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UNION MEN AWAIT DECISION ON WAGE

**Miners Are Hopeful There Will
Be No Let-up In Coal Production
After April 1st.**

New York, March 11.—The sub-committee of operators and miners appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the Anthracite coal miners held its first meeting here today. The sessions are expected to continue for several weeks before a definite decision is reached.

Neither the miners nor operators are hopeful of an early decision as no definite agreement will be reached until the bituminous coal commission hands down its award in the case of the soft coal miners.

Asked when he expected the bituminous coal commission to name its award, John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, said:

"It is impossible for me to forecast the date of a possible decision. I am concerned that the commission has not made a report up to this time. It will be recalled that existing wage agreements do not run beyond March 31. I am hopeful that a decision will be rendered at an early date so as to insure a continuance of coal production after April 1."

The high cost of living will figure largely in the arguments of the mine workers for a sixty per cent wage increase, it was stated today. Mine union officials indicated today that the "closed shop" will be one of the demands that will be insisted upon in the new agreement.

CHICAGO CITY COUNCIL WANTS ITS LIGHT WINE AND BEER

Chicago, March 11.—The Chicago city council voted 51 to 10, to petition the Illinois Legislature to withdraw its approval of the constitutional prohibition amendment, that the question may be submitted to a referendum. Aldermen, who drafted petition, said their purpose was "to restore the sales of light wines and beers" over domestic customers.

136 MINERS FETTERED NEAR MEXICO CITY

Mexico City, March 11.—One hundred and thirty-six miners have not been accounted for in the El Bordo mine at Pachuca, a mining city near Mexico City in the state of Hidalgo, when fire broke out this morning, according to telephonic advices received from Pachuca.

DID NOT COMMIT SUICIDE IS VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

A mistake, corrected in most of the issues of the Press and Banner of Wednesday, was made regarding the verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of John Bentley Baker. In order to keep the record straight in the case the following note from Mr. L. C. Haskell, foreman of the coroner's jury is published:

Editor Press and Banner:

I have just read the article in your paper regarding the death of John Bentley Baker and the finding of the coroner's jury. I wish, as the foreman of the jury, to say that our verdict was that the deceased came to his death from a gun shot wound at the hand of party unknown to the jury. Please publish same and oblige.

Yours very truly,

L. C. Haskell, foreman.

The funeral of Bentley Baker was held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Melrose cemetery, the Rev. Louis J. Bristow conducting the services.

NEGRO KILLING

Boston Stewart, negro, shot and killed Berry Robinson, negro, near Lowndesville Thursday afternoon after Robinson had opened fire and slightly wounded him.

From accounts that have reached Abbeville it seems that Stewart was driving a wagon in which Capt. Billy Shaw and C. B. Hutchinson were riding when Robinson rode up and began to fire on Stewart who started to run. On being wounded he turned and shot his pistol at Robinson, killing him instantly.

Stewart came to Abbeville after the killing and gave himself up and was admitted to bail of \$500 for appearance before the next grand jury session.

Wireless Brings News of a Ship Disaster Off Mexican Coast

Tampa, Fla., March 11.—The naval wireless station here reports receipt of wireless dispatches during the night from the Ward liner Esperanza to the effect that the boat went aground at 11 o'clock last night on Madagascara reef, off Progreso, Honduras.

The Esperanza was bound from New York to Progreso and was in Havana a few days ago. She carried passengers, but how many was not reported. She reported her main sea pipes broken and both engines out of commission but did not say that there was bad weather. If the sea was not high her situation is thought not immediately dangerous. Her position was latitude 21.34 north, longitude 90.18 west. At 2:30 wireless was in touch with the steamer Bald Hill, bound for New York within 150 miles of the Esperanza, which was turned aside for its relief and at 3 o'clock was in touch with the Dutch steamer Amsteldijk, which was also diverted to the Esperanza's relief.

650,000 On Strike In The French Textile Industry

Lille, France, March 11.—The strike of textile workers in Roubaix and Turcoing is total, the number of persons idle being 650,000, according to estimates.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington, March 11.—Senate action on Article 10 was deferred today again while the leaders sought to bring order out of the situation resulting from yesterday's break-up in the compromise negotiations.

