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COMMISSION OF COALMEN CAN'T AGREE

Majority Report on Trade
Given to President, But
Miners' Representative
Dissents, It is Said.

25 PER CENT INCREASE

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—A 25 per cent wage increase for bituminous coal miners is recommended in the majority report of the commission appointed by President Wilson to settle the coal strike.

No change in working hours or conditions was recommended. John T. White, representing the miners, held out for a higher wage increase, it was said, and will submit a minority report.

The wage increase proposed will absorb the 14 per cent granted when the miners returned to work last November, so that the actual increase is 11 per cent over present wages.

Recommends System Retention.

The majority recommended that the checkoff system, by which the operators collect from the miners dues to the unions be retained. It also recommended that the question of differences be referred to a special commission to be appointed by the joint wage scale conference and to report in two years.

The wage increase would not be made retroactive. The commission did not ask that the powers of the fuel administration be conferred on it.

No Price Increase Recommended.

The majority made no recommendation as to price increases to recover the advance in wages. Its statement that it did not ask for fuel administration powers was taken to mean that it held that the question of increased prices was one for the fuel administration to decide.

The majority recommendations were submitted today to President Wilson, but have not yet been made public. White house officials saying that they were awaiting the minority report from Mr. White.

Rembrandt Hale, representing the operators, joined with Henry M. Robinson, representing the public, in signing the majority report.

Work to Settle Differences.

The report was submitted to the president only after the commission had labored for several days in an effort to compromise its differences and make an unanimous report as it was requested to do in the letter from President Wilson creating it last November.

Demands Were Modified.

The miners originally demanded a 60 per cent increase in wages and a 30 hour week, but after conferences with Secretary Wilson and the operators, they modified their demands to a 45 per cent increase.

When the strike was called off the miners were granted a temporary increase of 14 per cent, until the committee could meet and hear all facts.

This increase was attacked by former Fuel Administrator Garfield, who insisted that this advance added to those received during the war, brought the miners' wages up to the level of the cost of living.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The subcommittee of operators and miners appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the anthracite coal miners, held its first conference here today. The sessions are expected to continue for several weeks before a definite decision is reached.

Neither the miners nor operators are hopeful of an early decision, as no definite agreement will be reached until the bituminous coal commission hands down its award in the case of the soft coal miners. Reports from the commission, which is sitting at Washington, have failed to disclose what progress is being made.

Hope Early Decision.

Mine workers are hopeful that an early decision will be reached by the soft coal commission, so as to avoid the possibility of a suspension of mining in both hard and soft coal fields.

Asked when he expected the bituminous commission to make its award, John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, said: "It is impossible for me to forecast the date of a possible decision. I am concerned that the committee has not made a report up to this time. It will be recalled that existing wage agreements do not run beyond March 31. I am hopeful that a decision will be rendered at an early date so as to insure a continuance of coal production after April 1."

Son-in-law of Senator Nelson Held for Death

(By Associated Press)
ALEXANDRIA, Minn., March 11.—Gustaf Nelson, son-in-law of United States Senator Knute Nelson, is in jail here today pending an inquest to fix the responsibility of the death of Joseph Middleton, a farmer who was shot late yesterday during a quarrel with Nelson. The latter declares that the shooting was an accident.

Nelson is said to have gone to the farm of Theodore Jackson, with whom he had a dispute regarding cattle. Middleton lived with Jackson. According to authorities, Nelson, who was carrying his shotgun, was intercepted near the Jackson home by Middleton, and an argument ensued.

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Why Many Wayne Folks Are Going to Havana



Thirsty Americans in Havana.

Cuba is becoming popular with many Americans as a winter resort. One of the reasons for this popularity is revealed in the photo. The saloons are wide open. Many Wayne county persons have secured local certification for passports in the last few weeks.

news of American Legion

Opinions of United States senators from Indiana, on proposed legislation for soldier relief, were read to members of Harry Ray post, at the post meeting Wednesday evening.

Hearty support was promised by Senator New, but Senator Watson pointed to the condition of the nation's finances as a possible objection to legislation of this kind.

