UNCLE SAM IS TRYING TO AVERT MINERS' STRIKE

Cabinet Discusses Situation Conference Union Heads Will Be Called.

Washington, Oct. 14.-Immediate steps to avert the threatened nation-wide strike of bituminous coal mine workers are to be taken by the federal government. After President Wilson's cabinet had discussed the situation at length Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor announced that he would invite John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. and John L. Brewster, representing the operators, to confer with him here probably Thursday. While efforts of the miners and

operators to reach an agreement on the demands of the workers, which include increased pay and shorter hours, have failed Secretary Wilson is hopeful that some amicable adjustment of the controversy can be made. It is understood that he will impress upon both Mr. Lewis and mitted the charge, the detectives tive bidding, was introduced in the Mr. Brewster the importance of unsay. interrupted operation of the mines upon the life of the nation.

short time, with consequent suffering over the country because of the shutting off of populous centers from food supplies. Industries also would be brought to a standstill with public utilities stopped and shipping tied up.

President Lewis of the miners' un-

ion, who has been in this city con-ferring with other union officials, went to Indianapolis to prepare the call for the strike on November 1. Officials nope the issuing of the call will be deferred until after the con-ference here. Should the conference be barren of results further action by the government is expected, but no one in authority would venture to suggest what form that action

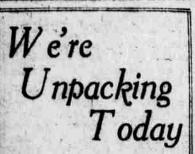
Whole Cabinet May Decide. While the cabinet decided to leave the settlement of the strike with the Department of Labor, it was regarded as more than likely that if the conference failed the entire cabinet would consider the next course.

Besides threatened strike of coal miners, the cabinet discussed the general industrial situation today and it was announced that Secretary Baker would make a statement on the subject tomorrow before the Federation of Women's Clubs at

Unions Call Off Strike.

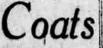
New York, Oct. 14.—Six of the largest longshoremen's local unions voted to return to work, John F. Riley, chairman of the longshoremen's strike committee, announced. These locals, he said, have a combined membership of 15,000 workers.

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Man Police Declare Has Confessed to .



Leonard Weber

struck the mayor that Weber ad-

Fired at Body.

He did not see the negro Brown

Weber was removed to the county jail and is being held without bonds. Following his arrest, his wife appeared before military and civil authorities begging an interview with her husband. She was refused. Weber was working in the artists' department of the World-Herald up

to the time of his arrest. World-Herald Statement. Henry Doorly, secretary and busi-ness manager of the company which publishes the World-Heralo, last

night said:
"If Leonard Weber is the man, I hope he gets his. If he struck the mayor, he should go to the peniten-

Mr. Doorly stated that he did not know Weber personally and not until Tuesday did now that he was in the employment of the World-Herald.

"Of course, had we any idea that Weber was implicated in the affair we would have reported our knowledge to the police. I am surprised that a man of his education and abil-ity should have been involved in that crime. I am sorry for his young

wife."
W. G. Crounse, vice president of the company, stated he had nothing to add to what Mr. Doorly said.

New Planes Sold for \$200 on Baker's Order Now Held at \$5,000

were sold to the Nebraska corporation, but the Curtiss company pro-cured about 12% per cent new en-

Baker to Blame.

Pressed by the chairman as to reckless disregard of the govern-ment's interests in selling \$2,700,000 worth of aircraft without knowing what they were selling, or whether the planes and engines were new or old, Captain Disette insisted that the responsibility rested entirely on

Secretary Baker, saying:

"If the director of sales does not approve of a sale, the question goes to the secretary of war. Of course, his word is supreme. The director of sales disapproved the sale to the Curtiss company, but Secretary Baker ordered it, so we had nothing to do but put it through."

Now Selling at \$5,000. In response to a question, the wit-ness said the Curtiss people were now selling the planes they rebought from the government for from \$2,-500 to \$5,000 each for planes fitted

with engines.

In this connection it is interestng to know that Congressman Reavis, chairman of one of the subcommittees of the special investigation committee, originally uncovered this situation, but his committee not having jurisdiction turned the matter over to Chairman Frear, who has been able to fix the responsibility for the loss of \$611,000 at the least calculation on Secretary of War Baker, who overruled a recommendation of a subordinate that an inventory be made of surplus aircraft material.

Senate Debate Nearly Reaches Boiling Point

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that he hadn't in the least changed his mind about the truth of what he had said.

Says All Pledges Broken.