Republican leaders were understood to have indicated that they might accept with certain changes the substitute Article 10 reservation urged by the mild reservationists. Among the Democrats the compromise advocates continued actively at work, some of them claiming they could muster thirty or more votes for the substitute.

STORM WARNING ORDERED ON THE GULF COAST

Washington, March 11.—A disturbance over Northwest Kansas, moving east, will cause fresh to strong southeast to south winds tonight and Friday on the Gulf coast, the weather bureau announced today, ordering storm warnings to be displayed on the Gulf coast from Pensacola to Carrabelle.

CHICAGO'S NEW CHIEF SETS SELF A HARD TASK

Chicago, March 11.—Entire control of the police department today passed into the hands of John J. Garrity, chief of police, and he announced he would "rid Chicago of crime in six months or resign."

RUMANIA TO BEGIN PEACE WITH BOLSHES THURSDAY

Bucharest, March 8.—Peace negotiations between Rumania and the Russian Bolsheviki government will begin on Thursday at Dorna-Watra, Bukovina. The Rumanians will demand the immediate withdrawal of soviet troops from the frontier and the establishment of commercial relations.

MADE A MILLION DOLLARS FROM FURS THIS WINTER

Saranac Lake, N. Y., March 11.—Adirondack trappers received approximately \$1,600,000 for raw furs this winter, say leading fur dealers.

Buyers from Utica, N. Y., to the Canadian line purchased all the pelts trappers could obtain, paying 100 per cent more than a year ago.

Mink has been the leading Adirondack fur, pelts selling for \$18 to \$20, or double the price of last season. Muskrat pelts almost trebled, increasing from \$1.65 to \$5.

McADOO'S TAX PLAN IS NOT APPROVED BY HOUSTON

Washington, March 11.—The Treasury Department has not approved Former Treasurer McAdoo's plan of reducing taxes by means of addition bond issues. Sec. Houston told the House ways and means committee in reply to a question by Representative Frear, Republican, Wisconsin.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OUT FOR RE-ELECTION

Mayor J. Moore Mars and four aldermen, one from each ward, have announced their intention of running in the democratic primary election March 23 for re-nomination. The four aldermen are: ward 1, M. B. Syfan; ward 2, H. B. Wilson; ward 3, Otto Bristow; ward 4, Albert Henry.

W. M. Barnwell has not stated whether he will run again for Commissioner of Public Works.

The general election will be held April 13.

TWO FIRST CLASSES AT CLEMSON LEAVE FOR THEIR HOMES

Anderson, S. C., March 11.—The entire cadet corps of Clemson College, with the exception of a small student committee, will leave the institution next Saturday and remain away pending action by the board of trustees upon certain demands made by junior and senior classmen and during a general investigation of a series of incidents resulting in virtually all freshmen and sophomore classmen rebelling against faculty disciplinary action against certain underclassmen and leaving the reservation for their homes last night.

Trustees Meet Saturday

General leave of absence for all students remaining at the college will be granted by President Riggs, who, it is reported, met with a committee of upper classmen this morning and gave them a promise in writing that he would assemble the board of trustees Saturday for a thorough investigation of the whole trouble, granting the students permission to appear before the board with a statement of their grievances. With this promise and the granting of leave of absence from Saturday until March 21st, the upperclassmen, it is stated, cancelled orders for a general walkout in sympathy with underclassmen, which was decided upon last night in the event the faculty failed to comply with an ultimatum served upon them following a meeting of the junior and senior classmen.

Demands of the Upper Classmen

The junior and senior classmen have formulated the following demands which will be made upon the trustees at the meeting Saturday:

- 1.—Reinstatement of freshmen and sophomore classmen, along with Cadet Crossland, of the freshman class, with punishment.
- 2.—Investigation of certain disciplinary actions.
- 3.—That a student representative be allowed to sit with the discipline committee of the faculty and have all rights of faculty members of the committee.
- 4.—That open trial of cadets be ordered.
- 5.—That the accused student have a counsellor who is to be a member of the faculty and who is to be selected by the accused.

