

LEWIS DENIES HE HAS PROMISED TO COMPLY

Indianapolis, Nov. 9.—John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight denied that he agreed to comply with the order of federal court here yesterday to call off the strike of bituminous coal miners of the country before 6 p. m. next Tuesday evening.

"Statements to the effect that I shall or shall not comply with the mandatory proceeding of the injunction writ are unauthorized and premature," he declared.

Mr. Lewis' declaration was made in view of a reported statement of counsel for the miners yesterday that Mr. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green purposed to obey the court's order, but they could not speak for other officials. While Mr. Lewis would not comment further on the subjects, others indicated that the statement of the miners' attorney was intended to show a willingness of the two officials to call a meeting of the international officials, district presidents, executive board and members of the miners' scale committee for tomorrow, to consider the court's order.

The meeting of union officials has been set for 10 o'clock tomorrow. Several of the district officials, including Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois district, arrived today, but none of them would make any statement. Mr. Farrington's only reply to questions was that he had nothing to say.

The outcome of tomorrow's conference is problematical. Several district presidents gave out statements on the situation last night before leaving their homes for Indianapolis. These statements showed a wide divergence of opinion as to what course should be adopted.

Alexander Howat president of district No. 14, Pittsburgh, Kan. declared that his attitude was unchanged and that "regardless of injunction, prisons and judges of the United States," he was going to fight. C. F. Keeney, president of district No. 17, West Virginia, said that "if ordered to do so" he would withdraw the strike order in his district, as it was not his intention to fight the government. Wm. J. Rickett secretary-treasurer of district No. 15, Maryland, expressed the opinion that even if the strike order was rescinded the men would not have to return to work, and added: "I don't think they would."

Many union men have contended ever since the strike was called that as the strike was ordered by the full convention of miners in Cleveland, only another convention could authorize calling it off. Another phase of the situation in connection with the court order presents the question of what action the government might take if the miners as individuals refuse to obey an order of officials rescinding the strike order. No opinion could be secured in this connection.

LIGHTNING FIRES OIL TANK AND BURNS TOWN

Wichita Falls Texas, Nov. 9.—One man was killed, a number sustained minor burns, and a loss which it is estimated will exceed a million dollars, resulted in an oil fire today which swept 80 acres of proven oil territory on the outskirts of Waggoner City and destroyed a large part of that town.

Waggoner City or "New Town" as it is popularly known, is 22 miles from here and in the heart of northwest extension to the Burk Burnett oil field.

Acres in this field is owned by many eastern and local companies. Lightning struck an oil tank on the outskirts of Waggoner City, which is said to be the largest unincorporated town in America.

The tank exploded and a wave of burning oil swept down the surface of rainwater covered streets setting fire to everything within which it came in contact.

The bulk of the business section was destroyed, according to early reports. Waggoner City

MAYNARD STOPS OVER IN WASHINGTON ON HIS JOURNEY TO NEW YORK

Washington, Nov. 9.—Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard arrived at Bolling Field, near Washington, this afternoon at 5 o'clock in his deHavilland plane, accompanied by his mechanic, Sergeant Kline, and the ever interesting Belgian police hound, "Trixie."

The "flying parson" was greeted by Representative Brinson and his secretary Audrey Moore. A number of visitors joined in the ovation which the Tar Heel aviator received.

A day filled with activities on tomorrow has already been planned for Lieutenant Maynard and Tuesday will mark his unique participation in the armistice day celebration in Washington, when he will start the proceedings with an aerial prayer over wireless telephone from a mile in the air.

Tonight the preacher-pilot is the guest of Representative Brinson. Tomorrow morning Lieutenant Maynard will appear before the house military affairs committee at a hearing on aviation and the relation of aircraft for the future activities of the country in peace and war. During the hearing of the committee when General Pershing was present a letter was read from Lieutenant Maynard which outlined the possibilities of rapid flights from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and his testimony tomorrow will be greeted as that of an expert. His outstanding feat in making the transcontinental flight and return stamps his opinions with that of the technical experts, and much weight will be attached to his views by the members of Congress.

