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Bituminous Miners Are Offered Record High Wage

RECOGNITION OF UNION, HOWEVER, IS DEMANDED BY 10,000 OF THEM

40,000 Men Affected in Counties Known Before Strike as a Non-Union District—Many of Miners Now Organized—Increase Ranges From 36 to 58 per cent.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 23.—Forty thousand bituminous miners in Westmorland 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 public today awaited developments from the heart of the bituminous region.

Union leaders representing seventy-five locals controlling more than 10,000 miners voted almost unanimously 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 disorders.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 23.—The scale committee of the Pittsburg 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 U. M. W. that the check off provision of the scale be enforced. About 45,000 union miners are affected.

1921 RATES AND 2 YEAR CONTRACT

This Said to be Demand of the Striking Sydney Miners.

Peace Conference Sits Again This Afternoon—Railway Strikebreakers Leave Area—Solicitor General Arrives—Expect Today Premier's Reply re Withdrawal of Troops.

(Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.) Sydney, N. S., Aug. 23.—The 1921 rates of wages, a two-year contract, and the reinstatement of all employees of the company who may have been discharged for refusing to take the places of strikers in the entry in the walkout will be the principal proposals of the U. M. W. when the Sydney coal peace conference resumes this afternoon, according to usually well-informed circles.

The members of the British Empire Steel Corporation and the U. M. W. delegates would say nothing officially. It seems probable that the negotiations today will adjourn again until Thursday.

Dr. Clarence MacKinnon, principal of Pine Hill Presbyterian College, Halifax, called in as an extra representative by the U. M. W., has not arrived in Sydney and the conference this afternoon will go ahead without him.

Official reports from the coal fields say that all was quiet during the night in Cape Breton South.

Four Chased Out.

Four railway strike-breakers followed warnings of the miners to leave town.

Twenty-one months ago they were hood men employed by the Cape Breton Steel Company in their railway yards went on strike for standard rates of pay and working conditions. They are still out, and, until recently, non-union men have been running the locomotives in the Scotia yards.

When the present general strike broke out, these non-union railway men went into hiding, and some of them were found lying in swamps and other out-of-the-way refuges.

Last night, four Quebec men who have been running engines in the Scotia yards were located in a hiding place and told to leave town. They took the night train for Quebec.

Hon. D. D. McKendzie, solicitor-general, arrived in North Sydney this morning, and it is reported he will use his utmost influence to effect a settlement of the coal strike.

Protest Against Troops.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—(Canadian Press)—Organized labor's protest against the presence of troops in the strike areas of Nova Scotia will, it is expected, be replied to by the premier today. The telegram of protest was received at the premier's office, it is understood, and was at once forwarded to Right Hon. Mr. King, who is at his summer home at Kingsmere.

It is pointed out at the militia department that under the law, the government is compelled to await a request from the local authorities before the troops which have been sent into the strike areas can be ordered withdrawn.

In view of the continued order being maintained by the miners themselves, it is not expected to be very long before that request reaches the authorities here.

MINER PRESIDENT CONVICTED ON A MURDER CHARGE

St. Clairsville, Ohio, Aug. 23.—Domenic Venturato, president of the Eco Miners' Local, the first of seven defendants to go to trial was convicted yesterday of first degree murder in connection with the shooting of John J. Major, a non-union miner, on June 27. His counsel today planned steps for a new trial.

WILL BE BURIED ALONGSIDE HIS DEAD COLLEAGUE

NATIONAL FUNERAL WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS FOR MICHAEL COLLINS, SHOT DOWN YESTERDAY

Dail Eireann Summoned Immediately—Others Believed Killed in Attack on Irish Chief—Body to Arrive in Dublin Tonight—Widespread Regret Expressed in Messages—Lloyd George's Tribute.

Dublin, Aug. 23.—A National funeral with full military honors will be accorded to Michael Collins, head of the provisional government and of the Free State army, who was killed from ambush near Bandon, County Cork, last night, it was stated today.

His body will lie in state prior to interment in the Glasnevin cemetery where Arthur Griffith was buried a few days ago.

SPECIAL MEETING OF DAIL.

Dublin, Aug. 23.—It was announced this morning that in view of the assassination of Michael Collins, the Dail Eireann will be summoned immediately, probably meeting on Saturday of the present week.

BODY TO DUBLIN TONIGHT.

The provisional government publicity department announced today that the body of Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, who was shot and killed from ambush last night at Bandon, County Cork, would arrive in Dublin tonight.

OTHERS KILLED?

