

Big Stick Held Over Coal Men

Harding to Take Drastic Action to End Strike if Conference at Cleveland Fails.

Plans to Operate Mines

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Aug. 4.—Drastic action by the government to force the production of coal and avert, if possible, the increasing menace of a coal famine this winter will be taken by President Harding next week, unless in the meantime there are promising intimations that a settlement of the coal strike can be effected through an agreement between the mine workers and the operators.

At present there are no such intimations. The president, however, is willing to wait until after the conference between the representatives of the mine workers and a few of the operators at Cleveland on Monday. If this produces no results which promise the resumption of coal mining upon an extensive scale, the president has decided, the time will have come for the intervention of the government in the interest of the general public.

May Seize Mines. The president's plan, as understood by some of his advisers, will be to take over a number of larger mines, place United States troops in possession of them and call upon miners, regardless of whether they are union or nonunion men, to go to work for the government, with full assurance of adequate protection.

Action Justified. As the head of the government, the president, it is understood, believes that any action that may be necessary to lessen the danger and to compel a resumption of mining will be justified by the service rendered to the public.

The information received by the government of the number of operators who will attend the Cleveland conference on Monday affords no basis for hope that conditions can be materially bettered by that meeting.

These circumstances have all forced the president to the conclusion that there should be no further temporizing upon the part of the government.

The president's program thus far has been mapped out with reference solely to the bituminous mines of the country. It is expected that an agreement will bring about a resumption of mining in the anthracite mines. But it is definitely understood that should an agreement between the anthracite workers and operators be delayed that the president's same policy will be carried out in the anthracite regions as in the bituminous.

The Interstate Commerce commission issued an amendment to its general priority service order so as to bring within the priority provisions bituminous coal which has passed over screens of four inches or larger opening, coal and anthracite coal to be shipped to retail dealers for household use.

Assisted to De Valera Buried With Simple Honors. Dublin, Aug. 4.—Simplicity marked the funeral of Harry J. Boland, close friend and assistant of Eamon de Valera, who died Tuesday night of wounds received while attempting to evade arrest by national army troops. The band, which is a usual feature at republican funerals, was absent.

Countess Markievicz, a prominent republican leader, sent a wreath with a card bearing the inscription "From Eamonn de Valera." The funeral procession, which included 32 members of the clergy, filed past Mount Joy prison in order that the republican prisoners could see.

Air Mail Service Record for Three Weeks Perfect. Washington, Aug. 4.—The transcontinental airmail service has had a perfect record for the last three weeks, according to reports received by Postmaster General Work from J. E. Whitebeck, in charge of the service at Hempstead, N. Y., headquarters for the eastern division; A. R. Dunphy at Omaha, of the central division; and A. C. Nelson at Salt Lake City, Utah, of the western division. All three divisions, it was said, reported that every flight during the past three weeks was on time.

Mother Burned to Death in Attempt to Save Baby. Spokane, Aug. 4.—Mrs. Gay N. Stroup was burned to death in her home at Cheney, Wash., when she braved the flames in a fruitless attempt to save the life of her 17-month-old baby.

"Prophet" Vindicated Before Police Judge



Rev. W. H. Sanford as he appeared in Central police court yesterday.

Tent Evangelist Freed at Hearing in Police Court

Disturbance Charge Against Rev. W. H. Sanford, Leader of Cult Including 11 Women, Dismissed.

Resides being vindicated in Central police court yesterday on the charge of disturbing the peace, Rev. W. H. Sanford, leader of a cult including 11 women disciples, found himself praised in a petition by 104 residents of the neighborhood of his tent at Thirty-first and Cuming streets.

The testimony against him was so weak that Paul Bohan, city prosecutor, moved dismissal, while Judge Foster declared that it was Rev. Mr. Sanford's constitutional right to hold services.

At the close of the hearing police were obliged to rush into the corridor to prevent a clash between opponents of the "prophet" and his followers.

The petition presented by his followers declared that the efforts of the minister should be "approved and appreciated." In another breath it took a slam at the police in a protest against "the lax police protection afforded him" by the officers who the day before had been denounced by the women followers of the evangelists as "persecutors."

Rev. Mr. Sanford pleaded not guilty and was defended by M. O. Cunningham, Fred Anhusser and Charles S. Elgutter, who volunteered their services.

Among those who testified against him was Charles C. Tedesco, 3113 Lincoln boulevard, who declared he was unable to sleep because of the noise of the meeting. M. L. Woolson, 3029 Lincoln boulevard, and Louis Tedesco, 2939 Lincoln boulevard, were among those who signed the petition but were not kept awake by the noise of the meeting.

