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PEACE ASSURED IN COAL FIELDS BY NRA AGREEMENT

Operators Ready to Recognize United Mine Workers, After Many Years of Bitter Struggle.

CONCESSIONS ARE MADE BY UNION
Seventy Per Cent of Bituminous Area Will Be Affected; General Johnson Elated by Success.

BY LEO R. SACK
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Peace—with every indication that it will be permanent—is on its way today to the bituminous coal industry, long the battleground of the most disastrous economic warfare in American industrial history.

A treaty negotiated after the most successful collective bargaining conferences ever held between bituminous coal operators and United Mine Workers' officials is in process today of final drafting. It may be completed this afternoon under the persuasive, dominating, at times dictatorial, influence of General Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator. If not today, Wednesday surely.

First, and of the greatest importance from the standpoint of termination of the bitter capital and labor struggle in the soft coal industry, complete recognition is provided by the operators to the United Mine Workers' Union.

This recognition has, in effect, become a fact in Washington as a result of the across-the-table negotiations, under General Johnson's guidance, between John L. Lewis, president; Philip Murray, vice-president, and other United Mine Workers officials, and such dominating operators as Charles O'Neill of Clearfield, Pa., spokesman for the northern group of operators; J. D. Francis of West Virginia, J. D. A. Morrow of Pittsburgh, and other anti-union producers, who came to Washington several weeks ago determined to ignore Lewis then and at all future times.

Covers 70 Per Cent
But this recognition has not been extended into Allegheny country and other Pennsylvania fields, nor into West Virginia and other sections of the Appalachian coal-producing region. Under the agreement now being written into code form, this recognition becomes immediately effective in 70 per cent of the bituminous producing area of the United States.

John L. Lewis and his associates are attaining under the NRA eagle and President Roosevelt's direct intervention in behalf of a definite solution of the soft coal problem an objective which they failed to attain during more than a quarter century of pleadings before other Presidents, presidential commissions, and congressional committees.

The operators finally are concluding that the leadership of the union is needed to police their industry, to furnish them a dependable supply of labor, and generally enable them to place their business once more on a profit basis.

Union Makes Concessions
The union has also made concessions. Lewis compromised on hours and wages. He wanted a base pay of \$5 a day for inside mine workers in Pittsburgh and not less than \$4.75 for West Virginia and southern fields. The code will provide a \$4.60 day in Pittsburgh, 20 cents less in the Fairmount (W. Va.) fields, and 40 cents less in the southern fields.

The work week will be forty hours of five eight-hour days. Lewis wanted a total of thirty-two hours. In addition, the code establishes machinery for permanent arbitration of disputes so the peace may be perpetuated. It takes cognizance of the irritating problems of the company stores, company police, payment in "scrip" and otherwise seeks to transfer miners from their present state of dependency on a harshly administered baronial system to that of free American workmen.

Congratulated by Johnson
Operators get sales promotion agreement to terminate "cut-throat" competition.

General Johnson, who has been more patient and more tactful in his efforts to harmonize the conflicting views of the coal industry, is elated at the turn of events. In addition to his personal congratulations, he Monday night sent a message of thanks to Lewis for his part in the negotiations. He also has warmly praised those operators who previously refused to retreat from their historic position.

The agreement does not include fields in Alabama, Indiana, Illinois and western states, but officials predict that supplemental codes, which will include all basic principles of the Appalachian code, will be written promptly.

Breaks Neck in Dive
ROCKPORT, Ind., Aug. 29.—A fracture of the neck incurred when he dived into the Ohio river caused the death in a hospital at Evansville Monday of Max Winchell, 15, of Rockport.

Deep, Dark, Dire Plot on LifeBared by Huey Long



Huey Long

The shot that was heard around the world was no louder than the punch that landed on Huey Long's left eye. Who did it? Why? That's the mystery that puzzles a nation today. Two versions are given. Here they are:

This Is Huey's Story

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 29.—Gangsters motivated by sinister influences trapped Senator Huey P. Long in the washroom of an exclusive Long Island club, but thanks to his physical prowess and quick thinking, he managed to escape with only trivial injury, Long insisted today.

The Louisiana "kingfish" was indignant at New York reports that a New York architectural engineer, angered by Long's manner of approach, had opened an inch long cut over his left eye. The cut was inflicted by a gangster who had a knife, Long said, aided by three other armed gangsters.

