

LEWIS AGAIN
MAKES THREAT
OF BIG STRIKE

If Illinois Miners Get Anything, They All Must, He Says.

HOPES FOR CONFERENCE

Operators Carry
Appeal to Wilson

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Declaring federal action is necessary to meet the coal crisis, J. D. A. Morrow of the National Coal association, today called at the whitehouse to urge that President Wilson take some immediate action.

He stated that the reconvening of the coal wage adjustment commission would be satisfactory to both sides and that this commission undoubtedly could adjust present labor troubles.

The information that Indiana coal operators had declined to participate in a joint conference with the United Mine Workers does not mean that such a conference will not be held, according to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers.

President Lewis said today that disagreement expressed by certain units of the central competitive field did not necessarily express the sentiment of the entire field.

Further than this, Mr. Lewis refused to discuss any phase of the controversy pending an official reply to his message to Chairman Brewster of the operators' executive committee.

Mr. Lewis said, however, "that he had not called his opinion expressed in the miners' statement he has issued since the trouble started."

Bolled down, his statement was that whatever increases were received in the Illinois field must be had also for miners in all the states of the central competitive field.

Further, he means, it has been pointed out, that unless the revisions of day and monthly men's wages is applicable to the field there will be a strike.

President Lewis dictated the following to the representative of The Times:

"The executive committee of the International Union of Miners, before it adjourned yesterday afternoon, adopted a resolution giving authority to take any action to protect the interests of the organization during this emergency in the coal industry."

President Lewis refused to amplify this statement in any manner, but said it was not explanatory.

The sudden walkout of thousands of miners in Illinois, Indiana and other coal producing states apparently leaderless, was termed by union leaders a "sympathetic move."

How miners in widely separated districts are brought up in the same strike wave was not explained.

Union officials are awaiting a move by the president as a result of the report of Secretary Wilson on the entire fuel situation.

When the president's attitude has become known, miners' officials expect speedy response to the request of President Wilson for a joint interstate meeting of miners and operators to adjust labor difficulties.

Indiana operators have already replied unfavorably on the request.

In Indiana it was reported today that 198 mines were idle, with 25,000 men out. Only twenty small mines are working, according to Terre Haute advices, and industry already is feeling the coal shortage it was said.

OPERATORS REJECT
CONFERENCE OFFER

CHICAGO, July 30.—Coal operators of Indiana and Illinois, at a joint meeting today, voted definitely to reject the offer of President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America to enter into a general conference to end the "unofficial" strike now holding the coal west in its grip.

Operators from Ohio and western Pennsylvania, comprising the rest of the central competitive field, were not present.

The operators take the position that they would not enter into a conference with the miners without governmental permission and supervision.

This puts the entire matter up to the whitehouse, they said.

OPERATORS SAY 65
OF 200 MINES OPEN

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 30.—On the heels of a statement by Ed Stewart, president of District 11, United Mine Workers, that practically all the mines of the district are idle, the Bituminous Coal Operators' association today issued a statement denying Stewart's claims and declaring that sixty-five of the 200 shipping mines of the state are in operation.

Dispatches this afternoon failed to verify earlier reports of "trouble" between

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Fortune Tales Run Rife

Many Tell of Cleanups Made With Bushel Basket Millionaire.

BOSTON, July 30.—The air of this staid city fairly was filled today with stories of fabulous profits and great wealth, accumulated by many through the efforts of an Italian dishwasher.

Wherever two or more persons social affairs, the only topic of conversation was the frenzied financial operations of Charles Ponzi, "bushel basket millionaire."

Everywhere one could hear the story of the Cambridge man "who got in on the ground floor" of Ponzi's financial operations and an original investment of \$75 to a fortune.

Others made similar near fortunes. Inquiries at banks in the foreign districts showed an enormous number of foreigners had invested in Ponzi's scheme.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings accounts, formerly kept in the bank, were withdrawn and the money placed with Ponzi.

There had been a big drain on these institutions during the last few months. However, foreigners did not make up the complete list of customers of the young financial marvel.

Society women, clerks and persons in other walks of life, invested their sav-

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COX'S CHAIRMAN
STARTS TO WORK

Plan of Campaign Mapped Out
and Presented.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—George Times Staff Correspondent.

TURKEY RUN STATE PARK, July 30.—With three United States senators, Will H. Hays, republican national chairman; Warren T. McCrary, republican nominee for governor; and other members of the state central committee, editors of republican papers and 1,000 other prominent party workers and visitors present, this park took on an air of dignified importance on the occasion of the annual midsummer outing of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association.

