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Anthracite Coal Strike Unsettled

Conferees At New York Unable to Reach Agreement.

New York, Jan. 12.—Fruitless discussion for many days are on ways to draft a new wage contract brought an end to the anthracite conference today and indicted the continuation of the strike of 158,000 miners for an indefinite period.

At present there appears to be no way out unless the Federal Government steps in and tries its hand at mediation. Outwardly, there has not been the slightest indication that Washington is ready to step in.

The negotiations which came to an abrupt end today, were initiated by Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, through the mayors and burgesses of the anthracite region. Tomorrow the Governor is expected to lay before the Pennsylvania Legislature in extraordinary session his views on the strike situation as it now exists.

The miners, before separating, issued a call for a meeting of the anthracite scale committee at Hazleton Thursday afternoon. A report of the sub-committee that has been charged with the conducting of the strike and the policy of the United Mine Workers, will be considered.

The disruption of the conference, which had been imminent for a week came rather unexpectedly. There appeared to be a better feeling despite that the operators yesterday indicated they had said their last word when they presented a new plan as the "utmost concession" they could make.

TO APPOINT POSTMASTER FOR TOWN OF FOUR OAKS

The County Executive committee met here Wednesday afternoon at the courthouse. The meeting was called by Chairman Geo. T. Scott, for the purpose of recommending a postmaster to fill a vacancy at the Four Oaks postoffice.

Do Better Next Time

Information received a day or two ago by Mrs. R. G. Franklin, giving details of an automobile accident in Dade City, Florida, in which her sister, Mrs. F. H. Bobbitt, and other members of her family miraculously escaped instant death was heard with deep regret by scores of friends and relatives here.—News item in the Elkin (N. C.) Tribune.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



I'd dance to produce me a weight of ah that it would tawment ma ole man.

World's Biggest Steer



A. J. YANDA of Ravenna, Nebr., has raised this giant Shorthorn-Hereford bull, which stands five feet seven inches high and weighs 3200 lbs. It eats three meals daily, with prairie hay, oats and water as the menu.

N. C. Editors Meet Several Cases In At Chapel Hill Recorder's Court

President Chase of the University and "Ole Buck" Made Addresses.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 13.—Addressing the first session of the State Newspaper institute at the Carolina Inn here tonight, Ole Buck, field manager of the Nebraska Press association, declared that "the greatest public utility of all, the one that touches and influences our lives most intimately, is the one that unobtrusively comes into our homes every day, the newspaper."

"One reason we are so indifferent to newspapers," he said, "is because they are so numerous. Another is because they cost so little. As a means of communication nothing else can approach the newspaper in price. Just notice the large amount of information and service you get for two or three cents a copy. The telephone for a month is greater than the cost of a newspaper for a year. The cost of a 10-word telegram may be greater than the cost of a paper for a year."

"Have you ever tried to think what the expense would be if you had to rely upon the telegraph and telephone to distribute to your friends the same news about yourself, and your interest, that the newspaper gladly distributes without any charge to you. Think of the enormous labor that would be involved if you had to write letters to all to tell the news, to say nothing of the stamps and stationery. And think of the confusion there would be in the air if an attempt was made to give all such news by radio. There is nothing that can take the place of the newspapers."

"Suppose business concerns had to rely upon these means for making known the virtues of their merchandise? It would be impossible. Business would be confined to small areas. It would be out of the question to have the enormous general organization of business that we now have, and its consequent great prosperity."

Ole Buck and President Chase, of the university, were the principal speakers on the program tonight. The session was opened at 7:30 o'clock with James W. Atkins, managing editor of The Gastonia Gazette, president of the North Carolina Press association, in the chair. The institute is being held under the auspices of the North Carolina Press association and the extension division, department of journalism and news bureau of the university.

Most of the Day Devoted to Trial of Criminal Cases.

The Recorder's Court for Tuesday, January 12, disposed of the following criminal cases:

Bud Lee plead guilty to violating the prohibition laws. Conditional prayer for judgment was entered in his case. He was required to pay a fine of \$50 and costs and to abstain from drinking whiskey for 12 months.

Tommie Adams, Bennie Baker, and Charles Lee Jr., were tried for reckless driving and violating the prohibition laws. Bennie Baker has not been apprehended. Tommie Adams was found guilty of reckless driving and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs. Charles Lee Jr., was found not guilty.

H. M. Jackson was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50 and costs. This same defendant was charged with assault with intent to kill. Probable cause was found and Jackson was bound over to the Superior court. Jackson is a white man of Wilders township.