6.—That the following petty grievances of students be investigated and remedied: (a) Mess hall; (b) excessive punishment for cadets who return but a few minutes late on permits; (c) excessive demerits for trivial offenses. Should the above demands not be granted, representatives of the juniors and seniors stated today, the upperclassmen will remain away from the institution until conditions at the college have been remedied.

Statement From Clemson

The following statement was sent out from Clemson College by the representative of the daily press there:

Clemson College, March 10.—A serious disciplinary situation has arisen at Clemson College. Many of the students have already gone to their homes and others may leave. The great majority of the sophomore and freshman classes have left and the juniors are considering going. It is not believed, however, that the juniors will go. The great majority of the students talked with today said that they did not want to go, but felt honor bound to keep their promise to their classmates to stand with them. The following statement was secured from the president and discipline committee:

"Last Sunday morning the cadet in charge of dining room scholarship students reported to the commandant that on account of sickness he lacked six or eight men. The commandant, with the presidents knowledge there upon issued an order, stating that an emergency existed, and that six men would be detailed each day to assist the scholarship students in the mess hall until the emergency was relieved.

Cadets Resented Order

"Monday morning, the president was waited upon by several of the class cooperative committees who stated that the cadets very bitterly resented the order referred to. Immediate steps were taken to meet the emergency and during the forenoon, by offering higher pay, a sufficient number of cadets to fill out the quota of dining room scholarships were obtained. The order of Sunday was revoked at the Monday dinner hour and two cadets who had been placed in arrest because of failure to obey the order were released at 4:43 p. m. When the dissatisfaction was at its height on Monday afternoon, and the threat was made that some of the students would return home, two sophomores who were in arrest in guard room on account of having exceeded the limit of 50 demerits, disregarded their arrest and proceeded to pack up their trunks. The cadets were last night tried by the disciplinary committee for breach of arrest, pleaded guilty and received the usual punishment for this offense—

dismissal. The college does not forcibly restrain students who are under discipline, but places them in arrest. They are expected to observe the arrest. If they will not do so, the only recourse is to send them home.

"Another student a freshman, who had been detected by the commandant, the only one of many, participating in the disorder Monday afternoon, was given a local punishment which he could serve without interruption to his education.

"Today, Wednesday after the dinner hour, the freshmen and sophomore classes, without permission, as required by the regulations, held a mass meeting on the athletic field and from there marched to the president's office. The president of the freshman class asked the president to appear before the two classes. As spokesman for the two classes, he demanded that the two sophomores, whom the discipline committee had dismissed, be immediately reinstated, and that the freshman who had been given the local punishment be likewise immediately relieved of this punishment. The president stated to the cadets that there was a re-... and proper procedure provided in the regulations, whereby any student who had been punished by the discipline committee could appeal to the board of trustees. Also that the cadets concerned could appeal for a rehearing by the discipline committee if they so desired, but that he would not take action under any stress of class or student demands. With that, the meeting broke up, the two classes indicating their intention to go home in a body.

Red Badges Displayed

"The present action is probably a culmination of a discontent which has been growing in the corps since Christmas. During the disturbance on Monday, red badges were displayed, and the yell of 'Bolsheviki' was frequently heard. There are a great many students in the corps, probably nearly 300, who have seen military service in one way or another, and some of these are tired of it. Furthermore the student army training corps, a war measure, at the college last season, created a distaste for military discipline. Then too on account of labor and transportation troubles and high costs, the cadet mess has not been as good as heretofore. The whole matter will be referred to the board of trustees, and meanwhile the college will proceed with the work of the students who remain at the institution. Since this is a military college, any matters in controversy will no doubt be passed upon in light of these laws and regulations. The college authorities of course greatly regret the student action, knowing that under stress of excitement many students felt compelled to follow their classmates, rather than be governed by their own judgment. However, the disciplinary authorities at the college have no option in the matter but to proceed along the lines of the regulations, and this will be done."

Following are the members of the disciplinary committee: President Riggs, Col. J. M. Cummins, Profs. W. S. Morrison, R. N. Brackett, S. B. Earle, F. H. Calhoun, Hale Houston, S. M. Martin, H. W. Barre, D. H. Henry, D. W. Daniel, J. C. Littlejohn.

