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COAL MINERS GET BIG WAGES RESTORED

FORMER HIGHEST PAY OF 1920-1922 OFFERED IN PENNSYLVANIA—EXPECT THERE WILL BE BIG RUSH OF WORKERS TO MINES TO GO TO WORK

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 24.—The scale committee of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association today ordered the 1920-22 scale posted at all mines owned and operated by its members, but declined to yield to the demands of the United Mine Workers of America that the check off system provision of the scale be enforced. About 45,000 union miners are affected.

Forty thousand bituminous miners in Westmoreland and Fayette counties today had before them an offer of increased wages equal to the highest the mining industry has ever paid.

In these two counties, generally known as the non-union field before the call of the miners strike many of the men are now organized and the eyes of the nation today awaited developments from the heart of the bituminous region.

Union leaders representing 75,000 miners controlling more than 10,000 mines voted almost unanimously in Fayette county to pass up the average increase of nearly \$2.50 a day until recognition of the union was accorded by the independent companies making the offer.

Mine operators today were prepared for a rush of returning miners and extra deputies were on hand to prevent disorder.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—With the hard coal parleys broken up as a result of the inability of miners and operators to agree on the arbitration problem, those anxious for peace in the anthracite fields today commented upon the fact that the door was left open for the future negotiations in the statement issued jointly by the negotiators. This statement, laconic as those issued upon the conclusion of the four previous sessions, announced that the conference was unable to agree and that it had adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary upon the request of either side.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Alternative planes for the maintenance of fair prices for coal and for its distribution through the post-strike period were presented to President Harding today by Secretary Hoover.

One plane as presented for the president's approval was understood to provide for the creation of a federal fuel distribution agency along the lines of the voluntary machinery operating under Federal Fuel Distributor Spencer. It also would authorize the interstate commerce commission to assume greater powers in the assignment of freight cars.

The other proposal was understood to provide for the creation of a coal purchasing corporation which would stabilize fuel prices by the fixation of a fair price for coal bought and sold by the government.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Mr. W. T. Gary, of Ocala, Fla., was in the city for a few hours today visiting his cousin, Chief Justice Gary. From here he went to Newberry to see other relatives. Mr. Gary is a prominent citizen in his state. He served with distinction in both the Spanish-American War and in the World War, entering the latter struggle although well past the age when he might have been called into service.

WOULD SIDETRACK SUBSIDY MEASURE

PRESIDENT WRITES REPUBLICAN LEADER—FRIENDS OF PLAN HARDING THINKS, MUST GET TOGETHER—ADMITS DISAPPOINTMENT.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Harding, in a letter today to Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, expressed willingness to have congressional consideration of the administration ship subsidy bill deferred until we can rivet the attention of congress with a full attendance. Success of the measure, the president added, might be jeopardized by pressing for an immediate decision.

The letter was in reply to one from Mr. Mondell in which the Republican leader had declared that he and his associates were reluctant to bring the bill to a vote in the house at this time.

"I am frankly disappointed," the president stated, "that the circumstances have combined to make a difficult situation, due on the one hand to the diminished attendance in the house and chargeable on the other hand to the new problems which have arisen. It would be folly to ignore the development of the prohibition issue which came up so unexpectedly and we must face the fact that the friends of the bill must harmonize their views, to accord with both the constitutional amendment and other opinion on the subject. Moreover the same friends of the measure must reach a concord in the matter of favoring provision carried in the tax exemption section which was designed to provide an indirect aid to American shipping enterprise."

The president expressed the hope that the administration would "find a way to deal with these new difficulties with the approval of all supporters of an American merchant marine and that we then may have favorable action before the congress gets too deeply engaged in the pressing legislation which must be considered in the short session."

SOUTH CAROLINA HOME PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Gibbons Planning to Hold All Day Demonstration at Planters Bank at Early Date.

The farm women of South Carolina have organized an association known as the South Carolina Home Producers' Association. Its object being to utilize the products in the State which would otherwise go to waste, by converting them into standard products which can be put on the market. 200,000 containers of inspected material from this association will be ready for sale this fall.

Ten special products are being prepared for market by this association. Included in this list are: Soup Mixture, Dixie Burgoo, Blackberry Jam, Plum Jelly and Fig Preserves, which are being placed on the shelves of the leading stores of Abbeville. This is a rare opportunity for the house wives of the town to procure high class products, which are manufactured in our own State.

Mrs. Frances Y. Kline, state agent, from the Home Demonstration Department of Winthrop College with the assistance of Mrs. Alma C. Gibbons, County Home Demonstration Agent is planning to hold an all-day demonstration at the Planters Bank sometime in the near future. The date will be announced later.

BASEBALL LEAGUE BANQUET

The baseball league is making plans to give a grand banquet next Tuesday night, over a hundred plates already being engaged. This will be the final baseball event of the season.

READY TO HANDLE OLD COTTON CROP

COOPERATIVE BODY SENDING NOTICE TO MEMBERS—ASSOCIATION TO BE READY WITHIN FEW DAYS FOR NEW COTTON ALSO.