Will Fly on Armistice Day
Following lunch tomorrow Lieutenant Maynard will be escorted to the reserve galleries of the house by Representative Brinson, and it will prove a signal for an ovation led by the Tar Heel delegation and undoubtedly joined in by members of the house regardless of political affiliations, creed or age.

Lieutenant Maynard will be the guest of Senator Lee S. Overman when he visits the senate, and the junior senator will present him informally to his colleagues during visits to the Democratic and Republican cloakrooms. The dignified senator can not be expected to greet the "flying parson" with an ovation for the treaty of peace stands at the forefront.

Tomorrow night Representative Brinson will be the host at a dinner party with Lieutenant Maynard as guest of honor and the members of the North Carolina delegation as guests.

Tuesday morning a few minutes before 11 o'clock Lieutenant Maynard will take the air on an upward journey to deliver his aerial prayer as a signal for the celebration in commemoration of armistice day. Forty-eight American doughboys, representing each state in the union will be grouped at Lafayette Square in Washington to open a series of volleys symbolic of the last minutes on the western front when the Americans, together with the allies, had the Germans on the run from the North Sea to Switzerland. A wireless telephone will be the instrument of transmitting the prayer of the parson flyer to the assemblage in Washington.

Following the celebration here Lieutenant Maynard will go by aeroplane to New York and again participate in an armistice day celebration.

Within the next few days the Tar Heel aviator is expected to begin his preparations for the one-stop flight from New York to San Diego. The single halting place will be Dallas Texas.

has no telephone or railroad connection and the roads are almost impassable. Details are meager.

The fire is believed to have covered blocks 73, 74, 75, 83 and 84, in what is described as the most congested oil field in the world, and it is said probably 200 derricks were destroyed.

PRAYERS IN THE HOUSE FOR MR. WILSON'S RECOVERY



An unusual scene in the house of representatives, showing Rev. Henry H. Couden, the beloved blind chaplain of the house, offering a prayer for the speedy recovery of the chief executive of the nation. Speaker Gillett is seen kneeling.

TOLEDO STREET CARS HAVE CEASED RUNNING

Toledo, O., Nov. 9.—Car riders who last Tuesday voted for an ouster ordering the street cars from the streets because they were paying six and eight cents to travel to and from their work, today were paying from 10 to 15 cents in automobiles of which there was an abundance.

The Toledo Railways and Light company began last midnight to spirit the cars out of the city until not a vehicle with wheels under it was left within the jurisdiction of the city officials who were responsible for the ouster ordinance passed last June, being submitted to the people.

Mayor Cornell Schreiber himself introduced the ordinance when the company increased the fares from 5 cents to 6 cents and 2 cents for a transfer to take care of an increase in carmen's wages.

The cars were removed without notice to public and city officials alike. All were taken into Michigan and stored on sidetracks. The action was taken immediately after official notification was given the company by the board of elections that the ouster ordinance had been approved by the voters.

Officials of the street company of which Henry L. Doherty, of New York, is the head, gave it out tonight that cars are not to be operated here "until a permanent settlement has been reached or is assured." All interurban cars are being turned back at the city limits.

Mayor Schreiber called a meeting of his cabinet today and placed the blame for the lack of street car transportation on Frank R. Coates, resident president of the operating company. The mayor declared that President Coates "broke a gentlemen's agreement" with the mayor, that the cars would not stop running until the city officials notified the company to cease operating.

NEGRO PICKS DANVILLE STREET FOR A BATTLE

Danville, Va., Nov. 7.—Pedestrians on their way to work down Patton street this morning at 7:30 o'clock, witnessed a shooting episode that savored of the wild and woolly west in its palmist days. A feature of the shooting fracas was a runaway automobile bus belonging to the Hotel Dan, and two negroes running down the street, one of them shooting at the other. Henry Pinkard and Hugh Shelton, hotel employees had a difficulty earlier in the morning, the former being hit on the head with a pitcher by Shelton. Shelton went to the postoffice to get the mail, driving an auto bus. When he returned, Pinkard was waiting for him, and opened fire at him at the wheel of the car. Shelton leaped from the bus, letting it follow its own course, while Pinkard dodged around the car trying to get a good target, and finally chasing his quarry down the street and through an alley, firing at him five times in all. The auto bus crashed into a concrete wall and Shelton was later found hiding in the basement of an apartment. Pinkard was sent to jail for 30 days and fined while Shelton was fined \$10 by the mayor.

