

## Climax in Hard Coal Strike Near

### Developments in Anthracite Walkout Predicted Within Week by Spokesmen for Administration.

### President Is Optimistic

Washington, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Prediction that the situation in the anthracite coal region would "come to a climax in less than a week from today," was made at the White House by a spokesman for the administration. No comment, however, was forthcoming as to what developments were expected.

The administration spokesmen further declared that President Harding considered the anthracite operators "the scoundrels" the government has dealt with during the present industrial troubles. It was added that the president believed that the anthracite operators had not and would not obstruct a settlement in their territory.

How soon negotiations to end the suspension of work in the anthracite fields might be expected, was not revealed by officials, but the opinion was expressed that a settlement had been delayed because of negotiations pending in Cleveland for a termination of the bituminous strike.

### Delays Justified.

Both parties to the controversy in the anthracite field were said, in the president's opinion, to be justified in postponing their effort to bring about an adjustment because of the activities in the bituminous situation.

Secretary Davis declared that the country faced a shortage of anthracite coal which could not possibly be made up within the next year. There was a shortage of at least 30,000,000 tons, according to the latest reports conveyed to him by officials in touch with coal production, he added. Sufficient bituminous coal to establish the normal surplus quantity usually on hand could not be produced before next April at the earliest, Mr. Davis said.

The central coal committee will not hesitate to refuse priority orders for fuel which do not conform with the Hoover fair prices, Fuel Distributors said.

### Contract to April 1

Cleveland, Aug. 11.—Any contract that may grow out of the conference here of soft coal operators and miners probably will continue in force only until April 1, it was indicated by a decision of the operators-miners point subcommittee on the general terms of an agreement. No final decision on any question was reached but the date for expiration of the contract was brought up for consideration.

Mr. Board of commission might be created to arrange for future negotiations. Past contracts have run for two years, expiring on March 31.

Operators on the committee declined to make public their proposal for future action until next April. It was understood to have suggested arbitration and in this respect met with the flat refusal of the miners. The union leaders, however, were said to approve a fact-finding commission of purely advisory powers.

### Progress Reported.

Although opposition to negotiating an interstate agreement, which might fix a mining rate of wage for Illinois, was raised by Frank Farrington, the Illinois miners' president, the adjournment of the committee was marked by a declaration of "We have labored hard all day and feel we are making progress," while President John L. Lewis, heading the miners, added that he was optimistic as ever over the prospects of reaching an agreement.

Mr. Farrington, sponsor of single state agreements for ending the strike, was understood to have notified the committee that he would not be bound to settle with Illinois operators on the basis of any agreement that may be made here, while Mr. Lewis answered that the question arising from the Illinois leaders' stand was one for the union's policy committee.

The stand by Mr. Farrington in the committee, and a notice from Illinois operators that they would not attend the conference, were not regarded by Mr. Lewis as an obstacle to a settlement.

### Suspension of Montana "Dry" Chief Is Confirmed

Washington, Aug. 11.—Prohibition Commissioner Hayes wired to O. H. P. Shelley, federal prohibition director for Montana, confirming a telegram signed "Smith," temporarily suspending the Montana official. The commissioner explained that in the absence of Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair, C. Smith, the assistant revenue collector, was acting commissioner.

Mr. Shelley had been suspended during an investigation into certain matters in connection with procedure in the Helena office, such as withdrawals, Mr. Hayes said. Whether any permanent change in the directorship in Montana would be made, he added, would depend upon the outcome of the investigation.

### 2 Die as Tangled Tow Line Causes Tug Boat to Turn Over

New York, Aug. 11.—The tug boat Clarence P. Howland was overturned and sank in an odd accident off Staten Island today when a tangled tow line caused it to capsize. Two members of its crew of six lost their lives.

The tug was towing the Texas Steamship's steamer Roanoke and when it slowed down the steamer floated by, causing the slack hawser to become looped under the tug's stern. The tug was whipped over on its side and disappeared within two minutes.

Four of the crew were picked up by a passing steamer.

## Omaha Girl Witness at Mme. Walska's Wedding



Harold P. McCormick, secretary of the Chicago opera company, who with Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick will have no comment to make on Mr. McCormick's marriage.

Paris, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Harold P. McCormick of Chicago and Mrs. Alexander Smith Cochran (Madame Walska) were married today in the city hall of the sixteenth ward here.

### No Comment.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick will have no comment to make on Mr. McCormick's marriage.

That telephone message, delivered by Mrs. McCormick's secretary, was the only statement forthcoming this morning when The Associated Press informed the former wife of the International Harvester head of the latter's marriage in Paris to Mme. Ganna Walska, the opera singer.