Howard Baker, Dallas Moore and Dallas Baker were found not guilty of willful injury to personal property.

Charlie Vann Evans was tried and found guilty for wrongful removing of crops. The court required him to pay \$25 to the prosecuting witness and the cost of the action. From this judgment the defendant took an appeal.

Tom Neal was charged with forgery. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the Superior court.

The State took a nol pros in the case of J. Mose Parker on a charge of forgery.

Zaddock Exum was found guilty of larceny and fined \$50 and costs.

MEMORIAL FOR BRYAN BEGINS TO TAKE FORM

Chicago, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The memorial the William Jennings Bryan Memorial association plans to erect in Washington, D. C. will take the form of a public commons with suitable, useful structures for the service of the people. It will include a central chimes tower, and the prospective cost is \$1,000,000.

N. C. Cotton Ass'n Has Over 38,000

The Association, Its Organization Explained By Officials.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—More than 38,000 cotton growing farmers in North Carolina are directly interested in the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association by virtue of the fact that they are members of the association. In addition to these farmers, there are still others, and a large number of them, who believe in the principles of cooperative marketing and are watching the progress of the association and will join when they are convinced that the association is a benefit.

It sometimes appears that some people have an idea that the Cotton Cooperative Association is merely a firm of cotton brokers or commission merchants or shippers, buying and selling cotton for a profit. The Association does not buy cotton on the market, but does store, insure, grade and sell the cotton of its members. It is not a "foreign" corporation, but is an Association of individuals and these individuals have absolute control of their Association. This control is exercised through a Board of Directors who are elected annually by the members of the Association.

The cotton growing section of the state is divided into ten districts, and the members of each district elect one director. The Governor of the state appoints another director, thus making a board of eleven men.

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association has been doing business for four years and the directors elected each year have been men whose business ability and integrity compares most favorably with any other business organization in North Carolina. These directors do not draw salaries. They give liberally of their time and thought to the problems of management.

The Board of Directors meets twice a month, sometimes oftener, at the association headquarters in Raleigh. This board maps out the policy of management and operates through an organization set up by the General Manager and the several Department Heads who have been elected by the Board. In order to secure an economical administration, the Board has established a monthly budget control, and this budget is made up by a budget committee consisting of two members of the Board, with the General Manager of the Association, and their decisions are approved by the entire Board of Directors.

Whatever measure of success the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association has met with during the past four years can be safely attributed to the fact that the membership of the Association has so far shown that they were capable of selecting a high type of farmer and business man for membership in the Board of Directors.

The present Board of Directors, with the exception of the Public Director appointed by the Governor and who is not a producer of cotton, are all large growers of cotton. The average deliveries of the members of the Board runs over 150 bales each. One member of the Board delivers over 700 bales. In addition to their large farming interests, some members of the Board are interested in cotton ginning plants or warehouses, and some of them are interested in the manufacture of cotton. On the Board, there are merchant farmers, banker farmers, and some who are known sometimes as "dirt" farmers. Nearly every man on the Board was born and reared on a farm, and a cotton farm at that.

Every man on the Board of Directors knows by personal experience the hazards and vicissitudes of farm life. Some of them have held positions of trust in their respective counties. Two of them have served their districts in Congress and retired at their own volition. One member of the Board is a member of the State Salary and Wage Commission, a body that has been criticized somewhat for economy in State affairs.

Production of Hogs Declines In South

Washington, Jan. 12.—Hog production in the cotton states has declined more rapidly than in any other section of the country and is now at its lowest level in more than 15 years. The December pig survey of the department of agriculture issued today says in the group of Southern states there were only 78 per cent as many sows farrowed on that date as in the preceding year and 83 per cent as many pigs saved. The relative percentages of sows farrowed was placed as follows:

Virginia 91.7; North Carolina, 80.8; South Carolina, 71.8; Georgia, 89.7; Florida, 90.2; Alabama, 79.2; Mississippi, 80.8; Louisiana, 73.2; Texas, 62.5; Oklahoma, 69.5; Arkansas, 82.4.

The decline, which, according to the department, has been steadily for several years, is attributed to higher prices for cotton which have prevailed causing more emphasis on cotton production and a neglect of pork production.

Clayton Rotary Club Has Meeting

Address By Dr. Jenkins Feature of Program—Other Clayton News.

Clayton, Jan. 14.—A talk by Dr. C. A. Jenkins, of Clayton, was the feature number on the program at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Clayton last Thursday evening. Dr. Jenkins took as his subject: "Clayton Diamonds." Diamonds he said are all around us here in Clayton; we have only to look and find them and develop them into their true worth. He cited a number of instances where developments might well be made to bring about a greater benefit from our natural resources.

