

COAL MINES TO OPEN AT ONCE

Operators and Union Officials Issue Orders Sending Men Back to the Pits

MANY FIELDS ARE AFFECTED

Plans for Extending the Break in Strike Made by President Farrington of Illinois

Cleveland, Aug. 15. (By the Associated Press.)—Immediate resumption of coal production in bituminous mines scattered over seven States was ordered tonight and in some places the cutting of coal will be started tomorrow. Orders for miners to return to work were sent by district unions officials after operators had signed an agreement renewing wage contracts that were in force when the strike was called.

The formal break in the strike came at 3:10 p. m., when the scale agreement was adopted by the unanimous vote of miners and operators at their joint conference. The general agreement then was signed by T. K. Maher, of Cleveland, an operator, as chairman of the conference and William Green a miner, as its secretary. Supplemental agreement between operators and State union officials were then executed, with the union chiefs wiring local unions that work might be renewed.

Mines to Open Today

President John L. Lewis, of the miners, said that operators controlling an annual output of approximately 60,000,000 tons had signed the agreement, their mines, he said, were in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Oklahoma and Washington. James Palsey, one of the big operators signing the agreement, announced that his mines in Charleston, Fairmount, Elm Grove, and Morgantown, West Virginia, Valley Camp and Monongahela City, Pa., and Lafferty and Stuartsville, Ohio, would be opened tomorrow.

Plans for extending the break of the strike also were laid by the union men. Frank Farrington, the Illinois miners' president, announced that he would ask the Illinois operators to meet the union's district scale committee at Chicago on Friday.

John Hessler, head of the Indiana miners also asked the Indiana operators to join in a scale conference at Terre Haute on the same day. Van A. Bittner, statistician for the international union, announced that operators from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas would be asked to meet with the union at Kansas City next Tuesday.

Meeting Planned

Under the policy laid down by the union, operators will be required to accept the interstate agreement, made at the general conference here as the base for their contracts with the union. This agreement provides for the reestablishment of the wage contract's which includes the "check off" of union dues, that were in force last March 31, with the new contract to run until March 31, 1923. Further the agreement provides for creation of an advisory fact-finding commission, a meeting being called of all soft coal operators for next October to effect the selection of the commission.

Both the miners and the operators held separate meetings to ratify the agreement before joining in the afternoon conference where unanimous approval was voted, to be followed by the signing of the document.

Expects New Agreements
"The interstate agreement executed with operators having a production of 60,000,000 tons," said Mr. Lewis, "will become the basic agreement for the bituminous industry throughout the country, and I anticipate that in a comparatively few days that supplemental contracts with groups of operators and individual operating interests will be executed with the majority of the operators whose mines are now on strike."

"The plan of settlement is based on a broad constructive premise, which carries with its substantial hope for a material improvement in the method of collective bargaining in the industry and gives assurance that constructive reforms will be inaugurated, eliminating some of the organic ailments of the bituminous coal industry. Such

Another Strike Possibility



DON'T WORRY 'BOUT GOIN' BACK TO SCHOOL, EDDIE! IT'S QUITE A WHILE YET—SOMETHIN' MIGHT HAPPEN! MAYBE THE TEACHER'LL STRIKE!

NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN STRIKE!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESCINDS FORMER ACTION

At the regular meeting of the executive committee held on July 28th., it was resolved to place in the coming primary the offices of rural police, farm demonstration agent, home demonstration agent and community nurse. This action was taken solely to get an expression of the people. On yesterday the committee met again and at this meeting there were several present to defend these different offices and keep them out of the primary. Among the speakers was Dr. W. W. Long, who is at the head of the Extension work, Mr. P. B. Young of Florence, district agent, Mrs. Oliver Plowden district agent for home demonstration work, and Hon. Charlton DuRant. Each speaker presented their side of the work to the committee and Mr. DuRant put in a plea for all of the offices. At the conclusion of the talks several of the committee, including the one committeewoman, Miss Barfield made short talks in behalf of the offices affected. Mr. E. D. Hodge then moved to rescind the former action of the committee, and Mr. Appelt moved to table Mr. Hodge's motion. The motion to table did not receive a second, but to rescind did. Mr. Hodge's motion was then put before the committee and was carried overwhelmingly. So these offices will not be put before the people in the primary.

reforms will not only operate as a preventative of future conflicts of the magnitude of this one, but will serve also to protect the public interests and restore mutual confidence and respect between the coal operators and the mine workers."

STAR ROUTE TO MANNING

A star route to Manning from Sumter will be inaugurated on August 21st, making the trip seven days per week, carrying only first class mail and newspapers. The auto will leave Sumter during week days at 8 a. m., arriving at Manning at 9 a. m. Returning will leave Manning at 4:15 p. m., arriving Sumter at 5:15 p. m. On Sundays will leave Sumter at 8 a. m. and return at 9:30 a. m., spending only 30 minutes in Manning. Mr. Chas. H. Curtis will be the carrier on this route.

