

## CHANGES IN PEACE PACT ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE

Amendments to Eliminate American Representation on Commissions in Europe Passed on Party Vote.

## OPEN HEARINGS SOON

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—In quick succession the senate foreign relations committee adopted today a series of amendments to the peace treaty eliminating the United States as one of the powers represented on international commissions created to supervise reconstruction in Europe. The vote on the successive amendments was 9-7, the committee dividing on party lines.

One amendment would eliminate the United States from membership in an international commission which will determine the boundary between Germany and Belgium.

This amendment was one of a series of similar nature presented by Senator Ball, Republican, New Mexico, proposing elimination of American representation on such commissions.

Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, who voted with the Democrats against the Shantung amendment Saturday, was not present.

## MOULDERS BACK TO WORK AT 2 PLANTS

Following conferences with officials of the two factories, moulders employed at the Wayne Works and the Malleable Castings company have settled their differences with their employers, and have agreed to return to work.

The men employed at the Wayne Works have already started working again, and the men at the Malleable company will return Wednesday morning, according to union officials.

No change has been made in the status of the strike at the Reliance foundry, according to union officials, and there has been no conference with the officials of the Reliance foundry in regard to a settlement of the strike.

The differences between the strikers at the Reliance plant and the officials of the company, have not yet been made known.

According to one of the officials of the moulders' union, the employees at the Malleable foundry have been given a shorter work day, with the same rate of pay as they formerly had. The men will start tomorrow with a nine hour day instead of ten hours.

The pay, \$6.50 a day, remains the same. The Wayne Works employees work the same number of hours a day but were granted an increase in wages, said the union men there.

## Serbian Nation to Seek Friendship to Neighbors

(By Associated Press)  
BELGRADE, Monday, Aug. 25.—Announcing in the Chamber of Deputies today the government's policies, Ljubla Davidovitch, the new premier said, among other things, that "Serbia in the impending reorganization of the Balkans would not seek special privileges but would base her claims upon the principles of international justice."

"Serbia, nevertheless must defend to the utmost her just demands wherever they are threatened," he said. "When peace is concluded Serbia should pursue a policy of reciprocal confidence with her neighbors and cultivate intimate friendship. Czechoslovakia and Poland seek good relations with us as do Greece and Rumania."

Detailing a wide domestic program the premier announced that the government in a few days would submit an electoral bill looking to the convocation of the national assembly. He said a committee would be appointed to draft a new constitutional law and that a national defense force would be created.

He expressed the hope that demobilization would be completed before autumn and that labor legislation should include a provision for an eight hour day. His address was heartily cheered by the deputies.

## Search Broadened for Missing U. S. Aviators

(By Associated Press)  
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 26.—Still without news of Lieutenants Frederick Waterhouse and C. H. Connelly, Army aviators who have been missing since last Wednesday, aviation officers here today broadened the scope of their search for them in lower California, Mexico.

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## Daredevil French Flyer Guided Airplane Through Narrow Arch of Victory in Heart of Paris



Aviator Godefroy and view of his plane passing through Arc de Triumpe. The scant room he had at the sides of his plane is apparent.

Aviator Godefroy, French aviator, recently performed the daredevil and seemingly impossible feat of flying his airplane through the arch of the Arc de Triumpe in Paris. The plane was whirling along at 143 kilometers an hour when it slipped through the arch. There was just barely room for the wings of his plane to go through without hitting the sides of the arch. The feat is considered even more difficult than that of flying through one of the towers of the Tower bridge in London. This feat was performed two or three years ago.

## HARRY M. RAY'S NAME GIVEN TO RICHMOND POST

Boy, Killed in Action, Cited for Bravery, Honored—Mrs. Holaday Wins Prize.

To Corporal Harry M. Ray, who was killed in action in the St. Mihiel offensive, in France, was given the honor of the name for the Wayne county post of the American Legion, at a meeting of the circuit court room, Monday evening in the circuit court room.