London, Aug. 23.—An Evening News despatch from Dublin today says it is believed Michael Collins was accompanied by seven Free State staff officers, including Major-General Dalton, when the Free State chief was killed from ambush last night. Several soldiers, the despatch says, are believed to have been killed or wounded during the attack on Collins.

PROGRESS MADE IN THE WESTERN COAL TROUBLE

Possibility of Settlement at a Meeting Held Today.

Matter of Retroactive Pay is Cleared Away—Miners Agree to 12 1/2 Per Cent Reduction Until U. S. Scale is Fixed.

(By Canadian Press)

Calgary, Aug. 23.—Progress was made yesterday toward a settlement of the strike of coal miners in District No. 18, U. M. W. of America. The miners opened proceedings by offering to accept a twenty per cent reduction pending a settlement across the line, when the United States scale should be adopted.

The retroactive pay should be two months. The difference between this offer and that rejected by the operators on Saturday was the limit placed to the retroactive pay.

The operators without much ceremony decided against it. They objected to the principle of retroactive pay.

After some consideration the miners returned offering to accept 12 1/2 per cent reduction which should be superceded by an agreement reached by the miners and operators in the United States without any retroactive pay whatever.

The operators wanted an agreement for two years whereas the miners asked for a contract until March 31 next. However, the operators are considering the latter proposal and a further conference will be held today.

The Irish news says the assassination will cause profound consternation among the people, to whom Collins had endeared himself by his sterling qualities of heart and mind, and who looked upon him as their chief maintainer in the field as well as in the council chamber against "the evil conspiracy to which he has now fallen victim."

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ONE OF RILEY'S MEN ARRESTED

Flag Bearer in Ottawa Hike is Charged With Theft of Military Uniform.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—Charles Gannett, who carried the flag of the "hikers" when they went on their trek to Ottawa to demand relief for returned men, was arrested yesterday by Detective Waterhouse on a charge of theft. Sgt. David Hunter, of the 48th Highland Regiment, complainant in the case, charges Gannett with theft of a military uniform. It is alleged he stole the uniform and sold it for \$10.

Fair and Warm Tomorrow.

Forecasts—Moderate to fresh south-west winds; mostly fair and moderately warm; showers in a few localities. Thursday, westerly winds; fair and warm.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair and somewhat warmer tonight and Thursday. New England—Partly cloudy tonight. Thursday, showers; moderate temperature; fresh southwest winds.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "Bill Perkins, out to the Settlement, says a boss has more sense than a man — an' that he'd rather hev a billy boss than an otombel." "You intrigue me," said the reporter. "What says Bill's horses doing?" "He only hes one," said Hiram, "but money he has plenty of. Bill says he went out to cut a field of grass the other day an' the mowin' machine round it once when the boss balked. He talked, an' coaxed, an' used the whip, an' his Cain gen'ally — but that boss wouldn't budge till he took him off the machine, an' finished the boss. That night it rained, an' the next day — an' fer three days hand-runnin' you couldn't dry a thing. Bill says he'd cut all that there hay he'd a been ruined — fer he'd never got it cured. If you ast him to sell that boss he'd take you the place. He says the critter was an instrument of Providence to save that grass — an' he'd use a pitchfork on any man that said it wasn't so — yes, sir."

PARTING WORDS OF CANADIAN STATESMEN

Hon. W. S. Fielding and E. Lapointe Refer to French Treaty—Other Passengers on Empress of Scotland.

(Canadian Press)

Quebec, Aug. 23.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and Hon. E. Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, left yesterday on the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Scotland to attend the meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva.

Previous to his departure Mr. Lapointe was entertained and entertained by the Garrison Club by Hon. Philippe Paré.

Before the steamer left Mr. Fielding said: "I am going to Cherbourg, Paris and to Geneva. My business is chiefly commercial, as I intend to negotiate the French treaty."

"The two important matters to be looked after by my colleagues and myself will be, with Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian high commissioner, first, and then the conference, which will open on the fourth of September at Geneva for the discussion of the French-Canadian treaty. The latter is certainly of great interest to Canada. It is my intention to take time to encourage trade between the two countries and our efforts will be directed in that direction. As far as the Geneva conference is concerned it will likely last till the end of September and the beginning of October."

"After the close of the conference I intend visiting several European countries in the interest of Canada and will likely go to England for some time."

