

ORDER OHIO MINERS RETURN TO WORK

Supt. of The Streets Is Suspended By The Mayor

GEORGE W. MEREDITH DISOBEYS ORDERS FROM THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE; RELIEVED OF DUTIES

Conflict Which Has Been Smouldering For Some Time, Comes to Surface and Results in An Open Break

THE MAYOR TALKS Clark Gives Version Of Incidents Leading Up to His Suspension For the Time Being, of Mr. Meredith

The conflict between Mr. George Meredith, superintendent of streets, and Mayor Edward Clark that has been smouldering for months came to the surface yesterday afternoon in the form of an open break that resulted in the suspension of Mr. Meredith on an order served by Chief A. L. Bryan, under the mayor's instructions. Tonight the board of aldermen will take action.

The friction between the superintendent and the city executive started over the question of the employment of colored labor on the street force. Mayor Clark finally won out. Yesterday it was Mr. Meredith's refusal to take instructions from the mayor, over the authority of Chairman A. A. Kafer, of the street committee, in reference to a bit of street repair work on Middle street, in which, the executive declared, the interests of the public were being injured, that brought the tension to a breaking point. The suspension followed last night.

Acting under orders from the street committee, Mr. Meredith has been directing repairs on lower Middle street for the past week. Yesterday his chief crew was ordered to the location from McMorley's store to Scott's stables, roped off the west side of the street from the street car tracks to the curbing and began work. The length of the roped off section was about a third of the block.

Mayor Clark told the New Bernian last night that Patrolman Wooten went to his office about 3 o'clock and told him there was some confusion among the merchants over the congestion of traffic as a result of Mr. Meredith's work and that he was wanted there.

Mayor Investigates The mayor stated that he went to the scene immediately and found the traffic badly congested. He went to Mr. Meredith and asked him not to rope off so large a section of the street at one time, he said, and discussed with him the possibility of halting the work on Middle street because it was the busiest thoroughfare in the city and this the busiest time of the year. Mr. Meredith told him, he said, that he was working under instructions of Chairman Kafer and could not change his plans there.

With that, the mayor said, he told Mr. Meredith he would see Mr. Kafer and try to have the work changed so as to relieve traffic at any rate. But he failed to find Mr. Kafer and the repairs were continued, half of the street closed. Another attempt on the mayor's part to get Mr. Meredith to open up a part of the street failed, the superintendent maintaining his stand that he was under orders from Mr. Kafer.

Makes Another Effort I made another effort to find Mr. Kafer, Mayor Clark said, "out of courtesy to the street committee. I did not wish to usurp any of the power of his committee. I have always tried to treat each department of the city government with the respect that is due them. But when I was unable to get up with Chairman Kafer, I felt bound to take the responsibility under the circumstances and open up the street for the convenience of the public."

The next time Mayor Clark went to Mr. Meredith he said he gave him instructions to stop his work as well as he could and open up the street. Then it was that the latter told the executive that he refused to take orders from anyone but Chairman Kafer. "Then you have forced me to tell you that I shall have to suspend you," the mayor said he told him. The order was issued; Chief Bryan served it; and Mr. Meredith dismissed his force. "I did only what the charter gave me the right to do as the head of the city government," said Mayor Clark.

Text of Order The following is the text of the or-

Admiral Earl Beatty, Jutland Hero, and His American Wife Here For Visit



Admiral Earl Beatty, Britain's most popular naval hero since Nelson, here to act as naval expert at the arms parley, was welcomed by the city and nation when he arrived in New York recently. This photograph shows him (at left) on board the U. S. navy cutter Vigilant which transported the Beatty party ashore from the steamship Aquatania. With the hero of Jutland is seen Lady Beatty and their younger son, the Honorable Peter Beatty. At the right is Admiral Hugh OdRman, representing the United States navy. Lady Beatty is the daughter of the late Marshall Field, of Chicago.

der of suspension: New Bern, N. C., 3 Nov., 1921 To Mr. George W. Meredith, Superintendent of Streets, New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sir: Please take notice that the undersigned mayor of the City of New Bern has and doth hereby suspend you temporarily from the office of Superintendent of Streets of the City of New Bern for disobedience of orders of the mayor, misconduct and insubordination in office, and that report of such suspension will be made to the Board of Aldermen of said city at a meeting of said Board to be held in the City Hall, Friday evening, 4 Nov., 1921, at 8 o'clock, at which time and place the said Board will consider and report.

