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PRESIDENT WONT ACCEPT COMPROMISE

Wilson Will Hold Republicans Responsible for Results and for Delay. Hardly Be Any Action This Month—Democratic Leaders Indorse Wilson's Stand.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson today intervened in the peace treaty dilemma with an announcement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind," would make no move toward the treaty's disposition and would continue to hold the Republican members of the senate responsible for results and conditions attending delay.

The president's position regarded as particularly significant in view of the recent discussion in the senate of a compromise was set forth in the following statement issued today from the White House:

"It was learned from the highest authority at the executive offices today that the hope of the Republican leaders of the senate that the president would presently make some move which will relieve the situation with regard to the treaty is entirely without foundation; he has no compromise or concession of any kind in mind, but intends so far as he is concerned that the Republican leaders of the senate shall continue to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the treaty and the present condition of the world in consequence of that fate."

The White House statement apparently had no effect in changing the treaty situation. Democratic leaders, indorsing the president's view, declared that it did not preclude a senate compromise and that compromise efforts would proceed. Republican leaders reiterated that the president was responsible for the present status and must make the first move toward a solution. Senators hoping to kill the treaty alone, expressed satisfaction.

No Action This Month.

On one point only apparently, were all senate factions in harmony—namely, that decisive action on the treaty probably would be deferred until next month after the proposed holiday recess of congress, planned to end January 5. Senate debate, probably centered about the White House statement is expected to be reopened tomorrow with fresh vigor. The Democratic compromise campaign is to be pressed, according to Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, administration leader, but unless some unexpected development this week ensues, the leaders believe the finale can be reached until next month.

WORKERS KILLED WHEN MINE CAVES IN

Abbeville, N. C., Dec. 14.—News reached here tonight of a mine accident in Mitchell county near here where two miners were seriously injured by the cave in a large Mica Mine. The miners, George Young and Kelsie Grindstaff, with a number of others had been at work in the mines and were just preparing to leave the shaft for the day, Saturday, when the cave in, which is believed to have been caused by the heavy rains in that section occurred. Relief parties were soon organized and the injured rescued. It will be impossible to operate the mine for some time, pending repairs.

COTTON MARKET.

December 15.	
Spot Cotton	\$8.00
January	\$5.80
March	\$3.76
May	\$2.08
July	\$0.60
December	\$7.00

WILSON THANKS MINERS FOR 'PATRIOTIC ACTION' IN CALLING OFF STRIKE

Washington, Dec. 11.—"We must all work together to see that a settlement, just and fair to everyone, is reached without delay," President Wilson said today in a telegram to John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers, expressing appreciation of the "patriotic action" in ending the strike.

The message said: "May I not express to you, and through you, to the other officers of your organization, my appreciation of the patriotic action which you took at Indianapolis yesterday. Now we must all work together to see to it that a settlement just and fair to everyone is reached without delay."

Woodrow Wilson.

Announcement of members of the commission to investigate miners' wages and operators' profits will be made at the White House after Attorney General Palmer returns to Washington late today or tomorrow.

White House officials stated definitely that the third man on the commission would not be anyone connected with the government.

The secretary of the treasury is directed to submit to the senate a statement of dividends paid during 1917 and 1918 by bituminous coal mining concerns in a resolution offered today by Senator Johnson, South Dakota.

WILSON TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DR. H. A. GARFIELD

Chicago, Dec. 12.—General increase in production of bituminous coal today was indicated by reports from nearly all coal fields. In a few sections, principally Illinois, however, some of the workers were in a rebellion against terms of President Wilson's proposal, acceptance of which halted the strike, and in Montana, Washington and Wyoming the miners indicated they desired a more thorough understanding of the plans. Instances of deferred resumption of production were expected in the Pittsburg district where leaders continued officially to notify miners to return to work, and in West Virginia where new trouble was encountered because of the old question of the "check-off" system, but the situation generally was regarded with optimism. There were many predictions of a return to normal output by early next week. In addition to permission to retail stores to operate nine hours Saturday, no further immediate relaxation of the strict fuel conservation orders was in prospect today. That modification was made because of the near approach of the holiday season.