The cut was visible as Long left his hotel to address the convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. All day Monday he rebuffed newspapermen with sulphurous language, but Monday night he decided to issue a statement. He received the press with trousers drawn over yellow silk pajamas.

The Long Island party was given Saturday night at the high-toned Sands Point Bath Club. Long explained he was prevailed upon to attend by "persons connected with the music composers and publishers." He had been at the club twenty minutes when he went into the washroom.

"Just as I faced the basin and the wall, some one struck me from behind," he said. "Upon turning, three or four men covered me. I saw one strike at my head with a knife or something sharp and I ducked so that it grazed my forehead. One man was locking the door, but I stumbled low through him and managed to wriggle out."

Carpenters Quit; Charge Broken Wage Agreement

Union carpenters on a number of major projects in the city were called off the jobs today as a result of what is reported to be a wage dispute.

It is charged that contractors are not living up to an agreement to pay a wage of \$1.14 an hour, and that some carpenters are being paid 40 cents, others 60 and a few 75 cents.

Fifteen carpenters quit work today on the state library building and others were reported to have teased work on the Indiana World War memorial and the Indiana university dental school building on West Michigan street.

Leslie Colvin, president of the city contractors' group, asserted that the contractors objected to a proposal by a committee of local architects that building trades wages be based on material costs.

He declared that carpenters are willing to work for 60 to 75 cents an hour, and that union men, who are out of work, are forcing other workers to quit.

TRAIN PLUNGES THROUGH BRIDGE INTO FLOOD; 7 KILLED, 40 HURT

NRA BOARD TO OPEN INQUIRY ON VIOLATIONS

Bureau of Complaints Will Be Ready Friday to Start Probe.

'WHISPERING' IS BARRED
Anonymous Reports Will Be Ignored, Declares Overley.

Indianapolis NRA bureau of compliance and complaints will begin operation Friday in offices in the Chamber of Commerce building.

The set-up for consideration of complaints of alleged violation of the NRA employers agreement is complete, according to T. M. Overley, "colonel" in charge of the bureau, and awaiting only official sanction from Washington to begin operation.

Overley said that he expected to hear today from Charles W. Chase, "general" of the local NRA, who is in Washington to seek a conference with General Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery administrator, on the plan of the Indianapolis committee to move against violators.

Board Lineup Arranged
In announcing the plan under which the Indianapolis complaint bureau seeks to operate, Overley said that a committee composed of a retailer, a wholesaler, a lawyer, a labor representative, a representative of the public—probably a civic club head—a government official, and himself probably would form the proposed board.

Concerning the method of handling investigation of complaints of violations, Overley said:

"We don't want any volunteer investigators or self-appointed snoots. Instead, we will invite complaints in writing. Hereafter, the Indianapolis NRA will receive no anonymous complaints. If an employee has a complaint to make, it must be written, giving the name of the violator, the business, and the address. The complaint must be signed by the writer with his or her address."

"In no case will the name of the complainant be divulged. We pledge strict confidence for every person who writes in regarding complaints."

Private Hearing First
The plan proposed for hearing complaints, according to Overley, contemplates a private hearing first by the complaint committee of the offending violator. Persuasion will be the first step to make the employer see the necessity of supporting the President's plan.

If that fails, the name of the violator and the circumstances of the case will be made public, according to Overley.

In flagrant cases, where the violator becomes defiant, the case may be referred to the federal district attorney.

Overley said display of the Blue Eagle by employers who fail to live up to their agreements might be prosecuted under the false advertising law.

Prevalence of petty racketeers who have taken advantage of the NRA to further labor and employ organizations for the purpose of collecting "fees" from gullible workers, was deplored today by Overley.

Any employee has a right under the NRA to join any established union or organization," said Overley, "but the local NRA warns workers against joining any except established organizations. At least fifteen phony labor racketeers have sprung up in Indianapolis since start of the NRA program."

With fewer than 1 per cent of the 60,000 Indiana firms signing the President's agreement as targets of complaints, NRA officials were confident Indiana soon would adjust violation complaints.

Many of the 600 complaints received are from disgruntled employees who have been discharged, due to firms which lack knowledge of provisions of the NRA program, it was said.

Union Idea Made Clear
The Indiana district recovery board announced, through Francis Wells, United States department of commerce representative in Indiana, that the NRA program neither encourages nor discourages unionization of labor.