Respectfully, EDWARD CLARK, Mayor of the City of New Bern. The Chief of Police is directed to serve the foregoing notice upon Geo. W. Meredith by leaving a copy of the same with him without delay.

EDWARD CLARK, Mayor of the City of New Bern. Received 3 Nov., 1921, and served by reading and delivering a copy of foregoing notice to George W. Meredith. This 3 Nov., 1921. A. L. BRYAN, Chief of Police.

Meredith Talks In stating his side of the controversy that resulted in his suspension, Supt. Meredith declared last night that he brought on the mayor's action by obeying to the letter instructions from Chairman A. A. Kafer, of the street committee. "My job was the repairing of Middle street," said Mr. Meredith. "I was but carrying out Mr. Kafer's instructions when I continued work contrary to Mayor Clark's orders."

Mr. Meredith said he had sent for an officer to come down on Middle street and have the owners of automobiles to move their cars so that his force could go to work. Patrolman Wooten was the officer who would have to return to his post at the Elks corner. He would send Patrolman Hook. In the meantime, according to Mr. Meredith, Mayor Clark arrived on the scene. He did not state what was said. He only declared that he did tell the mayor that he could not move his force off the street and open it up without instructions from Chairman Kafer.

Denies the Charge "I was not in any way insubordinate, disobedient, or guilty of mis-

conduct in office as the order stated," Mr. Meredith said. "When I accepted the position of superintendent of streets I was accepted as an employee of the street department, of which Mr. Kafer is chairman. I had not previously taken instructions from anyone else, and I did not feel that I should yesterday. The work on Middle street was in full accordance with Mayor Clark's declaration when he took office. He said that the city's streets ought to be repaired at once. Our street work has been along the line he advocated. But he has hampered his success all along, interfering with the employment of labor, and now, finally, he has suspended me and brought the entire program to a halt."

Asked For Instructions "I went to Chairman Kafer and Alderman Bangert immediately after the order was served on me and asked what I should do. Their advice was that I stop my work and abide by the mayor's decree, and await developments," he continued, "and so I have no more to say until the board takes action tomorrow night."

Mr. Meredith has been severely criticized by members of the city administration for his policies, but on the whole he has been complimented on the efficiency he has maintained in carrying out the street repair program especially. Mayor Clark has never complained about the superintendent's work, but he has criticized him severely on what he has considered to be his determination to carry out his own ideas despite the wishes of himself and the board of aldermen.

Composite Flag On Unknown Grave

LONDON, Nov. 3.—A composite flag, representing Great Britain, the United States, France, Belgium, Italy and Japan has just been placed upon the grave of the British unknown warrior in Westminster, Abbey by Enil L. G. Hohenthal, most patriarch of the national division of the Sons of Temperance of North America. Accompanying the flag was the following message:

"This flag is placed here as a tribute to the service, devotion, valor and sacrifice rendered by him who is buried here, and to all his associates of this and allied nations, in the name of his comrades in arms, members of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in Canada and the United States on the 29th anniversary of the birth of the order."

Investigation of Charges Made By Senator Watson Likely Be Dropped

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—A motion is to be made in the senate tomorrow, Democratic senators announced tonight, to drop the investigation by the special committee into charges of Senator Watson, democrat, of Georgia, that American soldiers were hanged in France without trial.

Whether a partisan issue would develop out of the case was uncertain tonight, but several republicans declared they were ready to resist the democratic motion which Senator Simmons said he planned to offer. He is to move for a discharge or dissolution of the special investigating committee, headed by Senator Brandegee, republican, of Connecticut, which was appointed last Tuesday.

The Simmons motion was agreed on after conference between republican and democratic leaders and Senator Watson and after presentation by Watson of letters, telegrams and newspaper clippings in substantiating his charges.