NEARLY 500 MEN AND WOMEN CAUGHT IN RAID

Washington, Nov. 8.—Inaugurating a general warfare on radical aliens advocating forcible overthrow of the government, agents of the department of justice assisted by the immigration bureau, rounded up nearly 500 men and women in raids last night and today in more than a score of cities, including the national capital itself.

More than 200 of these arrests will be held for deportation and, it was announced at the department of justice that it was the intention to request the department of labor to deport all aliens found to be engaged in radical activities.

Reports to the department of justice tonight showed that 211 men and women were being held on deportation warrants. Further arrests may be made, however, on later developments. Some of those arrested were unable to satisfy government agents that they were American citizens and are still being watched.

The number held on deportation warrants in the various cities follows:

Newark, N. J., 31; Baltimore, Md., 10; Akron, Ohio six; Monessen, Pa., 2; Bentleyville, Pa., 1; Universal, Pa., 1; Cleveland, Ohio, 17; Buffalo, N. Y., 14; Philadelphia, Pa., 9; Trenton, N. J., 1; Hartford, Conn., 33; New York, N. Y., 39; Chicago, Ill., 7; and Detroit, Mich., 40.

Mr. Palmer disclosed tonight also that Adolph Schnabel whom he described as "the brains of the Union of Russian Workers," was taken into custody 10 days ago. He is now at Ellis Island awaiting deportation.

Peter Bianki, who succeeded Schnabel as general secretary of the Russian union, also is being held for deportation.

Primarily the raids, which occurred in practically every industrial center in the east and middle west, were aimed at the Union of Russian Workers, an organization which Attorney General Palmer disclosed was formed in New York 12 years ago by a group of men at the head of which was William Szatow, now chief of the bolshevik police at Petrograd.

In their raids in Newark and Trenton, N. J. the federal agents seized materials for making bombs and a complete counterfeiting outfit together with considerable counterfeit money. In practically every raid the officers found great quantities of radical literature.

The Union of Russian Workers first came into public notice during the senate investigation of the steel strike, Jacob Margolis, counsel for the strike committee testifying that he sought the aid of the Russians in the strike. Attorney General Palmer described the Russian union as even more radical than the bolshevik, and declared its purpose was to amalgamate all of the Russian groups in the United States into one organization. Mass action, including armed action in time of "great national strife," is the principle of the union, he said.

Officials Reticent.
While discussing the activities

NEW YORK'S GREATEST RAID NETS 1,000 REDS

New York, Nov. 9.—Thirty-seven men suspected of leadership in ultra radical activities, were held on various charges today, after state and city officers had finished questioning the 1,000 and more who were bagged late last night in the biggest raid New York ever saw.

The three prisoners regarded as the most important are:

"Big Jim" Larkin, former head of the Irish Transport Workers' union and Irish revolutionist, charged with criminal anarchy. The police said he had a forged passport in his possession.

Benjamin Kitlow, 35 years old reputed to have served a term in the assembly, is charged with criminal anarchy.

Henry Pearl, 55, described as leader of the communist party in his assembly district, charged with violation of the law prohibiting the carrying of firearms.

"Big Jim" Larkin is one of the most widely known English-speaking radicals. He had a stormy career in Ireland and England before he came to New York in November, 1914. Recently he has been seeking to return but the British government declined to receive him, as a consequence of which the Dublin unions threatened a one-day strike of protest. He was arrested here in 1917 after an attack on the draft bill, but was discharged.

Larkin was arrested several times in Dublin in 1913 in connection with strike disorders and was sentenced finally to imprisonment for inciting riots.

Detectives said they found two revolvers and six boxes of cartridges as well as chemicals, in Pearl's home which was used as headquarters for the communists.

Five tons of radical literature were seized at the different meeting places, and is expected to furnish valuable data on radical activities here and elsewhere. Much of it is printed in foreign languages.

Every patrol wagon in the city was used in the raids, which were carried out by Deputy District Attorney General Berger, representatives of the joint legislative committee investigating radical activities, and state troopers and the police bomb squad.