Mrs. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, has declined to comment, since her divorce last winter, on either her former husband's activities or the announced engagement of her 17-year-old daughter, Mathilde, to Max Oser, elderly Swiss riding academy professor.

Mrs. Walska created a furore when she came to Chicago two years ago to appear as one of the stars of the Chicago Opera company. Mr. McCormick, who with Mrs. Edith McCormick were the principal guarantors of the company, had employed her while visiting Paris.

On the day before her announced debut with the Chicago company Mme. Walska packed her bags and left for New York. Gossip buzzed (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

## France Thanks The Omaha Bee

### Appreciation for Work in Sending Good Will Delegation Is Voiced.

New York, Aug. 11.—(Special Telegram).—Appreciation of the efforts of The Omaha Bee for its cooperation in sending the Good Will Delegation to France was voiced by the French press through Etienne de Naleche, director of the Journal des Debats and director of the syndicate of the Paris press in a cable received here today. The cable follows:

"Syndicate of Parisian press sends warmest greetings to the editor of The Bee in Omaha for its co-operation in sending the Good Will Delegation now visiting France. We appreciate the initiative taken in this magnificent work which cannot fail to strengthen the friendship and mutual understanding of the two countries.

"This splendid effort demonstrates the great power of the press of America. The newspapers of France are co-operating to the best of their powers in order to make the Good Will tour the greatest possible success. We want to take this occasion to thank America once more for the valuable aid bestowed to France during the most tragic moments of her history.

### Boy Scout Gives Skin to Save Life of Friend

Santa Barbara, Cal., Aug. 11.—Jimmie Davis, 14, takes his obligation as a Boy Scout seriously. The creed requires that scouts befriend other boys in every way possible. Yesterday, Jimmie submitted to an operation to save the life of a friend.

Grover Johnson, 9, was burned badly July 5, by the explosion of a holiday fire cracker. Physicians said his wounds would heal only through skin grafting. Jimmie is supplying the skin.

### GOLFERS at least three-quarters mental and less than a quarter physical," declared Dr. Carrington.

How's that for theory? Billy Means, member of the Seagull club, calls it "stuffed."

### Green Magic

It's a Blue Ribbon tale guaranteed to delight every golfer, near golfer and even those benighted souls who know not the exact relation between a nibble and a cue.

### Refuse to Arbitrate

Manila, Aug. 11.—Officers and crew of interisland vessels who struck midnight of July 30 against proposed wage reductions have flatly refused to accept government arbitration. Foreign steamers are using special permits and supplying a limited passenger and freight service.

### Copy of Washington Facts Signed by King of England

London, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—The ratified copy of the Washington treaties was signed by King George yesterday.

## Flexible Tariff Plan Approved

### Proposal Giving President Authority to Increase or Decrease Rates Passed by Senate.

### Vote on Action, 36 to 20

Washington, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—A flexible tariff plan, proposing authority for the president to increase or decrease tariff rates in the pending bill until July 1, 1924, was approved tonight by the senate.

The vote was 36 to 20, with three republicans opposing and two democrats supporting. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska voted against the plan.

With the flexible tariff fight out of the way, the senate approved provision dealing with unfair methods of competition and unfair acts in the importation of merchandise into the United States. It then began consideration of the so-called scientific tariff amendments proposed by Senators Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, and Jones, democrat, New Mexico.

Just before approving the plan the senate adopted, 34 to 19, an amendment by Senator Bursum, New Mexico, which would provide that after July 1, 1924, no duties could be changed except by authority of congress.

Eighteen republicans and all of the democrats supported this amendment. The republicans were Bursum, Cameron, Capper, Gooding, Harrell, McCormick, McNary, Moses, Nicholson, Norbeck, Odell, Lawson, Shartridge, Stanfield, Sterling, Utahard, Wadsworth and Warren.

### Original Plan Modified.

The plan as finally approved is a sharp modification of that originally proposed. The president is prohibited from using American valuation except in the case of dyes and certain coal for specific use covered in two paragraphs of the bill and is required to base changes in rates on the differences in the costs of production "at home and abroad" instead of on differences in "conditions of competition."

Also the president could not change duties from specific ad valorem or from ad valorem to specific, nor transfer articles from the dutiable list to the free list or from the free list to the dutiable list, nor could he raise any rate beyond maximum specifically fixed in the bill.

### 23 Bombs Set Off at Roundhouse in California

Explosions Last From 1:30 to 3 A. M.—Believed Intended to Terrorize Workers.

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Twenty-three time bombs have exploded at intervals from 1:30 to 3 o'clock this morning in the stockade of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, within 200 feet of the company's roundhouse, according to the sheriff's office.

The bombs were buried in the ground and in exploding did not damage except for blowing much earth into the air, it was said.

