

## PRESIDENT CALLS UPON GOVERNORS

### Asks 28 States to Give Protection to Men Willing To Work Coal Mines

WASHINGTON, July 18.—In the name of the common welfare, and the paramount need of the American people for the production and transportation of a fuel supply, President Harding tonight through telegrams called upon the governors of 28 coal states to furnish protection and safeguards to men and employers willing to resume work in the industry notwithstanding the mine workers' strike. To the efforts of the states in this direction, he said, "the federal government pledges to give every assistance at its command."

Behind the telegrams there loomed the definite indication of a government decision to obtain the resumption of transportation and mining both hampered today by labor walk-outs which high government officials consider interconnected and associated.

Replying to a question late today, Attorney General Daugherty said: "Naturally there's a relationship between the railroad and coal situations, whether inspired or conspired I am not saying."

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, declared the President's message to the governors "merely a gesture which will not produce coal," and asserted that the mine workers' strike would be continued. Earlier in the day before the telegrams had been dispatched, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, predicted in a statement that President Harding's invitation to the operators to resume operations would result in no appreciable increase in production. He added that "when a half million men are aggrieved is a poor time indeed for the roll of drums, the rattling of sabres and the pounding of the mailed fists."

President Harding in his telegrams explained in detail the negotiations and conferences with union officers and mine operators and the offer of existing wage scales to the striking miners, all of which had ended, he said, in failure to reach a voluntary adjustment, and left no recourse but to invite the mine operators to return to their mines and resume operations. For this last endeavor, he asked the assistance of the states.

The telegrams went to the governors of the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Oklahoma, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The text follows: "The proposal of the federal government to the United Mine Workers and the various coal operators, whose mines are under suspension, to submit all questions in dispute to a national coal commission for arbitration has been declined as a body. The majority of the bituminous operators pledged unqualified acceptance.

"The anthracite operators filed unconditional acceptance. A minority of the bituminous operators accepted the principle of arbitration, but made specifications which could not be considered. I had proposed that the operators and mine workers in dispute should immediately resume coal production under the wage scales and working conditions which prevailed at the time of the strike on last April 1; that every question in dispute should go to a national commission to be composed of three representatives of the mine workers, three representatives of the operators and five representatives of the American public. It was proposed to make the commission the final authority on all disputes until next March, and meanwhile the commission was to inaugurate a searching inquiry into every phase of the coal industry, in order to recommend the way to maintained understanding between workmen and employers, to promote steady employment and assure a continuous and ample fuel supply.

"The failure to secure the acceptance of this proposal for a volun-

## DENBY IN AN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT BUT ESCAPES

### Machine Was Flying 4000 Feet Over Great Wall When the Engine Stalled.

PEKING, July 19.—Secretary Edwin Denby of the American navy narrowly escaped death here today in an aeroplane accident. He was flying at a height of 4000 feet over the Great Wall when the engine of the plane stalled. The machine was demolished in landing, but Mr. Denby was uninjured.

The plane belonged to the Chinese government and had seen service in the recent fighting between Generals Wu Pei Fu and Chang Tso Lin. Secretary Denby emphasized, however, that he made the flight at his own suggestion, and that he did not go as the guest of the Peking administration.

The forced landing, made in the heart of the hills traversed by the Great Wall, was a thrilling one, after a spectacular flight in which a high altitude was reached to avoid the mountain tops.

The party took off from the capital at noon. In the plane, besides the head of the American navy, were Captain Robert Bruce and Commander George Simpson of the American navy, and Charles Dolan, of Boston, who piloted the machine.

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"I trust you will find it consistent to second this invitation, if you have not already done so, with the invitation to all miners and operators to resume their work. This invitation should be accompanied by such assurance of maintained order and the protection of lawful endeavor as will give assurance to everybody concerned. I want to convey to you in this message the assurance of the prompt and full support of the federal government, whenever and wherever you find your own agencies of law and order inadequate to meet the situation.

"Your state government and the federal government are jointly responsible for maintained conditions under which free men, willing to work, may work in safety. We are responsible for the production and transportation of a fuel supply ample for the necessities of the American people, and the public utilities which serve them, particularly the railways engaged in interstate commerce. We must have ample coal to maintain industrial activity, we must have the coal necessary to the health, security and the activity of the people. I recite you these details because it is important to have it understood how far the federal government has gone in seeking a voluntary adjustment. Thus far there has been no challenge of workers to decline employment or the right of the employers to hire as they elect.