Boiler House Burns at Industrial School

Geneva, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—The boiler house at the state industrial school for girls burned, the origin probably being from spontaneous combustion of coal. The Geneva fire department was called when the blaze was discovered by teachers, who occupy rooms in the laundry building. It was too late to save the boiler house, but Fire Chief Brune confirmed his efforts to prevent spread of the flames to the other buildings. The girls were removed from the dormitory in the fourth story of the new building and perfect order prevailed. Some of the girls volunteered to help fight the flames.

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This new novel of romance and adventure by HAROLD MAC GRATH, author of best sellers, is regarded as his greatest work. It was prepared expressly for The Omaha Bee and associated newspapers.

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Indiana Guard in Mine

Troops Fired on Mines Operated Under State Guard Near Staunton Engage Assaultants in Battle.

Shortage in Illinois

Staunton, Ind., Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—First hostilities incident to the attempted operation of strip mines in this vicinity under protection of national guard troops occurred today when pickets on duty were fired on from ambush.

The fire was returned by the guards and later the outbreak spread over the entire area under martial law. Automatic rifles were brought into play by the troops. Mines picked for operation have been taken over by the state under direction of Governor McCray.

No One Injured. Reports received by Maj. Gen. Robert Tyndall, in command of the troops said that no one was injured. It was said, however, by some of the men on duty that one man was slightly injured.

Investigation by military officials indicated that although the firing lasted several hours, the attacking party was small. It was reported that several men from nearby towns came to this city and announced that they were going to "get a flock of soldiers." They fired on an outpost and the fire was immediately returned. As a result of this firing whenever there was any movement in the woods nearby by the guardsmen fired. Several men, who were called upon to halt by the guards, were fired upon when they failed to obey the guards' command.

Officers in command of the troops belittled the affair, saying that it was a minor skirmish. The situation was regarded as quiet despite the firing which began shortly after midnight and continued until daybreak.

Shortage in Illinois. Chicago, Aug. 4.—Illinois, restricted to its own supply of coal, faces the most critical situation that it has been compelled to face, according to Robert M. Medill, state fuel director.

Protection is to be assured the 26 penal, reformatory and charitable institutions and possibly to the University of Illinois and the state normal schools.

Mr. Medill left Chicago late yesterday for Springfield, where he went to confer with Acting Governor Sterling. Before he departed he said: "Illinois now is absolutely up against it. I am going to the capital to arrange, if possible, with Acting Governor Sterling some plan of action. Mr. Sterling informed me by telephone that there are no funds available for action that is inevitable and highly necessary in producing the coal and delivering it to the cities that are in the great distress."

The fuel director declared that orders received yesterday afternoon from Harry B. Spencer, national fuel administrator, meant elimination of any shipments of coal from the Kentucky and Illinois fields that have been refused on for operation of street cars, gas, electric and water plants throughout the state.

Shortage in Michigan. Lansing, Mich., Aug. 4.—With requests for priority in coal distribution pouring into the office of State Fuel Administrator William W. Potter, reports to the state public utilities commission here today emphasized the seriousness of the coal shortage in that state.

"No Authority." Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—Governor N. E. Kendall, in a statement today, declares the state has no power or authority to take over and operate privately owned coal mines.

The statement, he announced, is made in reply to numerous suggestions coming from all parts of Iowa that the state take over the mines in an effort to relieve the coal shortage.

Erie to Cut Trains. Hornell, N. Y., Aug. 4.—The Erie railroad will cancel approximately 20 trains in this region August 5, it was officially announced today. The cancellation is due to the shortage of coal, the officials declared.

Cherokee Gunman Slain in Battle With Posse. Cherokee, Ia., Aug. 4.—Trapped in a mine, an outlaw negro who shot three men in the last 48 hours here, battled for life against 800 armed men, wounded one and was killed by bullets from the guns of Henry O'Neil, traveling representative of the Ford company, and John Stiles, postoffice employe.

Wednesday night the negro shot two guards at the Illinois yards here, fatally wounding one, and fled. The negro has not yet been identified.

Newspaper Ad Man Sued for \$100,000 Heart Balm. New York, Aug. 4.—John B. Woodward, newspaper advertising man of New York and Chicago, was sued for \$100,000 today by Edith L. Ransom, secretary to George Creel when he was war time director of the bureau of public information. The young woman contends that Mr. Woodward twice promised to marry her and failed to do so.

Injunctions Granted. San Francisco, Aug. 4.—The Pullman company and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, which recently were granted temporary restraining orders against striking shop employees, were granted temporary injunctions by the United States district court

Omaha War Hero Gets Medal for Valor in Battle

Services at Fort Mark Decoration James W. Hanbery—Troops Attend.

