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MINE OWNERS REJECT UNION LEADER'S PLEA

Will Not Meet Lewis for Conference; Stand on Ground That Strike Is Illegal, They Say.

REPORT TO PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, July 30.—Indiana and Illinois coal operators meeting here today voted to reject the plea of President Lewis of the United Mine workers for a joint meeting of the operators' and miners' scale committee, to settle the present strike.

The operators appointed a committee to draft a reply to Mr. Lewis' message, declaring that the striking miners are violating their contract, entered into when the government fixed the last wage award, and demanding that the miners' president order his men back to work.

The coal operators will not meet with the miners unless ordered to do so by the government.

Will State Their Position.

The Indiana and Illinois operators will meet again this afternoon to frame a statement setting forth their position.

Chicago members of the committee, who went to Washington recently to present information on the strike of day laborers in Illinois mines, declared them that they could not undertake to change the wage agreement with the miners signed last April, unless the government reopened the coal commission hearings which drew up the wage scale.

Some members of the committee have declared their willingness to adjust the increase granted the day laborers by the coal commission's award, to make it equal the increase granted other miners, but not until governmental permission was received. The day laborers who struck, announced their dissatisfaction with the difference in increases.

Holding Coal in R. R. Yards?

It was reported today that some of the railroads here were exercising their priority rights and holding in the yards coal which could be used in locomotives. Several hundred cars of coal are said to be in railroad yards here awaiting acceptance by the consignees.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 30.—Executive officers of the United Mine Workers of America today were clothed with full authority to take whatever action they deem necessary in the situation created by the walkout of company men and day workers in the Indiana and Illinois coal fields.

Blanket authority to act has been conferred on President John L. Lewis and other executive officials of the union, it was announced today. This statement was issued by President Lewis today:

"The international executive board before adjournment yesterday adopted a resolution giving the executive officers of the international union blank authority to take any action necessary to protect the interests of the organization."

No mention was made of any other action taken by the board.

Every Mine in State Closed

Reports from the Indiana coal fields today indicated no change in the situation. Union officers at Terre Haute claimed that virtually every mine in the state is closed.

President Ed. Stewart, of District No. 11, United Mine Workers, issued a statement this morning, saying: "Practically the entire coal field is closed. Less than one per cent of the bituminous mines in the state are operating. We are hopeful for an early solution of the problem of getting the men back to work, but at present the way is not clear."

None of the union officers would comment on the action of the Indiana operators in declining to participate in a joint conference with the miners.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—President Wilson today had under consideration the report of the coal situation made to him yesterday by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who recommended re-opening of the wages award of the bituminous coal commission so that it would include wages of mine laborers.

Dissatisfaction of the laborers over their wage scale has resulted in the strike in the Illinois and Indiana coal fields, which operators report, has greatly curtailed production.

It was said that the president might appeal to miners who are on strike in Illinois and Indiana to return to work pending amicable settlement of their grievances.

Other demands for an increase in wages probably will be discussed at a conference in New York between representatives of four government departments and a committee from the coal industry.

Plans for averting a coal famine next winter and for checking profiteering in the coal trade also will be considered at the conference, according to Acting Attorney General Ames, who said last night that the government hoped to develop a program on which coal men could come "half way" in solving the coal problem.

PITTSBURG, Kas., July 30.—Alexander Howat, district president of the United Mine Workers, today wired John L. Lewis, international president at Indianapolis, that Kansas miners would "use all the power in their command to compel the operators to return every dollar that was stolen from their wages."

Howat's declaration was regarded by operators as tantamount to defiance of the international president. President Lewis in a recent telegram to the local official took the stand that the five day week instituted by the miners, and which resulted in the assessments levied by the operators, was a violation of the union contract.

Allies Lay Down Stringent Terms of Peace For Poland Against Bolsheviks

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, July 30.—The limitations which Great Britain and France would put upon soviet demands on Poland, in the arranging of an armistice, are set forth in a notification which has been dispatched to the Warsaw government by the British and French governments, it was learned here today.

Poland requested the views of Great Britain and France on possible armistice terms, and the governments at London and Paris have notified the Polish government that they will not permit Poland to accept possible soviet armistice demands involving:

First—Whole or partial disarmament of Poland;

Second—A change in the Polish system of government dictated or brought about by the soviets.

Third—Acceptance by Poland of a boundary line less favorable than that provisionally drawn by Premier Lloyd George.

Fourth—The use of Poland as a bridgehead, in any sense, between Germany and Russia.

Munitions to Warsaw.

As bearing on the military situation it develops that vast stocks of munitions from the allies are moving to

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ward Warsaw today from Danzig, on the Baltic, and from Rumania and Czecho-Slovakia.

These munitions were for the most part originally dispatched for the army of General Denikine, but were delayed on the way until too late to be available for his use.

The munitions being sent from Danzig, however, were shipped recently for the especial use of Poland. Other munitions are expected to be in process of shipment from France and Great Britain for Poland within a few days.

Hungary Wants A Chance.