CAMPAIGN MEETINGS

The County Campaign opens tomorrow at Paxville and the candidates will speak at Summerton on Friday. The following is the schedule:
Paxville, Thursday, Aug. 17th.
Summerton, Friday, Aug. 18th.
Turbeville, Tuesday, Aug. 22nd.
New Zion, Wednesday, Aug. 23rd.
Sardinia, Thursday, Aug. 24th.
Alcolu, Thursday, Aug. 24th at night.
Manning, Friday, Aug. 25th.
The candidates for Solicitor and Congress will speak at the Summerton, Turbeville and Manning meetings. Inasmuch as there is unusual interest in these rolls large crowds are expected. The meetings will begin promptly at ten o'clock.
S. Oliver O'Bryan,
County Chairman.

DR. J. D. HOLSTEIN

Edgefield, Aug. 15.—Dr. J. D. Holstein died at his home here yesterday morning in the fifty-seventh year of his age. Within the two days Edgefield has lost two of its most prominent and useful citizens, A. L. Tompkin and Dr. Holstein, brother-in-law. Dr. Holstein's funeral was held today at the Baptist church.

WHY NOT TRY THIS NEW PLAN?

Editor Manning Times,
Dear Sir:

A few years ago out on one of the California deserts a prospecting party came upon the body of a man who had evidently wandered from the trail and died of thirst. Among those who found the dead man was one who had studied the desert a good deal in that locality and he made an investigation. By digging down into the sand about two feet he found wet sand and by digging a few inches more he found water running into the hole that he had made. The man who had died of thirst had done so with in two feet of all the water he needed. The trouble was—he didn't know. Every once in a while we hear it said that what we don't know does not hurt us. The instance just cited was one in which the rule did not work.

I have thought of this a good deal in connection with the plight we find ourselves in here in Clarendon County. We find land depreciating in value, taxes going unpaid, children staying home from school and college, people going without many things that they really need and some actually going hungry. All this is due to the failure of what has been the main money crop—cotton. Here and there, however, in the southern states are localities which have been face to face with this same condition years ago. It is interesting to note that some of these communities have survived the ravages of the boll weevil a whole lot better than others have done. Some of them have changed their farming plans all together and some have not and are even to this day blundering along aimlessly, desperately, and one might say hopelessly like the man on the desert looking for water and like so many of our farmers are doing in Clarendon County. There are communities in the South where the boll weevil has made the country practically deserted. The farm houses are desolate and even the little cross road country stores are boarded up. The folks around there didn't know what to do and wouldn't take the pains to find out.

There are on the other hand places in Dixie where the farmers are making more money than they ever made on cotton; places that look upon the arrival of the boll weevil as a blessing instead of the curse it has been to so many places.

One wonders what makes the difference in the communities just pictured. What causes one community to look upon the arrival of the boll weevil as the time when all their hopes were blighted and another community to see in the same event the dawning of the real day in opportunities on the farm.

One wouldn't have to be called very wise, Mr. Editor to decide that the folks who have found prosperity in the very same event that had brought others all sorts of disaster must have known what to do and how to do it. Don't you think that the real trouble in Clarendon County is that people don't know what to do. Here's a case of what we don't know hurting us badly.

Must we see Clarendon County become a place in which the average farmer can not make a living? You know what will happen when that comes to be the rule. Look at the situation today. Nearly every man you meet can tell you of some one who is trying to leave Clarendon County. Many have gone and more are planning to go. This need not be so. There are literally hundreds of

PUT UP OR SHUT UP

To The Citizens of Clarendon County: It has been brought to my attention that numerous reports of inefficiency and official misconduct on the part of the members of the Rural Police force are being circulated in the County. If these reports are true, the guilty officers should be indicted; if they are not true they should be exonerated.

If these charges are true, there must be a number of citizens in this County you can give sufficient evidence to warrant an indictment or an investigation.

Now, as foreman of the Grand Jury, I ask every one of you, if you have sufficient evidence to warrant an investigation of the conduct of any one of these officers, bring it to me and I promise you a thorough investigation and an indictment if the evidence will warrant it. If you have no evidence yourself, but you hear some one state as a fact that any of these officers are guilty of official misconduct, send me his name and I will see that he has an opportunity to present his facts to the Grand Jury.

What I have said in regard to the Rural Police, applies also to all law breakers in the County.

Yours very truly,
C. R. Sprott,
Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Rev. Guerry Stukes of Atlanta, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stukes.

A committee of ladies, representing the different Democratic Clubs, have asked Mr. S. Oliver O'Bryan to meet with them at the Court House Thursday afternoon, August 24th at four o'clock for the purpose of explaining how to mark votes. All ladies of the County are invited to be present.

Last Saturday Rural Policemen Peavy, Hardy and Kennedy raided the premises of Pelton Welsh, white, near Sardinia in search of liquor. When the officers arrived Welsh ran carrying his still with him, but he dropped the still, the officers picked it up and in a few minutes had Welsh. They got about 75 gallons of mash and lodged Welsh in jail.