The fifty members of the post present at last night's meeting voted to call the post the "Harry Ray Post." Harry Ray was the only Wayne county soldier who was killed in action, who received a citation for bravery and his name was suggested by Mrs. J. F. Holaday, in the contest for the \$50 prize offered by Will Romey, for an appropriate name for the post.

The name was chosen from a list of four names submitted by a committee appointed to select the most appropriate name from the long list submitted in the contest, the other names being "Frank Lichtenfels Post," "Gennich Post," "Wayne Post," and "Frank Genn Post," all of the Legion.

Application Blanks Ordered  
Pledges were inaugurated at Monday's meeting for an extensive membership campaign for the post, and every effort will be made by the ex-service men who have already joined the organization to make the Harry Ray Post one of the strongest in the state.

Application blanks have been ordered and will be given to all ex-service men who were honorably discharged from the service, as a part of the membership campaign.

A committee was also appointed at Monday's meeting to organize a post which will be distinctly a part of the post. It is planned to complete the organization of the band before the next meeting, which will be held on Sept. 22.

President Strayer, has issued a call for all ex-service men who are musicians to communicate with him, and to become a part of the band to be organized.

Delegates were also appointed to attend the state meeting of the legion to be held in Indianapolis next Thursday, at which time Theodore Roosevelt, and other men interested in the national organization will deliver addresses. Ralph Rogers and Verlin T. Ballinger were appointed as delegates from Harry Ray post.

In connection with the announcement concerning the membership campaign, President Strayer announced last night that efforts would be made to obtain as many members as possible before the post's charter is granted, in order that a complete representation of the county's service men will appear as charter members of the post.

All persons who join the post before the next meeting, and probably those who join immediately following the meeting will be classed as charter members of the post, and their names will be placed on the charter.

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## COAL WORKERS AFTER MINES SAYS TAYLOR

Want Government to Buy Mines and Turn Them Over to Men.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Nationalization of the coal mines is sought by many mine workers and a bill to that end has been prepared, Harry N. Taylor, president of the National Coal association, testified today before a senate committee investigating the coal situation.

The plan is for the government to buy the mines and turn them over to the men for operation, Mr. Taylor said. Already many of the miners are demanding a six hour day and a five day week, he added.

COMBINATION IS DENIED.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Denying that a combination among bituminous operators to fix prices exists, J. D. A. Morrow, vice-president of the National Coal association told a senate coal investigating committee today that such a combination would be impossible if attempted.

Prices at the mines, he said, have declined under the competition which prevails and are lower than they were a year ago.

There are about 5,000 separate commercial producers operating approximately 7,000 mines, from which bituminous coal is regularly shipped, Mr. Morrow said. "In addition there are some two thousand operators with about 3,000 mines who begin producing and selling coal whenever the price goes up a little and offers a profit to them. Moreover there are hundreds of thousands of acres of coal lands along railroads on which new mines can be readily and quickly opened by any one so disposed. Such a condition obviously does not lend itself to restrictive combinations among producers."

"Of the 5,000 separate bituminous coal producers in the United States, 2,294 approximately 45 per cent, hold membership in the National Coal association. There is nothing secret about the state of the total output of bituminous coal in the country."

Denies Price Combine.  
Charges that the National Coal Association is a combination to maintain prices are without foundation in fact.

The national coal association represents these operators and looks after their interests in matters of general concern, such as transportation and traffic questions, standardization of cost accounting, co-operation with governmental agencies, and similar activities. There is nothing secret about its business. Its files and records are open to the committee or any other authorized agency of the government at any time.

Producing Cost High.  
Mr. Morrow said that coal prices have declined since the armistice and in general were lower than the prices fixed by the fuel administration. "These fuel administration prices were intended to prevent the charging of undue prices for bituminous coal and to bring about a more equitable distribution of the coal among the operators might make," he said. "At the same time they included fair profits."

