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In Fact, There's Possibility That Head of Mine Workers Is Facing Virtual Defeat in Battle With Operators Over Terms of New Agreement as to the Wages of the Anthracite Miners.

Washington, Nov. 24.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, has forced President Coolidge's hand in the coal controversy—but that's not saying he has gained anything by it.

For now that Mr. Lewis has carried the case to the public prints, the President will say publicly what he and Secretary Hoover have been saying privately for several weeks; namely, that the Government cannot intervene to force the fulfillment of contracts to which it is not a party and that the miners can have recourse to the courts if they feel contracts have been broken by the mine owners.

The letter written by Mr. Lewis can be interpreted as containing a threat of a soft coal strike and it also can be construed as forwarding an appeal to the courts. It was purposely left in ambiguity to draw some expression from President Coolidge which might be used as justification for either course.

Mr. Lewis' letter is considered by Government officials to be incorrect in one important particular. When he says the Federal Government not only brought about the Jacksonville conference but participated in it and approved its findings, he misstates the case. The Departments of Justice and Commerce and Labor did assist in bringing the parties together and the Attorney General gave the usual assurances that there would be no prosecution for possible violation of the Sherman antitrust law if the miners and operators sat down to discuss wage scales; but once the conference began the Federal Government stood by as an "unofficial observer," and responsibility for what was agreed upon was assumed. The best proof of this is contained in the record of what has happened since the Jacksonville conference.

Some of the operators, for example, finding the Jacksonville agreement burdensome, appealed to the Government to arbitrate it, or at least to ease its terms. Secretary Hoover turned down the request flatly, stating that the Government was not a party to the contract and could not intervene except at the request of both parties.

Having, therefore, refused to break the contracts for the operators, the Federal Government now refuses to become a party to enforcement of the agreement for the miners. The Government takes the position that a contract between private parties is enforceable by the courts.

But will the miners carry the case to the courts? They cannot hope to get a verdict in time to be of use to them in the next few weeks. Mr. Lewis might, of course, be getting ready to carry out the long discussed threat of a strike in the soft coal industry, arguing that contracts are no longer sacred and that economic force alone counts, or he may be preparing for a surrender in another parley which he hopes the Government may call to straighten out the whole business. Mr. Lewis has been hopeful of Government intervention ever since last August. President Coolidge has been set against it. Stories to the effect that the Government was a party to the Jacksonville agreement and now must enforce it have been coming from mine headquarters for several weeks without avail. Now Mr. Lewis has come out in the open in the hope of drawing some reply from President Coolidge which may be used as the excuse for the next step toward a settlement.

### CONTRACTORS WILL MEET AT SANFORD

Sanford, Nov. 24.—Contractors from all over North Carolina are expected here December 9 and 10 when the annual convention of the North Carolina Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America will be held here.

### DRUSE TRIBESMEN EVACUATE A TOWN

Belrut, Syria, Nov. 24.—The rebel Druze tribesmen have evacuated Merj Ayun, 40 miles southwest of Damascus, which they recently occupied, a French communiqué today states.

## BEGINS AND ENDS MINISTRY HERE WITH SAME TEXT

Dr. N. H. D. Wilson in Closing Message at First Methodist Church Says Knows Only One Theme HAS PREACHED CHRIST

And Takes for Closing Sermon Same Text With Which He Began Pastorate at First Methodist

Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, who leaves Wednesday for New Bern, where he will assume the pastorate of Centenary Methodist Church, began and closed his four year ministry at the First Methodist Church with the same text: "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

"I hesitated to come before you tonight," said Dr. Wilson to the congregation that filled the spacious church auditorium from the back almost to the front pew, "after a busy week of packing and without opportunity for preparation. And I decided that the only course open to me was to choose a theme so great that no amount of study could ever exhaust it and a text more than once preached upon in other days."

"So I come to you with the same text that I chose when four years ago I brought you my first message and with a theme that exhausts the eloquence of archangels—Jesus the Christ."

"When I came to you four years ago I promised that you should hear from my lips in your pulpit no sermon that was not about Jesus the Christ. I told you that I did not feel that in this promise I was limiting the range of my ministry, for that, in my opinion, nothing could be properly presented in the pulpit unless it touched Jesus. If politics touches Jesus Christ, if commerce touches Jesus Christ, if pleasures and amusements bring you near or remove you farther from Jesus Christ, then and then only do these things become proper topics for the pulpit. And so of other things. If they touch Jesus Christ we may preach about them, but only in their relation to Him. In Him we find enough for all and enough forevermore."