Mr. Clarence Baggett now of Ayden, N. C., was a visitor here last Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The progressive spirit of the community in which he is living is shown in the news he brings of a trip which was undertaken by twenty-four of the leading business men and farmers of the community. Not long ago the party started out to make a tour of the boll weevil infested area in the south determined to learn by some one else's experience and not their own regarding the best method of farming under the new conditions. The crowd of twenty-four men had in their itinerary the states of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. If such a trip had been made by our own farmers and business men two years ago much of the present financial distress of Clarendon County would not have been in evidence.

farm products that can be raised here and marketed with better and surer profit than our farmers have ever known with cotton.

The problem, as I see it, Mr. Editor, is not with the county, nor the soil, nor the kind of weather we have been having. The real difficulty is in the uncertainty with which the farmers look toward the future without a reasonable hope for better times and surer crops.

They say that a wise man learns by some one else's experience—a fool by his own. Must our farmers laboriously and almost hopelessly stumble along for years until by chance they find just the thing they are looking for while within a few score or few hundred miles of where we live are farmers finding the best living they ever had on the farm; farmers who have no worry whatever about the boll weevil; who are no more concerned about him than you are about the import duty on putty in China? It does not seem sensible to lie down here and suffer when there is a sure way out.

If you were talking to me you'd ask what I was driving at. Well just this. I believe that there is a way to let all the farmers in Clarendon County know what they should do to get ready to make money next year. If they could go all the way down to say for example, Blackshear, Ga., and ask those prosperous farmers how they did it every one of our farmers would come back with new hope and new determination for next year's work. You say it is impossible for every farmer in Clarendon County to go down to Blackshear, Ga., or Prosperity, Ala. They are all about broke now. Well I know that but what do you think of this idea.

What would you think of having the farmers of Clarendon County elect a dozen of our best farmers and business men to go down there or any other place where they can get the real dope and bring it back and tell us all what to do. Why not send representatives from every part of the county and let every one who can chip in and pay their expenses. It would be a mighty good investment. Surely there are hundreds who would be glad to contribute a small amount and just a small amount from many would do the trick. Suppose you ask them about it. I believe that we all have enough at stake to make some sort of effort worth while.

Sincerely yours,
A. L. Luce.

PROSPECTS BETTER IN RAILROAD STRIKE

Agreement Reached on Some Lines—Progress Is Reported

PASSENGERS ARE MOVING

Perishable Freight and Livestock Accepted for Shipment

San Francisco, Aug. 15.—The Southern Pacific Company lifted its embargo late today on the shipment of perishable freight and livestock, which was declared on account of a strike of train crews at Roseville, Cal. An agreement was reached, by which the crews of the big four rail brotherhoods returned to work.

Railroads in the Southwest reported progress in the movement of trains and in conferences with members of the big four brotherhoods of trainmen in inducing them to resume work. Trains were stopped on some roads last Thursday when brotherhood men claimed they were endangered by guards placed to protect property, because of the shopmen's strike and defective equipment.

The Southern Pacific Company succeeded in getting its trainmen at Roseville and Traly, Cal., two important points in the movement of freight and passengers, to return to work.

Resume Picking of Fruit

Shippers and growers of fruit in Central California immediately resumed picking of fruit and the iced cars at Roseville began to move.

Oregon shippers also were advised to resume picking fruit. The Santa Fe sent two trains from Los Angeles one to Barstow, Cal., and the other towards Chicago. Both trains were crowded with passengers. The train that left Los Angeles yesterday for Chicago, reached Gallup, New Mexico today with a regular crew of engine-men. Santa Fe passenger trains were moved to New Mexico and Arizona, but no attempt was made to move freight trains.

The Western Pacific announced progress in its conference with trainmen and expected to start an overland train eastward tomorrow. No trains have moved on the Western Pacific for three days.

Continue to Be Tied Up

The Union Pacific's line from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles continued to be tied up as to movement of trains. Locomotives were started for Los Vegas, Nevada, to move freight, and if this is successful passenger trains will be started.

The conference of State police of Nevada which left Reno overland for Las Vegas yesterday has not arrived, the auto truck train being delayed with its machine guns by bad roads. Until the State police arrive special police from among the trickers will preserve order at Las Vegas.

No action has been taken in Western State late today on the telegram that Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, sent notifying members of the union who walked out without authorization to return to work. None of the officials of the local unions would admit having received such instructions.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

The Women's Home Demonstration Club of Turbeville, will serve dinner at the campaign meeting Tuesday, August 22nd. Go out and hear the candidates and see what this club can do.

The County Short Course will be held in Turbeville, August 24, 25, 26. Everybody is invited and all club members are urged to be present. New numbers are being added to the program every day, and many local speakers will talk during the short course. Miss Lola M. Snider, Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson and Mrs. Theo. D. Plowden, assisted by the county agents, will have charge of the demonstrations.

A meeting of the Farm Council will be held on Saturday, 26th immediately after the close of the short course. The Marketing Committee will meet with the Council to discuss matters of interest to every woman in the county. All who are interested in making money in the farm home are invited to be present at 4:00 o'clock. Don't forget the basket picnic on that day for everybody.

Wearing Her Championship Belt



Mrs. Grace McClellan, of Austin, Tex., is the new champion woman pistol shot. She won her title in recent competition at San Antonio, where she scored 272 hits out of a possible 300. She is wearing the championship belt and shooting a gold-plated automatic awarded with the title.