In a gentle rain, which fell like the tears for his fallen comrades in France, James W. Hanbery, Omaha newspaper man, yesterday received a distinguished service cross from the hands of Col. William B. Cochran, commanding officer at Fort Crook. Mr. Hanbery was a lieutenant while in the service.

Showing his joy for the reward of valor, even as the day was overcast, Mr. Hanbery acknowledged, was the memory of the men of his command at Chateau Thierry, who sleep under the poppies there.

"I feel wholly unworthy of the great honor the government has bestowed upon me—I recognize it but there is not enough money in the United States treasury to buy this medal from me," he declared fervently, in reply to the colonel's presentation speech. "This cross is priceless. In receiving it, I rededicate and reconsecrate myself to this nation, even as it is the duty of every American citizen."

The Seventeenth infantry, drawn up on the parade grounds, presented arms to the Omaha hero, while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Till the Conquering Hero Comes." Following the ceremony, Mr. Hanbery, Col. Cochran, Capt. Harry M. Gwynn and Capt. Frank E. Linnell reviewed the troops.

Colors carried by the Seventeenth infantry in 1861 and the Spanish-American war, as well as the world war, were exhibited on the bandstand.

Officers of the American Legion, the Disabled Veterans, of which Mr. Hanbery is national senior vice commander; Women's Overseas Service League, War Mothers, Chamber of Commerce and friends to the number of 150 witnessed the ceremony—the first of its kind at Fort Crook.

Mr. Hanbery's wife, who wore widow's weeds for three months after Mr. Hanbery was reported killed in action, was unable to be present, owing to the serious illness of her sister.

Proposed Probe of Tariff Bill Is Sidetracked

Resolution for Investigation of Interests of Senators Postponed Indefinitely After Long Wrangle.

Washington, Aug. 4.—For four hours the senate wrangled over the Gooding resolution proposing a broad investigation of the interests of senators, newspapers and others in the passage or defeat of the pending tariff bill, but action on it was postponed indefinitely.

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Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, who offered the original resolution, told the senate that he realized the investigation was "dead."

Exchanges Sharp. A charge by Senator Gooding that Frank A. Munsey, owner of the New York Herald, was opposing the tariff bill in the interest of his investments in European and sharp exchanges between Senators Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin, and Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, marked debate on the resolution. Senator Harrison insisted that Senator Gooding and other senators charged in newspapers with having material interest in the tariff schedule should have an opportunity to clear their skirts.

Senator Lenroot insisted that the inquiry proposed would involve a large expenditure and would be without result.

Late in the afternoon the senate got back to the tariff bill, finishing up committee amendments in the schedule on paper and books. There was only one real controversy, the democrats making a strenuous fight against the proposed duty of 35 per cent ad valorem on stereotype matrix and boards.

Amendment Rejected. Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, proposed to substitute 25 per cent, but his amendment was rejected, 28 to 18, and the committee reported. Two republicans, Borah and Jones of Washington, supported the Walsh amendment and one democrat, Broussard, voted against it.

Opposing the 35 per cent duty, Senator Simmons said it was admitted that the Wood-Flong company of New York city had a monopoly of the business of making these mats, used by newspapers, and that it had conducted an "insolent" campaign of propaganda. Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, said Mr. Wood, head of the company, had written a letter to him undertaking to "decide" him about the situation, while Senator Walsh of Montana declared there was only the unsupported statement of Mr. Wood to justify the duty. Senator Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, championed the duty, declaring it necessary to keep out the German product. He asserted it was a question of protecting an American monopoly against a German monopoly.

Norfolk Honor Student Drowned in Idaho Lake. Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Otto Kraemer, Norfolk high school honor student, was drowned in a lake at Ashton, Idaho, according to word received by his parents here. Kraemer's boat upset and, after rescuing a companion who could not swim, he was taken with cramps. The body will be brought here for burial.

3 Overcome by Fumes in Strike Riot

Gas Bomb Is Hurlled into Marshal McClung's Car During Disturbance at Lincoln.

Mob Dispersed by Police

Three men, one from Omaha, were nearly overcome by gas fumes during rioting by 40 or 50 rail strikers and sympathizers, when, according to reports, an effort was made to prevent a squad of Mexicans from going to work in a Burlington roundhouse at Lincoln yesterday.

They were J. C. McClung, United States marshal, and Earl Hanning, chief of the U. S. Rohrer prohibition enforcement office, and H. G. Stewart. Hanning was on his vacation and was doing duty as a strike guard.

