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RELIEF IS RUSHED TO FLOODED AREA

BOTH SIDES READY FOR MINERS' STRIKE CALL AT MIDNIGHT

Coal production was scheduled to stop this afternoon in three-fourths of the Nation's mines.

Five hundred thousand United Mine Workers of America will drop their picks as the whistles blow and will not return until a new wage contract supplants the one now expiring, according to the plans of union officials.

Nothing can stop the strike, it appears. The few hours remaining before it becomes effective are too short a time for union officers to cancel their orders.

President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers said the strike will close 6,000 of the 7,500 mines in the United States and Canada. He said it will become 100 per cent effective and there will be no violence.

"As far as interfering with the strike, the length of time is now too short to reach a satisfactory understanding with the operators regarding when to meet, which I understand they are not," Mr. Lewis said regarding eleventh hour efforts to the Government to bring the operators into conference.

Thousands of miners are already idle from mines closing down in preparation for the strike. Other thousands declared today "vacation" to celebrate the start of "vacation" which everyone expects to be long.

Bituminous operators are not expected to abandon their refusal to enter the interstate wage meeting, provided by the existing wage scale. The Government is not expected to actively interfere until the 65,000,000 tons of coal reserve stored in the Nation's bins is exhausted.

Within drawing on the 30 per cent protection of non-union mines, the surplus would stand the country over a period of six weeks under a normal rate of consumption.

\$900,000 FUND IN UNION CHEST.

In the face of these figures and with a war chest of only \$2,000,000, Lewis was optimistic. Everything he said inferred confidence in the outcome. As

STRIKE FACTS

The Nation-wide coal strike is scheduled to begin at midnight.

Approximately 500,000 men will leave their posts, union leaders say.

Anthracite miners will suspend operations in sympathy.

Non-union miners in West Virginia will return to work.

Federal Government will seek to prevent violence, profiteering and public disturbances.

Kansas miners will defy Industrial Court order to continue operations.

Trans-Mississippi operators may under-

take a strike action.

Twenty-two States affected.

Country has three months reserve supply.

he talked to newspaper men, pacing the floor, the miners' chief leaped on top of his desk to show he was not worried.

He and Secretary-Treasurer William E. Green were waiting at union headquarters until midnight, when the contract expires. Plans were all laid and orders sent out, details made.

The extra thousand of non-union miners to join the union men, thus tying up some of the unorganized fields. The non-union miners in Pennsylvania and anthracite regions in the past have acted with the union on wage matters.

This suspension is not directly over a wage matter, however, the issue being whether the mine owners shall be successful in their efforts to abandon the central strike in favor of separate State wage agreements. They have also declared for lower wages, while the miners' demands include one for retention of the present basic wage and institution of a six-hour day, five-day week.

LEWIS WILL NOT STAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 31.—Suspension in the anthracite field will be 100 per cent, Thomas Kennedy, district president, predicted today.

The anthracite delegates returned to day to their districts to supervise suspension of work of the 150,000 hard coal miners.

President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers has changed his plans, according to Phillip Murray, vice president and will not come to New York to establish headquarters. He will go to Washington next week to appear before the House Labor Committee on the Bland resolution.

Anthracite miners and officials will resume negotiations Monday.

ILLINOIS CHIEF NOT IN SYMPATHY

CHICAGO, March 31.—Ninety-five thousand Illinois coal miners were to quit work at 4 p. m. today. The miners' strike will be 100 per cent effective, as (Continued on Page One, Second Section)

FRENCH UPHOLD U.S. ARMY CLAIM

Support American Demand for Rhine Occupation Payment.

PARIS, March 31.—France has dispatched a note to Washington acknowledging the receipt of Secretary Hughes' second note and recognizing the validity of America's claim for payment for the upkeep of the American Army of Occupation on the Rhine, it was learned at the foreign office this afternoon. France promises to cooperate in the matter with the other allied powers.

EMBARGO ON DYE STUFFS

Senate Drafts Provision in New Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—A protective embargo on dyestuffs and affiliated chemicals was drafted today into the new tariff bill by Republican members of the Senate. The embargo, which the Senate's special investigator of the office of Mark Storck, United States marshal,

Fenton hired a taxicab and drove to the lake front. After paying his fare he walked to the water's edge and the taxi driver saw him leap into the water. The police were notified and succeeded in recovering the body from the lake, but identification was futile.

The body was identified by Fenton's son. An investigation is being made in an effort to learn the motive.

Fenton was born at Madison, Ind., and began his banking career in the establishment of Fletcher & Sharpe at Indianapolis.

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 p. m. April 1, 1922:

Mostly cloudy and colder tonight, with temperatures Saturday fair, with slowly rising temperature.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

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