"Our present duty is to guarantee security in the exercise of these rights, security in all lawful operations, and afford a safe opportunity for that production and distribution demanded by the necessities of the American people. There has been no government assumption of a part in the dispute between organized workers and organized employers. I did offer the only available agency which I know to effect a settlement, and these good offices have not availed.

"It becomes necessary, therefore, in the name of common welfare, to invite production in the fulfillment of that obligation which attaches to an American industry engaged in providing any public necessity and to afford security to all men alike who are ready and willing to work and serve the common need. No cause is so important as that of common welfare and there must be the suppression of every unlawful hindrance to the service of that cause. To the task of lawful protection and the maintenance of order the federal government pledges to you every assistance at its command.

"WARREN G. HARDING."  
—Associated Press.

## GOVERNOR SENDS NEGATIVE REPLY

### Morrison Tells Harding His Labor Policy Is Wrong; Will Keep Order

"Your position is practically to use the power of the government against the strikers," Governor Morrison yesterday wired President Harding when he declined to join with the President and the Governors of 27 other States in an invitation to striking coal miners to return to work. The full duty of both State and Federal Governments has been discharged when rigid order is enforced while employer and employee fight their economic battles to a finish, the governor said.

Refusal of Governor Morrison to join hands with the President was conveyed to Washington in a telegram in response to the invitation of the President sent out on Tuesday. At the same time the Governor informs the President that he has at his command adequate military forces to maintain order in North Carolina without the assistance of Federal troops.

Let the parties to industrial disputes fight their battles to the finish, with government exercising no function save that of police powers has been the attitude of the Governor from his first contact with labor disputes in Concord last fall. The invitation of the President was predicated upon the coal strike, and in replying the Governor takes the opportunity to reaffirm his position, which bears now entirely on the railroad strike.

North Carolina's two coal mines are not involved in the strike of the miners, and the Governor says that it would be a vain thing for him to invite them to return to work. He would not do so even if they went out on strike, he tells the President. He elaborates his views at some length in the following telegram dispatched to the White House yesterday afternoon:

"His Excellency Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

"Your wire of yesterday received last night. There is very little mining in this State, and so far as I know there are no strike troubles in this industry. It would be a vain thing for me to invite coal miners to return to work in this State, but I would not do so anyway. I am truly sorry that a judgment long formed and repeatedly expressed heretofore in my State prevents my agreeing with your position as set forth in your telegram.

"I deem the whole policy of National and State Governments trying to adjust labor disputes unwise. It always forfeits the confidence of the side to such a controversy finally decided against by the Government and creates suspicious of the impartiality of its exercise of police power. I believe the full duty of the Government and the part of wisdom is to uphold the law with fearless impartiality and permit parties in industrial disputes to fight the economic battle to a finish.

"Your position is practically to use the power of the Government against the strikers and in the enforcement of police regulations and the upholding of the law the strikers will naturally have little confidence in the impartiality or fairness of soldiers or other agencies of force directed by a Government which has taken a decided stand against them, however good the reasons for such a stand may be. I will elaborate my views in a letter mailed today, which I earnestly hope you will do me the honor to read.

"There will be no trouble in North Carolina in upholding the law in this or any other controversy. I am quite sure I will not need Federal forces to aid me in the position I have taken of non-interference with either side in such controversies except to uphold the law and keep the peace, and protect every would-be worker, union or non-union, from menace, insult and violence. In this position I have the united support of practically the entire citizenry of the State.

"I deeply sympathize with the great burden of responsibility upon your shoulders and truly regret that

## LAYING PLANS FOR COMMUNITY FAIR

### Mill Creek Community In Bentonville Will Hold Fair October 12

The people of the Mill Creek section in Bentonville township are laying their plans for the best community fair they have had yet. The date has been set for October 12th, and the committees are already at work. Mr. N. B. Stevens, County Farm Agent, and Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, Home Demonstration Agent have been conferring with the committees and the premium list is about ready to place in the hands of the printers. Attractive prizes will be offered, and a general good time is expected on October 12.