Deputy United States Marshal Albertson was seriously burned when a bomb exploded in his hands shortly after the explosion of the 23 bombs.

The explosion of the bombs created terror in the vicinity of the shops, hurling fragments several hundred feet. The bombs were of castiron pipe elbows filled with a white powder, and, according to investigators, were carelessly thrown into the stockade.

None of the guards on duty was hurt. One reported his hat blown off.

It was thought at first that the bombs were thrown into the stockade from a passing automobile, but explosions occurring at intervals led investigators to believe that the bombs had been previously planted.

The belief that the explosions were caused from high powered caps and not bombs, was expressed by United States Marshal Greenwood. He was also of the opinion he said, that the explosions were intended not to do any material damage, but to frighten men at work in nearby shops.

### Shortage in Iowa.

The resolution followed declaration by Governor Kendall that regardless of what action is taken, hundreds of industries in the northwest will be closed for lack of fuel and thousands of men thrown out of work. Iowa, he said, has only a two weeks supply of coal on hand, and in spite of the fact that it has a mince available producing 1,000,000 tons of coal a month.

"It isn't possible to operate the Iowa mines, as I wrote the president, unless the union men in the state can be induced to return to work," Governor Kendall said. "I see no relief for our country whatever except for the federal government to operate the mines."

### Blaine Favors Plan.

Governor Blaine was also strongly in favor of government operation of the mines and what railroads are necessary in case the mediation proves unavailable in a brief period.

J. M. J. Mackay, southern dakota railroad commissioner, supported the proposal of Governor Kendall of Iowa, that the government take over and operate the mines. He urged that the government select a representative to go to Washington at once and stay there until the federal government does something to relieve the situation.

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## All Is Peace in the Pacific



## Twelve Limited Trains on Santa Fe Stalled in Desert

### Road's Transcontinental Service Crippled as Result of Refusal of Brotherhood Men to Continue Work.

Los Angeles, Aug. 11.—Twelve transcontinental trains of the Santa Fe railroad were stalled at desert points of the Santa Fe railroad at noon today, following the refusal of trainmen to proceed, according to a list given out at the general offices here. There were no available figures of the number of passengers injured, but railroad men said that if the travel was "average" it would run from 2,200 to 2,500.

The trains were nearly all those which left Los Angeles Thursday eastbound or were today westbound. The number will be increased by accumulating westbound trains. Eastbound service has been annulled.

### Passengers Cared For.

Company officials said the passengers would be cared for as well as possible in the trains until some means could be found for moving them. What means were under contemplation was not divulged. Friends of passengers on the trains who continued to travel were advised of the sending of automobiles for them.

The passengers would stand a better chance for a comfortable and speedy journey if they remained where they were.

Two eastbound trains were tied up at Needles, Cal., No. 2 (the Navajo) and No. 8; also No. 1, westbound (The Scout). At Barstow, Cal., were No. 18, No. 4 (California Limited) and No. 22 (The Missionary).

### Stalled in Arizona.

The Navajo, No. 9, due in Los Angeles today, was stalled at Seligman, Ariz., and the train of the same number, due Saturday, was at Williams, Ariz., No. 3 (California Limited) and No. 7, also due here today, were at Seligman. The Navajo, due Saturday, was at Williams, Ariz., and the Scout, due Saturday, at Ashfork, Ariz. In addition to the transcontinental trains, No. 21, bound for San Francisco, was stalled at Barstow.

Besides the trains on the desert, No. 22, southbound from San Francisco was halted at Bakersfield and No. 10, eastbound, at Bakersfield.

### Fire at Camp Grant Burns Many Barracks

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 11.—Fire in Camp Grant barracks was placed under control early today after eight units of barracks in the hospital area were destroyed and several other buildings were damaged.

Six hundred and fifty buildings were damaged by roof fires. Several soldiers were slightly injured while aiding firemen in fighting the flames. Four soldiers who fell through a burning roof escaped with minor injuries.

Camp authorities declared the fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

The barracks, erected during the war, were built and equipped at a cost of more than \$1,000,000, and their salvage value was said to have been much less.

### Harding Sends Best Wishes to Germany

Washington, Aug. 11.—Official proof of the friendship of the United States for the new German republic, together with wishes for its peace, happiness and prosperity, was given by President Harding when he sent a cablegram of felicitations to President Ebert, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the establishment of the government now headed by Herr Ebert.

### Denver Man Kidnapped as Boy; Seeks Father

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 11.—Theodore Lucas of Denver, Colo., in a letter to Dallas police, has asked for aid in his search for his father, Abram Solonay, or other members of his family. Lucas, who declared his real name is Theodore Solonay, wrote that he was kidnapped when 7 years old from his home in Greenville, Tex., 25 years ago, brought to Dallas later to Oklahoma and kept on a farm until he was 19, when he left to enter the army.