ARRANGE PROGRAM AMERICA'S PART AT ARMAMENT PARLEY

Policies Are Beginning To Assume Definite Outline, It is Said

FAR REACHING REDUCTION Effort is To Be Made To Keep All of the Negotiations in the Open

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The policies and program of the American delegation to the armament conference are beginning to assume definite outline and if the expectations of official Washington are realized, the opening days will see a sequence of developments something like this: Presentation at the outset of a concrete American plan for far-reaching reduction of naval armament. Consideration along with this plan, of such troublesome problems of the far east as many naturally project themselves into the picture. Meantime, an effort by the United States, to keep the negotiations in the open so that public opinion may exert its pressure toward practical accomplishment.

NOTICE OF TAXES FOR 1921 MAILED

Sheriff's Office Notifies Craven County Tax Payers; the Discounts

Notices advising Craven county tax payers of the amount of their taxes for 1921 have been mailed out by Sheriff J. D. Williams. He stated yesterday that there has been some confusion over the meaning of the notices. Some persons had not understood that the amount quoted was for 1921 and not for 1920. The taxpayer is notified that one per cent discount will be allowed on taxes paid during this month. If paid during the months of December and January there will be no discount; and if paid in February one per cent penalty will be added. For each month thereafter the penalty will increase by one per cent.

PRICE OF COTTON IS EXPECTED TO AVIATE

President of Cotton Manufacturers Association That Cotton Industry Is Headed For Prosperity in the Very Near Future

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 3.—As a result of the present condition of the cotton crop, seriously diminished by the depredations of the boll weevil, buyer and consumer must not be surprised if cotton prices are higher, Russell B. Lowe of Pithburg, president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, told the semi-annual convention of that body here tonight. Speaking at a banquet that marked the conclusion of a two days session, Lowe asserted that the weevil had destroyed more than \$200,000,000 worth of the crop and the question of the supply was serious. "Looking into the future," he said, "the general opinion is that the cotton industry is headed for prosperity with a shortage of production when demand becomes normal. The whole textile industry faces too much uncertainty in regard to the purchase of cotton. The price fluctuates to such an extent that the manufacturer cannot plan his work nor can the garment manufacturer be certain of any price on which to base his product. There are few industries, if any, in which such a speculative feature is present."

STRIKE SITUATION IN MINE FIELD THOUGHT TO BE SOME BETTER

SENATOR SIMMONS VOTES AGAINST THE SALES TAX PROJECT

Senate Rejects the Measure By Vote of Forty-Three to Twenty-Five

DEMOCRATS VOTE SOLIDLY Senator Smoot Offers Another Amendment; This Not Acted Upon

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The sales tax was rejected tonight by the senate.

The vote, forty-three against to twenty-six for, was on a proposal by Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah, for a one per cent levy with exemptions in the case of sales by farmers of the products of their farms, sales by public utilities and those by the United States or any foreign government or any state or territory, the army and navy and hospitals. The democrats voted solidly against the sales tax and were joined by seven republicans. Senators Glass and Swanson, of Virginia, and Senators Overman and Simmons, of North Carolina, voted against the amendment. The vote was regarded generally as decisive of the whole question of a sales tax at this time, but immediately after it had been announced, Senator Smoot offered another amendment embodying a business sales tax of one-half of one per cent on gross sales in excess of \$6,000 a year. This went over until tomorrow and Senator Smoot said he did not think consideration of it would consume much time.

HARVEY DECLARES AMERICA ADAMANT

At Dinner in Liverpool He Voices Sentiments in Regard to Jap Merger

(By Associated Press) LIVERPOOL, Nov. 3.—George Harvey, the United States ambassador to Great Britain told an audience at the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce tonight that it was futile to hope that America, as Lord Derby, recently had been suggesting, may some day be merged in a definite alliance with Great Britain and Japan. This statement was made as a digression from an address in which the American ambassador attacked communism and socialism and defended the principle of individualism.