LAST CHANCE FOR A 'WET' SPELL IS GONE

Washington, Dec. 15.—War-time prohibition was held constitutional today by the supreme court in a unanimous decision. Thus vanished the hopes of many for a "wet" holiday time.

No decision was rendered on the cases involving the constitutionality of the Volstead law, the prohibition enforcement act, framed to carry out the intent of the prohibition amendment to the constitution.

TO PUBLISH RECORD OF WASHINGTON NOTES

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The subcommittee investigating peace opportunities will publish the complete record of communications exchanged with the Washington embassy and also the official documents bearing on the central powers' peace offers.

ATTEMPT MADE TO KILL PREMIER OF EGYPT

Cairo, Dec. 15.—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to assassinate the Premier while he was driving to the ministry. His assailant, a student, was arrested.

THE REV. H. W. PRATT ACCEPTS POSITION AS FIELD SECRETARY

The Rev. H. Waddell Pratt, who recently resigned as pastor of the Abbeville Presbyterian Church, has accepted a position as field secretary of Columbia Theological Seminary and will enter upon his new duties January 1.

There will be a congregational meeting of the members of the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning upon the resignation of Mr. Pratt. The matter will then come before a call meeting of Presbytery to be held here Monday, December 22.

The State of Saturday publishes the following as to Mr. Pratt and his new work:

Endowment of a chair of church history in the Columbia Theological seminary by the synod of Georgia and the appointment of a field secretary to tour Georgia for the \$60,000 endowment fund was announced yesterday morning by Dr. Thornton Whaling, president of the seminary. The chair will be known as the Thomas R. Golding professorship of church history, being named in honor of the founder of the seminary.

The Rev. H. Waddell Pratt, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Abbeville, was appointed field secretary of the seminary yesterday and will begin at once to make arrangements to tour Georgia for the \$60,000 fund for the new chair. The Rev. Mr. Pratt has resigned as pastor of the Abbeville church to take effect January 1 and will then enter upon his work for the seminary.

Columbia seminary was founded by Mr. Golding in 1828 and was first located in Georgia, the home of the founder. After two years of prosperity in Georgia the seminary was moved to Columbia in 1830. Now the state of Georgia wants to honor the founder and will raise the sum of \$60,000 to establish the chair in his name. To solicit the funds it was thought necessary to employ a field secretary to travel over the state in interest of the Presbyterian school.

Dr. Whaling has been conferring with leaders for several days, but only yesterday was able to announce that Dr. Pratt had been engaged as the field secretary of the seminary to work in Georgia.

Dr. Pratt will speak in practically all the churches of Georgia in his work for the seminary. He is one of the most brilliant preachers of the Presbyterian church in the state and will make a valuable man for the work. Dr. Pratt has been at Abbeville since July 1910, coming there from Washington. During his pastorate he has served his congregation well and faithfully. He is a man of force and ability and will conduct his work well for the seminary.

Dr. Pratt is well known all over the state and especially well remembered in Columbia. He delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Chicora college here last May and was heard by a large congregation at the First Presbyterian church.

In securing his services to raise the funds for the new chair the seminary has taken a forward step to meet the new educational thought of the country.

TRAIN STRIKES CAR MAN ESCAPES INJURY

The Southern passenger train, running between here and Hodges, struck a Chevrolet car at Hodges Saturday afternoon, demolishing the car but W. B. Nickles driver of the car, escaped injury. Mr. Nickles who lives near Hodges, was coming to meet the train and ran his car close up to the track, not knowing that the train was pulling in. He was thrown out when the engine struck his machine, while the car was bent and twisted beyond recognition.

Game Called Off.

The game scheduled for Friday between the Abbeville and Greenwood High School foot ball teams, was cancelled by Greenwood.