The officers of the Community Fair Association are as follows: President, Mr. S. W. Lassiter; vice-president, Mr. Elwood Barfield; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Norman Langston; assistant secretary, Mr. J. H. Marshall. The department officers include the following: Farm and Field Crops, Messrs A. M. Rose, L. T. Cox, and W. H. Upchurch; Horticultural products: Messrs M. C. Barfield, Joseph Lee and N. T. Flowers; Live-stock Messrs J. T. Langston and Edgar H. Barfield; Home Economics, Mrs. Ethel Langston, chairman; Canned Products, Miss Emma Flowers; Needlework, Miss Cora Flowers; Pantry supplies, Mrs. Allie Barfield; Flowers, Mrs. E. H. Barfield; Junior department, Mrs. Lonnie Williams, chairman; Curios and Relics, Mr. H. C. Williams; Program, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, chairman.

## A. C. L. EMPLOYEE IS TARRED AND FEATHERED

LAKELAND, Fla., July 19.—R. J. Sanders, employe of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad shops here, was taken from an automobile in front of his home today by 12 men and given a coating of tar and feathers. He was warned not to return to work at the shops and said tonight he would comply with the warning.

## Mr. Troy Starling Dead.

Mr. Troy Starling who was brought to the hospital here last Monday from his home near Pine Level, having fallen from a truck and hurt himself, died Tuesday morning at about 10:30 o'clock. Physicians found that his windpipe was fractured as he struck a nail in falling from the truck. The accident was most unusual and the sad consequences have cast a gloom over all that community.

The deceased was buried Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the old Creech graveyard. Rev. W. G. Farrar, of Princeton conducted the service. We are informed that later a memorial sermon will be preached at Tee's Chapel. A big crowd was present to pay a last tribute of respect to their friend and neighbor. Mr. Starling leaves a wife and seven children who have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

## Revival at Johnson's Chapel

A revival meeting will begin at Johnson's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, five miles west of Four Oaks, next Sunday, July 23, at 11 o'clock A. M., and will continue through the following week. The public is invited to attend.

I cannot join you in an invitation to the miners to return to work which is practically taking sides in the controversy. I hope under no circumstances in this or any other controversy you will use military force in this State until after conference with me. We will not need it as the forces at my command are adequate, and will be used, to protect the humblest laborer, union or non-union, in this State, in every legal right. If I should be mistaken in this, although I am sure I am not, I will instantly call upon you for aid.

"With highest respect, and every good wish.

"CAMERON MORRISON,  
Governor of N. C."

—From the News and Observer, July 19th.

## RELATE STORY OF BATTLE AT MINE

### Inquiry Into Clifton Mine Clash Adjourned Until Friday; Testimony.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., July 18.—The inquest into the death of Sheriff H. H. Duval and three other men who were killed in the attack on the Clifton mine, near Cliftonville yesterday, was adjourned late today until Friday when it became evident there was some confusion in the mind of a foreign witness who was testifying through an interpreter.

The witness, a Hungarian non-union miner, while reciting his story of the fight, said he saw two men standing near the tent colony and firing at the deputy sheriffs. He later withdrew this statement, and it was explained that the interpreter was unable to determine just what the witness meant.

Deputy sheriffs who took part in the fight were the other witnesses. George Caldwell, a prominent Wellsburg business man, testified, testified that the "invaders" rushed down the hill firing and yelling as they ran, and drove the deputies to cover behind a freight car. Here they were subjected, he said, to a heavy fire from the tent colony. He detailed the fight around the tippie, saying that the mob charged the deputies three times before they were finally driven off. High J. Radcliffe, another deputy, startled the jury by declaring that he had seen six dead men during the fight. The official account of the dead so far is Sheriff Duval and three of the attacking party. Another witness, J. C. Edwards, mine superintendent, said the wounded had been taken from the mine and given first aid at a farm nearby. The owner of the farm, who was said to have been a former union miner, was arrested and taken to Wheeling.

W. S. Wilken, prosecuting attorney of Brooke county, said tonight that as soon as the inquest is completed, the evidence would be laid before a special grand jury, and if indictments were found the accused would be brought to trial within a month.

Eleven more prisoners were brought in late today by the state police. Some of them had been arrested in the vicinity of Avella, Pa., where the Pennsylvania state police, were reported as active. One prisoner had a bullet wound in the shoulder and said he had been wandering in the woods without medical attention since the fight.—Associated Press.