Bomb Into Car

Police were called and after a five-minute clash with the rioters succeeded in dispersing them. McClung, who arrived on the scene shortly after being notified by the police, was nearly overcome by gas fumes when a gas bomb was thrown into his car by one of the rioters. Hanning and Stewart, railway guards, also were made ill by the fumes. Marshal McClung had not entirely recovered from the effects of the fumes at noon, the police claim were ring leaders in the riot, were taken to the county jail. They gave their names as Tom Baker, 23, and Mrs. Margaret Blum, 52, and were booked as federal prisoners to await possible action under federal injunction orders.

Mrs. Blum, following the disturbance, is said to have been about to attack Capt. Walter Anderson of the police department with a baseball bat when she was seized. The woman put up a terrific battle with the officers before she was subdued.

After her arrest 50 strikers invaded the federal building, demanding that Marshal McClung release Mrs. Blum. He refused.

Gas War Expands

The use of gas by strikers in their attack upon homes of men desiring to work for the Burlington, marked the last 24 hours of outbreaks in Lincoln, reports reaching here state.

Local union men yesterday praised President Harding for the position he has taken in the shopmen's strike situation.

"The president has delved deeply into the matter, and has grasped its most intricate details," said B. H. Furse, president of the Union Pacific System Federation of Shopcrafts. "We accepted his proposal, not because it was entirely satisfactory to us, but because we believed he was earnestly endeavoring to be fair and save the country from hardship."

Hadling Is Praised

"All union men are agreed that the president has taken a most friendly attitude to the men in this matter, especially because of his statement that 'farming out of shops must stop regardless of who wins the strike.'"

More strike attachment orders directed against violators of the federal injunction were filed yesterday, but names of the defendants are being withheld, pending their arrest for contempt.

Illinois Operators Refuse to Attend Meet

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—Illinois coal operators, meeting here, refused to attend the meeting of union officials and operators called for Cleveland next Monday by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, but submitted a proposition to Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners, which, if accepted, would result in reopening of Illinois mines.

"According to and being governed, by the request of the president of the United States," the proposal to Mr. Farrington said, "we are prepared at once to open our mines for work, paying the wage scale in effect at the expiration of the last contract. And to avoid possible further disruption of coal production this fall and winter, when the coal supply will be dangerously short even under the best conditions, we will agree that the old wage scale shall remain effective until March 31, 1923."

Yell Thwarts Holdup of Pawnbroker in His Shop

C. H. Goldner, 60, unterrified by a revolver pressed against his side by one of two young robbers who held him in his pawn shop, 505 North Sixteenth street, Thursday afternoon, broke through the door suddenly, dashed to the front door and yelled for help.

The robbers dashed out the rear, knocking a door from its hinges in their endeavor to escape. They dashed through the alley and through two other stores in their flight. Detectives arriving soon after ward shot at them. Four youths found in an automobile with an Ohio license were not identified as connected with the holdup.

Woman Unconscious Sinking Monday Reported Sinking

Mrs. Bess Jones, unconscious since she was shot Monday afternoon in her apartment, 516 South Sixteenth street, was reported worse yesterday at St. Joseph hospital, where surgeons have been watching her remarkable case. They do not expect her to live through the day. Police have found no trace of Fred Swan, 44, retired farmer, for whom they have been searching since the shooting.

Legion Commander Visits Omaha Again



Omaha Honors Legion's Head at Theater Meeting

MacNider's Address Broadcast by Radio by The Omaha Bee Beginning at 8.

Representatives of nearly every civic and patriotic organization in Omaha paid honor to Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, when he arrived in Omaha last night from Columbus, Neb.

MacNider's visit to Omaha was of special interest. Two years ago he spoke merely as a legionaire at a rally of Douglas county post members.

The American Legion band, headed by a delegation of Douglas county post executives, escorted MacNider from Union station at 7:10 to the Brandeis theater. Representatives of the legion, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations sat on the stage with the distinguished guest.

Beginning at 8. The Omaha Bee broadcast MacNider's address from the Omaha Grain Exchange station, WAAW.

Agreement in Tram Strike Is Reached

Union Leaders Compromise on Wage Question in Chicago Street Car Walkout.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Union officials and executives of the Chicago surface lines agreed to proposals which, if accepted by the traction employees, would end the four-day strike of surface line and elevated employees.

Immediately following the conference it was stated that the men's representatives had agreed to a 70-cent maximum wage instead of the present 82-cent wage, but that they retain the eight-hour day with overtime for all beyond the eighth hour and also retain working conditions effective before the strike. Ratification of the agreement, if given, would allow cars to begin operation by Sunday or Monday, it was said, thus running the strike into its sixth or seventh day.