Other passengers, who called were: Lady Ames, Lady Kennedy, Lady Holt, Montreal; Sir R. Buxton Chadwick, M. P., London, England; Mr. D. and Mrs. H. B. Banks, Vancouver; A. Bort, F. C. Crompton, Mrs. Ida Crompton and Miss Louise Crompton, Toronto; R. Ferguson, Winnipeg; Mrs. G. A. A. King, Hamilton; J. A. Russell, Ottawa; several distinguished people from the Orient and Australia and goodly number of cables from San Francisco, Chicago, Omaha and other points in the Western United States.

TRANSATLANTIC CABLE SERVICE

Lines Touching West Ireland Likely to be Out of Service for Some Time—Service to Canada Not Delayed.

(Canadian Press)

London, Aug. 23.—(Canadian Press)—There has been no alteration in the cable service since the Irish irregulars delivered a coup and captured the Commercial Cable station at Valentia, and the Western Union station at Valencia, on the southwest coast of Ireland. Apart from the imperial cable service only four cables between the British Isles and America are working, namely, three Western Union wires from Penzance on the Cornwall coast and one commercial line from Weston.

The cables touching West Ireland are still cut and are likely to remain so for some time.

The imperial cable authorities state that owing to the discontinuation of the deferred service to the United States they are able to give service to Canada without delay.

Service has not yet been continued from the Clifden wireless station, which was wrecked by the irregulars last week.

LI YUAN-HUNG WILLING TO HAND OVER THE CHINESE PRESIDENCY

Peking, Aug. 23.—The republican cabinet announced today that President Li Yuan-Hung is willing to resign in favor of Sun Yat Sen, deposed head of the South China government, provided parliament approves such action.

Railway Operators At Variance on Matter Of Shop Strike Settlement

Western Men are Willing to Make Concessions, Easterners Oppose.

Latter Ready to Stand by Pledges to Stand by Men Who Refused to Strike—A Sinister Omen in Steel Men's Raise—Less Trouble on Southern Lines.

New York, Aug. 23.—Efforts of the Big Five brotherhoods, acting as mediators in the shopmen's strike, to succeed where others failed, will be put to the test today when heads of 148 roads, meeting at the Yale Club, will vote whether to accept the brotherhoods' peace proposals, or decline their good offices in favor of a "fight to the finish."

Heads of the western lines express a willingness to make any practical concession to reach a settlement. Opposing this attitude, and with forces more completely mastered, were the heads of the powerful eastern lines. Their roads are in excellent condition, their shops are well manned, they are easy to the largest labor markets, and they maintain they are ready to back their pledges to "stand by the loyal men who refused to strike and the new men whom we hired on the seniority list."

THE STEEL INCREASE.

"The granting of a twenty per cent increase to about 300,000 steel corporation employees was looked upon this morning as a sinister omen for the 'die hard' element. It came, twenty-four hours before this session, it was declared, as the ultimate argument of the powerful banking interests, who invest on both steel and railroads, and who for weeks are known to have urged the rail executives to capitulate.

Trouble Clearing.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—As railroad executives gathered in New York today to consider peace proposals by the heads of the transportation brotherhoods, acting as mediators, in the shopmen's strike, trouble on the Southern Railway, principal sufferer, soon had a new round of during the past few days began to clear away.

Explosive bombs kept the rail strike fever at a high stage in some of the United States rail centres, however.

A tremendous explosion early today in the Chicago and Alton roundhouse at Venice, Ill., shook buildings within a radius of three miles, and police were rushed to the scene when further violence was threatened.

Bombs were hurled at the homes of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe employees at San Bernardino, Calif.

Reward Increased.

Michigan Central officials increased their reward for the arrest of plotters accused of causing the Gary, Ind., wreck, Sunday, to \$5,000. The original reward was \$1,000.

Little Rock, Ark., police failed to locate a Missouri Pacific shop employee who was reported to have been kidnapped and severely beaten Monday night.

Switchmen in the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis yards at Paducah, Ky., refused to go to work because of an alleged attack on one of their number by a railroad guard.

Service Restored.

Train service was restored on the Southern Railway following the removal of most of the troops which had been on guard in the Spencer and Salisbury, N. C., and Princeton, Ind., yards.

The guard was reduced in a compromise with trainmen who walked out when soldiers were sent to quell disturbances.

Shoe Factories Enter.

New York, Aug. 23.—Four shoe factories entered into the rail strike situation yesterday any one of which may vitally influence the association of railway executives when it meets today to consider peace proposals. Principal among these is the announcement by three big American steel corporations employing nearly 300,000 workmen to grant a 20 per cent wage increase for all day laborers in their manufacturing plants.

