# Only 'Miracle' Can Avert Coal Strike April 1

### Anthracite Wage Contract Men Gird Selves for Long Struggle Over Miners' Demands.

Chicago, March 29.—Illinois miners will join the nation-wide coal strike set for April 1 and no hope of a postponement or of initiation of a separate state wage agreement could be found. Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners, told heads of the state operators' association in conference here today. Only an emergency could change the situation which now prevents him from negotiating a new wage contract, Mr. Farrington told the operators, it was learned.

New York, March 29.—(By A. P.)—Casting aside as a "remote possibility" the prospect of settling their differences in time to avert the general strike set for three days hence, members of the anthracite subcommittee on wage contract negotiations today girded themselves for a long, hard struggle over the miners' 19 demands.

"Nothing but a miracle—the immediate acceptance of eac hand every one of our demands—can avert the strike now," said Thomas Kennedy, district president of the United Mine Workers.

**Strike to Begih April 1.**

"Under the present circumstances, it is probable that the suspension will go into effect April 1, according to the miners' program," said S. B. Warriner, vice president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company.

Although sanguine of the ultimate success of the negotiations now in progress, the six other members of the anthracite subcommittee, composed of union chiefs and mine operators, were convinced that the mines would be evacuated Saturday.

With discussion of the miners' demand for a 20 per cent increase, scheduled to begin today, after two weeks devoted to general surveys of economic and labor conditions in Pennsylvania, union chiefs and mine operators began to drift into the city to be at the scene of developments.

Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, scouts the report that importation of British mined soft coal will lessen the danger of a bituminous coal shortage and thereby hurt the cause of the miners in the forthcoming strike.

"Any attempt on the part of the United States shipping board to import foreign coal probably would have the sympathy of the public," he said, "and thereby create sentiment against the strike. But the actual effect toward prevention of a shortage or extension of the available supply would be negligible.

**Miners Determined.**

As the wage negotiations proceed, the miners are becoming more and more determined that the next contract shall contain an inviolable provision for installation of the checkoff system in all anthracite mines. One member of the committee of eight last night declared that, unless such provision was made, all negotiations toward termination of the impending strike would amount to nothing.

Mr. Warriner, of the operators, dismissed the question of the miners' demand for the checkoff with the statement that "it has come up in every wage conference in the last 20 years."

**To Enforce New Scale.**

Morgantown, W. Va., March 29.—The board of directors of the Morgantown Coal association, controlling 65 operating mines in West Virginia, at a meeting here decided unanimously to enforce, beginning April 1, the scale adopted at a meeting held in Pittsburgh on February 4. This scale is comparatively the same as that now in force in the non-union districts of Pennsylvania, W. E. Watson, president of the association, announced, and is about 30 per cent below the present scale.

## Naval and Gas Pacts Ratified by Senate

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ted States gave up nothing vital strategically.

Senator Harrison, Mississippi, the most fiery partisan spokesman of the democratic side, hastened to put in the democratic claim for credit for assisting in the accomplishment of the naval reduction. He reviewed the record at length to show the democrats had always supported the provisions of the naval agreement, even while they were fighting the four-power pact. He praised Senator Borah and ex-President Wilson as the two men who deserved most of the credit for arousing public opinion in favor of naval limitation, without which the conference could not have been a success.

**Senator King Pessimistic.**

Senator King, Utah, democrat, took a pessimistic view of the outlook under the naval agreement. The millenium was not at hand, he asserted, and the results of the armament conference would fall short of the expectations of the people. Expenditures on aircraft, aircraft carriers and submarines would increase rapidly, he predicted, and the actual savings on the naval budget would be comparatively small. The outlay for the navy for the 10 years would average $350,000,000 to $400,000,000 annually, he prophesied.

The submarine and gas treaty would not be worth the paper it is written upon in the next year, Senator Wadsworth, New York, republican, chairman of the military affairs committee, asserted. It was easy to ban the use of poison gas on paper, he said, but nations engaged in deadly combat would easily find excuses to use any weapon to save their national existence. He voted for those treaties.