"The cost of producing bituminous coal is higher now than it was a year ago, due to the fact that the mines then were operating six days a week and in many cases are now operating only four days per week and in some cases only three days a week. The overhead expense of maintaining the mines goes on just the same whether coal is produced or not. When these increased costs are considered in connection with the general decrease in price it is clear that profits of bituminous coal operators are materially less than a year ago."

VLADIVOSTOK, Aug. 26.—Lieutenant-General Rozanoff, the highest Russian authority in eastern Siberia, denies recent reports that the all-Russian government under Admiral Kolchak had abandoned Omsk and moved to Irkutsk.

LONDON, August, 16.—The war office announced this evening that on the western front of General Denikine, the anti-Bolshevik leader in southern Russia, the advances are continuing with great rapidity along the entire line.

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## Three Members of Senatorial Committee Which is Probing Mexican Situation, Live on Border



Left to right: Senators Marcus A. Smith, Albert B. Fall and Frank B. Brandagee.

Senators Marcus A. Smith of Arizona, Albert B. Fall of New Mexico and Frank B. Brandagee of Connecticut compose the sub-committee of the senate committee of foreign relations which will investigate the Mexican situation. Senator Smith is the Democrat of the three. He and Fall, because of the fact that they live in border states, are acquainted with conditions which exist in Mexico.

## OPERATION OF REFRIGERATOR CARS ADVISED

Discrimination Against Small Firms in Shipments Charged by Trade Commission.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Declaring that the step is necessary to control the business of the five largest packing companies the federal trade commission in a special report to President Wilson recommends that operation of refrigerator cars and of cars used for transportation of meat animals be declared a government monopoly. It recommends further that the property concerned, including packing stations and other facilities as well as the cars, be acquired by the government and railroads thereafter be licensed to own and operate them. The big packers, the report says now own ninety percent of all the refrigerator equipment in the country suitable for the transport of fresh meat.

"The present country-wide system of distribution by the five big packers has grown up from their control of refrigerator car lines in conjunction with various pools," the report says in part.

"In turn the volume of traffic of the five packers has enabled them to secure from the railroads advantages over competing shippers. Formerly in the shape of direct rebates these advantages are now usually in expedited service to the big packer cars. In favorable mixing rules which include all their diversified products and even many articles not related to the packing industry; by allowances paid to some of the big packers by carriers for a part of the transportation service; by favorable arrangements made for the car operation has netted some lease of stock yards by the railroads of bumping posts manufactured by a subsidiary of one of the big five."

Independent Cars Misused.  
"The small independent packers cars are misused and diverted, frequently being used for service for extended periods, in several instances as long as six months. In 1917, the cars of the 'big five' and their subsidiary companies maintained an average of 80.8 miles per car per day, while the average for cars of their competitors, the independent packing companies, was only 54.5 miles."

"The commission's investigation of the private car ownership has developed the fact that while packers claim losses, the report says 'a proper revision of their car accounts' shows the car operation has netted some profit. This amounted to 6.8 percent in 1912, 3.4 percent in 1914, and 4.3 percent in 1917."

"The prompt and efficient handling of the traffic in meats and other perishable foods is of great public concern," the report says in making the recommendation "and it is also important that all shippers should have equal and adequate service. The recommendations are made to correct present inequalities of service and rates as well as to prevent the dangers of monopolistic advantages."

## Jago-Slavs Want Ships Belonging to Slovenes

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Monday, Aug. 25.—The Jugo-Slav delegation has sent a note to the peace conference asking that former Austrian merchant vessels which belong to Slovenes be turned over to the jurisdiction of the Jugo-Slav republic.

NEW YORK BEATS PIRATES.  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 26.—New York defeated Pittsburgh, 9 to 1, in the first game of today's double header. Pittsburgh's pitchers were pounded all over the lot. The score: R. H. E. Pittsburgh.....000 000 010—1 7 1 New York.....206 000 01X—9 15 0 Miller, Ponder and Schmidt and Lee; Neff and Gonzales.

