

## Coal Strike Will Be Fight To A Finish

Each Side Hoping To Gain Advantage From Strike and Neither, In Opinion of President and Secretary of Labor, Will Be Ready To Listen To Reason for Weeks to Come

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Washington, March 31.—The coal strike is to be a fight to the finish. Government officials feel that they are powerless to do anything effective at this time and believe it will be a month or two before either side will be willing to listen to counsel.

Both President Harding and Secretary Davis have been trying for some time to get both sides together, but when each is convinced that it has something to gain by a strike the efforts of a mediator are bound to be futile. Secretary of Labor Davis pointed out to this correspondent today that twenty-three weeks elapsed in 1902 before President Roosevelt was able to bring the last big coal strike to an end. The strike in 1919 was of six weeks duration and was really terminated by the use of a wartime law involving the application of injunctions. The Government is in no mood to resort to such a process now.

Exhaustion by one side or the other is inevitable in the opinion of government officials. There is a surplus of 65 million tons of bituminous and ten million tons of anthracite coal just now. When that is used up by the consumer the crisis in the strike will be reached.

The issues involved in the present strike are fundamental. They are typical of other labor troubles of the after-the-war period, perhaps more closely analogous to the difficulties on the railroads than anything else.

To the layman who doesn't follow the inside controversies of the coal miners, except when an acute situation presents itself, certain facts are essential to an understanding of what is about to happen. There is what in coal parlance what is known as the Central Competitive field which comprises Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. For years it has been the custom in the coal world to have wages fixed in the central competitive field used as a basis for wage scales fixed by mine operators and mine owners outside of that field.

The operators want to break up that system. They insist that every district should be free to make its own wage scales. The miners' union of course opposes that and wants the central system retained. The only new factor in the situation is that the Illinois miners are ready to break away from the central competitive field and make their own agreements with the operators. This situation has a relationship incidentally to coal union politics. The president of the Illinois miners is Frank Farrington, a bitter foe of John L. Lewis, president of the International Mine Workers Union. It is Farrington who is credited with having forced Lewis to declare a strike in 1919, and on this occasion Farrington is ready to break away from the central competitive field, where the largest single block of votes for president of the miners' union is to be found.

As for the amount of coal mined in the central competitive field. It used to be eighty per cent of the nation's total, but now it is only forty per cent. The districts outside of the central competitive field are producing the greatest amount. The operators, therefore, want the right to make their own wage scales irrespective of what happens in the central field. The effort to break up that block has been at the bottom of America's coal troubles for a generation. Naturally it is to the interest of the miners union officials to keep the central competitive field a unit. It means cohesion. Similarly it was to the advantage of the railroad brotherhoods to keep the matter of wage agreements on a national basis so that one scale could be negotiated for all while the railroad companies wanted each railroad system to have the right to deal with its own employees and fix its own rates of labor. The issue is still tied up in the United States Railroad Board, but the railroad systems are gradually winning their point.

There is no similar Government Board to handle coal affairs. Committees of Congress are active trying to find a solution and there always have been proposals to establish a fuel commission to supervise the coal industry, but no sign of enthusiasm in favor of such a scheme is forthcoming from either miners or operators. The chances are, therefore, that the coal strike will run on indefinitely until exhaustion forces the operators and miners into a conference, something which has been con-

## BELIEVES PUBLIC WELL PROTECTED

Attitude of Administration Is That Non Union Mines Production Makes Surplus Ample

Washington, Apr. 1.—The administration viewed today with the protection of the general public of uppermost concern, and it believed that this was assured by the present coal surplus and the production of non union mines.

Indianapolis, April 1 (By The Associated Press)—Confident that the suspension of work begun at midnight by union coal miners would result in a complete tieup of the country's unionized fields, mine workers and officials awaited reports showing the exact effectiveness of the shut down. They expected six hundred thousand men, including one hundred thousand nonunion workers to be included in the walkout. Preliminary reports indicated that the few operators who conduct their mines on a closed shop basis would attempt continued production. For the first time in history, officials said, both anthracite and bituminous fields were tied up and they estimated that six thousand of the nation's seventy-five hundred mines are idle.

Murray Offers Cure  
New York, April 1. (By The Associated Press)—Congressional action to prohibit over-development of the coal industry was proposed by Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers today as a cure for the "great evil which has America in the grip of a nation-wide strike."

Vice President Murray said the men are required to live a year on the earnings of from 40 to 200 days work because of over-production.

Borah for Government Operation  
Washington, April 1.—After a conference with miners and operators representatives today Senator Borah said that Government operation was the only alternative unless the coal industry can be completely reorganized.

The First Bloodshed  
Benton, Ill., April 1.—Two policemen were wounded at a shooting battle with striking miners here today.