In his digression Ambassador Harvey recalled Lord Derby's statement in a recent address in Birmingham, in which the latter voiced the conviction that the success of the Washington conference would mean peace and that its failure would mean war in the near future. The speaker also recalled Lord Derby's suggestion to former President Poincare, of France at a dinner last Tuesday that an Anglo-French alliance would be desirable, intimating the hope that America might join the combination. Several cases of violence by the strikers were reported to the police in the early morning. Three men were arrested after they were said to have stoned a driver of a truck with a supply of milk for hospitals. The policeman who made the arrest held back a crowd of 500 with his revolver. Strikers stoned other drivers at distributing stations, the police said, and patrolmen were sent to the stations to preserve order and insure the safe delivery of milk. A large crowd of strikers assembled at one large company's uptown plant and jeered the arrival of 100 strike breakers.

FOCH TO PAY VISIT TO VIRGINIA CITY

Will Go to Lexington and Lay a Wreath on Tomb of Robert E. Lee

(By Associated Press) LEXINGTON, Va., Nov. 3.—Marshal Foch accepted today in a telegram to officials of Washington and Lee university, an invitation to visit Lexington and lay a wreath on the tomb of Robert E. Lee. Presentation to the Marshal of the degree of doctor of laws, conferred on him by the university, will take place at the same time, it was announced. The date of the visit has not been set.

In Ohio Miners Who Had Walked Out Are Ordered To Return to Their Jobs Without Delay

ASKS A SUSPENSION Miners' Union Officials Will Ask For a Suspension Judge Anderson's Temporary Injunction

(By Associated Press) COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 3.—Ohio miners who have ceased work in protest against the injunction issued in federal court at Indianapolis abolishing the "check off" system, were ordered to return to work by the executive board of district number six United Mine Workers of America after a meeting here today. At the same time Leo Hall, president of the district, was notified to inform all coal operators that compliance with their contract which includes provisions of the "check off" system is expected and that violation of it will result in a strike.

OTHERS TO GO OUT

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 3.—Forty thousand union miners in the Pittsburgh bituminous coal district will be called out on strike next Monday morning if the executive board of district number seven United Mine Workers of America, tomorrow act on the advice of President Robert E. Gibbons. The strike will be confined to the coal companies which have notified Mr. Gibbons that they will no longer observe the "check off" provision in the union scale.

SEEK INJUNCTION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 3.—Suspension of Federal Judge Anderson's temporary injunction prohibiting the check off of union dues by operators and directing a cessation of union efforts to organize West Virginia coal fields will be asked tomorrow in the circuit court of appeals at Chicago by miners' union officials. Counsel for the Indiana operators who also opposed the injunction suit before Judge Anderson, will not join in the appeal because of the walkout of 25,000 miners having forced a shut-down of Indiana mines and the attitude of the operators was to let the union fight it out. Application for the granting of an appeal also will be made at Chicago by the union, but this was said, by counsel to be a perfunctory proceeding that might either be brought before Judge Anderson or any other judge.

New York Once Again is Milkless

NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—Citizens of the metropolitan area rose again this morning to breakfast without milk and cream on the second day of the milk handlers' strike, with slight prospect of a settlement in sight. Except for deliveries by small distributors, the milk delivery system continued in a state of paralysis.

Representatives of the employers' organization, the milk conference board, and milk wagon drivers' union were called to the office of Mayor Hylan today to discuss possible terms of settlement. Both sides expressed little hope of reaching a settlement. Several cases of violence by the strikers were reported to the police in the early morning. Three men were arrested after they were said to have stoned a driver of a truck with a supply of milk for hospitals. The policeman who made the arrest held back a crowd of 500 with his revolver. Strikers stoned other drivers at distributing stations, the police said, and patrolmen were sent to the stations to preserve order and insure the safe delivery of milk. A large crowd of strikers assembled at one large company's uptown plant and jeered the arrival of 100 strike breakers.

Petrified Forests Been Discovered

ROME, Nov. 3.—Discovery of huge petrified forests on the plateau of Northern Sardinia, the trees of which are from nine to twelve feet in circumference, is reported in the Tribuna. A government commission declares that the find is of world-wide importance as these forests are said to be among the grandest in the world.