Senator New's letter follows:

My dear Mr. Umpleby:
I have your letter, signed as adjutant of the Harry Ray post No. 65, American Legion, of Richmond, relative to the unanimous desire of members thereof that the ex-service men shall receive some substantial federal assistance in the way of a cash bonus or liberal long term, low interest-bearing loan, etc.

Says Country Owes Debt

As an ex-service man myself, I can say that my heart is with the boys and that I am in favor of doing something for them that will in a way at least repay the debt their country owes them.

There have been so many different suggestions made of late as to what particular shape or form this assistance shall assume that I have not reached a decision as to exactly which plan will be really most profitable for the ex-service man.

I am glad to have your letter and I assure you I shall give by best attention and sincere consideration to this matter. Nearly all appropriation bills of this character, as you know, originate in the house and the senate does not always have a really constructive say until they have first passed the house.

I wish to extend my best wishes, not only to you, but to the members of the local post, and assure you of my high regard.

Yours very truly,

HARRY S. NEW.

Watson Points Out Deficit

My dear Mr. Umpleby:
I am in receipt of your letter of February 28th. I am sure that the subject you mention is receiving and will continue to have, the earnest consideration of all members of congress.

One serious difficulty is the fact that our country's finances are at the present time in a most unhappy position.

The government faces a deficit on July 1, of three billion dollars in operating expenses. This deficit can be met only by the most drastic cuts in all government expense. If additional bonus is to be granted by the government, it

Pancho Just Captures 'Em For Fun, He Says; U. S. Need Not Be Alarmed

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, March 11.—Relatives and friends of Americans kidnapped by Pancho Villa need have no concern as to their safety and may dismiss all fear that they may be held for ransom if they release full confidence in a communication recently received from the Mexican bandit leader.

According to his note of reassurance, he has adopted the only practical means he can think of to get a friendly conversation with various representative Americans who cross his trail, and, while they are his "guests," they will be treated with every consideration and returned unharmed and unrobbed to their friends.

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Williams declared that Middleton wrested the gun from him and broke it open, releasing the safety catch. It was discharged while they were struggling for its possession, Nelson declared.

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R. WALLS FINALLY DIES OF WAR GAS; IN FIRST OVERSEAS

As truly a victim of the world war as any man who lies in Flanders fields, Roland Walls, 426 South West Second street, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walls, died Thursday after two years of suffering.

He was gassed in March 3, 1918, in Alsace, the first Richmond boy to be wounded. Besides the gas, he received several shrapnel wounds.

War was declared April 6, 1917 and Walls enlisted April 11. He was sent to France July, 1917, being among the very first Americans across. His service was seen in a trench mortar battery of the First division, and he was under fire for the first time in January, 1918.

Returned in June, 1918.

After being gassed in March, by a shell which wiped out his whole company he was sent back to a hospital at Orléans, N. Y., in June, 1918. On Oct. 24 he was discharged, and returned to Richmond.

Since Walls' discharge he had undergone three severe operations and several minor ones. No hope for him has been entertained for several months.

Would Do It Again

Walls often said his only wish was that he had died in France. He said during the last days that should he recover and war break out again, he would go again.

He was a graduate of St. Andrew's school and a member of the Y. M. C. Before his enlistment, he was employed at the Starr Piano Co. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walls, one sister, Mrs. Fred Cordell, and two brothers, Franklin and William, all of Richmond.

Military funeral services will probably be held Monday and will be under direction of Harry Ray post, American Legion. They will be from St. Andrew's church.

BRITISH WORKMEN AGAINST STRIKES

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, March 11.—The special trade union congress, in session here, voted overwhelmingly today against the strike policy and in favor of continued efforts by constitutional means, to effect the nationalization of mines.

The vote against a general strike came after Secretary Hodges of the miners' federation moved a resolution in favor of direct action to compel nationalization.

He took this step in accordance with instructions given by the miners' federation yesterday. Adoption of a resolution favoring political action in the form of intensive political propaganda in preparation for the general election followed.

The vote on the resolutions, registered by the delegates as proxies, was as follows:

Against direct action, 3,870,000; for direct action, 1,050,000.

