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AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR INDORSES MINERS' STRIKE

MINE OFFICIALS GIVE NO HINT AS TO THEIR FUTURE ACTIONS

Despite Legal Consequences Officials Say Strike Will Continue in Force - Secretary American Federation Labor Declines to Add Statement.

(By The Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 10. — No hint as to the action of the international officials of the United Mine Workers of America at their conference today could be obtained this morning, despite the action of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in Washington last night. The federation council's statement, issued in support of the strike of 425,000 bituminous coal miners of the country, was believed in many quarters to presage a fight on the part of the miners, assisted by labor in general, against the mandatory injunction of Federal Judge A. B. Anderson in Indianapolis Saturday ordering calling off of the strike.

Officials of the mine workers, including Acting President John L. Lewis, and Secretary Treasurer William Green, late last night declined to discuss the action of the federation's executive council and declared they would have no statement to make prior to the meeting today.

Today's meeting set for 10 o'clock this morning, was called following the issuance of Judge Anderson's order. The call sent out by the union heads was directed to all district presidents, members of the executive board of the organization and the entire personnel of the miners' scale committee.

Several members of the general committee arrived last night and early this morning, but would not comment on the strike situation.

The majority of the miners' officials seemed to take their cue from the statement issued last night by John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers, in which he said "statements to the effect that I shall or shall not comply with the mandatory proceeding of the injunction writ are unauthorized and premature."

While it was believed in some circles that an order rescinding the strike order issued October 15 would be approved by the miners' committee and sent on its way

to the coal fields before 6 p. m. tomorrow, the time limit set by Judge Anderson, its reception by the coal diggers was regarded as problematical.

In some districts, it was asserted, there was an opinion that the miners would return to work immediately on receipt of the word from headquarters calling off the strike, but in others the action of the men was considered doubtful.

Reports from the various coal fields since the strike was called indicate that many union men contend that the general committee of the miners have no authority to rescind the order for the strike which, they assert, was decided upon by the regular convention of the United Mine Workers meeting in Cleveland in September.

In case the recall order should be issued by the miners' general committee and some of the individual members of the union refused to recognize the authority of the order and remain idle, any action contemplated by the government could not be learned this morning. A hint, however, was given during the proceedings in the United States district court Saturday, when Judge Anderson said "the Lever act makes it an unlawful conspiracy for two or more persons to arrange to limit the production of coal. That is perfectly apparent to me. Everybody knows that."

No action, it is said, is planned by the government until after the time limit set by Judge Anderson for the issuance of the strike recall order. Meanwhile attorneys for the union were said to be busy preparing their case for an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals in Chicago.

For a Stained Chafing Dish. The green and blue stains left by the fumes of the alcohol lamp on a chafing dish can be removed by rubbing with a soft cloth moistened with ammonia.



THEY'LL BE HERE TOMORROW

DOKIES WILL TAKE GASTONIA TOMORROW

Ceremonial Suez Temple, No. 73, D. O. K. K. Here Tuesday to be Gala Occasion - Many Candidates to Cross Sizzling Sands of Sahara.

THE PROGRAM:

Registration of Candidates at Pythian Club, beginning at 10:00 p. m. The Divan leaves the P. & N. Station, West 2nd Street, Charlotte, at 2 p. m. on special car, arriving in Gastonia at 3 p. m. Paraded by D. O. K. K. Band at 4 p. m. Formal Reception of Dukes, Gentlemen and Ladies at Pythian Club at 5 p. m. Banquet at 6 p. m. at Craig & Sons Building, Main Street. Musical at 8 p. m. in same building.

Local Pythians, Dukes and Ladies to be Dokies are on the road... Order Knights of Klugezza stages its annual ceremonial... is the outstanding occasion of the year in

Dokie circles. Many local Pythians will cross the hot sands. Many will drink from Zen Zen's cooling waters. The Imperial Prince of all the D. O. K. K.'s in the Etats Unis will be a visitor. All the old ones who have forgotten to have a good time in the jungle of the business world will be out wearing their fez and their smile. Many hearts will be made glad and many feet sore, very sore and blistered. Remember the Royal Feast. Let joy be unconfined on the Tag of Dukes. The big show will start along about 2 p. m. at the Suez Temple.

Invites the invitation to the ceremonial: "Robert Adams," "Hacker," "Yellow Face," "Terry," "Bert," "Bert," "Bert" and "Sally" promise to bring their party to "Zen Zen's Bar of Delight."

"The Biggest and Most Enjoyable Ceremony of the Year" is the event of the season in Gastonia, with the Imperial Prince presiding at 11 o'clock.

