

## 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.

**Recommendation Retained.**  
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 Peale, 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 "costs 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 21. 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 last night 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. Nelson 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.

Nelson, who is 40 years old, married Miss Ida Nelson last year.

## 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.

**Says Country Owes Debt**  
As an ex-serviceman 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-serviceman.

I am glad to have your letter and I assure you I shall give my 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.

**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 state. 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

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

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Relations 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 the response 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.

The substance of Villa's communication was transmitted unofficially to officers of the intelligence branch of the war department coincident with a consular report received at the state department announcing the release of Joseph Williams, who had been carried off into the mountains by Villa last week after an attack on a train in which Williams was a passenger. Williams was the fifth American captured by the outlaw in two months, all of whom have been released without the payment of ransom.

is the feeling of the secretary of the treasury that an issue of additional bonds is the only method of meeting this expense. If the government makes another bond issue, such action will, of course, adversely affect the five series of war bond issues now outstanding.

Sincerely yours,  
**JAMES E. WATSON.**

Announcement was made to the post that the new quarters will be ready for occupancy by April 1. Although all of the equipment of the rooms will not be ready by this time, pool and card tables and sufficient chairs will be placed in the rooms to accommodate members.

**1919 CHAMPS LOSE IN STATE TOURNEY**

(By Associated Press)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 11.—Jefferson, Lafayette's entry in the finals of the annual Indiana high school basketball tournament, eliminated Bloomington, last year's champions, here today, 25 to 15. The sensational basket shooting of Newman, of Jefferson, who scored 16 points, was a feature.

Columbus easily triumphed over Kokomo in the other early contest of the day, 18 to 6. Each quarter missed many shots. The Gorhard brothers starred for Columbus, scoring all but two points. Four thousand spectators were present.

**City M. E. Ministers Attend District Meeting**

The Revs. R. L. Seamans, E. L. Gates and A. H. Backus, Methodist pastors of Richmond, attended the conference of Methodist Episcopal churches of the Richmond district in Knightstown, Thursday.

**Wilson Really Attacked Foch, Says Paris Editor**

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, March 11.—President Wilson's charges against France, made in a letter he sent this week to Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Democratic leader in the United States senate, are said by "Perrinax," political editor of the Echo de Paris, "to be aimed at France, by name, but at Marshal Foch by implication."

The so-called imperialism of France," says the writer in discussing Mr. Wilson's letter, "consists in the conviction, fortified by all the lessons in history, that to guarantee herself against attacks from central Europe, she must hold the Rhine bridge-heads."

**12 Cars Derailed in Tie-up at Greensfork**

Traffic on the north each of the Richmond division of the Pennsylvania was held up for five hours Wednesday afternoon as a result of a wreck of a freight train near Greensfork.

## 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 Otisville, 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. I. 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 instructed by the miners' federation yesterday. Adoption of a resolution favoring political action in the form of legislative 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**

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.

The hearings, which have been executive, it was indicated, would be continued for several days before any action was taken on the nomination.

**Fireproof Roofs May Be Required in City; Board Considers Recommendation**

Fireproof roofs may be required soon on all new buildings erected within the city fire limits, it was intimated by members of the board of works Thursday. Sentiment was expressed in favor of a city ordinance.

In case an ordinance is framed, in all probability, it will embrace the matter of reshingling of buildings within the fire limits with fireproof shingles.

A number of cities have passed ordinances doing away with wooden shingled buildings within fire limits.

**MRS ESTHER REID PASSES 94TH BIRTHDAY QUIETLY**  
EATON, O., March 11.—Mrs. Esther Reid, mother of City Civil Engineer A. L. Reid, celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday anniversary at her home here Wednesday. Her children passed the day with their aged mother.

Friends and neighbors came in during the day to extend greetings and and well wishes. Two daughters, Mrs. Emma Swere and Mrs. Mary Swere, came recently from Denver, Colo. Of the four children, one daughter, Mrs. Hawley, of New Paris, was unable to be present.

**Weather Forecast**

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Rain tonight and probably Friday; colder Friday.

Maximum ..... 51  
Minimum ..... 40

Today  
Noon ..... 51  
For Wayne County by W. E. Moore

—Showers, possibly thunderstorms tonight; Friday unsettled, probably rain and cold.

**General Conditions**—The British Columbia storm has overspread the entire Mississippi valley, with rain south of the 45th parallel except over the southern Rocky mountain states. It is getting colder in the northwest, but not severe.

## 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 beginning 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."

"It is time somebody was standing up for the interests of the people who aren't able to raise their wages—as many laborers are—every time prices go up. What about these 650,000 teachers of our country?"

**Profession is Important.**  
Between the address of Mr. Miller and that of Edward Toner, editor of the Anderson Herald, Miss Flora Broadus, 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—"

**Don't Use Glen Roads in Spring Thaw, Hollarn Warns**

Warning against use of driveways in Glen Miller park, by auto drivers for demonstrations during the thawing season has been issued by Park Superintendent Hollarn.

"Motorists have already cut up several of the main roads in the park, and unless the practice is stopped, someone is going to be prosecuted," Hollarn said Friday. "A city ordinance prohibits using the park driveways during the wet season in spring, and violators of this ordinance have already damaged the roads to the amount of several hundred dollars."