### Omahan Named Inspector

Washington, Aug. 11.—(Special Telegram).—The Postoffice department announced the appointment of seven new inspectors. Among them was Floyd McKean of Omaha, assigned to the St. Francisco division.

## Rail Chiefs Accept New Peace Plan

### "Conditional" Approval of Proposals by Harding Voted by Executives at New York Conference.

### Details Are Kept Secret

New York, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—A committee representing the railway executives Saturday will wait on President Harding with a reply to his proposal for settlement of the rail strike that was described by one railroad official as a "conditional acceptance." What the conditions were he did not state.

While this announcement was not made by the official spokesman for the conference, it was made by one in close touch with the executives.

He declined to permit his name to be used or to amplify the phrase "conditional acceptance."

A statement issued later by T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, simply stated that a committee headed by him would wait on President Harding at 4:30 Saturday afternoon, when the conclusion reached would be submitted to him. Meanwhile, the statement said, the decision reached would not be made public.

### Statement by Cuyler.

Mr. Cuyler's statement said: "At their meeting today the railway executives gave to the proposal of the president, dated August 7, 1922, the thorough and conscientious consideration to which it was entitled."

"They took into consideration all the elements in the situation which affected the public welfare and arrived at a conclusion which they will present to the president of the United States."

"For the purpose of making this presentation, a committee has been appointed. The action of railway executives cannot be made public until it has been submitted to the president."

### Position of Executives.

The position of the railway executives was one they understood was neither antagonistic to the president's proposal nor to the stand they took a week ago Tuesday in saying they would have to stand by their guarantee to their old employees who had remained loyal and the new men employed in place of the strikers.

The terms upon which the rail executives agreed to accept President Harding's plan were unofficially said to be as follows:

First—That the president's request that the strikers be taken back would be interpreted that the roads would require only as many of the strikers as would be needed to recruit their present forces to normal.

Second—That such strikers as were taken back return unconditionally, their seniority rights later to be established by the railroad labor board.

### Legislation to Take Over Roads Discussed

Washington, Aug. 11.—Chairman Cuyler of the senate interstate commerce committee conceded today that legislation was under consideration which would empower the president to take over the railroads if transportation became seriously paralyzed.

The legislation under consideration by certain republican senators was said to provide for a declaration of an emergency and for authorization (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

### 2 of Crew Killed in Blast on Adriatic

New York, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—Two members of the Adriatic's crew were killed, five were seriously injured and one is missing, as the result of an explosion of undetermined origin in her No. 3 hold, according to a wireless message received today at the White Star line.

The message reported that the Adriatic was proceeding to New York at half speed. Coal was stored in the No. 3 hold and officials of the line in the absence of details thought that spontaneous combustion may have caused the explosion.

The men killed were a fireman and a trimmer. Those injured included an electrician and other employees of the engine room.

### Harding Urges Elasticity in Tariff to Senators

Washington, Aug. 11.—President Harding in a letter today to Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, read to the set, not only urged that a flexible tariff be provided for, but that the tariff commission be made the agency for investigation and recommendation for changes in tariff rates.

Washington, Aug. 11.—President Harding intervened today in the senate fight over the flexible tariff provisions, outlining to senators summoned to the White House the desirability of elasticity in the tariff during present shifting world conditions.

The executive conferred first with Senator Odie of Nevada, a leader of the republican agricultural tariff bloc, some members of which are opposed to the flexible plan in any form and later saw Senator Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, sponsor of the "scientific" tariff plan.

### Cork Police Barracks Burned.

London, Aug. 11.—(By A. P.)—All the military and police barracks in Cork are burning, according to the report of a government aviator who flew over their stronghold late yesterday, says a Times dispatch from Dublin.

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### The Weather

Forecast.  
Saturday: Fair; not much change in temperature.

| Hourly Temperatures. |    |          |    |
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| 6 a. m.              | 71 | 8 p. m.  | 85 |
| 9 a. m.              | 74 | 11 p. m. | 87 |
| 12 m.                | 77 |          |    |
| 3 p. m.              | 80 |          |    |
| 6 p. m.              | 83 |          |    |
| 9 p. m.              | 84 |          |    |
| 11 p. m.             | 85 |          |    |
| 12 noon              | 87 |          |    |

| Highest Friday. |    |              |    |
|-----------------|----|--------------|----|
| Davenport       | 71 | London       | 82 |
| Denver          | 76 | North Platte | 84 |
| Des Moines      | 80 | Park         | 86 |
| Dodge City      | 81 | Spalding     | 88 |

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