Chairman Johnstone Speaks

Newberry, March 10.—Senator Alan Johnstone, president of the board of trustees of Clemson College, in a statement issued tonight relative to the "walkout" of the freshman and sophomore classes of Clemson this afternoon, stated that he was leaving the matter entirely in the hands of President Riggs and the commandant.

"I am satisfied," Senator Johnstone said, "that the president and commandant can handle the question satisfactorily and have no intention at present of calling a meeting of the board of trustees. If a meeting should be found necessary, I have empowered President Riggs to call such a meeting in my name."

The local boys that have returned from Clemson give about the same report of the students' side as published elsewhere. The members of the freshman and sophomore classes who have returned follow:

James Coleman, Webber Wilson, Bill Hughes, J. C. Cheatham, Dick Swetenberg, George Cann, S. A. Williams and C. C. Crowther.

FIVE ALLEGED WIRE TAPPERS ARRESTED AT TAMPA

Tampa, Fla., March 11.—Five alleged wire-tappers and a man believed by officers to have been an intended victim were arrested yesterday at Tarpon Springs, Fla., 29 miles west of here and taken to Clearwater, the county seat, by a party of officers.

The five alleged confidence men were held under \$1,000 bond each, which they had not furnished this morning.

Atlanta Citizens Offer Services As Street Carmen

Atlanta, Ga., March 11.—Atlantans walked to work again today except where they were lucky enough to find room in some friendly automobile. The walkout, caused by refusal of the union employes to accept a 15 percent wage increase awarded by an arbitration committee showed no signs of nearing an end as the second day began. The men had demanded a 50 percent raise. Meanwhile, it was announced that approximately 150 Atlantans had signed a petition volunteering to serve as motormen and conductors and to go into training for that purpose as soon as the company saw fit to accept their offer. The trolley tie-up was complete, the company making no effort to operate, either urban or interurban cars.

Will Retire From Union

Atlanta, Ga., March 11.—Striking motormen and conductors employed by the Georgia Railway and Power Company, today voted to disregard offers received from the international union officials to return to work at once pending settlement of their demands for increased wages. It was decided also that the local union would retire from the international organization, if necessary.

MARY PICKFORD, WEeping. DODGES CURIOUS CROWD

Los Angeles, Cal., March 11.—Mary Pickford, weeping and worn, stumbled from the train here Friday, on her return from Minden, Nev., at which place she obtained a divorce decree Tuesday from Owen Moore.

Miss Pickford waited until the passengers had all left the car, then peered out and seeing newspaper men and camera men, flanked by a crowd of the curious, she fled from the opposite side of the car. As she ran with tears streaming down her face, she stumbled and fell. Her mother helped her up and they fled in a waiting car and sped away.

Miss Pickford would not pause to answer the questions fired at her by eager interviewers, but her mother spoke for her.

"This is entirely a personal matter," she said, "and neither the papers nor the public have any right to be prying into it. Why can't you leave the poor little girl alone? She is nervous and broken up. Can't you see she is crying? This is just needless cruelty!"

MORE EVIDENCE IS HEARD IN COLBY APPOINTMENT

Washington, March 11.—More persons who were connected with the army intelligence service during the war was heard by the Senate foreign relations committee today in considering the nomination of Bainbridge Colby to be secretary of State.

The hearings, which have been executive, it was indicated, would be continued and some members thought it might be several days before any action was taken on the nomination.

The witnesses heard today included J. B. Trevor, who was in charge of army intelligence in New York during the war, and Victor Praeger, who was a stenographer in the New York Intelligence Bureau.

BOMBING OF ICE GORGES WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

Port Deposit, Md., March 11.—It is believed today that efforts to break the ice gorge in the Susquehanna river by bombing from airplanes will be successful.

Under the combined attack of the army aviators and a mild atmosphere, the jam was loosened late yesterday to such an extent that a small amount of ice and backwater began passing out into Chesapeake Bay. However the channel was not wide enough to assure that the ice would not gorge again and the airmen arranged to return again today and continue their work.

GIRL GIVES UP HERSELF AFTER KILLING SISTER

New York, March 11.—Martie Tucci, a 20 year old Italian girl, walked into the Atlantic City jail and announced that she had killed her sister.