Senator McCumber, a republican member of the foreign relations committee, was speaking in reply to Chairman Lodge of the committee who had just concluded a prepared address supporting the Shantung amendment and declaring Japan was building in China an empire menacing the United States. Japan re-lentlessly had broken her pledges and would continue to do so, in fur-therance of her scheme for China's exploitation, Mr. Lodge asserted.

In replying, Senator McCumber argued that the proposed amendment would be of no avail because Shantung already was in Japan's possession and altering the treaty would not change that possession. On the other hand, he said, the league of nations would put the "civilized world with a grip upon Japan's throat" to compel it to make

good its promises to restore the province to China. Later Senator Reed made an extended argument against the league, asserting that if it had the power to force Iapan to give back Shantung, it certainly would have the power to compel the United States to do whatever it desired. He argued that the league council and assembly would not be judicial bodies, because every member would be an interest-ed party in any big world question.

DOUGLAS COUNT Being Riot Leader BILLS READY FOR

(Continued From Page One.) wired he would be present tomor-row, Bushee, Bradstreet, Good, Hammond, Sturm and Weaverling

A motion to make the officers of the last special session the officers of this session with the exception that J. L. Howell, assistant sergeantat-arms, who was absent at the spe-cial session, be made assistant ser-geant-at-arms, and that W. J. Wells e made custodian of the senate chamber, was carried.

Bond Bill Up. S. F. No. 1, a bill giving counties authority to issue bonds in an emergency such as exists in Douglas county in the burning of the court house, with a provision that contracts should be let by competi-

H. R. No. 1, introduced in the house raises the pay of policemen Would Stop Railroads.

The possible effect of such a strike on the railroads is understood to be uppermost in the minds of government officials, as a shutdown of the mines would result in a paralysis of the transportation system within a the transportation system within a fessed, according to the detectives.

He did not see the negro Brown until the body had been strung up in the strung up instead of \$100 as at present, gives an inspector of police \$300 a move in instead of \$200, and gives the city authority to raise money to increase the transportation system within a fessed, according to the detectives.

When we are removed to the county which restricts appointments for authority to raise money to increase the police force and repeals that part of the Omaha charter clause which restricts appointments for police inspector and chief of police to residents of the city of Omaha.

House Roll Call. The roll-call in the house showed

ers, Birdsall, Cole, Hunt, Larsen and Williams have resigned. Some of the absentees possibly may have

Both Houses of Legislature
Receive Governor's Message—Makes No Recommendations.

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Introduced.

Both houses adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, when bills will be read the account time and adjournment taken so that all who desire may visit Omaha and view the ruins. The invitation of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce was accepted and a resolution of thanks adopted by each house, although neither body will go officially. It is expected that fully two-thirds of the members will go tomorrow.

State Solons Will Come

Here to View Damage Members of both houses of the tate legislature, now in special ses-

merce, extended an invitation by merce, extended an invitation by telephone for the entire body to take dinner at 6 this evening in the Chamber of Commerce

The Washington senator offered a

Mr. Brogan was notified of the contemplated visit by Acting Mayor Ure, who was in Lincoln yesterday. He plans to have city and county of ficials as well as members of the executive committee of the Cham-ber of Commerce at the dinner to-night. The dinner will be an opportunity for members of the legislature and officials here to discuss reconstruction plans Mr. Bro-

Will Address Engineers.

At the regular meeting of the Omaha chapter, American Associa-tion of Engineers, held last night at the Chamber of Commerce, it was the following absent: Allen of announced that the chapter would be Gage. Anderson of Knox. Carsten-addressed by Dr. J. F. Edwards, sen, Frost, Fuller, Hoover, Porter. Omaha's new health commissioner. Rodman, Taylor, Street. Five oth-October 21 at the University club.

McCormack

appeared later.

The appropriation bills necessary to cover the usual expenses of a session, salaries, mileage, etc., were introduced.

Toward Danical

Senator Poindexter Sees Real Danger "Government Will Fall" Unless Something Is Done.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Warning that there is "real danger that the government will fall" if it continues ts attitude of "supine inaction" to ward the radical elements over the country was given in the senate by Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington.

ha today and go through the Douglas county court house, to view the results of the recent rioting.

The party is expected. the results of the recent rioting.