### Widow of Ex-Congressman Dies at Falls City Home

Falls City, Neb., March 29.—Mrs. A. J. Weaver, widow of former Congressman A. J. Weaver, died here Wednesday night. She was well known over the state and in her early days was a prominent W. C. T. U. worker.

## Heaviest Hiker, 281, Crashes Into Omaha

Frank Meek.

With a grin as broad as his 281 pounds avoirdupois, Frank Meek, 28, "the world's heaviest hiker," crashed into Omaha Tuesday on a jaunt from Danville, Ill., to Hollywood, Cal., in six months.

Frank is taking this little stroll for his health, and he promised the folks back home he'd lose 75 pounds by the time he reached Omaha.

But the scales showed he weighed 281 pounds when he arrived here, a drop of only 24 pounds from his 305 at Danville.

Frank left Danville February 24 and met two blizzards, several rains and plenty of mud on the way to Omaha. While here he's visiting his cousin, Mrs. Clarence Hersh, 922 North Twenty-ninth street, and, after a short visit, will hit the trail again for sunny California.

## New Tax Instructions Are Given Assessors

Lincoln, March 29.—Orders to disregard previous instructions relative to listing bonds and warrants of state or other governmental subdivisions for taxation purposes and advices that Liberty bonds and other exempt obligations of the United States cannot be deducted from the capital stock assessment of any Nebraska corporation, are contained in letters being mailed out to county assessors by W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner, following up the supreme court decision of yesterday.

The instructions in the former, however, will not interfere with the listing and assessment of other personal property, Mr. Osborne stated. Instructions also were given not to permit any deduction from the capital stock assessment of Nebraska corporations for intangible properties.

**Concerts Popular**—Seating capacity in the Schmoller & Mueller Piano company recital hall has been increased to 300 because of the popularity of the Saturday concerts. The next concert will be held in the hall next Saturday at 3:30 p. m.

## Assessors Hear Explanation of High State Tax

### George A. Williams Tells Jefferson County School of Inequalities — Many Motors Escape.

Fairbury, Neb., March 29.—(Special.)—O. R. Jones, county assessor of Jefferson county, held a school of instruction at Fairbury for precinct assessors. George A. Williams, a legislator of Filmore county, was present and on the program for a tax talk.

Mr. Williams served in the last regular session of the legislature as chairman of the committee on revenue and tax and his talk was on matters pertaining to taxes. He said that one of the principal reasons for high taxes is due to the fact that large corporations with over a million dollars capital list for taxation less than half of their holds. He gave as an example an Omaha corporation capitalized for $2,500,000 which listed its actual valuation for tax purposes at $650,000.

He also said that in 1919 more than 20,000 fewer automobiles were turned to Nebraska assessors than the number of licenses issued by Nebraska treasurers, which proved that men owning several cars are listing for tax purposes only a part of them.

He plead for equity of tax. He favored a regulation requiring rich and poor to list everything at actual valuation as a means of reducing the present excessive tax.

## Commercial Club Meeting Planned

### Secretaries Will Hold Conference in Lincoln to Discuss Problems.

Grand Island, Neb., March 29.—(Special.)—The Nebraska organization of commercial secretaries' conference will be held in Lincoln April 12. The general nature will be a round-table discussion, doing away with the formality of the member rising to his feet for discussion. The program committee, consisting of Mrs. Esther Stock Kroeger of Kearney and Ronald Kingsley of Falls City, has prepared the following program:

"The Budget—How to Procure it in a Town of 5,000 or Less," Harrison Elliott, Columbus. Leader of discussion, E. P. Walter, Broken Bow.

"Co-Operation with Farming Community—The Best and Most Effective Ways to Bring it About," Ronald Kingsley, Falls City. Leaders of discussion, R. H. Atwood, Chester; Miss Hester Ruckman, Scottsbluff.