The purpose of NRA in labor matters (Turn to Page Five)

Ickes Will Direct U. S. Oil Industry

BY FREDERICK A. STORM
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HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 29.—President Roosevelt today appointed Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes as administrator for the nation's oil industry.

Ickes will head the planning and co-ordinating committee for the industry in administering the code it recently signed and also supervise price fixing.

Within the next twenty-four hours, Mr. Roosevelt will name the fifteen members of the planning and co-ordinating committee from a list of fifty or more names submitted by Ickes, who this morning completed his discussions of the oil situation and public works.

Ickes, who also is public works administrator, departed immediately by plane for Washington to set in motion by Sept. 2, the machinery for carrying out supervision of the oil industry.

U. S. TO COMBAT SLEEPING DEATH

Government Joins St. Louis in Battle to Check Epidemic.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 29.—Spurred onward by a mounting death toll, medical science was organized here today under Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming, head of the United States department of health, for a concerted attack on encephalitis, or sleeping sickness.

While Cumming and a staff of United States, St. Louis, and St. Louis county health experts laid plans for "a most vigorous fight" on the mysterious malady, eight new sleeping sickness patients were reported here, making a total of 318 known cases since July 30.

Death Toll Rises
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 29.—R. D. Schaff, 56, of Independence, Mo., died from sleeping sickness in a local hospital, the health department reported today.

Schaff was the fourth resident of Independence to succumb to the disease within the last month. One local person has died from the same cause.

For additional cases were reported to officials today. It was estimated there were twenty cases in Independence, most of them comparatively mild.

COOL WEATHER TO CONTINUE TONIGHT

Temperature Drops to 55; Rises Slowly.

Cool period which started Monday with temperatures about four degrees below normal for late August will continue tonight and Wednesday, according to the forecast of the local United States weather bureau.

Lowest temperature for the period, 55, was recorded Monday night and the mercury still was at that point at 6 this morning. At 7 it had risen 2 degrees and in the next two hours, 10, giving a reading of 67 at 9.

Story of strange happenings at the Higiemer Packing Company plant on White river, in which two men were wounded slightly by revolver and shotgun fire, were passed on to the grand jury today by Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer.

Fred Steele, 35, of 2566 Bluff road, and Walter Goodman, 2542 Daisy street, who pleaded not guilty to assault and battery charges, were bound to the grand jury under \$2,000 bonds each on the same charges.

MAYOR HURLS ANGRY REPLY TO CHALLENGE

Sullivan Bitterly Assails Demand to Repudiate City's Indebtedness.

TAX STRIKE IS THREAT
Real Estate Board Head Is Vehement in Speech for Relief.

"Nobody is going to bankrupt this city and destroy its credit while I'm mayor."

Accepting the challenge of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, demanding repudiation of the city's bonded indebtedness and threatening a tax strike, Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan lashed out today in defense of his administration.

Sullivan ridiculed the suggestion for repudiation of debts, with the declaration that "nothing could be more disastrous" and that such action "would destroy the city's credit for fifty years."

Would Mean Disaster
His usual placid temperament aroused by the scathing criticism which J. Harry Miles, board president, volleyed at the city council at the first public 1934 budget hearing Monday night, Sullivan pointed to a \$203,656 slash made under this year's budget.

"Nothing could be more disastrous than repudiation of the city's debts," Sullivan reiterated. "I don't know how the city could be destroyed more quickly than to follow this suggestion."

"Such suggestions to governments when they are pinched financially are as old as government itself, and always have caused trouble."

In a tone sharp with irony, Sullivan drew an analogy.

"Suppose the United States repudiated its bonds, and suppose every individual decided not to pay his debts—what chaotic condition would result?" he queried.

Would Ruin Credit
The present indebtedness of the city was declared by Sullivan to be approximately \$17,500,000.

"To refuse to pay this debt, would destroy the city's credit for fifty years, and nobody is going to do that while I'm mayor, Sullivan declared."

Miles' address to the council was couched in terms of bitter criticism and defiance, as he charged city officials with violation of the \$1.50 tax limit law.

He declared the entire tax burden falls upon the shoulders of the city's small home owners, and scored officials because the new budget, cut \$203,656 under 1933 figures, had not been slashed more.

"Must Do More"
Miles asserted that Sullivan will "point out that you have done the best you can, that the budget can't be cut any more, and that salaries are at a minimum."

