

COAL STRIKE MAY HALT BUSINESS IN ALL CHICAGO

Settlement is Not Reached Ten Days City Will Be Paralyzed; Appeal to Government.

BULLETIN.
Washington, Oct. 17.—Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield today warned coal operators and miners where strikes have occurred or are impending that the government would take charge of coal production if it continued to be threatened by strikes.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Unless the coal strike is settled within ten days business in Chicago will be paralyzed, according to a statement made today by Fred W. Upham, president of the largest coal company in the city. "There is less than ten days' supply in the city and no coal is coming in," said Mr. Upham.

"The situation is the most serious that ever confronted the city," continued Mr. Upham. He added that his company has but three days' supply on hand. He said he believed there was not a building in the city outside the industrial plants with more than a six days' supply. Most of them, he said, could run only three days more.

"Commercial life in Chicago will be wrecked by next week unless Fuel Administrator Garfield moves quickly," said Mr. Upham.

"Before the strike the situation was bad. This is the climax."

Appeal to Government.

That the coal production of Illinois is reduced 75,000 tons a day on account of the walkout of the miners and that the situation has developed into a "runaway strike" are two reasons pointed out by James E. Williams, fuel administrator for Illinois, why the federal government, through the Coal Administrator Garfield, should take some hurried action in coal affairs in this state.

Twelve thousand Illinois coal miners are said to be on a strike which, according to members of the United Mine Workers' union, is unauthorized. Reports are that the miners have struck under a misapprehension that the increased wage scale was to go into effect at once. Union leaders have informed the state that no wage increase can be effective until an increase in coal prices at the mine has been decided upon to cover it.

Southern Miners Still Out.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17.—No definite action in deferring the strike of the 35,000 coal miners of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas in response to telegrams from John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers' of America, and Fuel Administrator Garfield, requesting that such action be taken, has been announced early today. Unless some action is taken in the meantime the general walkout of the miners probably will result Friday.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 17.—Approximately 3,500 coal miners are on strike in the district north of here, resulting in twenty-five mines being shut down today, due to the operators refusing to grant the increase in pay. The average daily output of each of these mines is about twenty carloads.

Officer and Four of His Men Held For Abusing Private

Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 17.—Captain Howard E. Sullivan, commanding Battery D, One Hundred and Fifth field artillery, composed of New York state troops, and four of his company officers face charges today of abusing a private in camp yesterday, in which it is alleged that Private Otto Gottschalk, charged with minor infraction of regulations, was, at Sullivan's direction, thrown into the sewerage ditch at the rear of the kitchen tent, belabored with sticks and then scrubbed with stiff brushes and sand.

Dinh Gilly, Algerian Singer, is Starving

New York, Oct. 17.—Dinh Gilly, the Algerian baritone and formerly with the Metropolitan opera company in New York, is starving in an internment camp at Raab, Austria, according to a letter received from him by Eugene Boucher of this city. The letter was dated August 27 last. New York friends today started a fund to be forwarded to the singer for the purchase of food.

Mestas Named Governor.

Mexico City, Oct. 17.—General Manuel Mestas has been named governor of the lower half of Lower California and has left for La Paz to assume his post.

Unspeakable Turk Turns Upon Christians of Greece When Slaughter of Syrians and Armenians Fails to Sate His Passions

Three-Quarters of a Million Offensive People of Asia Minor Are Murdered, Maimed or Deported.

New York, Oct. 17.—Not sated by the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Armenians and Syrians, the Turk has also turned against Greek Christians in his dominions and more than 700,000 have fallen a victim to persecution in the form of death, suffering or deportation, it was declared here today by Frank W. Jackson, of this city, chairman of the Relief Committee for Greeks of Asia Minor. He said the real details of these new Turkish atrocities were just beginning to leak out.

"The story of the Greek deportation is not yet generally known," said Mr. Jackson. "Quietly and gradually the same treatment is being meted out to the Greeks as to the Armenians. Although closely guarded, certain echoes of these horrors come out from time to time."

"There were two or three million Greeks in Asia Minor at the outbreak of the war in 1914, subject to Turkish rule. According to the latest reliable and authoritative accounts, some seven or eight hundred thousand have been deported, mainly from the coast regions into the interior of Asia Minor."

Were Loyal to Turkey.

"The Greeks in Asia Minor have always been law-abiding and perfectly loyal to the Turkish government. Under Abdul Hamid they were well treated, but his successors adopted a program to crush them."

"At the declaration of the present war all persecutions were stopped, but the spring of 1915 brought to the stage a tragic, novel drama, unique in the history of the world as to its horrors and destructiveness, that is the Armenian deportations, under that innocent name the extermination of a Christian race was started."

"Along with the Armenians most of the Greeks of the Marmora regions and Thrace have been deported on the pretext that they gave information to the enemy. Along the Aegean coast, Aivalik stands out as the worst sufferer. According to one report, some 70,000 Greeks there have been deported toward Korea and beyond. At least 7,000 have been slaughtered. The Greek bishop of Aivalik committed suicide in despair."

Send Men Into Interior.