Mrs. Angelina Conti, the victim of the murder in New York, Monday, according to word received at police headquarters here, The New York police, who have been seeking the girl, immediately sent a detective to the New Jersey resort to bring her here.

ANTHRACITE PRODUCTION IS OUT OFF BY HIGH WATER

Hazleton, Pa., March 11.—Thaws flooding the lower levels of the anthracite mines have cut the production of coal about twenty per cent in the Hazleton district and many sections of the Schuylkill field.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR HERE MARCH 13 AND 15 TO HELP INCOME TAXPAYERS

We have been asked to publish the information that a deputy collector will be in Abbeville March 13 and 15 to assist taxpayers make out their individual income taxes.

WILSON'S CHARGES AGAINST FRANCE

**Noted Political Writer Says
President Has No Right To
Talk of Our "Imperialism"**

Paris, March 11.—President Wilson's charges against France made in the letter he sent early this week to Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Democratic leader in the United States Senate, are said by "Pertinax," political editor of the Echo De Paris, to "be aimed at France by name, but at Marshal Foch by implication."

The so-called "imperialism of France," says the writer in discussing Mr. Wilson's letter, "consists in the conviction, fortified by all the lessons of history that to guarantee herself against attacks from Central Europe she must hold the Rhine bridgeheads."

In the course of his article "Pertinax" says President Wilson went to the session of the supreme council on May 29, 1919, much perturbed, and read to Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George a letter from Pierre-pont B. Noyes, American member of the Rhineland commission, who declared that the agreement reached on May 11 for the administration of the Rhineland was "more brutal than its authors themselves would desire, as it provides for intolerable oppression of six million inhabitants of the region during many years."

Mr. Noyes' letter added that American officers with whom he had discussed the question strongly supported his views and was accompanied by a plan of occupation involving a minimum of military domination, it is said.

Wilson imposed Noyes' views. "This plan," the article asserts, "was nothing more or less than the convention providing for occupation of the Rhineland signed with Germany at Versailles on June 28, 1919, because President Wilson was able at the meeting of May 29 to impose the views of Mr. Noyes on the supreme council, and a new commission consisting of Marshal Foch, General Tasker B. Bliss, American peace delegate, and Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes, chief of the imperial staff of the British army received orders to prepare a new scheme of occupation based on American ideas."

The writer declares Marshal Foch in discussing the plan evolved by this commission said:

"The Germans asked for an imperial commissioner and they were given not only a commissioner, but a civil administration commission which is much more than they claimed."

"These words of Marshal Foch," he continues, "characterize the whole business today. In consequence, it is plain to see the Rhineland shares fully in the life of united Germany and in the distribution of coal there Germany goes so far as to distinguish between inhabitants she supposes favorable or unfavorable to us."

"In a word the work of France is compromised by Mr. Wilson after such examples of our moderation. President Wilson has no right to talk of our 'imperialism.'"

TRADE UNION CONGRESS VOTES AGAINST A STRIKE

London, March 11.—The special trade union congress, in session here, voted overwhelmingly today against the strike policy and in favor of continued efforts by constitutional means, to effect the nationalization of mines.

The vote against a general strike came after Secretary Hodges, of the miners' federation, moved a resolution in favor of direct action to compel nationalization, in accordance with instructions, as issued by the miners' federation. Adoption of a resolution favoring political action in the form of intensive political propaganda in preparation for the general election followed.

PEARLS VALUED AT \$50,000 ARE STOLEN FROM HOTEL

Chicago, March 11.—A rope of pink pearls valued at \$50,000 was stolen from Mrs. Robert F. Carr, a Chicago society woman, while she was the guest of the Glenn Springs Hotel, Watkins, N. Y., March 2, it became known today when Lloyd's Insurance Agency offered a reward of \$15,000.

The necklace was said to consist of seventy-eight perfectly matched pearls.

Italian Cabinet Will Resign.

Rome, March 11.—Members of the Italian cabinet will hand their resignations to Premier Nitti today, this step being taken in order to facilitate the premier's task in forming a new ministry, according to the Tribuna.

COTTON MARKET.

Spot Cotton	40.00
March	39.99
May	36.95
July	34.25
October	31.25
December	30.25