Hungary has asked the permission of Great Britain and France to attack the soviet army. Such an attack would involve permission likewise to reorganize the Hungarian army, the demobilization of which was provided for by the Hungarian peace treaty.

The allies are hesitating over Hungary's request, according to a high French official, because they fear Hungary would expect too many concessions in the terms of the treaty by way of amelioration.

Information which has reached the French government was said today to reveal that Latvia, Finland, Rumania

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HARDING MAY LEAVE FRONT PORCH; URGED TO TRAVEL OVER U. S.

(By Associated Press)

MARION, Ohio, July 30.—Senator Harding's front porch campaign for the presidency, to be opened tomorrow with an address to a delegation from Mansfield, O., is expected to get into full swing during August, as groups of voters from more distant sections of the country begin to arrive in

Two more of the front porch speaking dates were announced today and Senator Harding said the number of delegations on the waiting list was growing daily.

He expressed gratification at the applications received, which he said showed that many thousand were anxious to take an active part in the campaign by making a pilgrimage here.

Pottery Men to Hear Him.

The two dates added to the list today were Aug. 12, when 600 pottery workers will come from East Liverpool and Columbian, Ohio, and Sept. 25, when the nominee will be paid a visit by the American Defense society. Arrangements for the Defense society's appointment were made by Hoffman Nickerson, of New York, who said he expected about a thousand members to be present. Visits from Ohio delegations already have been announced for August 4 and August 5.

Although giving their present attention to the front porch program, the Senator's campaign managers have received many invitations for the candidate to speak in other parts of the country. It was said at headquarters today that so far no definite appointments away from Marion had been made, but that many of the requests had been put aside to be settled over later.

Many of the senator's callers, including party leaders from various states, also have urged him to include these respective localities in whatever speech-making trips he may decide to take.

These requests are understood to have come from so many sections of the country that it is considered impossible to fulfill all of them.

In his speeches at Marion, Senator Harding expects to take up one at a time, the issues of the campaign, speaking in each case on a subject of particular interest to the visiting delegations.

That practice will not apply to the opening speeches, however, his address to the Mansfield delegation being expected to deal in a general way, with several subjects.

PONZI PAYS 'EM BACK MILLION AND A HALF

(By Associated Press)

BOSTON, Mass., July 30.—Charles Ponzi, who claims to have amassed millions within a few months and who paid to the public large profits on their investments in his deal in international exchange, appeared today almost to have satisfied questions among his investors as to his solvency.

Only a short line formed before the payment windows of the Ponzi office this morning, and when disbursement was resumed clerks said they were paying nearly as much on notes matured for the 50 per cent profit in 45 days as they were returning to frightened investors principal without interest on notes surrendered short of maturity.

The virtual end of the five day run was in sight with few additions to the line. The amount paid out by Ponzi since Monday was estimated by his manager, Miss Lucy Mell, as \$1,500,000.

SLACKING SENATORS MAY NOT BE PAID

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, July 30.—Senators who have not attended the special session of the Indiana legislature, will have to obtain their per diem by process of law, if they get the money.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar D. Bush declared today.

The lieutenant governor announced that unless he was overruled by the senate, he would instruct the secretary of the senate not to issue warrants for the pay of senators who have not attended. The senate took no action on the announcement.

HOME TOWN IS OUT TO HONOR GOVERNOR COX

Nominee's Neighbors and Friends Shut Up Shop To Do Him Honor—City Decorated.

EVERYBODY IS OUT

(By Associated Press)

DAYTON, O., July 30.—Choice of their fellow citizen, Governor James M. Cox, as the Democratic presidential nominee, was acclaimed today by residents of Dayton and other portions of the Miami Valley. They were joined here by thousands in a non-partisan "home-coming" demonstration to their distinguished native son.

A civic parade at 2:30 o'clock today was the main feature of the celebration in honor of Governor Cox. Hours before the parade crowds lined the court of honor flanked with high white decorated pillars, and Governor Cox's reviewing stand in front of the court house.

Speeches were banished from the program and the crowds turned out in response to requests for laying aside of all partisan feeling and rejoicing over the selection of one of their friends and neighbors as the Democratic standard bearer.

Day is Made Half Holiday.

For the tribute to the governor, today was a half holiday throughout virtually all Dayton. Stores, factories, banks and public officers were ordered closed at noon and Dayton homes poured out more crowds. From Midtown, Hamilton and other Miami Valley regions where Governor Cox lived part of his life, others came.

Elaborate floats were features of the parade together with the renowned "Rainbow Division" and Meteor bands. The latter from Piqua, Ohio, became prominent at the San Francisco convention. About 60 floats, representing various civic organizations, some depicting the career of Governor Cox, were in the parade line.

Hundreds of employees in the local branch factory, formerly the American Seeding Machine company, will be affected by the new plan.

Some idea of what the plan will mean to employees may be had from the fact that for 1919 the company had a balance of about \$12,000,000 from earnings after paying dividends on its capital stock. This division of profits, which is termed an "extra compensation and stock ownership plan," is open to all employees of the company in the United States and Canada, with certain limitations regarding length of service.