## SUB LEVELS HOLD FATHER OF WATERS

Helena, Ark., Apr. 1.—Workmen returning from the levee at Oldtown, where caving occurred last night, said today that water from the swollen Mississippi had gone through a gap in the first levee, but that it was being held in check by subleves built of sandbags.

## Democratic Voters To Meet

The Democratic voters of Pasquotank County are called upon by P. G. Sawyer, chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, to meet at their various voting places on Saturday, April 8, to appoint delegates to the County Democratic Convention to be held at Elizabeth City on Saturday, April 15th, and also to elect ward and precinct executive committees.

## WEEKS SENDS ANOTHER MUSCLE SHOALS OFFER

Washington, Secretary Weeks today sent Congress another Muscle Shoals development offer today. — This one from Charles L. Parsons of Washington.

sistently dodged during recent weeks on the theory that it would be inconclusive. A test of strength has been inevitable and the official impression for the moment is something like this:

"Let them fight it out for a while, and we'll then step in and see what can be done."

## MERCHANTS PLAN SPECIAL STUNTS

Will Hold Prize Contests And Give Away Numerous Articles During Dress Up Week

The merchants of this city are co-operating to provide special individual features for Dress Up Week. Elizabeth City's big spring opening and celebration which will begin at 7.30 o'clock next Tuesday evening, April 4, and will continue through Saturday.

M. G. Morrisette & Company, local furniture dealers, will give each lady who visits their store during Dress Up Week a white enameled broom holder, which is described as a handy, practical, useful household convenience.

The firm of McCabe & Grice on the opening night of Dress Up Week will give away a silk umbrella and a pair of Earl & Wilson shirts, the umbrella going to a lady and the shirts to a gentleman. A guessing contest will decide the winners. Some time Tuesday Miss Mary Lee Long will deliver sealed to W. M. Martin an envelope containing a number between one and one thousand, which he will immediately place under lock and key. The number will be known only to her but nobody in the store's employ or connected with it will be allowed to compete a prize. Any other lady or gentleman entering the store Tuesday night will be asked to register and opposite his or her name write a guess as to the number in the sealed envelope. The lady and the gentleman guessing the number correctly will be declared prize winners. The lady will be permitted to select her choice of any silk umbrella in the house and the gentleman to select his choice of two Earl & Wilson shirts. If there are two ladies guessing the correct number each will receive an umbrella and if there are two gentlemen each will receive a pair of Earl & Wilson shirts.

Louis Selig will also put on a free prize contest Tuesday night of Dress Up Week. Visitors to Selig's on the opening night of Dress Up Week will observe in a front show window a huge stack of kodak films, and each will be privileged to record a guess of the number in the pile. Four prizes are offered the best guessers in the contest, a \$15 bracelet watch, an \$8 Eastman pocket kodak, an Eastman \$2.50 Brownie kodak, and a \$2.50 ladies' fountain pen.

Finebe's band, Elizabeth City's latest, youngest, and perhaps most original assemblage of musicians, will play in the balcony at the store of T. T. Turner & Company Tuesday night, as a part of the Dress Up Week celebration. The members of Finebe's orchestral company are William Jennette, Frank Benton, Carter and Jack Jennette, Selden Mann, and Aubrey Heath. They promise to render something astonishingly new in the musical line, and their performance is likely to be an important feature of the night's celebration.

At 7.30 o'clock Tuesday night, when Dress Up Week is formally opened, visitors to the D. Walter Harris store will enroll their names upon a register, and will receive a slip with a number upon it. This slip is to be deposited in a ballot box, and at nine o'clock the box will be given a thorough shake-up. Then some disinterested individual will draw a number from it. The holder of that number will receive a \$25 suit.

Should the winner wish a more expensive suit of clothes, Mr. Harris will credit him with \$25 upon it, instead of giving him the suit won. Everyone, except of course women and children, is eligible for entry in the contest. The only requirement is that the contestant come in person to the store, enroll his name on the register, and get his number. No numbers are to be allotted by telephone. When the last ballot is cast at nine o'clock, the box will be passed around and all who wish may give it a thorough shaking. The winner may take his suit home that night, and may make his choice from the entire D. Walter Harris stock.

A living model, the first ever used in Elizabeth City, is on the way from Chicago to appear in the window of D. Walter Harris on the opening night of Dress Up Week. Mr. Harris is making special preparations to show the latest spring styles in men's wear and will exhibit a number of the latest.

LOST — SATURDAY SUIT OF clothes purchased at the Peoples Bargain Store. Placed in wrong car at Auto & Gas Engine Works. Please return to C. C. Walker or Peoples Bargain Store. apr 1-7pd

## New Wholesale Grocery Next Business Venture

A new wholesale grocery will open its doors in Elizabeth City within the next sixty days. The owner will be Ben L. Banks, a native of this city and well known here, who has been practicing law at Gatesville for the last ten years. The new establishment will be situated on North Water street in a commodious building now in process of construction next door to the Auto & Gas Engine Works.

