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RUMORED THAT STRIKE WILL END

Attorney General Palmer, Starting to Indianapolis, Makes Statement—Tuesday Will Tell the Fate—Government Officials and Miners Gather for Conference.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Government proposals for settling the coal strike were tonight cloaked in a veil of mystery which promised to lift only at Indianapolis Tuesday when the federal court and the leaders of the United Mine Workers alike will be called upon to consider them.

Attorney General Palmer and his special assistant, Judge Ames, were traveling to Indianapolis tonight on the same train with John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary of the mine workers union, whose secret visit and equally secret conference yesterday with Mr. Palmer and Joseph Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, resulted in a provisional agreement to settle. Not one of the participants of the conference would discuss its meaning or intent.

Before boarding the train for Indianapolis Mr. Palmer, however, said he was quite sure that the end of the strike was in sight. It was learned that he would confer with Judge Anderson of the federal district court on reaching Indianapolis.

Fuel Administrator Garfield speaking with brevity and emphasis, added only doubt to the situation.

"My position has not been budged one inch and will not be," he said.

Garfield Reiterates.

It was recalled that yesterday Dr. Garfield has reiterated that not one cent could be added to the price of coal to finance wage increase to the miners greater than the 14 per cent he suggested which operators could pay out all profits, and that the government was behind him in the stand. He also pointed out that on November 26 he suggested this basis of agreement to the miners, with a proviso that an arbitration commission be appointed by the president to review his decision with power to change it if the commission should find economical justification. This proposal the miner's representatives then instantly rejected.

INCREASED PAY FOR CENSUS ENUMERATORS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED

Washington, Dec. 5.—Increase in the pay of census enumerators now preparing to take the fourteenth census, is announced by Director Sam L. Rogers. The new rates for enumerators will be four cents for each person enumerated and thirty cents for each farm reported. Senators and house members from Georgia, as well as other states, have had the increased pay matter up with the director. The rates now allowed are declared to be the maximum. Census supervisors will be advised of the change.

"The abnormal times make it absolutely necessary that we secure an accurate census in 1920," said Director Rogers. "To do this we must have all well-qualified men and women serving as enumerators. The pay rates from two to 100 cents per name and twenty cents per farm enumerated, which were superseded by our action today, were based on the rates paid at the last decennial census with due regard having been paid to the increased cost of living."

GINNER'S REPORT.

The Ginner's Report issued by the government Monday, gives the number of bales of cotton ginned to December 1, as 8,883,712. The number of bales ginned to the date stated was some two hundred thousand less than expected, which caused a rise in the cotton market of about one hundred points.

PRESIDENT ALERT, REPUBLICAN CRITIC TELLS COLLEAGUES

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Mexican embassy notified the state department today that American Consular Agent William O. Jenkins, at Puebla, Mexico, had been released from custody.

It was announced at the state department that the advice from the embassy said Jenkins had been liberated last night from the penitentiary, where he had been held pending trial on charges of giving false information regarding his abduction by Mexican bandits in October.

The embassy's dispatch reached the state department coincident with the arrival at the White House of Senators Fall and Hitchcock, who were instructed by the senate foreign relations committee to discuss with the president pending resolutions proposing that the president be requested to sever diplomatic relations with the Carranza government.

Text of Announcement

The announcement by the state department follows:

"The release of William O. Jenkins, the American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, was reported late this afternoon from the American embassy at Mexico City."

While the release of Jenkins served to relieve in a measure the tension here on the Mexican situation, officials have explained the Jenkins case was only an incident in the Mexican situation. Senators regard the charges of Senator Fall that the Mexican ambassador and consuls in the United States have spread "red" propaganda as the more serious.

Intervention in Mexico is opposed by Jenkins, who in a letter received today by Representative Davis, of Tennessee, said "it ought to be possible to solve the Mexican problem without actual intervention."

Request that Jenkins be released was renewed by the state department in a sharp note dispatched last Sunday, but no reply to this communication has been received. Private advices from Mexico City yesterday said one was then being prepared by President Carranza.