Assigned a prominent parading place was the Cox Booster's Club, which made the trip to San Francisco. The boosters had vivid uniforms for the occasion. Fraternal organizations, some of which boast Governor Cox's membership, and labor bodies, also had positions in the line.

Newspaper Boys There Too.

So that newspaper employees could march Governor Cox's plant issued only an early edition.

Lavish decorations blazed through the city, flags and banners being mingled with lithographs of Governor Cox, although the likeness also of Senator Harding, his Republican opponent, also beamed on the festivities.

The following Saturday Mrs. Showe and the girl left the Atlas company. In company with the youngest daughter, now 14 years old, Katherine and her mother are living in Cambridge City, the home of the children.

The new girl was at her place the following morning. With trembling voice Mrs. Showe approached and asked her name.

Almost immediately Mrs. Showe recognized the oldest of her long lost daughters. Neither came to work the next day, but sent word that they were enjoying their new found happiness.

The following Saturday Mrs. Showe later explained that the new girl was at her place the only break scheduled today in the governor's preparation of his speech of acceptance, which was interrupted briefly late yesterday by a visit with Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, who has been prominent in Democratic senatorial advocacy of reservations to the league of nations.

The subject, however, was not discussed with the governor according to Senator Walsh, who promised his unreserved aid in the Cox campaign.

The directors believe that this plan, which is the result of careful consideration and thought on the part of the executives and directors of the company extending over a long period, will round out a policy of relations with the company's employees which should produce results highly satisfactory to both stockholders and employees.

A plan put into effect by us in December, 1915, has demonstrated that the employees welcome an opportunity to become stockholders of the company. The plan is much more comprehensive than anything heretofore undertaken by us along this line, and it is believed, will appeal strongly to the Harvesters organization.

"This distribution furnishes a distinct incentive to every employee to do his full share, for upon individual effort and team play will depend in a large measure the amount of the annual compensation to each employee who is entitled to participate."

How Plan Will Work

Under the plan employees are divided into two general groups. One group, embracing all eligible employees except those in executive and managerial capacities, will receive two-thirds of the extra compensation fund, part in cash and part in preferred stock, which pays dividends on 7 per cent. This fund will be distributed in the proportion which the actual earnings of each employee for the year bears to the aggregate earnings of all employees in the group entitled to share in the distribution.

Employees must have been continuously in service during the calendar year in which the extra compensation fund is earned, and until the time of distribution, which will be about May 1 of the following year. If an employee is retired on pension or dies his share will be payable to him or his estate.

Employees also must hold the preferred stock given them in order to share in future distributions.

The second group embraces employees in executive and managerial capacities. This group will receive one-third of the extra compensation fund, apportioned as nearly as possible according to the value of their services as determined by the directors.

Conditions of participation are the same as for employees in the first group, except that they will receive common instead of preferred stock in part payment of the yearly extra compensation.

Mexican Federals Will Try to Outflank Cantu, Revolter of Lower California

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, Tex., July 30.—Mexican federal forces totaling several thousand men are being mobilized and moved against lower California, to put down the rebellion against federal authority of Governor Esteban Cantu, it was announced today by General P. Elias Calles, Mexican minister of war and marine, who is enroute to Torreon Durango, to confer with Francisco Villa, the bandit, concerning the latter's surrender.

MEXICALI, Lower California, July 30.—Mexican federal troops will attempt by superior numbers to outflank and drive from Mexicali the forces being recruited here by Esteban Cantu, governor of the northern district of Lower California, according to Cantu leaders, who are preparing for the defense of the region to-day.

Official opinion here, however, is divided as to whether Generals Murillo, Mariel and Urquiza and other prisoners held in connection with Cantu's death can be removed from Mexico City to Puebla.

MEXICO CITY, July 29.—Manuel C. Larraga and Leon Martinez, the San Luis Potosi rebels, and Guillermo Sáenz and Francisco Mendoza, Morelos rebels, are reported to be ready for surrender. Elimination of Sáenz and Mendoza, it is claimed, would entirely pacify the state of Morelos. General Ireneo Villarreal, with his Coahuila rebel forces, is reported to have arrived at Laredo.

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Name of Coal Dealer Who Allegedly Told City He'd Sell Coal for \$2.80 Is Demanded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHARP CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED AGAINST RICHMOND NEWSPAPER, AT A CITIZENS' MEETING FRIDAY, CALLED TO DISCUSS THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

THE CRITICISM CENTERED ON THE RECENT ACTION OF THE PUBLICATION IN PRINTING A STATEMENT REFLECTING AGAINST THE LIGHT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THEN REFUSING TO MAKE PUBLIC THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON WHICH THE ARTICLE WAS BASED.

BYRAM C. ROBBINS, WHO RETIRES FROM OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY SUNDAY, REFERRED TO THE ACTION OF THE NEWSPAPER AS "SHEER COWARDICE."

SEVERAL CITIZENS PROTESTED AGAINST