

THE WEATHER: Rain Thursday; colder by night in west; Friday snow or rain and colder in east, probably snow and much colder in west.

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MINERS REFUSE TO BACK UP

21 MINERS FIGHT OVER WAIT DEATH ALMIGHTY IN BY BURNING PEACE PACT

Flames Are Spreading Back Towards Men Caught Hopelessly in Passage of Ohio Mine After Explosion.

TRIP DRIVER ESCAPES IN CAR PULLED BY MULE

Crowd of More Than 1,000 Men, Women and Children Throng Entrance Eager for Word About the Entombed.

Amsterdam, O., Oct. 29.—With flames spreading back toward the 21 miners trapped in the north passage of No. 2 mine of the Youngblood & Ohio Coal company mine officials feel no hope for the men.

WOMAN ASLEEP FOR THREE WEEKS

New York, Oct. 29.—Mrs. Dora Mintz, 29, has been asleep for three weeks, and all attempts to arouse her have failed.

7 DEAD, 60 HURT, WHEN PASSENGER TRAIN IS DITCHED

Those Aboard Mainly From San Francisco and Northern California Points.

Los Angeles, Oct. 29.—Seven persons were killed and 60 injured when Southern Pacific train No. 50 southbound, was wrecked near Acton at 3:20 o'clock this afternoon.

ASTOR TRYING TO LOSE HIS TITLE

London, Oct. 29.—Maj. Waldorf Astor has done everything in his power to rid himself of the title which his father gave up everything to get.

England May Put Peace Pact Into Effect Armistice Day

London, Oct. 29.—The German peace treaty may come into effect on the anniversary of Armistice day.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

Into The Bee office yesterday walked a man who might be one of the "Cheerably Broths," mentioned by Charles Dickens, for he looked so benevolent and happy.

Backyard Airplane's Day Arrives in America

Dayton, O., Oct. 29.—Announcement from McCook aviation field that successful tests have been made with a reversible airplane propeller mechanism, according to officials, that the day of the "back yard" airplane is here.

Gompers Visits Belgian King

Washington, Oct. 29.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, called upon King Albert of the Belgians.

Will Have to Jump to Keep Up With John



U. S. STARTS TO ENFORCE NEW DRY MEASURE

Prohibition Today Is Absolute as It Will Be in January 1920—Senate Overrides Veto.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Armed with the drastic provisions of the prohibition enforcement act, which became effective as to wartime prohibition with passage by the senate of the measure over the president's veto, agents of the bureau of internal revenue today took up the task of making absolute the ban on the manufacture and sale of liquor.

Turks Criticize the U. S. for Refusal of Armenian Mandate

Constantinople, Oct. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Unfavorable criticism has been caused here by dispatches from English and American sources to the effect that the United States will not accept either the American or Turkish mandates.

Robbers Blow Door Of Safe Deposit Vault; Take Bonds

Rock Island, Ill., Oct. 29.—Blowing the door off the safety deposit vault and breaking open the individual deposit boxes, robbers today made a haul of \$35,000 in liberty bonds from the State bank of Sherrard, Ill., near here.

Last Yank Contingents in France to Sail at Once

Brest, France, Oct. 29.—The last of the American troops contingents here will return to the United States on board the army transports Mercury, Great Northern and Martha Washington, which have arrived at Brest. The army transport President, which sailed from New York, October 18, with troops, is expected to arrive Thursday.

Starts on Long Hike

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Dan O'Leary, 78-year-old pedestrian, has departed on a hike which he said would carry him into every state in the union, calling on each of the governors. He said he would be gone two years.

MEXICO FEARS MOBILIZATION OF U. S. TROOPS

Forces Being Organized Along Boundary, According to Mexico City Story.

Douglas, Oct. 29.—A serious menace is seen in the alleged mobilization by the United States of troops along the boundary between this country and Mexico, according to a Mexico City special to El Tiempo, a newspaper published in Cananea.

Public Health Service Drive to Save 250,000 Lives in U. S. Launched

New Orleans, La., Oct. 29.—San Francisco was chosen for the 1920 convention of the American Public Health association at a general session of the 47th convention.

Belgian Crown Prince Taken Ill at Dinner of Lansing

Washington, Oct. 29.—Crown Prince Leopold was taken ill at the dinner given in honor of King Albert and his consort at the residence of Secretary Lansing.

Valuable Jewelry Stolen From Farnam Street Home

Mrs. J. R. Morris, 3919 Farnam street, reported to the police that her home had been burglarized between 6 and 9 o'clock last night while she was absent and a woman's solitary diamond ring and a diamond stickpin, both valued at \$400, taken. The house was ransacked.

GIRL BEATS OFF NEGRO'S ATTACK NEAR HER HOME

Twenty-Six Arrested After Attempt by Black Man to Enter Thomas W. Hazen Residence.