Prince Lei Lani Wins Suit on Cleaning Bill

A suit brought by Dresher Brothers against Prince Lei Lani, Hawaiian singer, was dismissed yesterday by Justice of the Peace Bunce.

The cleaning firm alleged that the prince owed \$25.25 for cleaning and pressing.

Prince Lei Lani countered with testimony that Dresher Brothers had lost two of his suits which he valued at \$45 each and two Panama hats. That was the reason, he explained, he had refused to pay the cleaning bill. Justice Bunce decided that under the circumstances it would be unreasonable to expect the prince to pay and dismissed the case. He also dismissed the singer's counter claim against Dreshers.

Prince Lei Lani lives in Council Bluffs. He has made his home there the last five years. His business address is the Mickel Music house in Omaha.

Nebraskan Dies of Injury Caused by Dive in River

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 4.—Hal H. Harlan, Edson, Neb., died here as a result of a broken neck received Wednesday, when he dived into the river at Hecla, S. D., and his head was twisted by the impact.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday: Possibly showers; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures.

Rail Men Appeal to President

Three Brotherhoods Request Conference With Harding on Condition of Locomotives and Equipment.

Ask Immediate Action

Cleveland, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—Legislative representatives of three of the four railroad brotherhoods in Washington were requested by telegraph to arrange a conference between President Harding and the chief executives of the brotherhoods for the purpose of presenting to the president their views in connection with the present strike of railroad shopcrafts.

A telegram was sent direct to President Harding by the three local chief executives of the brotherhood asking for a conference.

The matter has been under consideration since Thursday by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Engineers; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, but because of failure to get a reply for joint action from L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and the other members of the "Big Four," it was decided to ask for the conference through the legislative representatives of the engineers, trainmen and firemen.

Seek Immediate Action

Mr. Sheppard was telegraphed tonight that because of the serious situation hourly developing, it was decided to seek the conference immediately.

"If you decide to take similar action you can give your legislative representative direct," the telegram said.

The telegram to three legislative representatives was addressed to H. E. Wills of the engineers, Arthur J. Lovell of the firemen and W. N. Doak of the trainmen, as follows:

"Cleveland, O., Aug. 4, 1922: 'Referring to our joint telegram this date, authorizing you to arrange conference with president. We have wired the president as follows: 'The undersigned have this day wired our national legislative representatives at Washington, instructing them to request a conference with you for the purpose of presenting to you our views in connection with the present strike of railroad shopcrafts which is daily developing into a more serious situation.'"

Signed: "STONE, "LEE, "ROBERTSON."

Flood of Complaints

Another message to the three legislative representatives signed by the three chief executives, sent tonight, gives details for the urgency of the conference, made necessary by the flood of complaints received at headquarters regarding working conditions on railroads since the beginning of the shopmen's strike, through brotherhood members being asked to take out locomotives and equipment in dangerous and unsafe condition and of assaults and insults to brotherhood members by armed guards.

The legislative representatives are requested to file this message with the president as a basis for discussion with him on the questions at issue. The message follows: "H. E. Wills, Arthur J. Lovell, W. N. Doak: "Washington, Aug. 4, 1922. "Complaints in increasing numbers are pouring into our respective offices against demands that our men take out locomotives and equipment which are in a dangerous and unsafe condition, in violation of safety statutes and rules which have been enacted for the protection of the lives and property of the public, and of assaults on and insults to our members by armed guards that are placed on the various railroad properties."

Situation Difficult

"Up to this time, by constant urging of a neutral attitude, fidelity to their contracts and in the interest of public peace and safety, we have prevailed on our members to continue their posts. Complaints regarding the above conditions and the refusal of the railroad executives to accept the proposals of the president for a compromise settlement of pending questions are making the situation infinitely more difficult to handle. The plan intention of the railroad executives is to:

Railway Shop Carpenter Beaten to Death in Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Robert Johnson, 43, a carpenter employed in the Illinois Central shops, was beaten to death by men said by the police to be striking shopmen. Johnson was waylaid in a vacant lot while on his way to work.

Charles Krupusch, a repairman, was beaten into insensibility because he refused to join the strikers. Two men were arrested and charged with the slaying. They were said to be strikers.

Body Identified

Lake Geneva, Wis., Aug. 4.—The body of a youth found shot through the heart on the road near here that Thursday, has been identified as that of Frank J. Maier, Des Moines, Ia., on receipt of advices from the chief of detectives at Des Moines. No inquest was held, the district attorney holding it was a case of suicide.

Plan Auto Club

Syracuse, Neb., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Nebraska Automobile association visited Syracuse and secured sufficient members to form a local branch. As soon as a few more members are secured they will organize and select their officers.