Columbia, Aug. 24.—The South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association is ready to receive all old cotton that its members may wish to sell through the association, Harry G. Kaminer, president and general manager, announced last night. Delivery of cotton grown prior to 1922 is optional with the members but large numbers of the members have written that they wish to turn this cotton over to the association and this they will be permitted to do.

The association expects to be ready by the first of next week to receive new cotton and by the end of next week it is expected that much old and new cotton will have been delivered to it. Full instructions regarding the delivery of new cotton will be mailed to all members within the next few days, it was said. Instructions regarding the delivery of old cotton will be forwarded immediately to all members who have written stating their desire to deliver it, Mr. Kaminer said last night.

Officials of the association, it is said, have been working day and night for some time preparing for the handling of the cotton of members. It has been a tremendous task, Mr. Kaminer pointed out last night, this perfecting of the machinery to handle the crop. There was a great deal of rivalry among members as to who will be the first to deliver a bale of cotton. The announcement given to the press last night is the first statement that has been made to the effect that the association is now ready to receive old cotton.

The membership campaign is progressing splendidly, according to officials of the association. Over 100 new contracts have been received at the office during the past three days, coming from Orangeburg, Union, Dillon and Anderson counties and reports from the field indicate that other farmers are signing up daily.

F. R. Shanks of Texas speaks Friday morning at 11 o'clock at Anderson; Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Honea Path and Saturday at Greenville, it was announced last night.

SPEAK HERE TOMORROW

Candidates for County Offices Will Speak Here Saturday.

Candidates for county offices will speak in Abbeville tomorrow. The meeting will be held in the Opera House and will begin about 11 o'clock. All citizens should attend and hear the speeches.

The Hospital Auxiliary will serve a dinner in the vacant store room next to Mabry's store for which they will charge a reasonable price.

MEETING AT BARMORE'S

The county candidates spoke yesterday at Barmore's pasture. The meeting was held in the grove covering 15 or 20 acres which is an ideal place. There was about 350 present and the meeting was presided over by Frank Carwile. After the speeches a barbecue and picnic dinner was served.

"COUNTRY STORE" SUCCESS

Manager Verchot put on a drawing card at the picture show last night in the form of a "country store" advertising scheme. The different merchants in town contributed various articles which were won by those receiving lucky numbers, drawn from a tin milk pail by a small girl. The house was packed and much merriment prevailed.

MUST U.S. PAY DEBTS FLEET CORPORATION

ENORMOUS SUM OF \$100,000,000 INVOLVED—ASKS SUPREME COURT FOR RE-HEARING AND MEANTIME SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Asserting that there is an "apparent irreconcilable conflict between the doctrine" announced by the supreme court in its recent decisions defining the usability and status of the emergency fleet corporation, as a government agency and "the settled rule" established by the court in a number of prior decisions, the government has filed a petition asking for a rehearing.

"The opinion has introduced a practical difficulty of far reaching effect with reference to the administrative action," of various government officials the petition asserts. It asks whether contracts made by the United States, and what authority the shipping board or the fleet corporation has to use further government funds for the payments of the debts of the fleet corporation when incurred under contracts made by it. The government also wants to know whether treasury officials are justified in honoring checks drawn by the fleet corporation for paying debts or satisfying claims for damages.

It is pointed out in the petition that "the fleet corporation in its own capacity and not as representing the United States has no assets but it has enormous debts," which the court stated are "its debts and not the debt of the United States." It is explained that "there are hundreds of such claims pending against it, for sums aggregating more than \$100,000,000," and the court is asked whether "all payments thereon from treasury funds must be suspended."

The government also wants to know whether funds derived from the sale of ships can be applied by the fleet corporation to the payment of damages claimed against it, or whether the money belongs to the United States.

As the opinion will become the guide for United States district courts in dealing with hundreds of suits throughout the country, the government asks for a re-argument as a means of preventing "many future appeals and much litigation apparently now inevitable."

BURN SHERIFF'S CAR

Officer's Automobile Set Afire During Raid on Still.

Greenwood, Aug. 24.—While officers were raiding a liquor distillery in this county yesterday, friends of the distillers, it is alleged, set fire to the sheriff's automobile, which was partially destroyed before the flames were extinguished. Two men were arrested and lodged in jail. They are Joe Klugh and James Edwards. Two copper stills, 45 and 50 gallons each, were captured, in addition to seven gallons of liquor and between 2,000 and 4,000 gallons of mash.

The two stills were found about two and a half miles from the Abbeville county line, west of Greenwood. According to Sheriff W. M. White, four men were found at the still but two escaped.

BEECH TREE 150 YEARS OLD

Near Trembling Shoals on Little River is a Beech tree over 150 years old. On the side of the tree is carved a beautiful Indian Head, below the head is a bow and arrow and beneath the bow and arrow a horse. Underneath the entire design is the date 1770. The work is well done, and though covered with moss in places, shows up well after generations have passed away.