"Welcome your Fez" Band 2800, 1919 tonight. It is to be a most complete and successful affair from a very successful standpoint.

A special train from Salisbury, appearing in today's Charlotte Observer says: "Many Salisbury Dokies will celebrate Armistice day by journeying to Gastonia to attend the big ceremonial Tuesday evening. They hear that more than a hundred trains have so far been secured for the coming week-end."

More Subscriptions Received. The following are the names of the persons who have subscribed to the Dokie... W. J. Adams, J. B. Adams, J. C. Adams, J. D. Adams, J. E. Adams, J. F. Adams, J. G. Adams, J. H. Adams, J. I. Adams, J. J. Adams, J. K. Adams, J. L. Adams, J. M. Adams, J. N. Adams, J. O. Adams, J. P. Adams, J. Q. Adams, J. R. Adams, J. S. Adams, J. T. Adams, J. U. Adams, J. V. Adams, J. W. Adams, J. X. Adams, J. Y. Adams, J. Z. Adams.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SAYS GOVERNMENT ACTION AUTOCRATIC

Labor Chiefs Denounce Government Action In Attempting to End Strike - Statement Concludes With Appeal to all Citizens to Support Strikers - Strike is Declared Justifiable.

(By The Associated Press)

VICTORY SING WILL PROVE NOTABLE EVENT

Invocation, Rev. A. L. Stanford. Song, "America." The Army, Major A. L. Bulwinkle. Song, "Keep The Home Fires Burning." The Navy, Mr. Plato Durham. Song, "Home Sweet Home." Welfare War Work, Prof. Joe S. Wray. Address, Capt. R. Gregg Cherry. Song, "Star Spangled Banner."

The Victory Sing tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on the courthouse steps will be one of the most beautiful and impressive events ever staged in Gastonia. The ladies of the music club have spared neither time nor effort in their endeavors to perfect a program that shall both entertain and commemorate. It is hoped that the town and county will turn out en masse for this event. All ex-service men are requested to wear their uniforms. The exercises begin at 11 o'clock. The program:

The banks of the city will be closed throughout the day. The postoffice will observe holiday hours, the general delivery windows being open from 8 to 10 a. m. and from 5 to 6 p. m. The city carriers will make the early morning collection and delivery. The road carriers will get off as usual.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE

In order to insure a large attendance at the exercises to be held at the court house at 11 o'clock tomorrow, including the "Victory Sing", the following stores and business houses have agreed to close their places of business from 11 to 1 o'clock:

- Saunders Tailoring Co., Postal Telegraph & Cable Co., W. J. Baltus & Co., Spencer Atkins Book Co., R. E. Johnson, The Ebbel Co., H. P. Shawe Co., McLean Bros., W. L. Thompson, Star Grocery Co., Lindberger Seed Co., W. J. Alexander, City Manager, S. G. Fry, City Clerk, Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co., Standard Hardware Co., J. H. Kennedy & Co., J. Leon Adams Drug Co., McNeely Co., Pearson & Adams Barber Shop, Robinson Shoe Co., Rankin Armstrong Co., Torrence Morris Co., Sherman Bros., Howell Armstrong Shoe Co., First Mount Tel. & Tel. Co., Ford & Henderson, A. J. Kirby & Co., E. Frohman, Davis Market, S. P. Pierce, Craig & Head, A. H. Gibson & Co., Sam Sing Laundry, Ford Undertaking Co., Craig & Wilson, Harry Bauer Company, H. M. Van Sleet, Matthews-Bell Co., Morrow Drug Co., Winget Brothers Co., W. H. Hope Mercantile Co., M. Kaufman, Walters Barber Shop, Gas Co., Hardware Co., The Globe, Askin Clothing Co., Broadway Sample Shoe Store, M. Schultz, P. P. Leventis & Co., R. J. Chandler Furniture Co., American Life & Insurance Co., Singer Sewing Machine Co., Keenick Biddle Co., J. C. Long Co., Bossamer & Co., Albion Grocery Co., Johnson Bolting Co., Moss Barber Shop.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—The American Federation of Labor stood today before the country as an unqualified indorser of the strike of soft coal miners and as bitterly opposed to the action of the government in attempting to end the strike through injunction proceedings which action it characterized as "so autocratic as to stagger the human mind."

Indorsement of the strike was announced last night in a statement issued by the executive council of the federation, which pledged to the strikers the full support of organized labor and appealed to the citizenship of the country to give like "indorsement and aid to the men engaged in this momentous struggle."