First Snow Reported;  
New York Has Downfall  
(By Associated Press)  
HORNETT, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Although the sun was shining, snow fell for five minutes today, melting as rapidly as it struck the ground.

TROOPS TO CHARLOTTE  
(By Associated Press)  
RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 26.—Four companies of state troops were ordered today to Charlotte, where disorders in connection with a street car strike resulted last night in the death of at least two persons and the injury of a dozen others.

## RATE OFFERED BY PRESIDENT IS DECLINED BY SHOPMEN

Committee Presents Refusal to Wilson's Effort at Compromise of Rail Workers Wage Demands.

## STRIKE VOTE AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The committee of 100 representing the railroad shopmen, informed Director General Hines that they could not accept as a basis of settlement of their demands, the rate submitted to them yesterday by President Wilson.

Results of the negotiations here were communicated to the union locals throughout the country with instructions that a strike vote should be taken immediately to determine whether the president's proposal should be accepted.

Pending the issuance of an official strike vote, it was urgently requested, by the international officers that all men should remain on the job. Director-General Hines today requested the board of railway wage and working conditions to take up promptly any claims that have been made or may be made by railroad employees for readjustment that "ought to be made in order to make sure that equal treatment is done on the basis of the general principles of wage adjustment which the railroad administration has already established."

WESTERNERS TO STAY OUT  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26.—All striking railroad men here will ignore instructions of their national chief that they return to work and will continue their strike according to a decision reached early today after an all night meeting.

The meeting based their action on a phrase in the order to return to work which said they need not submit themselves to danger of mob violence. They said to return to work at present would be dangerous in that respect.

## BIG TAX INCREASE MADE FOR COUNTY BY STATE BOARD

(By Associated Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 26.—An increase of 20 percent on all lots and lands and 20 percent on all improvements in city and towns except Boston, Cambridge City, Fort Wayne, City, Greensfork and Whitewater was ordered by the state tax board for Wayne county Tuesday.

An increase of 30 percent on all personal property in all townships, cities and towns except Richmond, and in Richmond an increase of 40 percent on all personal property was also ordered.

Directing every county in the state to increase some part or all of its assessments from 5 to 100 percent, the state board of equalization today issued orders increasing millions of dollars the aggregate tax assessment in Indiana. In two instances—certain classes of property in Noble and Carroll counties—slight reductions were ordered.

The greatest increase was ordered for Gibson county, where the increases ran as high as 100 percent. On one class of taxables in Lake county, a 100 percent increase also was ordered. Good sized increases also were ordered for Vigo, St. Joseph, Allen and Vanderburgh counties.

"The state board still has under consideration the equalizing of approximately 2,000 corporation assessments, fixed originally by county boards of review. It is hoped to dispose of these this week, when the third or equalizing session of the board will end. The fourth session, which will begin Sept. 15, and end Dec. 6, is a new one under the new law and is for the purpose of fixing tax levies."

## SEVENTEEN MORE PLANES ENTERED IN AERIAL DERBY

(By Associated Press)  
MINEOLA, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Seventeen additional airplanes, entered in the first international aerial derby for a \$10,000 prize offered by John M. Bowman of New York, and the several American and Canadian pilots, were ready to leave Roosevelt field today for Toronto.

With clearing weather it was also expected by promoters of the contest that more of the eleven planes which left Toronto yesterday would arrive here today. Three machines landed safely last night after a trip from the Canadian city in which storms and contrary winds made flying difficult.

The twenty-eight military and civilian air machines which left here yesterday, had not succeeded in reaching Toronto last night. There was a possibility that some of these airplanes would reach their destination today, although a large number were reported to have landed at various points in New York state because of engine trouble and other difficulties. Three machines were seriously damaged in making landings at Albany and were definitely put out of the race for international aerial honors.