W. F. Morris had charge of the program, which included besides the talk by Dr. Jenkins, a reading by Harry Lee Hall, of Clayton, student at Wake Forest college. His selection "Wanted a Man" was filled with good thoughts, and Harry acquitted himself splendidly. Visitors at the meeting included Dr. Jenkins and Harry Lee Hall, of Clayton; Ralph Gulley, of Norfolk, and the following from the Raleigh Rotary Club: President Wade Marr, Ransom Sanders, George Fitchet, Jim Allison, Howard White and C. D. Matthews. In the absence of President Dwight Barbour, who is spending some time in Florida, the meeting was presided over by Vice President Robert Sanders. A most enjoyable three course dinner was served by the Woman's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Penn entertained most delightfully at a five course dinner party Jan. 1, at 5:30 in the evening. The guests found places around the festive board by attractive New Year place cards. The table, most artistically decorated by the skillful hands of the hostess, was centered with a bowl of poinsettias surrounded by wreaths of holly and fruits in colorful hues. Red and white candles in crystal holders graced each end of the table. The dinner was served by Clayton's most famous chef, Hal Rand. Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Penn were: Mayor and Mrs. John M. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Gulley, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Page, and Mr. Lehman Barnes.

Mrs. Bruce Reeves, of Goldsboro, is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. Dennis Gulley.

Mrs. D. H. Williams returned Sunday from Portsmouth, where she has been visiting her grandchildren.

Mr. Ralph Gulley, of Norfolk, returned home Saturday after spending several days here with relatives.

Mr. Willis V. Poole, linotype operator on the Asheville Citizen, is spending a short vacation visiting friends and relatives in Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Nooe Jr., and Miss Mary Carter Nooe, of Leaksville, spent some time here recently with relatives. Misses Mildred and Gladys Branham, of Raleigh, spent Sunday afternoon here with their

Pou-Parrish Post Hears Frank Grist

Former State Commander American Legion Addresses Local Post.

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion held its regular meeting in the courthouse in Smithfield at seven-thirty Wednesday night, Jan. 13, Commander D. Carlton Stephenson presiding.

At 8:00 o'clock the commander invited the members and guests to the Smithfield Hotel where they all enjoyed a delightful banquet. The commander requested Chas. H. Grady to take charge of the meeting. Rev. Chester Alexander, chaplain of the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion and pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, returned thanks for the banquet. While the coffee and cigars were being served the commander made a report of the Pou-Parrish post.

It was advertised that State Commander Henry Stevens Jr., of Warsaw would be present at this meeting but on account of the illness of his father it was impossible for him to be present. Hon. Frank Grist who was state commander of the American Legion in 1924 and is now the commissioner of labor and printing in North Carolina, was present. Mr. Grist made a delightful address to the membership and invited guests.

Mr. Ed F. Ward and Cpt. St. Julien L. Springs explained to ex-service men the arrangement provided for registration of the discharge and service record in the Public Registry of the county in which they live. They explained that in later years this would be valuable information to the posterity of ex-service men and that it should be done. The public registry of Johnston county shows very little has been done about this and this condition exists probably because it was not before this clearly understood by the men. They urged that every ex-service man has his discharge and record recorded immediately.

Hon. Frank Grist was authorized to draw a resolution to be signed by the Pou-Parrish Post and sent to our National Congress urging the passage of a bill of vital importance to ex-service men throughout the nation.

Several talks were made by those present and all in all it was a great meeting and a howling success. About fifteen new members were secured at this meeting and the future success of the Pou-Parrish Post is now assured. Before adjournment that old and familiar song, "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here," was sung with the parson leading, only he changed the words somewhat to make it comply with the language of a parson. The meeting was then adjourned to meet in Selma on the 27th of this month, with a general invitation to all ex-service men to attend.

Suggest Name For College

In a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Free Will Baptist college, Ayden, N. C., discussed the advisability of the selection of a permanent name for the institution. The committee agreed to ask through the press the people, in and out of the state, to send in names that they think appropriate.

All names must be sent in by February tenth. Only one name from each person will be considered. The person who suggested the name that the board selects will receive a scholarship to the college for one year. In case the winner cannot use the scholarship he can give it to whomever he desires to have it.

Write plainly the name you suggest, and your own name and address, and send to Rev. R. F. Pittman, Ayden, N. C. mother, Mrs. L. R. Branham, Mr. J. F. Puckett, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cole and Mrs. C. B. Strickland, of near Clayton, spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. Puckett at Rex hospital, Raleigh.

