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STRIKE HAS CLOS'D 6,000 COAL MINES

600,000 Miners Walked Out April 1st; A Long Strike Is Predicted

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—Complete suspension of coal mining by union workers marked the beginning today of the national walkout ordered by the United Mine Workers of America. Union leaders said 600,000 miners, including 100,000 non-union men, had enlisted in the movement, and declared no change was expected soon.

The exact effectiveness of the suspension, especially in non-union and partly organized fields, because today also marked the anniversary of the introduction of the 8 hour work day in the coal industry, and is an annual holiday in the coal fields. Nevertheless, union officials were confident that no union man, except those authorized to stay at work, would return to the mines Monday.

Union headquarters here prepared no tabulation showing the geographical distribution of the idle men, but reports from field leaders showed the great bulk of the suspension centered in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and nearby southwestern states. Reports from other fields were somewhat vague, and union officials did not expect an exact showing for the entire country would be available before the middle of next week.

President John L. Lewis estimated that 6,000 of the 7,500 mines in the country that have been operating recently had closed, and in addition it was pointed out that 2,500 mines have been idle for some time. Changes in the suspension were expected to be relatively slow in becoming apparent, but indications of possible spread of its effect developed at points where railroads laid off many crews operating coal trains.

Union leaders declared they were not expecting any early defection from the miners' ranks on account of any operators attempting to resume work on an open shop basis. However, the union men declined to express any opinion on the probable action of organized workers in partly unionized fields, where the situation was regarded as hinging largely on the attitude of non-union employes.

In various fields, particularly in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the field leaders of the union were planning meetings during the next few days to gain as much support as possible from the non-union workers. In the strongly unionized fields, which were hit the hardest today by the suspension, the union leaders regarded any break in their battle front as impossible.

The anthracite fields of Pennsylvania and the big soft area comprising the central competitive field, and the southwest interstate district, were believed by union officials as already started on an indefinite and prolonged suspension. Reports also indicate that the other coal fields were closed today, but operators in some of these districts were said to be planning to resume work soon.

Mines in western Canada were reported as closed, but those in Nova Scotia were in operation and 5,000 operatives in Kentucky also were scheduled under the unions program to remain at work, Mr. Lewis declaring this was in harmony with a contract with operators, that has another year to run. In addition, 13,000 union men were to remain in the mines to protect the property from damage, but reports to union headquarters here indicated that disputes had developed in Iowa, Montana and Washington as to the wage to be paid these maintenance men.

Origin of the Term "Pin Money."

When pins were invented in the fourteenth century, the maker was allowed only to sell them on the first two days of January, and upon these days women flocked to buy them. They were so expensive then that it was the custom to give as a present a certain sum of money to be used as pin-money. Hence the term.—Concord Times.

William G. McAdoo has received license to practice law in California.

THIS WEEK IS "MILK WEEK" IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

Miss Bridge, of Harnett and Miss Swain of Nash Will Assist In Demonstrations.

This week is being observed in the county as "Milk Week," a preliminary campaign, it is hoped, to further developments along this line. For some time past, the county home demonstration agent, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, has been stressing the importance of milk in the diet. The Woman's Club of this city has assisted in the work locally by putting on a "Milk Day" at the Drug Store and by a play given at a community sing recently. It is Miss Garrison's intention this week to go further with the campaign by working with the Woman's Clubs of Smithfield, Clayton and Benson, and through the schools at those places this week. She expects to follow up this week's work by meetings at other places, perhaps, and by contests in compositions and posters in the schools. Mr. J. A. Myatt, proprietor of Myatt's Dairy here, has offered cash prizes to be given in the school here for best poster work and best compositions emphasizing the importance of milk. He has also offered to furnish milk for the demonstration work. Doubtless similar inducements will be made in other sections.

During this week, Miss Garrison will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Bridge, of Lillington, Home Demonstration Agent, of Harnett county and Miss Marion Swain, of Nashville, Home Demonstration Agent of Nash county. A schedule of meetings has been arranged at Benson, Clayton and Smithfield at which practical demonstrations of ways of using milk in preparing recipes will be given. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday A. M.—Ivanhoe Mill, Smithfield.
Tuesday P. M.—Benson Woman's Club.
Wednesday A. M.—Benson school.
Wednesday P. M.—Smithfield Woman's Club.
Thursday—Clayton and Pythian Orphanage.
Friday—Smithfield school.

STATE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AT CHARLOTTE

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the State Convention closed an interesting session in Charlotte, Thursday night. It is considered one of the best sessions of the convention ever held. More than 600 delegates and visitors were in attendance. The report showed a fine year's work and the addresses were of an unusually high order.