"If you have done the best you can, that is not good enough, gentlemen, we can't pay the bill you present. And, as long as the law says we need not, we won't pay it. The law says definitely what property taxes should be. Just because you choose to ignore and evade it is no reason for the taxpayers to become law breakers."

Asks Further Cuts
"That budget can and must be reduced. We are not especially interested in seeing salaries reduced more, if you, who are close to the picture, say that you are paying (Turn to Page Five)

BULLETIN

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 29.—President Roosevelt today issued an executive order permitting gold exports under treasury regulations.

from him during an ensuing struggle.

Hansing claims Goodman fired the shotgun at him, the charge striking him in the leg. He exhibited the wound in court. The men fled before police arrived, but were pointed out to officers when Goodman and Steele drove past the plant, testimony revealed.

Police followed them to Steele's home, and three shots were fired at Goodman as he ran, one of them wounding him in the leg. At this point in the testimony, Sheaffer stopped the proceedings, saying: "There appears to be more to this than assault and battery. It should go to the grand jury."

Golden State Limited, Rock Island Road Passenger, Wrecked in West.

ENGINE BURIED IN MUD

Four Cars Dragged Into Creek; Fireman Is Missing.

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Aug. 29.—The eastbound Golden State Limited plunged through a flood-damaged bridge near here early today, killing at least seven persons and injuring more than two-score.

Flood waters sweeping down Petra creek carried away the east approach of the railroad bridge and damaged the track for several rail lengths.

The engine of the limited cata-pulted through the weakened structure, carrying with it two baggage cars, a day coach and a tourist sleeper.

The locomotive plunged into the soft bank on the east side of the creek, almost burying itself in the mud.

The other cars piled up about it in the creek bed, one baggage car tilting at an angle of 45 degrees.

Four passengers and the engineer, C. J. Cross, were killed. Their bodies were brought here.

Fireman Is Missing
James Randall, fireman, was missing and believed buried beneath the locomotive, or his body washed downstream in the rushing flood waters. Forty-five survivors had been brought into Tucumcari before noon. Many were not seriously injured and after receiving first aid treatment were put to bed in hotels, hospitals or private homes.

Traffic over the Rock Island lines between here and Dalhart was ordered suspended today, due to the torrential rains, which may have endangered other trackage.

The Rock Island office at Dalhart ordered a wrecking train to speed to the scene of the crash.

Operated by Two Roads
The Golden State Limited is operated jointly by the Southern Pacific and Rock Island lines. It travels on tracks of the Southern Pacific, and eastward from Tucumcari on those of the Rock Island.

At the time of the wreck, the train was on tracks of the Southern Pacific.

TWO KILLED, FOUR HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Tire Blows Out and Columbus Car Is Wrecked.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 29.—Two persons were killed and four others injured fourteen miles east of here on State Road 30 Monday night when a tire blew out on their automobile. All were from Columbus, O.

John Dalola, 14, died en route to a hospital and his mother, Mrs. Mike Dalola, 32, died from loss of blood a few minutes later.

The most seriously injured was Mrs. Leon Montanari, who received a probable skull fracture. Her husband was cut and bruised. Mike Dalola, husband of the dead woman, suffered a sprained back, another son Mike Jr., was recovering from shock and minor cuts.

SKULL FRACTURED IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Jesse Britton Found Injured Critically Near Bethel Bridge.

Jesse Britton, 33, off 2222 Churchman avenue, is in a critical condition today at city hospital with injuries incurred Monday night when a motorcycle he was riding was wrecked by striking the Bethel avenue bridge over Lake creek.

Suffering from a skull fracture, Britton was found near the cycle, which apparently had hurled itself fifty feet after the crash against the bridge.

Charges of operating the cycle without license plates, and vagrancy were filed against Britton by police, called to the crash scene by Chester Pierson, 2538 Prospect street, and Lawrence Barrolls, R. R. 5, Box 183.

Working Wives

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt broke precedents when she became the "first working wife" of the White House. Indianapolis women long have been following suit. They haven't rested on the laurels of their husbands' achievements; they have managed their homes efficiently and expressed their talents.

Beginning today, Beatrice Burman, Times Woman's Page Editor, is describing eight city women who share the attitude of Mrs. Roosevelt. They've made their outside interests a gauge of what they can give their families.

The story today describes the activities of Mrs. Elias C. Atkins, who became the "Society Reporter of the Air."