"For the skeptic, there is no argument so convincing as the face of Jesus Christ. If one once looks into that face and still doubts what can human argument do for him?"

"For the careless, impenitent sinner, I know no message save one which lifts up Him who said 'And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me.' Oh, sinner, if you are here tonight, if His love does not lay hold of and grip your heart, what and I say or do for you?"

"If there is a careless, thoughtless, indifferent Christian, following Jesus Christ afar off I know nothing better than to urge him to draw near to Christ. There is a fullness, an adequacy, a satisfaction in fellowship with Him that will bring you joy if you will but let him enter into and direct your life."

"And I can conceive of no saint so rich in experience but what to hear of Jesus Christ would be the sweetest music that ever reached his ears or to meditate on Him the divinest pleasure that his heart could know."

"As I began four years ago, so will I close tonight, by holding up to you Jesus Christ."

"I would like to begin where he was born and to follow those golden footsteps to the hour when the heavens were crowded with blackness. Then I would fall through open gates of the grave and bid you enter into the glorious hope that comes from the resurrection. Then I would like to point you to Him as He is today, the bright, triumphant, shining One, walking down the centuries this way, growing more beautiful as he approaches, and yet heavy hearted because some of you have rejected Him and refused to let Him reign in your hearts."

"Behold the Man. Oh, I can't hold up the ocean in a thimble, but I can find sweetness in the belief that He was tempted in all points like as we are and that He can understand."

"Then think of Him as the Son of God. St. Thomas has been called the patron saint of our times, the doubting saint of a doubting generation. I don't wonder that men should hesitate to accept at one instant the whole body of Christian faith. I do not wonder to hear them say 'It is too high, I can not attain unto it.' But do you remember that Thomas, though he had said that he would not believe until he had thrust his hand in the Master's robe and felt the wound in His side, when he came face to face with the Master and Jesus invited him to come and thrust a hand into that wounded side, Thomas did not do any such thing. Instead he fell at the Master's feet and cried 'My Lord and my God.'"

"And oh when men stand in the presence of the Christ, perfect and incomparable, if they be true at heart, I can not see how they can help but believe until he had thrust his hand in the Master's robe and felt the wound in His side, when he came face to face with the Master and Jesus invited him to come and thrust a hand into that wounded side, Thomas did not do any such thing. Instead he fell at the Master's feet and cried 'My Lord and my God.'"

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## Workers Promise To Break All Records In Final Week of Race

Every Contestant Bending Every Effort to Finish Among Three Who Will Ride Away From Campaign Office in Their Own Automobile

Every hour brings The Daily Advance subscription contest closer to Saturday and the close of the great campaign. Reports coming in to the campaign office from the contestants held at work indicates that this final week will exceed by far any previous week of the campaign.

Who will win the leading prize on Saturday night? Who will emerge victorious when the last ballot is counted and the judges make their announcement? At this writing it is impossible to say.

Columbia and Point Harbor are in the field stronger than ever this week, with Mrs. Davenport and Mr. Gibbs hard at work to bring in every promise of a subscription made.

Chapinoke is responding in fine style with a big final drive by Mr. Wood, while Miss Alice Lister of Weeksville is due to repeat her big week made during the close of the big vote giving period. The R. F. D. workers represented by Charlie Scott, Mrs. Matie Harrell, Elmer Ralph, Mrs. Caroon, Miss Reid and others of the out of town contestants, are all due to have one of their biggest weeks if those who have promised to help don't go back on their word.

For Elizabeth City Mrs. Sam Hughes is blazing her way to a leading prize while Miss Edna Boyce is carrying aloft higher than ever the banner of victory.

Others on the list are expected to spring surprises Saturday night, for they have all at some time or other held commanding positions. Those who emerge the winners will be those who display the ability to close the week with big business.

Contestants are requested to turn in no checks for subscriptions to the campaign manager after Wednesday. Have the checks made payable to yourself if you must take one and have them cashed before turning them in. This request is made in the interest of the paper and the candidates themselves.

Workers are requested during the coming few days to make a special effort to see that their subscriptions are all filled out properly and to have all in order when they make their reports this week. This carefulness will save your friends a lot of inconvenience after the campaign is over, and will enable them to get prompt delivery on their paper.