G. T. TATE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTO. ACCIDENT MONDAY

G. T. Tate was seriously injured Monday morning about 10:30 o'clock on Maple street, when a Ford runabout, driven by Sam McCuen, got out of control and ran under a porch, pinning Mr. Tate between the porch and the seat of the car.

Mr. Tate and Mr. McCuen, who are connected with the Kerr Furniture Co., had delivered some goods at the home of W. T. Norrell, Maple street, and had turned around in the yard to come home, when the car became unmanageable. The corner pillar of the porch on the Norrell home was first struck and gave way and the car ran under the porch until the second pillar was struck, this and the wedging of Mr. Tate between the seat and the porch stopping the car.

Mr. Tate was caught between the outside sill of the porch and the back of the car. The extent of his injuries are uncertain, but several ribs were broken and it is feared that the sternum bone is fractured. Internal injuries are also feared. Mr. McCuen escaped injury.

Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Dr. C. C. Gambrell and Major T. L. Davis attended the injured man, who was taken into the home of Mr. Norrell until he could be taken to his home Monday afternoon.

Mr. Tate was pinned between the porch and the seat of the car for ten minutes before Mr. McCuen could get assistance to release him. By that time he became unconscious from the crushing weight on his lungs and black in the face from stoppage of circulation.

At first it was feared that his neck was broken, but it was found that the pressure had been on his chest and not on his neck.

He recovered consciousness in a few moments and was able to assist the doctors in their examination.

It will be some time before the physicians can tell whether Mr. Tate suffered serious internal injuries. If a bruised chest and broken ribs are the extent of his injuries it is thought that his recovery will be assured.

Mr. McCuen in speaking of the accident said it was caused by lack of brakes, a twisted front axle and a defective radius rod.

New Clothing Store.

Anderson and Corley is the name of the new men's clothing store which will be opened up January 1, in the building now occupied by L. W. Keller and Bros.

J. M. Anderson and C. E. Corley are the partners in the new enterprise. Mr. Anderson has decided to close out his clothing store, being forced to move from his present quarters because of the sale of the building.

L. W. Keller and Bros. will move into the A. M. Smith building, now occupied by the American Woolen Mills.

COLD WARNINGS ISSUED

Washington, Dec. 14.—Cold wave warnings have been issued for North and Central Florida and storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic coast at and between Jacksonville, Fla., and Boston, Mass., the weather bureau announced tonight. Cold weather is predicted during the next forty-eight hours over the eastern half of the country except southern Florida and during today freezing temperatures occurred throughout the Gulf States. The disturbance that covered the Atlantic states yesterday has passed eastward to the Atlantic Ocean.

Public Debate.

There will be a public debate between the two literary societies of the High School next Monday night, December 22. The question to be debated is shall the government own, control and run the railroads of the country. Miss Mary Greene and LeRoy Cox will oppose Miss Ada Faulkner and Billy Long in the debate.

PARENT-TEACHER ASS'N. WILL MEET AT 4 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON

The December meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held this (Tuesday) afternoon in the High School building at 4:00 o'clock. Notices of the meeting have been sent to all members of the association requesting them to be present as it is hoped that they shall be able to report on the subscriptions to the playground fund at this meeting, and that all who have not already handed in their subscription will do so before the treasurer reads her report Tuesday afternoon.

There will be several choruses rendered by pupils from the intermediate grades as well as recitations, duets, etc. The musical part of the programme will typify the Christmas season.

It is the wish of the association that all parents and friends of the school who are not members of the association will send in their subscriptions to the playground fund to either the superintendent, one of the teachers or any member of the association before this meeting. Any mother or father whether members of the association or not are cordially invited to meet with the organization at this meeting.

SUGAR CONTROL BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Washington, Dec. 12.—The McNary bill, under which government control of sugar would be continued another year, was passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

The bill extends the life of the sugar equalization board through 1920. Unless it becomes law by January 1, the board will go out of office and all government control of sugar will end. This means, it is declared, a tremendous increase in price.

Senator McNary, author of the bill said he hopes to get house action on the measure under a special rule early next week.