"The latest account from Trebizond shows that tens of thousands along the Black Sea are being emptied of their Greek population. From Lyndon S. Crawford, missionary of the American board at Trebizond, we have a letter dated July 24, 1917, in which he says the following order came from Turkish army headquarters at Sheishieh: 'By 12, 25 July, let no Greek man over 16 and under 50 be found in Ordu. Send all such on into the interior. As for the families, we will send further orders later.'"

"Mr. Crawford also wrote: 'First let us express once more our thankfulness to God for the deliverance He has sent us by the great, grand Russian army and people. We are more and more appreciating what the Russians have done for this region. Immediately after the Russian occupation of this province in April, 1916, hundreds of Armenians began to come out of their hiding places.'"

Exterminate Greek Element.

"From the Greek minister to the United States, George Rousset, I have a letter September 21, 1917, in which he says:

"Backed by the Germans, the Turks have put into execution and even organized their wildness. They have decided to exterminate the Greek element which is the most important and most numerous in Asia Minor. Under pretext of the necessities of war, entire populations have been deported. Members of families have been separated. The old, the men unfit for military service and the women, were sent into the interior of the country, abandoned without the slightest help and exposed to all sorts of deprivations. The men fit for military service were taken by force into the army despite the fact of having paid for exemption; some of the wealthiest have even been called on to pay this exemption fee three times over."

"The Relief Committee for Greeks of Asia Minor, Mr. Jackson said, has been organized for non-political and purely humanitarian purposes and aims at securing means to aid these Greeks reduced by sudden persecutions to a state of want."

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War service medals and other awards will be made to Omaha Boy Scouts at a mass meeting of all companies of the organization at the First Methodist church Saturday night at 8:30. Dr. J. C. Elson, national scout commissioner, and a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, will deliver the illustrated lecture.

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Washington, Oct. 17.—Demand for silver coins is so great that every mint in the country has been placed on a twenty-four-hour a day basis to meet it. This never has been necessary before.

Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint, announced today that the total subsidiary silver coinage thus far this year totaled \$16,551,000, or an increase of more than 800 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

U. S. TO TAKE PART IN ALLIES CONFERENCE

Official Announcement Withheld, But America May Have Voice in Determining Campaign.

Washington, Oct. 17.—While official announcement is being withheld, it is practically certain that the United States will be represented at the coming conference of all the nations at war against Germany, which probably will be held in Paris.

Secretary Lansing today authorized the statement that it definitely had been decided that there would be a conference and that the United States was considering participating in it with the possibility that it would be decided to do so.

Evasions of War Tax On Munitions Total \$17,500,000

Washington, Oct. 17.—Internal revenue agents have reported that evasions of the special tax of 12 1/2 per cent by munitions manufacturers have totaled so far approximately \$17,500,000. More than \$10,000,000 of that sum already has been recovered by the government.

The amount of tax voluntarily paid by the munitions manufacturers last year was approximately \$26,300,000. Field investigators, checking the returns, notified them that in many cases the amount was far below the sum actually due the government.

One of the methods said to have been used in returning minimum taxes was to charge off a large percentage of the value of a plant under the head of depreciation. In some cases the entire value of the plant was said to have been deducted from the profits of the concern, representations being made that at the end of the war the plants would be of no further use. The practice is said to have been quite general and to have been followed by some of the largest manufacturers.

London Prepares for Coming of German Airmen Shortly

London, Oct. 17.—London's bomb-proof shelters are being card-indexed in preparation for further German raids. Sufficient tunnels, arches, crypts, basements and substantial buildings have been inventoried to accommodate 1,000,000 persons.

The decision of the educational authorities to close all the London schools during the last week in October is, perhaps, the most interesting of the many steps being taken in anticipation of the recurrence of German raids as soon as the moon is up again.

LONG LABOR STRIKE HEARING AT AN END

Judge Leslie Takes Case Under Adversement; Expensive Litigation for All.

Long drawn out litigation between the state of Nebraska and Omaha business men and unions as a result of the strike troubles last spring came to an end yesterday when Judge Leslie, sitting in equity court, took the final chapter in the case under advisement.

Attorney General Reed is asking for a permanent injunction against both the Omaha Business Men's association and fourteen labor organizations. The recent hearing before Judge Leslie, in which the case was gone into on its merits, lasted three weeks.

The legal fight arising out of the state's intervention in the Omaha strike proved long and costly. A conservative estimate of attorneys' cost in the final hearing for a permanent injunction, but one phase of the case, is \$750 a day. Added to that are the fees of the hundreds of witnesses examined, the court costs of the scores of bills, cross-bills, motions and other legal action filed and the expense to the state and county.

Bitter court fights which featured the early stages of the injunction hearing caused three district judges—Judge Sears, Judge Leslie and Judge Redick—to sit on the bench.

Attorneys who have figured in the three-cornered fight include Attorney General Reed, Deputy Attorney General Manger, J. M. Vinsonhale and Norris Brown, representing the state; F. H. Gaines, F. A. Brogan and Alvin Johnson, counsel for the Business Men's association, and Anson Bigelow, M. D. Owen of Chicago, attorney for the International Bricklayers' union, and O. M. Nide of Chicago, attorneys for the unions. At least five of the attorneys in the hearing for permanent injunction are known to have received \$100 a day each for their services.

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