News of Jenkins' release was communicated to the White House by the state department while the president was conferring with Senators Hitchcock and Fall.

Dr. Grayson took the message directly to the president and his visitors.

The state department's advices gave no details and first news that the release was ordered by the judge at Puebla was contained in Associated Press dispatches from Mexico City.

SAY JENKINS WAS FREED ON PAYMENT

Mexico City, Dec. 5.—Advices to El Demotrata state that Consul Jenkins was set free after the authorities had been handed a check for \$500 (American) signed by J. Salter Hansen, drawn on the Guaranty Trust company of New York. It is declared that Mr. Hansen conducted all the negotiations for the release.

Spartanburg Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Fretwell and their little daughter, came over from Spartanburg Saturday and spent until Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnwell. This is their first visit since their marriage and friends were glad to know Mrs. Fretwell.

Nuts.

Abbeville has always been famous for the fine variety of pecans grown here and this years the nuts are unusually fine and plentiful. They are bringing on the market from thirty-five to fifty cents a pound.

Among the Rich.

The Index-Journal of Sunday published a list of income tax payers in Greenwood and among the rich folks we find the names of Miss Mary G. Devlin and James C. Hemphill.

ABBEVILLE BAPTISTS COMMENDED FOR 75 MILLION SHOWING

"I congratulate you upon the magnificent work of your church. It belongs to the list of immortals," said a message from General Director Scarborough to the Rev. Louis J. Bristow, pastor of the Abbeville Baptist church, received yesterday. Doctor Scarborough's office in Nashville reported in the message that seven States had exceeded their respective quotas, while reports from States west of the Mississippi river were very slow coming in, because of rain, snow and broken wires. South Carolina and Georgia are running neck-and-neck for first place among the States which have reported over subscriptions.

Abbeville Association a Leader

The Abbeville association is well among the leaders in South Carolina. All but three of the 23 churches had exceeded their quota's last Saturday, and it was expected that these three would reach theirs Sunday. The bad weather may have interfered with that aim, however. The quota for the association was \$242,625, and the reports up to Saturday night indicated that more than \$375,000 had been subscribed.

An absent member of the local church sent a telegram yesterday subscribing \$300 to the fund. The quota of the Abbeville church was \$27,500. The subscriptions up to Sunday night added up to \$45,721.

Well-Nigh Unanimous

In the church bulletin of Sunday it was stated that there are 368 members of the church, of whom 80 do not live in Abbeville, 13 are away attending school or teaching, and 275 here. Of the resident membership, all but 13 had subscribed Sunday, and only one who is away at school had not been heard from. Officers and members of the church are being complimented upon the excellent showing the church made in the campaign. When it is remembered that this church has very few well-to-do members in its membership, and that it has built and paid for a \$40,000 church plant in the last eight years (there being now only \$2,000 due on it), the result of the campaign is all the more striking.

WILSON TO LET TREATY REMAIN WHERE IT IS NOW

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Wilson has no intention of withdrawing the peace treaty from the senate for the present, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, announced today after his visit to the President. He discussed the treaty question with the president briefly after the conference on the Mexican situation.

The president thinks the failure of the senate to act on the treaty at the special session shifted the responsibility in the matter to "other shoulders," Senator Hitchcock said, adding: "He is just going to let it stay where it is at present."

COL. YOUNG, NEGRO, GOES TO POST IN AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Washington, Dec. 3.—Col. Charles Young, retired, the only negro officer of the army to attain that rank, has been selected as military attache to Liberia at the request of the African republic. Some years ago Col. Young organized the military establishment of Liberia. He was retired in 1917 for physical disability, but was recalled to active duty during the war and detailed to train recruits.

Chick and Buster.

Things are always happening at the Baptist church and last Sunday was a field day. Champion Chick Galloway, short-stop of the Philadelphia Americans, who has just moved to Abbeville, was prevailed upon to join their excellent choir, thereby disturbing the religious thought of all the boys in the congregation while Buster Howie burst upon a peaceful world in a pair of "long breeches."