"Committees—How to Select, Function and Procure Results," W. S. Whitton, Lincoln. Leaders of discussion, J. E. Nichols, Valley; Harry Hugo, Deshler.

A general discussion on the subject: "Conventions—To What Extent Should Towns Entertain Conventions?" Leader of discussion, George Wolz, Fremont.

"Members—How to Make Them Feel They Are Getting Benefits From the Commercial Organization," A. B. Green, Valentine. Leader of discussion, J. H. Rounds, Wood River.

"Free Community Entertainments—Should A Chamber of Commerce Foster Them and Should the Chamber Cover Every Field of Community Endeavor?" Frank H. Beels, Hastings. Leader of discussion, Adolph Held, Holdrege.

"The Chamber of Commerce Secretaryship—Is it a Profession or a Job?," leader, J. David Larson, Omaha.

"The Best Method of Handling Requests From Out of Town Concerns Desiring Informations and Lists of Certain Dealers," —leader, C. E. Jones, Beatrice.

"Municipal and County Affairs—To What Extent Should a Secretary Interest Himself in This Subject and How to Keep in Touch With These Matters," leader, E. M. Beaty, Blair.

"New Members—Advisability of Accepting New Members Before The Individual Becomes a Legal Voter in Precinct," leader, C. L. Kelly, Nebraska City.

"Credit Bureau—Should a Credit Bureau Function in Connection With The Chamber of Commerce?" leader, A. W. Ballenger, York.

"The Free Tourist Park and Accomodations—Is it a Paying Proposition?," leader, H. C. Loutzenheiser, Gothenburg.

## Shot Down Without Warning by Woman

Hannah Novak.

Hannah Novak, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Novak, who lived at 1719 Castelar street, Omaha, some years ago, was shot and instantly killed at Tulsa, Okl., by Mrs. Elizabeth Sherrill, proprietor of a rooming house, according to a dispatch received here yesterday.

Mrs. Sherrill told the police the girl "had broken up her home." Miss Jennie Redfield, former principal, Castelar school teachers and neighbors who knew Hannah, scouted the idea that she was mixed up in any love triangle.

The Novak family moved to Tulsa during the oil rush when the father became interested in the Mid-Co Pipe and Supply company there.

The girl was shot while seated in an automobile. Mrs. Sherrill approached the car with a gun hidden under her wraps and then fired upon the unsuspecting girl.

## Insurance Agents Meet at North Platte

North Platte, Neb., March 29.—(Special.)—The fifteenth annual convention of the Nebraska association of local fire insurance agents opened in this city this forenoon with an attendance of about 100. Mayor Evans delivered an address of welcome which was responded to by Frank B. Martin of Omaha. President E. R. Goodman of this city gave the annual address and a report was made by Secretary-Treasurer J. E. Sebastian.

Following lunch at the Elks club, Geo. B. Maldaur of the underwriters laboratories of Chicago gave an illustrated lecture on "fire prevention and its needs." Other addresses of the afternoon were made by State Insurance Commissioner W. B. Young of Lincoln, C. T. Flower of Grand Island and Frank Helvey of Omaha.

This evening a smoker was held at the Elks home at which a varied program was given. F. B. Martin and Roscoe Alexander, both of Omaha, were the leading entertainers among the visitors.

Tomorrow forenoon and afternoon sessions will be held, and the convention will close with a 7 o'clock banquet tendered by the Chamber of Commerce.

### Grand Island Farm Boy Is Killed in Runaway

Grand Island, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Theodore Lueth, 13, is dead as the result of the running away of a team of horses and the collision of the hayrack to which they were hitched with a telephone pole. The boy sustained internal injuries when violently hurled from the wagon. The family resides on a farm.

## Assassins Try to Kill Milukoff, Russian Leader

### Former Russian Secretary of State Slain Frustrating Attempt—Bullets Sped to Avenge Czar's Death.

Berlin, March 29.—(By A. P.)—An attempt was made to assassinate Prof. Paul N. Milukoff, former minister of foreign affairs in the Russian provisional government, while he was addressing a gathering of Russians last night.