Recently Mr. Banks took in as a law partner John Hall, Jr., another Elizabeth City boy, and the law firm of Banks & Hall will continue at Gatesville. Mr. Banks says, however, that he will devote most of his time to the new wholesale grocery venture. His wife was Miss Maud Kramer of this city, before her marriage.

The wholesale plant will occupy a two-story brick building 50 by 80 feet, almost directly opposite the Camden bridge. Mr. Banks hopes to have the building completed in the next six weeks. The grocery will adjoin the new home of the W. H. Weatherly Company, which will occupy a three story building of brick and steel construction, 80 by 100 feet. The contract on the latter building calls for its completion by June first.

When the two structures are completed the west side of Water street from Fearing to Pearl street will be built up solidly in business buildings. With the construction of an improved road across Machehe's Island into Camden County, Water street firms are counting on a marked strategic advantage in their locations.

## RUSSELL'S CHARGES NOT SUBSTANTIATED

Jackson, Mississippi, Apr. 1.—The legislative committee investigating Governor Russell's charges that fire insurance companies had inspired the \$100,000 seduction suit against him instituted by Miss Frances Birkhead reported to the House today that the investigation had failed to substantiate the governor's charge.

## TWO KILLED IN ELECTION PANIC

Buenos Aires, April 1. (By The Associated Press)—Panic seized a monster political demonstration parading the streets here today when a revolver shot gave the signal for a fusillade from the demonstrators. Two deaths were reported, while over twenty were wounded, some seriously. Many were injured in the panic resulting from the fusillade.

## BISHOP DARST AT CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY

At both services in Christ Church tomorrow Bishop T. C. Darst of Wilmington, will preach. Bishop Darst is one of the most popular of all the Bishops of the Church. He is continually receiving requests all over the United States because of his popularity with the people. His great Christian heart and the helpful messages he brings. Also special music has been arranged for both services. The Senior Choir will sing in the morning and the Junior Choir will sing at the evening service. All seats are free in Christ Church and you will be welcome there at both the services, and you will be benefitted by going.

## Stock Market Reflects Improved Conditions

New York, April 1 (By The Associated Press)—Improvement in industrial conditions as indicated by the marked increase in the output of iron and steel, better railroad returns, and enlarged buying of general merchandise for Spring requirements, were the main propelling factors in the stock market which moved this week irregularly and less actively to higher levels.

## PROMINENT SALEM FARMER MISSING

R. C. Lowry Jr., prominent young white farmer of the Salem section of Pasquotank County, disappeared from his home Friday night at ten o'clock and has not been seen since. Searching parties scoured the woods and swamps adjacent to his home Saturday, and up to three o'clock had found no trace of him.

Unconfirmed rumors have it that Mr. Lowry told his farm hands Friday that he was going to do away with himself that night.

## BESTCITY GOES TO CHAPEL HILL

Debaters Won From Edenton at Hertford By Unanimous Decision of Judges

Elizabeth City High School will be represented at Chapel Hill next week, for Larry Skinner and Mattie Spence, negative team, won over Edenton's affirmative team at Hertford Friday night by the unanimous decision of the judges.

Annabelle Abbott and Ellen Mellick, Elizabeth City's affirmative team, had already won from Hertford's negative team last week at Edenton. The Elizabeth City debaters will leave next Wednesday night for Chapel Hill. The preliminaries will take place there on Thursday and the Finals on Friday. The Elizabeth City school trustees have made an appropriation for the expense of the debaters.

This is the second time that Elizabeth City debaters have won a place in finals at the University of North Carolina. The first was three years ago, when the winners were Norman Trueblood, George Modlin, James Clifford, and Ina Mae LeRoy.

Elizabeth City won, too, at baseball at Hertford Friday. The local Red Sox defeated Hertford by a score of 5 to 3. Out of 34 Hertford players at bat, Harris pitching for the Sox, put out 26 before they reached first. The winning runs were scored in the fourth inning when Harris and Ballard scored on Barco's clean double to deep center.

## Was Blackest Month in Ireland's History

Belfast, April 1 (By The Associated Press)—Sixty-four persons were killed in Belfast during factional disorders in March, the blackest month in history.

## Colored Laborer Hurt When Piling Splintered

Jim Mitchell, negro laborer 48 years old, was hurt Saturday morning at ten o'clock when he was struck by a large splinter shattered from a piling by a blow from a pile driver hammer at the new Weatherly building now under construction on North Water street. Mitchell was struck in the abdomen, and was rendered unconscious.