After going into the history of events leading up to the strike and since, the statement declared the course of the government in securing a court order at Indianapolis Saturday directing officials of the miners' organization to call off the strike tomorrow night an invasion of the rights of the miners and demanded the withdrawal of the injunction. Use of the Lever act under which the court proceedings were instituted was severely condemned as "an injustice to all liberty-loving Americans." After declaring that "by all the facts in the case the miners' strike is justified, we indorse it; we are convinced of the justice of the miners' cause." The statement concluded with the appeal to all citizens to support the strikers and promised support of organized labor.

NO CHANGE IN PROGRAM OF TREATY DISCUSSION

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—With apparently little change in the program of procedure developed over the week-end despite increasing pressure from members who desire early final action so they might have a recess before the regular session of congress begins in three weeks, opposing factions in the peace treaty ratification debate are still far apart on the reservation relating to article 10 of league of nations covenant, which the communist party in their possession, was recommended by the foreign relations committee and which the administration senators desired most of all to defeat.

The only step discussed today that might hasten consideration of the treaty was the possibility that republican leaders might propose cloture to curtail the protracted debate. In this plan they were said to be supported by a number of democrats.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—Except for the transportation of one phrase, the reservation to article ten is the same as that which President Wilson declared during his western trip he would regard as a negation of the treaty. Its text follows: "The United States assumes no obligation to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country or to interfere in controversies between nations, whether members of the league or not, under the provisions of article ten or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States under any article of the treaty for any purpose, unless in any particular case the congress, which, under the constitution, has the sole power to declare war or authorize the employment of the military or naval forces of the United States, shall by act or joint resolutions so provide."

ARMISTICE SING FOR WEST GASTONIA

West Gastonia will celebrate Armistice day tomorrow with a big community sing at the West Gastonia school at 8 p. m. In addition to the community singing there will be story telling, short speeches by several persons and good special music. The public is cordially invited to be present. For some time past, Miss Robbins, in charge of the community work at the Lora Mill, has been having community sings at the community house and quite a good deal of enthusiasm has been aroused among the people of West Gastonia. Tomorrow night's event promises to be a most interesting one.



HARRY W. NICE, Imperial Prince of the D. O. K. K. Mr. Nice has accepted an invitation to be here tomorrow for the big Dokie ceremonial. He is a prominent business man of Baltimore and was the Republican candidate for Governor of Maryland in the recent election. The election was so close between Mr. Nice and his democratic opponent that the vote is now being recounted. Gastonia will be the first town in North Carolina to be visited by the Imperial Prince.



REV. LEONARD GILL PREACHES AT SEMINOLE Rev. Leonard Gill, superintendent of home missions of Mecklenburg Presbytery, preached a forceful sermon at the Seminole school house last night from the text And He stood before the Governor, setting forth the fact that as Jesus stood before the governor so He stands today before the conscience of each of us and we are called upon to answer. "What think ye of Christ?" Mr. Gill is a very sincere, earnest preacher of the gospel of the cross and he made every one feel that it was a real community meeting for the single purpose of winning lost souls for Jesus Christ. A chorus choir of 45 voices, with Miss Lois Freeman as accompanist and Dr. C. E. Adams as director, rendered the gospel songs in a most acceptable manner. The auditorium was taxed to capacity and should the number in attendance increase it will be necessary to provide a larger hall. Mrs. Gill accompanied her husband to Gastonia and will no doubt be with him during the meeting which will continue through next Sunday.

LABOR LEADERS SAY THE STRIKE WILL NOT BE CALLED OFF

Despite Action American Federation United Mine Workers Refuse to Discuss Events - No Action is Planned by Government Until After Time Limit Set by Judge Anderson.

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10. — Labor leaders predicted today that international officers of the United Mine Workers of America, meeting at Indianapolis, would not call off the coal strike, as directed by Federal Judge Anderson, whatever the legal consequences might be.

White House officials refused today to comment on the federation's statement.

"The situation is in the hands of the courts," Secretary Tumulty said, adding: "This is no time to get cold feet."

One of the spokesmen for the miners' organization said he doubted if Acting President Lewis and his associates had the power, even if they had the inclination, to comply with the mandate.

"The strike was ordered by a delegate convention in the event the operators refused to grant our demands," the spokesman said, "and Lewis merely carried out instructions in ordering the strike. The convention must call it off."

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, declined to add anything to the statement issued last night by the executive council, supporting the striking miners and demanding that the government withdraw the injunction proceedings.

"That was the statement of the executive council and it speaks for itself," Morrison said. "I am not here to interpret it."

The federation secretary had been asked for a statement in view of the opinion in some quarters that the pronouncement

of organized labor was a notice to the striking miners to stand pat. "There is nothing to call," Morrison added. "That question has already been asked a number of times today, and if you want an answer you will have to assemble the council."

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