The attempt was frustrated by Vladimir Naboukoff, who himself was killed by a bullet aimed at Milukoff.

**Professor Not Injured.**

Prof. Milukoff was not injured. He was immediately surrounded by friends, who hurried him from the hall. His assailants were two former Russian officers, who shouted: "We will have revenge for the death of the czar!" as they fired from front seats in the auditorium.

Prof. Milukoff was speaking on his recent visit to the United States and regarding the European situation. His address was moderate in tone and non-political.

M. Naboukoff was secretary of state in the first Russian preliminary cabinet under Prince Lvoff. He was a noted authority on criminology and editor of the Russian newspaper Rul in Berlin.

**Twelve Shots Fired.**

Naboukoff was sitting on the stage behind Prof. Milukoff. He leaped in front of Milukoff as the assassins fired and fell dead with two bullets through his body. Several persons in the audience were slightly wounded. About 12 shots were fired.

The shooting created a panic among the audience, which numbered about 1,500, and many persons were injured in the rush for the exits.

The two czarist officers who were arrested and charged with killing Naboukoff and attempting to assassinate Prof. Milukoff are Peter Schabelski-Brock and Jaribos Tabowitzki. Both suspects have been identified by people who were on the stage when the shots were fired, but the authorities believe other Russian monarchists also were implicated in the plot to assassinate M. Milukoff.

The police are inclined to believe that the plot was connected by the former monarchists, who are now holding a congress in Berlin. M. Milukoff arrived from Paris yesterday and announcement of his lecture had attracted a large audience.

### Body of Beatrice War Hero Returned for Burial

Beatrice, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Art Bitting, Beatrice boy who was killed in the Argonne forest, France, September 26, 1918, is being brought here for burial and will arrive at Brooklyn tomorrow, according to information received by his father.

### Grand Island to Discuss $300,000 Sewer Bond Vote

Grand Island, Neb., March 29.—(Special.)—Mayor Ellsberry is arranging for a public meeting Friday for the purpose of explaining all of the features of the issuance of $200,000 in bonds for sanitary sewerage purposes, and $100,000 for storm sewers.

## Federal Judge Munger Sends Woman to Jail

Grand Island, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Federal Judge Munger imposed a sentence of five days in jail on Marie Martinez, Mexican, at whose home a stabbing affray took place recently. The only charge against the woman was illegal possession of liquor. The sentence was in addition to her confinement in jail since the arrest.

Fred Bushee of Kearney, pleading guilty, was given a sentence of three months on liquor charges. Art Neville, of Kearney stood trial, was found guilty, and fined $600 on liquor charges.

Fred Berrine was fined $10 for violating the migratory bird law.

### Jap Press Pleased With U. S. Ratification of Pact

Tokio, March 29.—(By A. P.)—The Japanese press comments favorably on the ratification by the United States of the four-power treaty, but gives the "no alliance" reservation adopted by the senate a mixed reception.


# Month-End Sales at Thompson, Belden's

***Purchases Charged during this sale carried over to May 1st Statements***

### Interesting Sale of White Goods

**$1.25** novelty striped gaberdine and oxford skirtings, **59c a yard.**

**$1** 45-inch imported Swiss organdie, crisp, permanent finish, **75c a yard.**

**30c** 36-inch soft finish longcloth, **20c yard.**

**35c** 36-in. medium weight nainsook, soft finish, no starch or filling, **25c yard.**

**Linen Section**

### Prophylactic Tooth Brushes 23c Each

The handles are slightly defective, but the brushes are in perfect condition; with medium, soft or hard bristles; very specially priced for **23c.**

**Toilet Goods Section**

### Lambskin Gloves for $3.98

These twelve-button French lambskin gloves, in brown, beaver, mode, and white. **$5** quality, for **$3.98** a pair.

**Main Floor**

### Wash Frocks for Small Girls Are Reduced

Dainty dresses of white and colored organdies or ginghams are offered for very special prices.