R. E. Lewis, superintendent of construction on the new building, promptly applied first aid measures to the negro, and brought him back to consciousness in a few minutes. Mitchell was taken to the Community Hospital for an X-Ray examination to determine the extent of his injuries.

## SMALL FIRE DAMAGE HERE DURING MARCH

Only \$60 damage by fire was recorded here during the month of March, according to Fire Chief Fiora's report, which was made public Saturday morning. There were six bell alarms. The causes were: Chimney fires 3; sparks from flue, 2; electrical fires, 2; unknown, 1; false alarm, one.

The value of the buildings at risk was \$8,500, and of contents, \$3,500, making a total of \$12,000 in property endangered. The whole \$60.00 damage was to buildings. Fifty feet of 2 1/2 inch hose was laid, ladders were raised 188 feet, and five gallons of chemicals were used. The Department was in service two hours and 37 minutes.

## Launch Service Campaign On War Vote Anniversary

Raleigh, April 1 (Special) — The great service campaign of the American Legion in North Carolina will be launched on Thursday, April 6, in commemoration of the declaration of war with Germany five years ago. Final details in the big campaign are being worked out by the State membership committee, under whose supervision the campaign is being conducted.

It is the ambition of the Department of North Carolina to reach every former service man and woman during this campaign, which lasts ten days. And in reaching these former service people it is the Legion's purpose to offer them every assistance within its power.

## Exile Dies On Madeira

Former Emperor Charles of Austria Succumbs After Brief Illness of Pneumonia

Funchal, Madeira, April 1 (By The Associated Press) — Former Emperor Charles of Austria Hungary died here today.

Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and his wife, Zita, were sent into exile by the Entente Allies after he had made two spectacular attempts to regain the thrones either of Austria or Hungary. Thereafter he was kept a political prisoner on the Portuguese island of Madeira, 400 miles off the African coast.

Although his situation in exile there resembled in some respects that of Napoleon at St. Helena, Charles and Zita occupied a much more comfortable position for they were given a pleasant home in the beautiful city of Funchal whose residents treated them with friendly consideration.

Ex-Empress Zita had left her children in Switzerland and when one of them was taken ill the Allied governments permitted her to return to that country and visit them.

After the establishment of the Austrian republic on November 12, 1918, Charles, who was then in Austria, sought permission to remain in that country but he was asked to leave after it was found he was plotting for his resumption of his power. He left with his family late in March, 1919 and rented a house on the banks of Lake Geneva at Prangins, where he resided for some months.

During this time reports of his alleged plotting leaked out and brought forth a categorical statement from the Entente that the restoration of the House of Hapsburg would not be permitted. Charles had steadfastly refused to abdicate, although he was requested to do so at various times.

On March 29, 1921, he suddenly appeared in Vienna but, his overtures being repulsed by the Austrian authorities, he went to Budapest, where he attempted to take over the Hungarian government from Admiral Horthy, Hungarian regent, but without success. Although appointed by lack of support, the former emperor refused to leave the country pleading illness. Later he offered to renounce all his titles, remaining as a simple citizen.

Switzerland, meanwhile, incensed at his violations of his agreement not to leave the country, was reported as unwilling again to receive him. The members of the Little Entente, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Rumania, sent an ultimatum to Hungary demanding his ejection and on April 6 he reentered Switzerland, which received him on the understanding that he would engage in no more intrigues or propaganda. He was ordered to remove his residence from near the border to the central part of Switzerland and did so, locating near Weggis. The Swiss increased their guard over him but on October 22 he reached Raab, Hungary, having crossed the Swiss frontier in an airplane. He formed a "legitimate cabinet" at Raab and marched on Budapest with an army of 12,000 men.

The Hungarian government sent loyal troops against him and he was finally captured with his wife near Komorn and confined in the castle at Tata Tovaros until the Entente Allies determined that he should not again have opportunity to attempt a coup d'etat, sent them to Madeira.

A few days later he and Zita were conveyed by a British warship to Funchal where they arrived November 19, 1921.

Emperor Charles I of Austria, King of Hungary, was an unpromising major in an Austrian infantry regiment when the shot of the assassin who killed the Archduke Francis Ferdinand on June 28, 1914, made him the heir apparent to the throne in the "Hawk's Castle" on the banks of the River Aar.

Two hundred or more monarchs of the historic house of Hapsburg ruled for centuries the land of Magyar, Slav and Teuton—centuries of bloodshed, tyranny and aggression—and sleep their last sleep in the wonderful crypt of the Capuchin Church in Vienna. Emperor Francis Joseph, the aged predecessor of the youthful Charles, seeing "the handwriting on the wall," had hoped to unite the discordant elements among his 50,000,000 subjects whose racial antagonisms were complicated by the absorption by Austria of the Serbian provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1908.