COAL MINE EXPLOSION IN OKLAHOMA TRAPS 90 MEN

To Sing in Selma



MR. ERIC F. MASSEY, Tenor, a former Selma boy who will appear in his farewell concert at the Selma Opera House Jan. 19th.

Revival Meeting Well Attended

Services Are Held Every Evening at 7 O'clock—Two Services Sunday.

The revival services which are in progress at the Methodist church this week have been well attended. The sermons have been forceful and convincing and the music has added much to the services. The gospel song in solos and duets have been very impressive. Wednesday evening a duet, "Jesus Leads," by Rev. A. J. Parker and Rev. J. C. Costea, and a solo by Rev. Mr. Mosten were enjoyed by the entire congregation.

Rev. A. J. Parker chose as his text Wednesday evening Rev. 3:30—"Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." He brought a vivid picture of the joy and peace and love that exist in the heart of a Christian when he first takes his stand for Christ, and how he joyfully performs any duty he is called upon for his church. Young Christians do not find it hard to keep from the crowds and out of mischief, he said, but later when they begin to neglect their duties, wander away and the great yearning love dies out of their hearts, church duties become a burden and the ways of sin look more attractive. When love for God cools, service is rendered coldly and formally without enthusiasm or the eagerness prompted by a grateful heart or one alive spiritually. The only way to remedy a situation like this is to turn again to God, Rev. Mr. Parker said. There must be watching and praying and repentance. He closed his sermon with an appeal to all who had grown cold or had wandered away, to turn again and find the peace and joy that God so graciously gives to all who seek Him.

Services are held every night at seven o'clock. Two services will be held Sunday, one at eleven o'clock and another at seven in the evening. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Florida Reductions

We have a few apartments on the Beach that we have reduced from \$200 to \$500 each. Come in and let us talk it over! H. A. McMahon Company, 525 Collins Avenue. Phone 636.—Ad in the Miami News.

Blast In the Degnam-McConnell Mine Near Wilburton Thought to Have Cost Lives of Entombed Men.

8 NEGROES ESCAPED

Wilburton, Okla.,—an. 13.—An explosion in the Degnam-McConnell coal mine, near here today, probably cost the lives of more than 90 men. Little hope was held tonight that any of the ninety miners still in the workings could be reached alive.

Fire which broke out in the workings late today made rescue work hazardous. White damp and falling rocks also contributed to the difficulties.

One hundred and one men, 25 white and 76 negroes, were in the mine when the explosion occurred this morning. Eight negroes had come out alive late today. The bodies of three men were recovered early tonight.

The rescued told of walking over bodies of dead miners as they progressed from a small pocket under the main shaft to the man-way from which they emerged.

John Evans, white boss, A. D. Thomas, a mining engineer of Hartshorne, and two of his assistants were in the mine and have not been accounted for.

All other mines in the Wilburton field closed down soon after the explosion and their crews were rushed to the scene to aid in the rescue work. The wrecked mine was operated on a non-profit basis, as are most of the properties in this area.

Trained rescue crews from Krebs, McAlester, Hartshorne and Haileyville tendered their assistance.

The Wilburton chapter of the American Red Cross served coffee and doughnuts from a hastily erected canteen.

Hysterical relatives of the entombed men congregated about the entrance of the mine and remained there throughout the day. Soon roads were choked for miles by sightseers.

Sheriff Parks roped off the shaft of the mine and none but persons engaged in rescue work was allowed to approach it.

Doctors and nurses with medical equipment were summoned from nearby towns and a special train was brought here from McAlester to rush the injured to hospitals.

A specially equipped rescue car of the United States Bureau of Mines tonight was being rushed here from Asbury, Missouri.

Seventy-five men compose the rescue crews but only four may work at a time because of the narrow shaft.

The work of clearing the tunnel to the remaining men will require between three and four days, it is believed. The digging will continue until all of the bodies are recovered.

Word from the rescue parties exploring the mine said early tonight that 16 bodies had been found. It was said there would be no attempts to remove them to the surface until it has been ascertained that there are no living men in the mine.—Associated Press.

The Mirror

IS THIS YOU?

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

You wore a light brown checked suit, tan slippers, a black bow tie, slouch hat and you had a shrine pin in your coat lapel. You passed in front of V. A. Merritt's house Wednesday at exactly 6:55 p. m.

Miss Lela Talton recognized herself in last Tuesday's mirror.