## FIREWORKS SALE RESULTS IN FINE D. F. Webster Admits to Violation of Law; License Matter Heard

Upon his own admission that his wife had sold fireworks on Sunday, the purchaser being a resident of Currituck County who wished to carry them home, D. F. Webster, who operates a store and filling station on North E. Road street, extended, just outside the city limits, was fined \$5 and costs in recorder's court this morning.

There was evidence also to the effect that Webster had sold cold drinks on Sundays, but the court held that while this possibly was a technical violation of the law, it was common practice here, and Webster should be allowed the same privilege as others.

With reference to fireworks, Prosecuting Attorney LeRoy reminds that it is a violation of a city ordinance to sell or explode them anywhere in the city, at any time.

D. C. Webster, sewing machine salesman, was in court on a charge of operating an automobile without State or city license. He was given until December 1 to comply with the law when he explained to County Judge P. G. Sawyer that he had come here recently from Richmond, and was uncertain whether he would remain. It was in evidence that his automobile bore current Virginia and Richmond license plates.

Joe Riddick, colored, submitted a charge of being drunk, and was fined the usual \$5 and costs.

### BRIAND DECLINES TO FORM CABINET

Paris, Nov. 24. Foreign Minister Briand this afternoon definitely declined the president's request to form a new cabinet.

### Resigns From Irish Free State Cabinet

Dublin, Nov. 24.—Dr. Eoin MacNeill, minister of education and former member of the Irish bountary commission, today resigned from the Irish Free State cabinet.

### PRESENT POLICY IS EVENTUAL SCRAPPING

Miami Fla., Nov. 24.—The present Government merchant marine policy is in effect only one of temporary service and eventual scrapping, Vice Chairman Plumlee of the United States Shipping Board declared here today in his address before the convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association, whereas a national aid policy would enable the Government to realize something adequate from the sale of its active ships.

### BANDITS TERRORIZE TOWN THREE HOURS

Cassapolis, Mich., Nov. 24.—Armed bandits terrorized the town for nearly three hours early today, firing at every resident who dared appear on the street, and finally accompanied by their own revolutionaries after failing to rob the First National Bank.

Their number was variously estimated at from five to 10.

From the confusion of scores of accounts by persons whose temerity led them to see what all the shooting was for, it was disclosed that bandits entered the town shortly after two o'clock.

They bound the night watchman and three other men who were in two all night restaurants, cut the telephone and telegraph wires leading out of the city and for two and a half hours owned the town.

At 4:45, after an ineffectual attempt to break the vault of the First National bank the bandits left in automobiles heading toward Niles.

## LANE GIVES HIS FINAL MESSAGE TO FEDERATION

In Deeply Spiritual Service Speaks on Same Parable as Did Dr. Wilson in Parating Talk Monday

DR. FULLER IS NEXT Will Lead Federation Service Wednesday and Public Invited to Hear Him—Telegram to Ham

Rev. Daniel Lane, who leaves Elizabeth City this week to take up the pastorate of the Northampton circuit after a fruitful Methodist Church of this city, was leader at a deeply spiritual service of the Men's Christian Federation of Elizabeth City Tuesday morning.

The federation voted at the Tuesday morning service to send a report by wire to Rev. M. F. Ham at Greenville, S. C., of the observance on Monday of the federation's first anniversary.

Dr. Ellis Alexander Fuller of Richmond, who is with Dr. Samuel H. Templeman at the First Baptist church, in the revival of the week, was introduced in the federation Tuesday morning and will lead the service Wednesday morning. A full attendance is expected, as the morning prayer service will give the business men of the city a most convenient opportunity to hear Dr. Fuller.

Dr. Fuller presented to a good congregation at the First Baptist Church Monday night and made a fine impression. Services at the First Baptist Church will continue throughout the week at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:30 at night.

It is a singular coincidence, but typical of the harmony that has existed between the pastors of the two Methodist churches of the city, that as the pre-eminence of Jesus was the theme of Mr. Lane at City Road last Sunday morning and of Dr. Wilson at the First Methodist Church last Sunday night, so at the first two federation services this week, Dr. Wilson and Mr. Lane both used as a basis for their farwelling message the parable of the sower and the soils.