While there was little deal of interest in campaign plans and in national politics, most of the talk centered on the deadlock in the legislature over legalizing the horizontal increases in tax valuations ordered by the state tax board.

GOODRICH RETURNS
TO LEGISLATURE.

Interest in this subject was increased by Goodrich's sudden decision while in Crawfordsville last night not to nominate Tom T. Tuttill, as he had expected to do, but to return to Indianapolis and "force" the legislature into an agreement.

The governor's decision was reached at a conference with Mr. McCrary, Senator New and other party leaders.

It is understood that the conferees took up the attitude that the deadlock has reached a point where the party's interests are affected.

A constant stream of automobiles was coming to the park all morning, bringing in the dignitaries and hundreds of laymen who were to participate in the largest outdoor political gathering of the 1920 campaign.

On the other hand, Capt. Flood's organiza-

tion, the campaign committee, which aims to return a democratic congress, will function with Washington as its headquarters.

Although the two committees are entirely separate and independent, they are to work together like the right and left wings of the same being controlled by the same head.

The New York headquarters of Chairman White will take care of the campaign of the east, while Chicago will become the center of operations in the west.

There is no intention of opening headquarters in Columbus, O., for the present, it was stated.

ROBBER WORKS,
AND WORKS FAST

Doings Keep Police on Jump
for Hours.

A boldup man worked and worked fast early this morning, keeping on the jump for hours, and finally escaped.

The man is believed to be the person who operated in the north part of the city a few nights ago.

Two holdups had occurred in rapid succession and the police were on their way to investigate the second when they saw a man run out of an alley into Illinois street between Pratt and St. Clair.

The police automobile was brought to a sudden stop, but the car had passed him by 100 feet.

They ran back but the man made no effort to escape and was glad to see them.

"Gentlemen, I have been robbed," he said. "A man covered me with an automatic pistol and forced me into the alley, where he searched me and then ordered me to walk out of the alley and not look back."

RAW SHADOWY
FORM IN FLIGHT.

The police looked east through the alley and saw a shadowy form run south on Superior street.

They searched but the man had disappeared.

The man robbed was Louis J. Arata, an attorney, 256 Laclede building.

He said the man searched him and took a small sum of money and a money order from his pocket, but returned the money order.

The robber described by Arata is believed to be the same who committed two other holdups just before robbing the attorney.

The first of these robberies occurred at 1 o'clock when the thief, who was not masked at that time, halted J. C. Fisher, 440 North Pennsylvania's street, in the rear of the Second Presbyterian church.

Fisher was covered with an automatic pistol and ordered to walk on to the lawn of the house just north of the church, where the robber kept him confined while he searched him, riving him of \$54.

Fisher's purse also contained receipts and some valuable papers.

"Where do you live?" questioned the boldup man.

Fisher pointed to his home and the

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Calls Session Best Comedy

Representative Bidaman, in Open Letter,
Flays Goodrich Performances.

Representative C. H. Bidaman, Terre Haute, today issued an open letter to the citizens of the state, over his signature, in which he compares the actions of the legislature in passing Goodrich legislation to that of the "greatest farce" ever presented.

Representative Bidaman's open letter is as follows:

Therefore it is with a deep sense of feeling that I express myself in the following language, citizens:

It has been my thought that the duty of a legislature is to correct evils, abolish abuses and to inaugurate reforms; but it is not the privilege of a legislative body to force on the people of a great state laws that are of a peccant nature, in order to satisfy some certain individual.

But one of the sixteen regular actors who thought he had a speaking part, like his other fellow legislators, was relegated to the wings, only to watch the comedians go through their parts to the satisfaction of the author of this sad drama.

Just before leaving for the train call Main 8500 and receive your favorite newspaper daily.

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BOTH PARTIES
JOIN IN CIVIC
FEST FOR COX

Home County Folk Turn Out
to Honor New Leader of
Democracy.

BIG CELEBRATION IS ON

DAYTON, O., July 30.—There were several aerial and Dayton and the deadlocked conference committee, Senator E. P. Elsner, democrat, Seymour today on the floor of the senate took exception to a headline in a morning paper, stating that "Goodrich and Wasmuth Plan Using Force on Legislators."

All the victims are Philadelphians.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—Two men and a woman were killed and another woman seriously injured today when their auto ran into a building here, rebounded against a freight car and then hit a pole and overturned.

The dead are Otto Schultz, 35, driver of the car; Mrs. Catherine Getz, 23; an unidentified man, believed to be Mertis or Morrison.

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