THE REV. H. W. PRATT ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO LEAVE JANUARY 1

The Rev. H. W. Pratt, pastor of the Presbyterian Church Sunday announced his intention of leaving his present pastorate January 1. His statement came as a distinct surprise to the members of his congregation. His decision was reached following a meeting of the session Friday night after which Mr. Pratt came to the conclusion that his years of usefulness here were ended and that he could best serve his church in some other position.

Mr. Pratt has not announced what his plans for the future are, but it is understood that he has under consideration an offer from the Presbyterian Seminary in Columbia.

Mr. Pratt came to Abbeville in July, 1910 from the Second Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. During that time he has served the Presbyterian Church here ably and eloquently as a preacher and efficiently and energetically as a pastor.

He has few equals as a preacher. His style is clear, vigorous and logical to a degree. His sermons show careful study and have a background of scholarly attainment. To quote him, "it was a well grounded" gospel that he preached.

The people of Abbeville regret to learn of his decision to leave. Both as a preacher and as a man he will be missed.

PROPOSES TO TAX AVERAGE INCOME

Washington, Dec. 4.—Revision of the revenue laws, so as to place heavier burden of taxes on the normal income was urged by Secretary Glass in his annual report to Congress. Mr. Glass declared that the excess profit tax provisions of the present law should be eliminated and the revenue thus sacrificed be made up form an increase in the taxes on the average income.

Revenue derived from the lower amounts assessed under sur tax provisions of the law may be well increased, said Mr. Glass, who added that the topmost amounts listed under these provisions already had passed their usefulness. The only consequence of increasing the tax on the larger sums under the surtax law, he said, would be to drive "possessors of great incomes to invest their wealth in billions of State and municipal securities" which are wholly tax exempt.

The Treasury plan seeks to raise more revenue from incomes above \$4,000 without attempting to disturb incomes of persons whose salaries barely meet living costs, as any change in that tax would only add a burden on a class unable to bear it.

COAT OF PAINT.

Anderson, Dec. 4.—How labor agitators are treated in this city was shown here recently. It was known that a man calling himself H. T. Lawson, a labor organizer, was in the city. He made arrangements to speak at a local mill in the evening, but he didn't speak. The employees of the mill heard of him, and they decided that they did not want any labor leader "butting" into their affairs. So when he stepped out of an automobile near the mill, a committee was waiting for him. They took him to a steel bridge nearby, it is said, stripped him and applied a liberal coat of lead paint, and then he was loose and told on his way rejoicing, but never to hit this town again. It is said that he gave a man \$25 to take him to Seneca where he could catch a through train, probably northbound.

Pretty Visitors.

Miss Ruby Hill Devlin, Miss Mildred Cochran and Miss Annie Laurie Andrews came over from Greenwood Saturday and were guests at the party given by Miss Mary Greene that afternoon. The young ladies returned to Greenwood Sunday afternoon.

BURLESON SHOWS SURPLUS IN 1919 P. O. OPERATIONS

Washington, Dec. 5.—A surplus of \$2,342,851 in postoffice operations for the fiscal year 1919 was announced in the annual report today of Postmaster General Burleson. The figures are subject to some adjustment which would increase the surplus, Mr. Burleson said, adding that this was the sixth time in the seven years of the present postoffice administration that revenues had exceeded expenditures.

An aggregate surplus of more than \$35,000,000 as compared to an aggregate deficit of more than \$59,000,000 for the preceding seven-year period is shown in an appended table.

"The cause of the change is immediately apparent," the report says of this comparison. "Whereas the revenues under this administration increased \$737,597,813 or at the rate of 50.68 per cent compared with the seven-year period prior to the time it assumed office, the expenditures increased only \$643,335,795, or at the rate of 42.49 per cent. The difference between the increase in revenues, less losses, equals the amount of the net change in favor of the public treasury."

Much of the criticism leveled at the department's financial policy, Mr. Burleson said, "was due to lack of complete and accurate information." "The facts as presented," he added "tell a story of achievement. They do not call for explanations or apologies and none are given. The administration stands squarely on its record."