Mr. Lane's message supplemented that of Dr. Wilson. As did Dr. Wilson, Mr. Lane spoke of the four types of soil, but whereas Dr. Wilson rather emphasized the wayside and the stony ground hearers, Mr. Lane rather centered his remarks on the thorny ground, where the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the wheat so that it can bear little or no fruit.

"Observe," said Mr. Lane, "in substance," that there are two types of thorny ground hearers. In the first type it is the cares of the world that choke the word. In the second, it is the deceitfulness of riches.

"Riches here in your town there are people too poor, and for whom life is so painful and bitter a struggle for bare existence that they can have no faith in our religion so long as we appear unconcerned about them. And of those of us who are in comfortable circumstances too many are not in real earnest about the work of the Kingdom.

"If we could tear out the thorns of the deceitfulness of riches that choke the word and give God His way in our hearts and lives, His love would send us out to put our arms under these unfortunates at our door and to strive to help them up."

### PAGEANTS TELL OF THANKSGIVING

Grammar Grades Will Present Delightful Program Wednesday Afternoon

Representatives from all the Grammar Grades will take part in two interesting Thanksgiving pageants in the High School building Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

The first pageant is entitled "A Harvest" and the second, "A Thanksgiving." Both are short and are under the supervision of Misses Winnie Roseman, Charlotte Jones, Ethel Bradshaw, Hatie Barney, Mrs. T. S. Sawyer, and H. T. Bowen.

The patriotic pageant, "Keeping Faith" given by the seventh grades last Friday as a part of the observance of Educational Week, was repeated Tuesday morning for the benefit of the High School students. This was supervised by Misses Marie LeRoy, Linda Delon, Annie Fellers, Nellie Moore, Maud Carter, and Elizabeth Kramer, and was a distinct success, being greatly enjoyed at each presentation.

### COLONEL COOLIDGE OUT AFTER ILLNESS

Plymouth, Vt., Nov. 24.—Colonel Coolidge came out of his home today for the first time in more than a week, gave a brief interview, and was photographed.

## First Lady of the Land Fond of Outdoor Sports As Her Husband Is Not

COUNTRY CLUB STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET DEC. 3

Additional Bond Issue of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for Further Improvements to Property Proposed

GOLF GAINING FAVOR Interest in Game Spreads Like Wildfire in Elizabeth City, With Ample Opportunity for Play

Authorization of an additional bond issue of \$20,000 to \$25,000 for improvements will be taken up at a called meeting of the stockholders of the Elizabeth City Country Club, this section's first play center of the kind, at the club house Thursday night week, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock. The stockholders will vote on the proposal.

In the event the bond issue is authorized, as appears altogether probable, there will be no particular difficulty attendant upon the sale of the securities. Club officials believe, through the fact that the money is to go back into the property, and will enhance its value. They consider it an altogether sound financial proposition, and one that should appeal even to the more conservative class of investors.

A \$25,000 bond issue would increase the investment in the club from \$75,000 regarded as not an exceptional first step on an enterprise of the kind. The first investment was \$20,000, in 200 memberships at \$100 each. The second was a bond issue of \$30,000, which at present constitutes the only lien against the property representing an outlay of \$75,000. The original bonds are to be retired at the rate of \$1,500 a year over a period of 20 years. Hence, the ratio of security to indebtedness will rise steadily from year to year, to the advantage of the investor.

It is not proposed to sell the entire \$25,000 in bonds, if such a bond issue is authorized, at any time in the immediate future. In fact, the improvements to be made have not been decided upon definitely as yet, except as to main details. A new election of officers and directors is to be held the first of the year, and there may be radical changes in the plans after they come into office.

As at present contemplated, the improvements would include erection of a suitable pier into Pasquotank River from a point near the club house, and ultimately the extension of the golf course from its present nine holes to 18. Golf is taking like wildfire in Elizabeth City—better, even than its most enthusiastic advocates had hoped—and it is becoming week-by-week more apparent that there will soon be an insistent demand for a larger course. The professional club already is instructing large classes of golfers in the art of the game, and is being urged to give night courses.

Other improvements From the proceeds of the proposed bond issue there is some intimation that there would be undertaken further improvements to the road to the club house, and to the grounds about the building. The directors at present, however, are more concerned with having funds available for such work as they may undertake than they are in determining just what will be done.