PLEADS FOR AN INDEPENDENT BODY

Head of the Quebec Section, However, Would Have Canadian Labor Bodies Cooperate with Those in U. S.—Angus McDonald for a Workers' Party.

Montreal, Aug. 23.—(Canadian Press)—That there exists a wide difference of opinion as to the manner in which labor is to participate in political action was made evident on the occasion of a public meeting of the Quebec section of the Labor Party, here last night, "to consider the present unrest among wage earners."

A. Lanette, president of the Quebec section, pleaded for the development of a thoroughly Canadian organization in labor independent of, but co-operating with, the organizations centered in the United States.

Angus McDonald, M. P., for Temiskaming, spoke of conditions among the miners on Nova Scotia, declaring that living conditions there were deplorable and he characterized the British Empire Steel Corporation as the incarnation of capitalism. He said he was for a workers' party.

CHILDREN OUT ALL THE NIGHT

Samuel and Albert Leyden, aged seven and nine years of 149 Millidge avenue left their home yesterday afternoon to pick berries near the house. When they did not return when they should have the police were notified and Sergeant Detective Power and Detective Biddiscombe went in search of them. They discovered them about noon at the foot of Indiantown where they had been all night playing around among some boats there. They were brought to central police station.

PLANES COLLIDE, 4 MEN KILLED

Pisa, Italy, Aug. 23.—Two military airplanes collided in midair near here today at a height of 1,000 feet. The two pilots and two observers were crushed to death under the wreckage of the machines.

PHILIP AND FERDINAND WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—Low pressure areas are centered in Manitoba and the Gulf of St. Lawrence this morning, while pressure continues high along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. The weather has been fine over the Lake Superior district, while elsewhere in Canada it has been mostly fair with scattered showers.

Forecasts—Moderate to fresh south-west winds; mostly fair and moderately warm; showers in a few localities. Thursday, westerly winds; fair and warm.

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FAVOR EXCLUSION OF ALL ORIENTALS

Trades and Labor Congress on Immigration Matters.

Land Settlement Scheme for Resident Canadians Urged—Want also Council of Immigration—A. F. L. Delegate Discusses U. S. Labor Troubles.

(By Canadian Press)

Montreal, Aug. 23.—Total exclusion of Oriental immigration to Canada was unanimously endorsed by the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress today in the formulation of its immigration policy.

Repeal of bill 63 and amendments to bill 62 (1919) to restore the right of British citizens, now liable to arbitrary deportation, is also urged.

A Dominion advisory council of immigration formed along the lines of the Employment Service Council of Canada, is also recommended.

The following recommendations were passed:

1. Placing among prohibited classes all labor hired to replace strikers for those hired without the sanction of the Employment Service of Canada.

2. Opposition to all bonuses or grants to private agencies.

3. Request the British government for closer supervision of immigration, advertising and control of booking agencies.

4. In order to relieve congestion in industrial centres, land settlement and colonization schemes should be made available to citizens and others already located in Canada.

5. Medical examination of immigrants to take place so far as possible at port of embarkation.

6. Legislation to prevent hiring of labor outside of Canada by private employers.

The last mentioned clause is aimed to prevent the importation of strike breakers to Canada.

The U. S. Strikers.

The most brazen conspiracies ever recorded in the United States are levelled against the union movement, W. E. Hulseck, fraternal delegate from the American Federation of Labor, declared in his fraternal greeting from American labor.

Hulseck recapitulated the history of the miners' dispute with the operators to show that the operators were guilty of having precipitated the strike by their refusal to negotiate with the unions.

Still another problem was aggravating the strikers plight. German coal was being brought from France to America and further supplies were being received from England.

These supplies weakened the effect of the American strike. This situation emphasized the need of a closer and more effective international labor organization.

Touching briefly on the American railwaymen's strike, he claimed it was evidence of labor's solidarity while organized labor was entirely surrounded with difficulties, it was nevertheless keeping its ranks tight and making good progress.

For Political Body.

In an appeal to organized labor to retain its allegiance to the International Trades union movement, Hulseck said the failure to do so would only mean a further split in the ranks of the workers and a victory for capital.

A promise of the definite entry of American organized labor movement into the political field as a distinct party was embodied in his parting message. Labor is right to decent wages and conditions had been wrested from them by political action. Consequently the only means to regain these conditions was to fight on the political field.

QUIET TODAY ON MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Aug. 23 (10.30)—British Empire Steel, second preferred, was in active demand at the opening of the stock market this morning, its price being around 38 1/4, yesterday's closing figure. Canadian Cottons duplicated its high at 107 1/2 in the early trading. Other issues were quiet.