Discussing improvements in the service, Mr. Burleson said nothing had been left undone within his authority "to effect readjustments in the interest of all the people and not in that of any special class" adding, "Because of the curtailment of what may be termed special class postal facilities there has grown up strenuous hostility upon the part of a limited number of special interests, expense of whose private business was largely paid by the government instead of by themselves. This has particular reference to the modifying of the second-class mailing privilege which had until the advent of the present administration been grossly abused."

Last Resting Place.

Supervisor W. A. Stevenson has received a letter from the War Department announcing that the body of his son, Lieut. W. Oscar Stevenson, killed in action in France, had been placed in its permanent resting place, one of the United States cemeteries in France.

New Books Given By Mr. Haddon.

Below is published a list of books now in the library. These books were purchased with money given the library by Mr. R. M. Haddon who has the welfare of the institution at heart. These books are the latest of their kind, and are all by popular authors: "Sherry", by George Barr McCutcheon. "The Forbidden Train", by Honore Hillis. "Leave it to Doris", by Ethel Houston. "The River's End", by James Oliver Curwood. "The Re-creation of Brian Kent", by Harold Bell Wright. "The Daughters of the Land", by Gene S. Porter.

Sunday Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welsh were hosts at dinner Sunday to a number of friends and relatives. It was a regular old time Sunday dinner and was greatly enjoyed. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Durst, Thomas Durst, Mrs. Graham Payne, John Durst, Greenwood; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cheatham and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barksdale.

To Attend Sister's Wedding.

Mr. Foster Barnwell has left for Pell City, Ala., to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Gladys Thompson.

LOCAL TRAINS ON S. A. L. CUT OFF

Sweeping Reductions Are Made in Passenger Service—Is the Effect of the Coal Strike—Possibly That Other Trains May Be Withdrawn To Conserve Fuel.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7.—The general officers of the Seaboard Air Line tonight announced that on and after Tuesday at noon, all local trains on the main line will be discontinued until further notice. The local passenger traffic will be handled by the present through trains, official time being added to the schedule to permit the handling of the traffic. The curtailment was directed by the railroad administration for the conservation of fuel.

Sweeping reductions in passenger service will be made in lines operating in the South as a result of the coal situation.

South Carolina is especially interested in the curtailment on the Southern railway, Seaboard Air Line railway and the Atlantic Coast Line railway. Several decided changes are announced by the Southern railway; the Seaboard will cut off all local trains on main lines, and the Atlantic Coast Line announced Saturday certain changes in their trains.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Substantial reduction in passenger train service in the Southern railroad lines, effective Tuesday morning, was announced tonight from headquarters of the company here. The coal shortage may force withdrawal of other through trains and many local trains on main lines and branches also will be taken off.

The full schedule of changes has not been mapped out, but the following trains will be withdrawn:

Trains Nos. 137 and 138 between Washington and Atlanta.

Trains Nos. 23 and 24 between Washington and Memphis.

Trains Nos. 3, 4, 9 and 10 will be consolidated between Cincinnati and Oakdale, Tenn.

Trains Nos. 9 and 10 will be discontinued between Atlanta and Oakdale.

Trains 13 and 14 between Columbia and Charleston.

Trains Nos. 35 and 47 between Washington and Atlanta will be consolidated.

Train No. 32, Charlotte to Washington will run on present schedule of train No. 138.

DOPE UPSET.

The dope was upset again Friday when the Greenwood eleven defeated the Abbeville High School football team by the score of 12 to 7. The local team had previously defeated Greenwood 25 to 0. Greenwood outweighs Abbeville 30 pounds to the man, which fact counts. And Greenwood has had several weeks in which to perfect its game. It is probable that a third game will be played here Friday to settle the tie.

Lewis H. Haskell in America.

The State of December 3rd carried the news of the arrival in Washington of Mr. Lewis H. Haskell, who is a member of the consular service. Mr. Haskell has served for the past four years at Geneva and did excellent work during the war. Mr. Haskell will visit relatives in South Carolina soon.

COTTON MARKET.

December 8.	
Spot—No Market.	
January	37.53
March	34.98
May	32.97
December	39.34