Zeta Monohan, 3010 Davenport street, 21-year-old daughter of W. P. Monohan, was attacked by an unidentified negro in front of her home at 6:05 last night while she was returning from work at the Fairmont Creamery company.

Autos Near Scene

The attack occurred in full view of Turner Park boulevard. Automobiles were passing within 200 feet of the scene.

Search North Omaha

The police searched North Omaha last night for a negro who attempted to break into the home of Thomas W. Hazen, 4802 Florence boulevard, while Mrs. Hazen was alone.

Ryan Attacks "Soreheads"

New York, Oct. 29.—The congressional committee investigating the army air service was vigorously attacked today by John D. Ryan, formerly director of aircraft production, for having made intimations against "persons whose services had been of value to the government" on the testimony of "soreheads" who failed to obtain government contracts.

DETERMINED TO STRIKE NOVEMBER 1 DESPITE PRESIDENTIAL APPEAL

Blame For Situation Laid at Feet of Operators Because "They Had Refused to Negotiate Wage Agreement"—Action Is Held Illegal by Attorney General Palmer—Government Moves Swiftly to Protect People From Possible Great Distress—Fuel Administration May Be Renewed.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 29.—After pronouncing a strike of bituminous coal miners inevitable, and blaming the operators for forcing a walkout that may involve 500,000 men directly, the conference of officials of the United Mine Workers of America wound up its business tonight and dissolved.

Miners Say Strike Cannot Be Avoided, So Must Walk Out

The statement issued by the miners today following their determination to strike November 1, follows:

"The conference of United Mine Workers, composed of members of the international executive board, the scale committee of the Central competitive district and the district presidents, United Mine Workers of America, gave most profound consideration to the statement of the president of the United States, which appeared in the public press recently, relating to the impending strike of bituminous miners set for November 1. No communication was received by the international officers of the United Mine Workers of America from either the president of the United States or any representative of the federal government.

Lay Blame to Operators

"A canvass of the entire situation shows that a strike of bituminous miners cannot be avoided. A regularly constituted convention of representatives of the United Mine Workers held at Cleveland, O., on September 25, ordered a strike of bituminous coal mine workers to become effective November 1, in the event a wage agreement was not negotiated before that time.

Government Takes Action for Protection of People

Washington, Oct. 29.—The government conference with refusal of the miners' organization to call off the strike of 500,000 soft coal workers ordered for Friday night, moved swiftly today to protect the people from great distress.

To Establish Illegality

The government will establish the "illegality" of the strike of coal miners "without in any way impairing the general right to strike," as the "general right to strike is not in issue in any sense whatever in the present situation," it was declared in a statement issued today by the office of Attorney General Palmer, at which he discussed the situation with Secretary Wilson, Director General Hines, Secretary Tumulty and Assistant Attorneys General Ames and Garvan.

Belgians Compile List of 1,150 Germans to Be Tried

Brussels, Oct. 29.—(French Wireless Service.)—The Belgian ministry has given its approval to a list of 1,150 Germans, soldiers and civilians, who were prosecuted on charges arising from violation of the laws of war at the time of the invasion of Belgium or during the occupation of this country by German troops, according to the Independence Belge. The list will be sent to the peace conference in Paris.

Only a new wage agreement to replace the one which they claim expired with the war emergency is wished by the union, its leaders emphasizing that a call from the mine owners for a joint meeting would find the organization ready to negotiate on any of all of the demands formulated at the Cleveland convention of the union.

These and other points in the union's position were set forth in a statement prepared by a committee of the conference and adopted by unanimous vote. The statement was characterized as the "final word" from union forces and John L. Lewis, acting president, and other officials referred questioners to the statement as embodying everything that could be said and as answering all rumors as to motives actuating the union.

No Communication

The statement brought out that no communication had been received from the national administration, and that the union had knowledge of President Wilson's attitude toward the strike only through newspaper accounts. It combated the president's claim that the strike was illegal by asserting that the right to strike or quit work had been upheld by the courts, and that in leaving their jobs the men would exercise a constitutional prerogative.

Ready to Negotiate

"The issue has been made, and if it must be steered upon the field of industrial battle, the responsibility rests fairly and squarely upon the coal barons alone." Ready to Negotiate.

The word "if" was explained as significant of the readiness to negotiate. While conceding that there was no way of preventing the strike, the union's spokesman, Ellis Searles, argued that with the strike in actual effect, the operators' demand that the strike order be withdrawn as a condition precedent to negotiation was automatically wiped out.

Exercising Their Right

"The mine workers, therefore, are but exercising the right guaranteed by the constitution and which cannot be taken away by the representatives of government when they quit work or when they refuse to work until their grievances are adjusted. The mine workers' representatives are ready, willing and anxious to meet the coal operators for the purpose of negotiating an agreement and bringing about a settlement of the present unhappy situation. They will respond at any time to a call for such a meeting and will honestly endeavor to work out a wage agreement upon a fair and equitable basis. Such action alone will put the mines in operation and guarantee the nation an adequate supply of coal."

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