitalizing profits."

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KIWANIAN WILL GO TO COLUMBIA IN FORCE

At their regular meeting held in the Baptist Annex Tuesday at noon members of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club had plans for going to the district convention in Columbia, S. C., on April 27 and 28 in such force as to bring back the attendance prize offered to the club having the largest percentage of its members present at the district meeting.

More than 50 members signed up at this time to make the Columbia trip and from ten to twenty more are expected by decision to aim and make proper arrangements to get away during the two days of the meeting.

It being a strictly business meeting, there was little oratory. Kiwanian Daves Stralton, county highway engineer, was called upon to speak to a subject assigned to him some weeks ago and told interestingly of the work being done by the State and county Highway Commissions in Gaston county. Outlining briefly the various projects under way, and certain to be in the near future, he showed that by May of next year Gaston county would have a system of hard surfaced highways ranking among the best in the State, and far ahead of all but few of the largest North Carolina counties.

Mr. Thomas J. Brawley, auditor of the People's Bank, was introduced as a new member. Announcement was made that the next luncheon on April 18, would be held in the evening, and would be served by the pupils of the Domestic Science department of the Gastonia High School.

STRIKING MINERS MAKE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS

(By The Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 5.—Conflicting statements again characterized the strike standing in the coal regions yesterday, operators saying that no union mines were operating at normal capacity while union leaders maintained that many of these were closed and that the ranks of the strikers were being steadily swelled.

President C. Frank Keeney, of district No. 17, of the union, after a personal survey of the fields, said all union operations were "down" except those granted permission to continue to provide fuel for public utilities. Operators held that 55 mines in the New River field were worked yesterday and union officials made little comment on this region except to say that no new steps had been taken there to effect organization of the unaffiliated miners and that they expected constant growth of the strike movement.

Four more mines in the Winding Gulf section were closed yesterday, representatives of the operators admitted. In the Kanawha field 16 mines were working, the total number of employed being less than 400 men, however.

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