Hollarn said an arrest was made Thursday for the offense, but that the offender was let loose.

**Beckett and Cheesman File Their Declarations**

Paul A. Beckett, of Richmond, has filed his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination for prosecuting attorney, for the primaries May 4 with the secretary of state.

William K. Cheesman, of Center township, filed his declaration for the Republican nomination for county commissioner with the county clerk Thursday.

A declaration of candidacy for precinct chairman for precinct 23, Wayne township, was filed with the county clerk by Isaac V. Gause, 215 North Thirtieth street, a Democrat.

**OFFER BIG REWARD FOR RETURN OF PEARLS**  
(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, March 11.—A rope of pink pearls valued at \$50,000 was stolen from Mrs. Robert F. Carr, Chicago society woman, while she was a guest of the Glenn Springs hotel, Watkins, N. Y., March 2, it became known today when Lloyds insurance agency offered a reward of \$15,000. The necklace was said to consist of 78 perfectly matched pearls.

## HOOVER WILL BE CALLED ON WAR CONDUCT

Former Food Administrator  
to Testify as Result of Sims'  
Recommendation — Latter  
Continues.

### "NAVY KEPT AT HOME"

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Herbert Hoover will be called to testify in the senate investigation of the navy's conduct of the war.

Rear Admiral Sims told the inquiry committee today that Mr. Hoover had an intimate knowledge of the situation in Europe at the time America entered the war, and asked that he be summoned to substantiate the admiral's testimony as to the gravity of the allies' position at that time.

Admiral Sims said he received a note from Mr. Hoover saying he would be here Saturday, and Chairman Hale agreed to call him on that day. Admiral Sims said he would like to have the former food administrator called before he proceeded further, in order that there should be no doubt in my mind that I have substantiated the part of my letter in which I described the gravity of the crisis which we faced in 1917 and pointed out how near to disaster the lack of action by the department at that time brought us.

**"Victory Barely Won."**  
"The Allies indeed barely escaped a peace without victory," said the admiral.

Indications that the navy department withheld sending all available American naval craft to European waters early in the war because of a desire to keep the main body of the nation's sea power intact for possible eventualities, were contained in Admiral Sims testimony today.

**Cablegram Outlines Policy.**  
He read a cablegram from the navy department, dated July 10, 1917, containing an outline of the department's policy and declaring that "while a successful termination of the present war must always be the first aim, and will probably result in diminished tension throughout the world, the future position of the United States must in no way be jeopardized by any disintegration of our main fighting fleet."

The same cablegram, Admiral Sims said, contained this statement: "The navy department announces as its general plan of action the following: Its willingness to send its minor fighting forces in any number not incompatible with home needs to any field of action seemed advisable by the allied admiralty council; its unwillingness as a matter of policy to separate any division from the main fleet for service abroad, although it is willing to send the entire battleship fleet abroad to act as a unit, but co-operating unit when the emergency is deemed to warrant it."

**First Statement of Policy.**  
With regard to this message and statement of policy Admiral Sims said it was the "first definite statement of policy I had received, arriving a few days over three months after we had declared war."

"The astounding features of this policy were however, that while it stated our intention to co-operate to the fullest degree, still such co-operation was conditioned first upon an adequate defense of our own waters and next upon the future position of the United States after this war was finished," said the admiral.

"I am wholly unable to conceive of any war policy, particularly in a world war of this nature, which was certain to exhaust all of the participants with the possible exception of ourselves, based upon the requirements of any possible future war."

**"Realized War at Last."**  
A message received from the navy department, dated July 5, to the effect that several small vessels were being sent to augment his forces, "indicated that they were at last beginning to realize that there was a war being fought in European waters," declared Admiral Sims.

On July 30, Admiral Sims testified he sent the Navy department a review of the discussions of the allied naval council, in which he stated that "it was made apparent that closer coordination of effort should be immediately established between the United States and the allies," and reiterated his previous requests for more speed in the construction of submarines.

**More Calls for Help.**  
Even as late as January, 1918, he was still calling for more destroyers, Admiral Sims said, and by that time, he declared, his predictions that the allies would lose the war unless the United States gave more complete naval co-operation, were being justified by results and the navy department was beginning to carry out his recommendations of six and eight months before.

On April 23, August 24, and September 19, 1918, Admiral Sims said he wrote the department expressing his disappointment at the apparent non-success of the destroyer building program in the United States, and urging the necessity of "speeding up" production of anti-submarine craft, and sending every available small vessel to the war zone, even at the expense of the protection of the costs of the United States.

**"Situation Terrible."**  
"I am only introducing testimony as 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 channels which the navy afforded me and enlisted the services of such men as Ambassador Page."

## 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, Bukovina.

The Rumanians will demand the immediate withdrawal of soviet troops from the frontier, and the establishment of commercial relations.

**MODISTES TO MEET**

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, March 11.—Modistes who will hold a five-day semi annual convention here beginning March 15, in connection with the fashion show of the Fashion Art league of America, will advocate there be no change in design, according to an announcement today by Madame Alla Ripley, president of the league.