The following officers were elected to serve for the next year: Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, Raleigh, president; vice-presidents, Mrs. Weston Bruner, Raleigh, Mrs. F. G. Battle, New Bern, Miss Macy Cox, Magnolia, Mrs. T. B. Henry, Wadesboro, Mrs. C. A. Klutz, Asheville; Miss Elsie K. Hunter, office secretary; Mrs. J. D. Boushall, recording secretary; Miss Mary Warren of Dunn, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. N. Simms, secretary young women's auxiliaries; Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, junior superintendent; Miss Mary Warren, Mrs. Simms and Miss Briggs, editors of department in Biblical Recorder. These, together with the same executive committee as last year, except the substitution of Mrs. L. E. Mattison for Mrs. W. F. Marshall, all live in Raleigh.

Johnston county ladies who were appointed to serve on committees were: Mrs. A. O. Moore of Clayton on Committee of Young People's Work and Mrs. M. P. Davis of Four Oaks on Committee for W. M. U. Training school.

Miss Parrish Entertains D. G. S. Girls

Thursday evening Miss Eula Parrish was hostess to the D. G. S. Girls, only club members being present. Rook was played at two tables. Toward the close of the evening a delicious salad course was served.

Ivanhoe Mill Defeats Brogden.

The Ivanhoe mill baseball team defeated the strong Brogden team Saturday, April 1st by the score of 7 to 4. Batteries for Ivanhoe: E. Gordon and Benson; for Brogden, Pilkinton and Green.

THE TOBACCO SITUATION IN KY.

Mr. T. S. Ragsdale has Just Returned from "Blue Grass' State

Mr. T. S. Ragsdale of the T. S. Ragsdale Co., who has been allied with the tobacco interests of this city almost since the establishment of a market here, has just returned from Kentucky where he spent a week investigating the success or failure of the Co-operative Marketing system in the burley tobacco section of that state. While away, Mr. Ragsdale covered about one-third of the tobacco territory of Kentucky, visiting Lexington, Paris, Maysville, Richmond, Mount Sterling and Shelbyville. After interviewing bankers, merchants, and farmers, Mr. Ragsdale is convinced that co-operative marketing has been an unqualified success in Kentucky, and believes that what has been a good thing for Kentucky will be a good thing for North Carolina.

One of the first persons with whom Mr. Ragsdale talked about co-operative marketing was Mr. James C. Stone, president of the Kentucky Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing Association. This association has operated one year and the farmer members, bankers and business men are unanimous in their praise of the plan for selling tobacco. Mr. Stone informed Mr. Ragsdale that the Association has paid back all money borrowed to market the crop, from 30 to 60 days before due, and has several millions of dollars now in the treasury. One hundred twenty million pounds out of a crop of 170 million pounds was turned over to the pool, a little over half of which has been sold. About 40 per cent of the price to be received was advanced to the farmers when the tobacco was turned over to the association. The association leased and bought 117 warehouses to handle the weed. It was not found necessary to borrow money from the War Finance Board, having been able to obtain all needed funds from the banks of Kentucky.

Mr. Ragsdale did not stop with interviewing one or two leaders in the movement, but discussed the proposition with big business men and little business men. He had interviews with fifty-three farmers on the subject and the unanimous consensus of opinion was that cooperative marketing is the way to sell tobacco. The farmers in the pool expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied and stated that it was their belief that from 50 to 60 per cent of those not now members will join this year.

The Smithfield chamber of commerce held a meeting in the town hall last night to consider the movement in Johnston county. A report of the meeting will be given in a later issue.

EX-SERVICE MEN URGED TO REINSTATE INSURANCE

ATLANTA, Ga., March 31.—Service men in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee will be asked by the U. S. Veterans Bureau to reinstate \$10,000,000 worth of government insurance during April, according to Joe Sparks, Liaison Officer, National Headquarters American Legion. The instructions for the campaign which is to be staged April 10 to 17 have been sent to the Fifth District organization by Mr. M. Bryson, District Manager, Chambers of Commerce, civic organizations and service bodies have been asked by the bureau and the American Legion to give assistance.

"I consider this an important move," said Mr. Sparks, "because all service men should take advantage of the government insurance. I am urging all Legion posts to support the movement to the limit. With the proper effort at least \$10,000,000 worth of insurance should be reinstated. It is a very simple matter for service men to take advantage of this generous offer by the government."

The State Commander of the legion in the several states have been asked to support the movement. Governors of the several states will be asked to issue proclamations urging service men to reinstate their insurance.