The party is expected to arrive at 4 this afternoon. F. A. Brogan, chairman of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce, extended an invitation by

resolution asking why the Depart-ment of Justice had not proceeded against the circulators of revolutionary propaganda. Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, questioned the need for the resolution He said the steel strikers in his state had no grievance; that they were fighting for nationalization of the steel industry.
Schator Pomerene, democrat,

the men to remain in the unions.

Arbitration to End

final, after an aftempt to reconcile differences had been made by a joint committee of employers and employes. The labor representa-tives would be chosen both by these "out on strike and those remaining in the employ of the several com-

in the employ of the several companies.

The climax of the day's tense sessions, one of which was recessed in the midst of confusion, came when Samuel Gompers, leader of the labor delegation, made an impassioned plea for intervention in the steel strike and reviewed the negotiations leading up to the calling of the strike on September 22. Looks at Gary.

Looking directly at Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, seated with the public group, less than 15 feet away, the labor leader declared that the steel corporation had "acted like the bolsheviki," in refusing to meet representatives of the other party in the dispute. Judge Gary kept his eyes fixed on the labor leader's face throughout the speech, but made no reply when Mr. Gompers concluded. Outside the conference hall labor

delegates declared that the conference would be a flat failure unless took action on the steel strike. delegation might withdraw from the conference if the arbitration resolutions were defeated, although more conservative representatives did not believe the group as a whole con-templated any such drastic action.

That the employer group does not favor intervention in existing disputes, either under the labor or Ohio, remarked that his information substitute arbitration proposals, was was that the strike leaders were indicated by the remarks in the conholding out the inducement that the ference of L. F. Lores, president plants soon would be in the em- of the Delaware & Hudson railployes' hands as a means of gesting way, and a statement issued tonight by Magnus W. Alexander, managing director of the National Indus-Government statistics indicate trial conference board. The latter that the per capita consumption of expressed the belief that the majorsugar in the United States is in- ity of the delegates were "averse creasing about twice as rapidly as to turning itself into a general arthe population.

said that if action were to be taken in the steel strike, it also would be Strike Causes Trouble necessary to intervene in the coal strike called for November 1. and (Continued From Page One.)

the numerous other labor disturbances. The conference rules were again the subject of warm controv-ercy, members of the public group criticising and labor delegates defending the group method of pro-

House Is Better.

New York, Oct. 14 .- Col. E. M. House had a good night and his condition continues to improve, it was announced today by his son-in-law.

Gordon Auchineless.

Talnes City, Fla., where he will visit a son, Lisle W. Smith, who has a fruit farm.

The mayor wrote that he is regaining his strength rapidly.

Mayor Writes He Is Regaining Strength Rapidly in the South

Mayor Smith has written to his secretary, O. M. Olsen, stating that he expects to leave Excelsion Springs, next Thursday to go to Haines City, Fla., where he will

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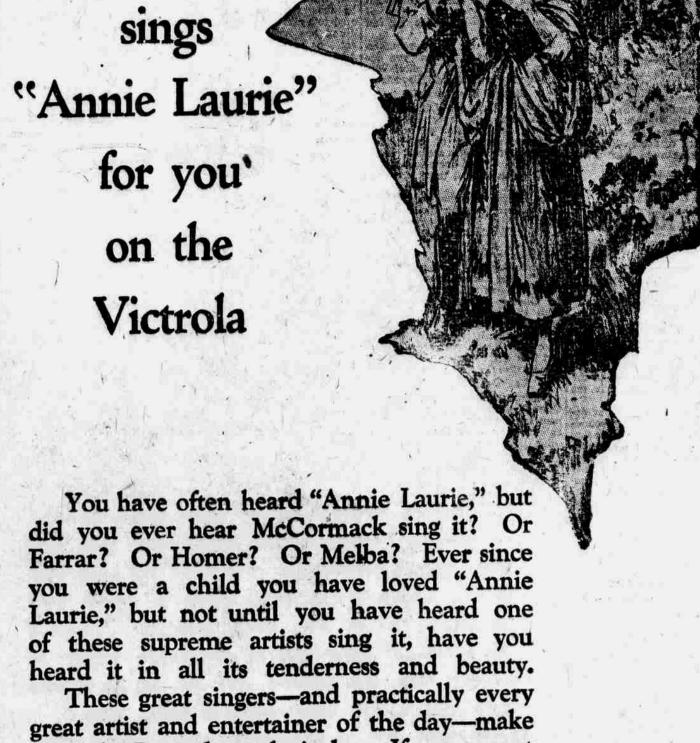
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