"We were less interested in the persons we got than in the information likely to be obtained about the activities of radicals in general," Mr. Berger said today. "This is the beginning of a nation-wide round up of radicals."

to Mexico."

Mexico Made Promise.

"In response to this warning the Mexican government replied to the government of the United States suggesting, as a means of procuring protection 'that citizens of the United States concentrate in the populous places, where complete guarantees may be offered them by the Mexican government.'

"The state of Puebla is one of the most densely settled districts in Mexico, and the city of Puebla, the state capital, from which William O. Jenkins was abducted, in the second largest city in the entire republic of Mexico. But in the four months next preceding the date of the reply of the Mexican government which I have quoted from, there were not less than thirty-four outrages and disorders attributed by Mexico City newspapers either to rebels, or organized bandits, in the state of Puebla alone, and approximately fifty per cent of these occurred, or were perpetrated in the city of Puebla or its immediate environs.

"And in the face of such a record, in the face of its warning to the Mexican government, and in the face of all national self respect and decency, the department of state of the United States now announces that Mexican bandits and rebels can kidnap our officials or our law abiding citizens in Mexico without let or hindrance or without even arousing 'the active interest of their own government.'"

"On July 22, last, this government announced in an official note to the Mexican government that 'should the lives of American citizens continue to remain unsafe' in Mexico, the government of the United States 'may be forced to adopt a radical change in its policy with regard

DR. CRITZ, ALBEMARLE MAN, FATALLY INJURED

Albemarle, Nov. 9.—Dr. W. P. Critz, a prominent dentist, of Albemarle, is in Rainey hospital, at Bading, fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident which occurred between Bading and Hardaway's camp on the Yadkin river this afternoon.

The latest reports from the hospital are to the effect that Dr. Critz cannot possibly recover, as the entire forepart of his skull was crushed and had to be removed, and that part of his brain was also removed. His death is expected any moment and the hospital authorities do not think he can survive more than 24 hours.

It is stated that the cause of the accident was the faulty brakes of the automobile, which in being driven down a very steep hill near Hardaway's camp turned over twice, injuring all of the occupants of the car, but it is not thought that any of them is seriously injured except Dr. Critz.

The car was driven by Gaston Horne, of Mocksville, father of Mrs. Critz. There were in the car besides Dr. Critz and Mr. Horne, Dr. Critz's wife, Mrs. Gaston Horne, Claude Horne and another small son of Mr. and Mrs. Horne. Mrs. Critz is only slightly injured. Mr. Horne is badly shaken up as is also young Claude Horne. The small boy is not injured so badly, and while it is stated that it is thought that Mrs. Horne suffered some internal injury, the extent of which cannot yet be determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Horne were here on a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Critz, and running out to see the big development on the Yadkin when the accident occurred.

Dr. and Mrs. Critz have been married only two or three months, their wedding having taken place in the late summer. Mrs. Critz before marriage was Miss Esther Horne, of Mocksville, and is well known throughout this section of the state. Dr. Critz came to Albemarle three or four years ago, his home originally being in Davie county. He had built up a splendid practice in his profession and had recently purchased a handsome home on Third street, right in the heart of town. He and his wife have a number of friends among the best people of the town and the tragic occurrence of this afternoon has caused shock to the entire community.

BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY COMMITTED AT DURHAM

Durham, Nov. 8.—One of the boldest highway robberies ever committed in Durham county has just come to light, with no clue whatever as to the perpetrators.

Thursday night, between 8 and 9 o'clock, Red Burton, an industrious and thrifty negro, living in the lower eastern portion of the county, was returning home, after having sold his tobacco on the Durham market that day. When a mile below Bethesda church, some six miles from the city, on the lonely road, Burton was met by an automobile, coming from the direction of Raleigh, containing five white men, all in the uniform of Uncle Sam used in the late war. When the machine was opposite the one mule team of Burton the five men hopped out, and one covered him with a dangerous-looking revolver while the others searched him and his wagon, and took from the negro \$295 in clear, cold cash, and a \$35 new cloak he had purchased for his wife.

After securing their booty they piled into their machine, turned around and speeded back in the direction from whence they came.

Burton was so paralyzed with fear, and the robbery was so sudden and unexpected, that he was unable to get a clear description of his assailants, and is now unable to give a guiding clue.