For political action, 3,732,000;

against political action, 1,015,000.

J. H. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader, presided over the session.

Call Army Intelligence Men in Colby Hearing

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 11.—More persons who were connected with the army intelligence service during the war were heard by the senate foreign relations committee today in considering the nomination of Bainbridge Colby to be secretary of state.

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and as badly paid—as the teaching profession. Yet we shamelessly let our teachers go on with starvation wages while the wages of other profession advance. We are all tired of taxes, but after all the whole object of life is development of men and women, and we should stand some taxation for those who do this thing."

Following Mr. Hale, Superintendent J. H. Bentley added that he estimated he had spent one-third of his time for several months, telegraphing, telephoning and writing to get teachers enough for the Richmond public schools.

Hale Kept Schools Going.

"On the other hand," he said, "we are very fortunate in comparison to

Princess Pat's Baby Son is Christened



Captain and Lady Ramsay leaving Chapel Royal, St. James Palace with their son (in arms of nurse). Canon Edgar Shepherd, sub-dean of chapel, is behind the parents.

The baby son of Captain Ramsay and Lady Ramsay, "Princess Pat," was christened recently at Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, London. Canon Edgar Shepherd, sub-dean, officiated. The christening took place in the presence of King George and Queen Mary of England and other members of the royal family. Water brought from the River Jordan by the Duke of Connaught the baby's grandfather, was used for the service. The baby was christened Alexander Arthur Alphonse Maule.

Brighter Prospects For Teachers Seen by Speakers at Meeting

"I do not believe the school system is going to the bow-wows for I believe the average business man is going to look upon the profession of teaching as one of dignity and consequence, a necessary economic asset to his future business," said Dick Miller, president of the Indianapolis City Trust company, in a stirring address before a mass meeting of citizens in the High School auditorium Wednesday night.

"I am not a plutocratic banker, but just the common ordinary kind. I speak about this question as an ordinary man," said Mr. Miller.

"And when you ask why people do not flock into this profession I am free to say that I do not blame them for wanting to live while they are devoting their efforts toward even a very honorable profession.

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Between the address of Mr. Miller and that of Edward Toner, editor of the Anderson Herald, Miss Flora Broadbent, president of the Richmond Teachers' Federation, introduced William Dudley Foulke. Mr. Foulke spoke briefly.

"There is no profession as honorable, as dignified and as useful to society—

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FACtions CLOSER TOGETHER; RIFT OF TREATY HOPE SEEN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Senate action on Article X was deferred again today, while the leaders sought to bring order out of the situation resulting from yesterday's break-up in the compromise negotiations.

Republican leaders were understood to have indicated that they might accept with certain changes, the sub-article X reservation urged by the mild reservationists.

Among the Democrats, the compromise advocates continued actively at work, some of them claiming they could muster 30 or more votes for the substitute.

Reservationists Join Forces.

Reservation Republicans and reservationists have joined forces against irreconcilable foes of the treaty, who have gone gunning for the compromise reservation to article X which was to have been presented in the senate yesterday, but which their opposition forestalled.

The split in the Democratic ranks has widened as a result of determination expressed by some members of the minority to give active support to ward acceptance of the best compromise possible.

Debate on the floor has been desultory, with the irreconcilables on guard to prevent a stampede, while those working for ratification have been busy in conference seeking a way out of the disagreement which could be accepted by both sides.

Rumania to Treat With Bolsheviks for Peace

(By Associated Press)

BUCHAREST, March 8.—Peace negotiations between Rumania and the Russian Bolshevik government will begin on Thursday at Dorna-Watra, Bulgaria.

The Rumanians will demand the immediate withdrawal of soviet troops from the war zone, even at the expense of the protection of the costs of the United States.

"Situation Terrible."

"I am only introducing testimony so far along in 1918 at this time to bring out the accumulated effect of not having thrown our full weight into the war at the beginning," the admiral said.

"The situation was so serious and the consequences of failure so terrible that I went beyond the channel which the navy had and enlisted the services of such men as Ambassador Page."

HOOVER WILL BE CALLED ON WAR CONDUCT