District Manager Bryson will place the full machinery of the Veterans Bureau back of the campaign.

DEMOCRATIC CO. CONVENTION 15TH

Mr. Pou Calls for Township Meetings to be Held Sat- urday, April 8, 2 P. M.

In response to the call of the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee I respectfully ask that the Democratic voters of the various townships in Johnston County meet at their precinct meeting place at 2 o'clock Saturday April 8, 1922, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the County Convention and electing a Chairman of the Precinct Committee.

The County Democratic Convention is called to meet at the City Hall in Smithfield Saturday April 15th at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention which will be held in Raleigh Wednesday April 20, and to elect a Chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee. I respectfully urge a full attendance at all meetings.

I take this opportunity to thank the Democrats of Johnston county for the honor bestowed upon me two years ago in selecting me as your Chairman. I thank you for the loyal and effective support you gave me. Without your help it would not have been possible for Johnston County to practically have doubled the Democratic majority in 1920.

I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support you rendered me.

Respectfully,
GEORGE ROSS POU.

MASTER SPEEDSTER LIKENS TIRE TO HUMAN BODY

With the number of automobiles, trucks and motorcycles reaching the point where today there is one motor vehicle to every ten individuals in the country, attention is very naturally focused on the nation's tire bill and while many agencies are at work looking to keep this cost at a minimum the whole thing ultimately rests with the tire user.

In those words are summed up a paragraph in a recent letter sent to his agents by "Barney" Oldfield, master speedster, now president of his own tire company. "Too much consideration," the letter continues, "cannot be given to the matter of seeing that the tire buyer not only selects the right type of tire and the right size but that he understands how vital it is to give the tire proper care."

"A tire is much more than simply a rubber casing with a tube inside into which one must now and again pump a certain amount of air," Mr. Oldfield points out, "in fact in many respects a tire resembles the human body. The carcass, built up ply upon ply of rubber insulated fabric, corresponds to the flesh, bones and muscles of our body, while the other parts of the casing, such as the side walls, cushion and tread act in a protective capacity similarly as the skin does on the human body."

"Driving an improperly inflated tire or a tire with cuts, boils, bruises and improperly applied repairs is to severely abuse it, perhaps lose it, while at the same time there is no money to be saved in buying cheap 'off' brand tires which have nothing to recommend them."

"In my years of racing on the world's great speedways," Oldfield's letter concludes, "I came to know the vital part tires play in safety and satisfaction and when I decided to build tires myself it was with the determination of bringing to the motor owning public not only the best tire that money can buy, built as the fruit of experience, but to keep everlasting before the tire buyer the need of giving his tires the same consideration as he does his car's important mechanism."

Hollywood Needs Fumigation.

Hollywood needs fumigation. Page Will Hays, please. "The names of sixty-eight movie stars who had been divorced, but are not married again, and of sixty-six 'stars' who have been divorced, and are married again, are given by a correspondent of one of the great dailies of New York."—News and Observer.

Mr. L. M. Ogburn, of Benson, who formerly ran a Pressing Club here, was in the city Tuesday.

DEATH OF SIAMESE TWINS HAS RAISED LEGAL POINT

Were They Two Persons Or One, Is Question—Who Gets \$100,000, Estate, Son or Relatives?

CHICAGO, March 31.—The death of Rosa and Josefa Blazek, the "Siamese twins," has left the Cook county probat court with a legal problem which apparently is unprecedented. In determining the disposition of the \$100,000 estate of the twins the court must decide if 11-year-old Franz is the son of one or both of the twins.

A scientific controversy which began even before the death of the sisters early yesterday has resolved itself into the question: "Were Rosa and Josefa Blazek one individual personality or did they constitute separate entities?"

If they were one personality the son will inherit the entire fortune which was accumulated by the twins during their exhibition tours of the world. If they were two distinct personalities, Rosa being the mother and Josefa the aunt, only Rosa's half of the estate would go to the lad, while Josefa's closest relatives, including her 85-year-old father, and four brothers, would be entitled to her half.

Physicians say there are physiological facts to support each contention and attorneys agree that a legal opinion must be based upon a scientific analysis of the bodies.

So far a post mortem has been opposed by the brother, Frank Blazek, who is in the city. It was he who prevented an operation before death which physicians urged as the only possible means of saving one of the sisters.