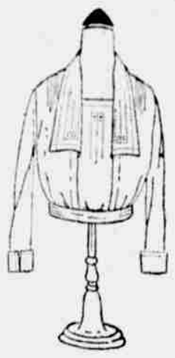
**$6.50** Frocks, **$3.00**
**$8.00** Frocks, **$3.75**
**$9.00** Frocks, **$4.25**
**$13.50** Frocks, **$6.25**
**$15.00** Frocks, **$7.00**
**$16.50** Frocks, **$7.95**
In sizes 6 to 12 years.

### Sonia Hair Nets 40c a Dozen

The cap and fringe styles in light, medium and dark brown, auburn, blonde and black; special for **40c** a dozen.

### A Hand-Made Batiste Blouse for $1.95

One hundred batiste blouses—all hand-made—fashioned in tuxedo style, daintily trimmed with hand-drawn work and embroideries in five different patterns, one of which is illustrated at the side. Sizes 34 to 46. Priced only **$1.95.**



**The Blouse Shop—Third Floor**

### Remnants of Silk and Wool Goods *About Half Price*

Several hundred remnant lengths (one to five yards), an accumulation from regular stock, are offered for really exceptional savings. All desirable weaves and colorings.

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### A Flannel Sport Skirt for Only $10

Three smart, attractive models in flannel—plain, striped or checked. For sports wear their value is unequalled, so fashionable and serviceable they are all in one.

**Third Floor**

*Dainty collar and cuff sets in Tuxedo and Peter Pan styles, are special for $1.19.*

### Hosiery Sales

—A pure thread silk hose with lisle tops and soles, in black, white, navy, and brown; **$1.69** hose for **98c** a pair.

—Baby's woolen half hose in black, brown, cadet, green, and champagne; **$1.25** and **$1.10** quality, **50c.**

**Main Floor**

### American Mink Chokers Special for $24.75

**Fur Shop, Third Floor**

*$3.00 A.B.C. Silk Union Suits $1.98*

**Second Floor**

### A Millinery Clearance of Exceptional Interest

An offering which is decidedly attractive, for it includes higher priced models of the latest mode—all newest colorings and styles.

*Thursday for $4.45*

**Millinery, Fourth Floor**

### Art Linens Half Price

Art linens appropriate for hand needlework, 18 in. to 72 in. wide.

$1.00 linens, 50c yd.
$1.25 linens, 62½c yd.
$2.00 linens, $1.00 yd.
$3.00 linens, $1.50 yd.
$3.25 linens, $1.62½ yd.
$4.50 linens, $2.25 yd.

**Art Dept., Second Floor**

### Wash Goods Sales

—75c, fine quality, 40-inch voile in lovely plain colors, 49c a yard.

—75c, 36-inch cotton suitings, gaberdines and beach cloths in sport styles and plain shades, 39c yard.

—35c, 30-inch serpentine crepe in medium and dark patterns, 25c a yd.

—30c, 27-inch eden cloth in attractive stripe effects, 19c a yard.

**Second Floor**

### $10.00 Sorosis Pumps and Oxfords $7.65

Oxfords of brown buck, trimmed with narrow bands of leather in the same shade, low walking heels and round toe.

Strap slippers in both black and brown buck with leather saddle straps to match, military heels and light welt soles.

*Thursday for $7.65*

### The Men's Shop Specials

**$1** all linen handkerchiefs, plain or initialed, **65c.**

**50c** all linen handkerchiefs for **35c;** or 3 for **$1.**

Grinnell gauntlet driving gloves, formerly priced from **$5.50** to **$10,** now from **$2.75** to **$5.**

**$8.50** bath robes, in all sizes, **$5.95.**

**Main Floor**

### A Lorraine Corset for $3.95

Several styles are included in this unusual sale of Lorraine corsets. Models fashioned of batiste, brocade, and some of satin, all of which were formerly priced much higher, are now offered for **$3.95.**

**Second Floor**



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