FUNDING OF BRITISH DEBT OF 4 BILLIONS

WILL HAVE NO BEARING ON THAT OF OTHER COUNTRIES ENGLAND NOT ENDORSER FOR MONEY LOANED ALLIES BY UNITED STATES.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Funding of the \$4,135,000,000 war debt owned by Great Britain to the United States was declared today by Secretary Mellon to have no relation to the war loans made by the United States and Great Britain to other governments or to questions arising in connection with reparations payments of the former central powers.

The treasury secretary made his declaration with respect to the British debt in a formal statement issued he said, on account of numerous inquiries reaching the treasury as to the exact status of the obligations of the various European governments held by America with respect to the British debt. Reports have been published and statements made in some quarters. Mr. Mellon said, that the British liability was not incurred for the British government but for the other allies, and that the United States, in making the original arrangements, had insisted in substance that though the other allies were to use the money borrowed, it was only on British security that the United States, and the advances by the United States government were for the purpose of covering payments for these purchases by the allies.

"The statement that the United States government virtually insisted upon a guarantee by the British government of amounts advanced to the other allies is evidently based upon a misapprehension. Instead of insisting upon a guarantee, or any transaction of that nature, the United States government took the position that it would make advances to each government to cover the purchases made by that government and would not require any government to give obligations for advances made to cover the purchases of any other government. Thus, the advances to the British government, evidenced by its obligations, were made to cover its own purchases, and advances were made to the other allies to cover their purchases."

PENNSYLVANIA SOFT COAL STRIKE ENDED

45,000 Miners Returning to Work Today—Both Sides Herald Agreement as Victory.

Altoona, Pa., Aug.—Union leaders today were notifying their 45,000 miners in the Central Pennsylvania field to return immediately to posts they left five months ago while operators were rushing planes that will mean production of 30,000,000 tons of coal a year. This activity followed the signing of an agreement last night.

Both sides today heralded the agreement as a victory. The miners consider it a triumph because they retain the check off and are to receive the same wages as that in effect on March 31. The operators are jubilant because they arranged a district agreement, a condition which has been strenuously opposed by John L. Lewis president of the United Mine Workers of America.

The new treaty provides for the continuance until March 31, 1923, of the wage scale in effect when the men went on strike. All the provisions of the contract with one exception are retained. The rule which calls for continuance of work for 30 days after the scale committees begin deliberations for a new agreement was abolished.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Two cases for disorderly conduct came up before the Mayor this morning. One was fined \$5.00 and the other \$2.50.

COOL AND SHOWERY WEATHER FOR CROP

CONDITIONS FOR COTTON GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE—THE GROWTH IN SOUTH CAROLINA GOOD BUT MUCH DAMAGE BY WEEVIL IS NOTED.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Conditions on the whole unfavorable for the cotton crop were reported by the weather bureau today in its weekly and crop review for the week ending yesterday.

Cool and showery weather prevailed in the more eastern sections of the belt, but it was unusually warm and continued dry in most Western States, the review said.

"A few light, scattered showers occurred in Oklahoma, and cotton showed deterioration generally in that State: it opened prematurely and there was much shedding," the review continued.

"Scattered showers, occurred in Texas also but they were mostly light and were received at only about one-half of the reporting stations. Early cotton made generally poor progress there although it was very good in a few localities where rain fell, while the late crop deteriorated. The warm, dry weather held insects in check but assured hedging and premature opening. The condition of the crop in Texas was mostly poor in the southern portion, very good in the east and fair elsewhere.

"Light, local showers gave some relief in Arkansas, principally in the southern portion, and the crop made fair progress where these were received but deterioration was reported in most sections of the State due to hot, dry weather.

"Progress was poor in Tennessee where the plants were not fruiting, well, although the general condition was fairly good.

"Bolls were opening more rapidly in Louisiana, but there were further reports of shedding and weevil damage, while conditions during the week were mostly unsatisfactory in Mississippi and Alabama.

"Plant growth and condition continued very good in South Carolina; the plants were blooming and fruiting fairly well but there was some shedding and boll rotting while weevil were doing great damage and taking the top-crop except in the Piedmont; the weather was favorable for their increased activity.

"Picking has started in all parts of Texas except the Northwest."

ATTEND BALL GAME.

Attending the ball game at Anderson yesterday afternoon were the following from Abbeville: M. B. Reese, W. A. Harris, Ward Jamison, Fuller Reese, C. E. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson, W. P. Greene and Bill Greene, Marshall Leach, Maxcy Johnson, Buster Howie, Neill Swetenburg, Misses Mary and Jeanie White, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Broom, Mrs. B. S. Reames, Miss Lydia Owen Frank Harrison, John Calvert, W. D. Wilkinson, Miss Janie Vance Bowie, Allen Long, Jr., Allen Long, Sr., Bayard Swetenburg, Leslie McMillan, Misses Ruth and Gertrude Calvert, Bill Jones, Larry Ferguson, E. F. Arnold, O. H. Cobb, Edd Keller.

Tobacco Dividend

New York, Aug. 24.—The Tobacco Products Corporation today declared a quarterly dividend of 1-1/4 per cent on class A stock increasing the annual dividend from six per cent to seven.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought about 22 1-2 cents on the local market today. Futures closed as follows:

Oct.	21.95
Dec.	22.08
Jan.	21.95
March	22.00