## Rose Bush 42 Years Old.

Mr. Phillip Lee, who lives on Four Oaks, Route No. 3, was in town Tuesday and gave this office a call. While here the conversation turned to roses, and flowers, and Mr. Lee told us of a rose bush at his home which is 42 years old. His wife planted it in 1880 and without any special care it has lasted for 42 years. It is not a climber, but is a good sized bush probably four or five feet high and blooms all summer long. In May and October the bush is a mass of lovely deep pink blooms. We doubt if there is an older rose bush in Johnston County.

## A Little Boy Dead.

The body of the little three year old son of Mr. J. C. Wallace, of Raleigh, who died at his home Sunday afternoon of diphtheria, was buried Monday afternoon at the Wallace graveyard near Bethesda church. Funeral services were conducted in Raleigh by Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church, at the home at two o'clock, the interment taking place at about four o'clock. The little boy was a nephew of our townsman, Mr. M. A. Wallace.

## CHINA HAS GONE BROKE

### Finance Minister at Peking, Lacking Funds, Shuts His Office.

PEKING, July 18.—Minister of Finance Tung Kang today closed the doors of the Department of Finance, with the announcement that they would remain closed until funds could be found for the empty treasury. He predicts that President Li Yuan-Hung's administration will be unable to weather the present crisis.

## ACTIVITIES U. N. C. SUMMER SCHOOL

### Graduate School Enrolls 200—Credit for S. S. Work Discussed; Clinics

CHAPEL HILL, July 20.—Approximately 200 students are enrolled in the Graduate School, of the University Summer School, according to Dean Edwin Greenlaw. Practically all the Southern States and many other states are represented in this number, and there are many college professors, high school principals and others working for M. A. and Ph. D. Degrees.

"It is remarkable how great a number are using four consecutive summer sessions to get their M. A. degrees," commented Dr. Greenlaw, in speaking of the work of the Graduate School. Many of the Graduate students have been here several sessions before, and are specializing in various fields of advanced study.

The Graduate School of the University has grown by leaps and bounds during the past several years, and now its scope reaches far out beyond the bounds of the state. In winter and summer, students take work in the Graduate School, coming from nearly every state in the union. It is the one great department of the University that has not its work confined principally to North Carolina.

A plan for cooperation between the local high school and the Sunday School, whereby credit may be secured for Sunday School work was the subject of study and organization here Wednesday. Superintendent E. D. Pussey of the Durham Public Schools was present, and suggested the plan employed in his city in this respect. Increasing interest in Sunday School work is being exhibited by the Summer School students. Devotional exercises are being held by the young ladies, and the Presbyterian Church conducts its Sunday School on the lawn. Vesper services are being held each Sunday night underneath the David Poplar.

Reports coming in to the University authorities from the twelve centers in the State where the project has been launched, of bringing to the doctors postgraduate medical instruction in subjects for which they were formerly forced to spend a month or more in one of the large cities, indicate that great success will be the result of the undertaking.

This program, the only one of its kind in the United States, was started by the University Extension Division and the Medical School at the request of the medical profession of the state. There are now two prominent physicians from without the state, selected for the purpose of making daily lectures and clinics for the local practitioners. In these meetings a more recent development in the study and treatment of diseases are being discussed and latest scientific methods applied in the large medical centers of the country are being described by these two highly trained experts.

There are two circuits organized this summer; the eastern circuit composed of Durham, Selma, Goldsboro, Wilson, Rocky Mount and Tarboro, in charge of Dr. Frank A. Chapman, of Rush Medical College, Chicago University; the western circuit composed of Ashboro, Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury, and Charlotte, in charge of Dr. Frank Dennette Adams, resident physician of the Boston City Hospital. The work will be enlarged next year to reach the principal towns of the state in four additional circuits this year not organized.

## Tent Meeting at Four Oaks.

There will begin a series of evangelistic meetings at Four Oaks Tuesday, July 25 at 8:00 p. m. The service will be held under a tent, and Rev. C. E. Clarke, of Carthage, will do the preaching.

Rev. Neill McInnis, of Smithfield and Miss Roberta Bain will be directors of music.

Services will be held twice each day at four in the afternoon and at eight in the evening.

A very cordial invitation to attend is extended to the public.