NO RECOGNITION OF PASSING OF CHARLES

VIENNA, April 2.—No official recognition of the passing of former Emperor Charles thus far has been given by the republic. Neither half masted flags nor the customary display of sable bunting were to be seen in Vienna today. The absence of the aristocracy and a large increase in the attendance at the churches were the only private evidences of recognition of the death of the last Hapsburg ruler. The voluminous obituaries and appreciations of the former emperorking, which fill the press today, are colorless, but kindly. They dwell on the virtues of Charles as a man, as a statesman, for being well-meaning but an unfortunate ruler called to the throne at a time when greater men than he could not have done more for the people. The circumstances of his death in exile and poverty elicit a note of pity.—Associated Press.

Spring House Cleaning.

Omar Kamyam.

About the first of April each year every housewife who prides herself as a cobweb chaser gets the house cleaning bug. For a week or more what was once a happy home becomes a wreck. From cellar to attic everything is topsy-turvy. The furniture is dislocated, and the pictures that used to hang on the wall are piled in the hall. The carpets are ripped up and you hear the floor-boards calling for its mate. The front piazza is filled with mattresses and there is soft soap on the stairs.

The patient husband eats at a hash factory in town, and sleeps with the pup in the dog-house. And there is a stern duty connected with house cleaning that no husband escapes. That is beating the carpet. "John," says the frau, before he can beat it to work, "I wish you would beat the bedroom carpet." Alas, poor John. He starts on the job with mighty smites. He beats the carpet into a pulp—tries to break every bone in its body.

The dust gets in his nose and he nearly sneezes his head off. Then Mary comes out and says that if he beats it an hour longer she thinks the carpet will be fairly clean. Mary a man has been transformed from a carpet beater to a wife beater by just that kind of talk.

Last of the War Dead Back.

The last of America's war dead from France and England arrived in the United States last week. The contingent was from France and consisted of 1060 bodies.

DR. IRA LANDRITH BE HERE APRIL 17

Law Enforcement Commu- nity Mass Meeting at the Methodist Church

"The American Issue" devoted to furthering prohibition throughout the nation, carried in the number of March 4th, the itinerary of several speakers of prominence who propose to campaign North Carolina during the spring months prior to the primaries, this city to be included in the itinerary. The following comment was made:

"The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League is now planning a speakers' campaign that will reach every part of the state. We hope, in these two hundred meetings, so to reach the Christian patriots of this state that they will wake up to the necessity of using the primaries to nominate the right type of men to make and to enforce our laws. Every man and woman who wants to see North Carolina make good in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment is requested to become a booster for the meeting that is to be held in his town or community and to make out of every one of these meetings a community mass meeting for obedience to law and enforcement of law."

Dr. Ira Landrith, a famous orator and Chautauqua lecturer is scheduled to speak in Smithfield at the Methodist church, Monday, April 17. He will speak in Dunn on Tuesday 18th. In speaking of Dr. Landrith, "The American Issue" said:

"Dr. Ira T. Landrith has been a prominent character in this nation for several years. He is a native Texan and the size of the state indicates the dimensions of the man. Physically speaking, he is six feet, three inches and weighs two hundred and forty pounds. For 14 years, he was the editor of a religious newspaper and a most prominent one for reform measures in Tennessee. In his church councils, also, he has gone to the top, having been moderator. For the past several years, he has been one of the star speakers of the Anti-Saloon League of America. The San Francisco Call, speaking of his visit to that city, said: 'Twelve thousand people simply went wild.'"

State S. S. Meeting in Charlotte.

RALEIGH, April 1.—Opening sessions of the State Sunday School Convention in Charlotte will be held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in the Second Presbyterian Church. There will be two general sessions on Tuesday—afternoon and night.

The program committee is sending out this week twelve thousand programs of the convention to the pastors, Sunday school leaders and superintendents of the state.

The Charlotte General Committee on Arrangements of which Mr. W. E. Price is Chairman, has secured sufficient homes for all who attend, and are making ample preparations for the entertainment of delegates in the private homes of the city at the rate of \$1.00 per night for lodging and breakfast. A record breaking attendance is expected by the local workers. All trains will be met by the committee and the delegates assigned homes.

Sunday Schools of the state are requested to send three delegates besides the pastors and superintendents who are delegates by virtue of their office. All County and Township Sunday School Association officers are also considered as official delegates.

Reduced railroad rates of one and one-half fare have been granted by the railroads of the state, certificate plan, provided as many as 350 certificates are presented for validation.

Keep On.

If the day looks kinder gloomy,
An' yer chances kinder slim,
If the situation's puzzlin',
An' the prospect awful grim,
An' perplexities keep pressin',
'Till all hope is nearly gone—
Jest bristle up an' grit yer teeth,
An' keep on keep 'n' on.

—Anonymous.

Hiram Hardscrabble says: "Another difference between death and taxes is that death is a perennial, not an annual."—Wallace's Farmer.