Before the bill passed, the McKellar amendment abolishing the zone system of distribution was adopted. This permits free sale of both foreign and domestic sugar anywhere in the country.

ANOTHER OFFICER ARRIVES

Maj. Tom Davis arrived in the city Saturday night. He had just been discharged from the service of his country at Camp Pike, and comes to Abbeville to join Mrs. Davis and enjoy the holidays. He finds himself, quite at home in Abbeville among so many other high military dignitaries such as majors and members of the Governor's staff, and is ready to rattle swords with any of them at a turkey dinner, or he will make it ducks, if ducks are preferred.

The Major is looking fit, and it is a great disappointment to us that the hospital is not ready for him to open up as a regular doctor on this visit. We had about persuaded Col. Kerr to go under the knife in order that the Major might have a promising outlook, and suitably introduce himself in the community as a first class carver. Only the condition of the hospital prevents the carrying out of our plans.

COUNTY SAVINGS BANK OPENS DOORS MONDAY

The County Savings Bank opened its doors Monday and extend a cordial invitation to the people of Abbeville County to pay them a visit. The banking rooms of this new institution are modern in every respect and are finished and equipped in the handsomest manner.

The officers of the bank are: Dr. G. A. Neuffer, president; Albert Henry, vice-president; R. E. Cox, Cashier; P. E. Bell, assistant cashier.

Mrs. J. W. Nichols Better.

Mrs. J. W. Nichols, who has been seriously ill for some time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Link, is greatly improved.

COAL SITUATION NEARER NORMAL

Relaxation of Fuel Restrictions Continue—Many Returned to Work and Lewis Says 95 Percent Will Return to Work at Once—Investigation On.

Washington, Dec. 14.—While relaxation of restrictions on the use of bituminous coal continued today, indicating government belief that the strike crisis in the industry has passed congressional investigations to bear upon the active participants in the settlement continued.

The appearance last night of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, whose resignation as federal fuel administrator, was accepted yesterday by President Wilson, before the senate subcommittee investigating the coal situation was followed today by indications that Attorney General Palmer and other high officials would be called on this week to explain why the plans of Dr. Garfield were set aside and a compromise made with the miners' union on a basis which the former fuel administrator described as "contrary to fundamental principles of government."

Acting President Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, who is attending the labor reconstruction conference here, predicted today that by Monday night 95 percent of the miners would go back to work.

"Though it has been a difficult task to reach all of the men in the short time since the decision was reached," he said, "it will be certain that they will go back."

Restrictions imposed on the use of fuel during the strike gradually are being removed under the discretionary authority to rescind such orders given the regional railroad directors. Thus the working week will open tomorrow with a nearer approach to a normal industrial situation than any week since the strike was made effective November 1.

CHRISTMAS, 1919, WILL BE MOST PEACEFUL YULETIDE SINCE 1913

Washington, Dec. 12.—Christmas 1919, will be the most peaceful Yuletide since 1913, according to a survey of the situation today.

The bottom has fallen out of the war market. Whereas, last year there were numerous armed conflicts raging as an aftermath of the great war, this Christmas finds most of them flickered out. The Bolshevik front still exists, but they are ice-bound and there is little fighting, according to advices here.

Reds in the United States, it was learned, plotted an outbreak of terrorism for Christmas, which was to include sending bombs through the mails. The government is believed to have broken up this conspiracy and so disorganized the Reds they will be incapable of interfering with peaceful citizens' holiday pleasures.

In Russia the Bolsheviks are confronted by Yudenitch in the north-west, Denekin in the south and Kolchak in Siberia. These are the only real war fronts left, according to information at the state department, and they are largely inactive.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smith and Townsend Jr. came down from Pelzer Saturday and are visiting Mrs. M. T. Coleman. They made the trip through the country and found the road from Due West a tough proposition.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS TUESDAY

The Abbeville High and Graded Schools will close on Tuesday, December 23, and the Christmas holidays will last until Monday, Jan. 5.