As a further means of providing funds for improvements and for the retirement of bonds, the directors are considering a plan to lay off a number of cottage sites in the vicinity of the club house, and to sell them to individuals here who would be attracted by the opportunity to have pleasant summer homes conveniently accessible to the golf course and other recreational facilities of the club, as well as close enough to Elizabeth City not to interfere with their goings and comings for business purposes. It is now a ten minute drive from the business district to the club house, according to President W. P. Duff, who covers the distance in a Ford coupe many times in the course of a week.

### PRESIDENT REPLIES TO JOHN L. LEWIS

Washington, Nov. 24.—President Coolidge has notified John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, that the latter's complaint of violation of the bituminous wage agreement has been taken under consideration here. The President has asked for information and has told Mr. Lewis he will make full reply as he has developed the facts.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 24.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 21.00, Jan. 20.26, March 20.17, May 19.71, July 19.36.

New York, Nov. 24.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 21.50, an advance of 5 points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 21.01, Jan. 20.33, March 20.33, May 19.84, July 19.39, Oct. 18.74.

### Mrs. Coolidge Is First White House Queen to be Genuinely Interested in Athletics

Enthusiastic Fan Goes in For Swimming and Hiking, Too, and Would be a Golfer If Her Husband Liked It

By ROBERT T. SMALL (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance) (Washington, Nov. 24.—The capital of the nation is just awakening to the fact that in Mrs. Calvin Coolidge it has the first lady of the land to be genuinely fond of all forms of outdoor sports. Mrs. Coolidge by her enthusiasm makes up for the apparent lack of it on the part of her distinguished husband.

Mrs. Coolidge has even gone so far as to appear without the President at one of the service football championships in this city between teams of the Army and the Marine Corps and to present the silver cup to the winners. At the world series baseball games played in Washington this fall and a year ago Mrs. Coolidge was among the most rabid of the local fans. She seemed to know the game from beginning to end and kept her own form of score on that she could tell afterward just what happened in each inning. The first lady of the land was first also to be up on her feet in the "lucky seventh."

On the recent Presidential journey to the middle west, when the party was greeted at several points by cheering crowds, she sang and gave their college yells. Mrs. Coolidge is reported to have enjoyed the incidents tremendously, often leading the songs, or following them with the hand of her hand to and fro. During the past summer at White Court, Swampscott, Mrs. Coolidge went in for swimming and took a number of lessons from an expert instructor. She also proved to be an indefatigable walker and it was on one of these long strolls that she narrowly missed being hit by the flying motorcycle of a Massachusetts state trooper.

It would be easy to imagine Mrs. Coolidge as an enthusiastic links woman if her husband had any fondness at all for the ancient and honorable Scottish game. But Mrs. Coolidge has always looked askance at the golfing fraternity. Legend has it that he played at the game once or twice and then decided to place it in the same class with adult fishing. Some of her closer friends believe Mrs. Coolidge would be an adept at the game, but naturally she has hesitated to take it up without Presidential sanction or accompaniment.

Mrs. Coolidge, as a matter of fact, is an enthusiast about every thing. In this respect as in many others, she is without question one of the most charming mistresses of the White House ever has known. Her immediate predecessor, Mrs. Florence Harding, was a woman of great tact, ability, and strength of character. Mrs. Harding was a forceful woman. She was accredited with having applied the driving force which placed her husband in the Presidency. Mrs. Harding also was an astute politician. She liked the game of politics above all other games. Outdoor sports interested her but little. She was rather fond of bridge, especially in her husband's senatorial days.

Mrs. Harding was a lover of society as well as politics and if her health had permitted the brief year and a half she was allowed by fate to reign as first lady would have been the gayest the White House ever had known.

Mrs. Wilson was mildly interested in golf, largely because President Wilson took such keen pleasure in the game. She often accompanied her husband around the links. Mrs. Harding thought of golf as belonging particularly and exclusively to Warren and his men friends and made no attempt to learn or follow the game.

President Taft was an enthusiastic golfer but Mrs. Taft seldom if ever visited the country club when he was playing. President Roosevelt was a tennis "sham" and an enthusiast in most all other outdoor sports, but Mrs. Roosevelt did not take them up. Before Mrs. Roosevelt's time, the women of the country did not go in for sports and so Mrs. Coolidge is looked upon as having set a precedent for the first ladies of the future.