

STRIKE OF SOFT COAL MINERS COMES TO END; MEN AGREE TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL

General Committee of United Mine Workers, With One Dissenting Vote, Decides To Accept Wilson's Proposal For a Settlement—With Return To Work At Once.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 10.—The coal miners' strike is ended. With but one dissenting vote the general committee of the United Mine Workers of America in session here this afternoon voted to accept President Wilson's proposal for immediate return to work pending final settlement of the wage controversy by a commission to be appointed by him.

Telegrams were sent out tonight to the four thousand locals of the union by officials of the mine workers, instructing the men to return to work immediately. Full instructions with regard to the agreement will be sent out tomorrow morning. Operators tonight predicted resumption of operations Friday and shipment of coal from the mines beginning Monday morning.

Miners, operators and Government officials alike were highly gratified over the settlement tonight, and all sides appeared confident of a final satisfactory settlement of the fight by the commission.

The action today ends a tie-up of the coal industry of more than five weeks' duration and one which was more far-reaching in its effects than any in the history of the country as a result of the strike the country was fast approaching a complete shut-down of industries and widespread suffering among its 100,000,000 inhabitants.

The decision of the miners came after many hours of debate, in which the radical element in the general committee made incendiary speeches and operators and others interested in settlement of strikes, and in time threatened to defeat efforts to settle the strike at this time. The conservative element, led by President John L. Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer William Green, gained control of the situation this morning and succeeded in putting down the radical element by the time the question came to a vote.

One concession was made to the radical element. The convention of the miners at a future date, at which time the action of the general committee will be fully explained. The opponents of acceptance of the president's plan, the radical element, insist on the theory that only a general convention of the mine workers could have power to call off the strike.

Members of the general committee tonight steadfastly refused to make public the names of the delegates who cast the one dissenting vote. Two statements were given out following the adjournment of the conference by Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer, who first submitted the president's proposal to Acting President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Green at a conference in Washington last Saturday and came to Indianapolis Monday to await the outcome of consideration of the plan by the miners' general committee.

Mr. Palmer's first statement, expressed his satisfaction at the decision of the United Mine Workers and commended Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green for

HACKBONEYS DRAW RECORD CROWD TO WINTER FAIR

Guelph Show Has Big Attendance—Warwick Model Champion.

DRURY ABSENT—ILLNESS J. J. Cridlan, English Stockman, Criticises Killing Thin Animals in Packing Houses.

[By Staff Reporter.]

GUELPH, Dec. 10.—Possibly the largest crowd that ever thronged through the Guelph Winter Fair turnstiles squeezed in today to see the cream of Ontario's livestock, and the largest number of show chickens ever housed under one roof. It is no wonder the directors were so busy that the Hackboney show, which was the feature of the fair, was crowded out of the arena tonight, and long before the judging started the seats were crowded.

Warwick Model, a handsome bay and winner of many ribbons, was adjudged grand champion Hackboney stallion. He is owned by Mrs. Murray, Toronto, while Dunhill Wildrose, from the same stable, was champion mare.

Immediately after the evening judging, Secretary Robert Wade of the fair, one of the most popular in the world of livestock, was literally dragged to the centre of the arena and presented with a bill folder crammed full of bills, by Wm. Smith, M. P., of Columbus, past president of the fair.

Mr. Smith referred to the magnificent stock shown by the fair, and in bringing the fair to the high level it has attained, namely, the finest livestock exhibition in Canada.

The gift was a tangible expression of the esteem in which the exhibitors held Mr. Wade.

In reply, Mr. Wade paid tribute to the directors, his own assistants and to the livestock and poultry men, who made a successful fair possible.

Drury is absent. Owing to illness Premier Drury was unable to fulfill his engagement to address the directors at luncheon at the Guelph Hotel.

England's foremost livestock expert, Hon. Dr. T. H. Marshall, minister of agriculture for Alberta, addressed the large gathering in the Royal Canadian Cattle Show building, which was the scene of the evening session.

Both speakers predicted a live-able future for the Dominion and agriculture from the Dominion and Man-Ontario, Hon. Dr. T. H. Marshall, minister of agriculture, paid tribute to the Guelph fair and the class of livestock shown.

"I am very pleased at the meritable showing of animals here," declared Mr. Marshall, who is also a judge at the Cridlan, who is also a judge at the show. "I think that the fair is worthy of a far finer building than you have, but doubtless that will come in the future."

Eliminate Scrub Bull. "Mr. Doherty told you that there would be a campaign to eliminate the scrub bull in Ontario. The old country look at the matter two years ago, and this type of sire is being gradually stamped out and higher class sires substituted. There was no excuse for the present embargo on cattle from the question of the scrub bull."

The Government, after putting on the embargo, decided to help Ireland, and such trade was boosted. However, I am sure that if a higher class of animal was raised here in the course of time the Government would raise the embargo."

In England they had to be careful of disease. There were constant outbreaks of the foot and mouth disease, brought by animals from the continent."

Mr. Cridlan gave his opinion of Chicago and American packing houses in no uncertain terms.

"I was through a large Chicago packing house two weeks ago, and I was shocked to see such thin and low-class animals. It is pitiful to think that a great country like America, has such a low standard of stock," he declared.

Credit to Farmers. "I want to express my congratulations to the men who have fed and bred the animals at this year's fair," said Mr. Marshall on his arrival, deciding to speak. "They are a credit to the farmers of this province."

Mr. Marshall went on to speak of the great future the livestock industry would enjoy in Canada and in Ontario, and that the next ten years would show a wonderful progress along this line, more so than any livestock man dreamed of at present.

More people were waking up to the possibility of farming and that agricultural schools and colleges were being crowded to capacity.

In speaking of half-finished animals being thrown on the market, Mr. Marshall said that there were far too many men on the farm that didn't know the business. The solution was to send their boys and girls to colleges where they would soon become ashamed of the poor stock on their own farm and endeavor to work it up.

Draught Geldings. Mr. Marshall expressed his delight at the quality of the draught geldings shown in the ring last night. They were the best he had ever seen at Guelph. The market for such a class of animals was increasing all the time, for in his opinion many farmers at present using farm tractors would shift back to the old reliable horse.

"I am not alarmed at the condition of the livestock market," said Mr. Marshall. "There is a great world shortage and a great world demand. I expect that Canada will keep step with this demand. This country is the most desirable one on earth to build a home and there is only one place to build that home, and that is on the farm."

The ring was occupied this afternoon by the Clydesdale and some excellent classes were shown, the results being as follows:

Clydesdale Stallion, Foaled in 1917—1. J. H. Marshall, Kingston; 2. J. H. Marshall, Kingston; 3. J. H. Marshall, Kingston.

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The strongest section was that for senior calves, in which Ron Jasper, exhibited by J. M. Gardhouse of Weston, was placed first. This animal was champion calf of his breed at the C. N. E., and from the time of the opening of the show here, had been spoken of as the most likely contender for the grand championship. This morning he also won first in the Inter-County Beef Contest, which had 15 entries, and was judged by Capt. Robson of London, Ont.

Domestic Government Specials. There was a fine line-up of steers of all kinds and crosses in the classes instituted in connection with the Dominion livestock special prizes offered for the first time this year. Four sections were included in this class, namely, for steers 1,350 or over, steers 1,250 or over; steers 1,000 to 1,250, and steers under 1,000.

In the judging today the above section were won as follows:

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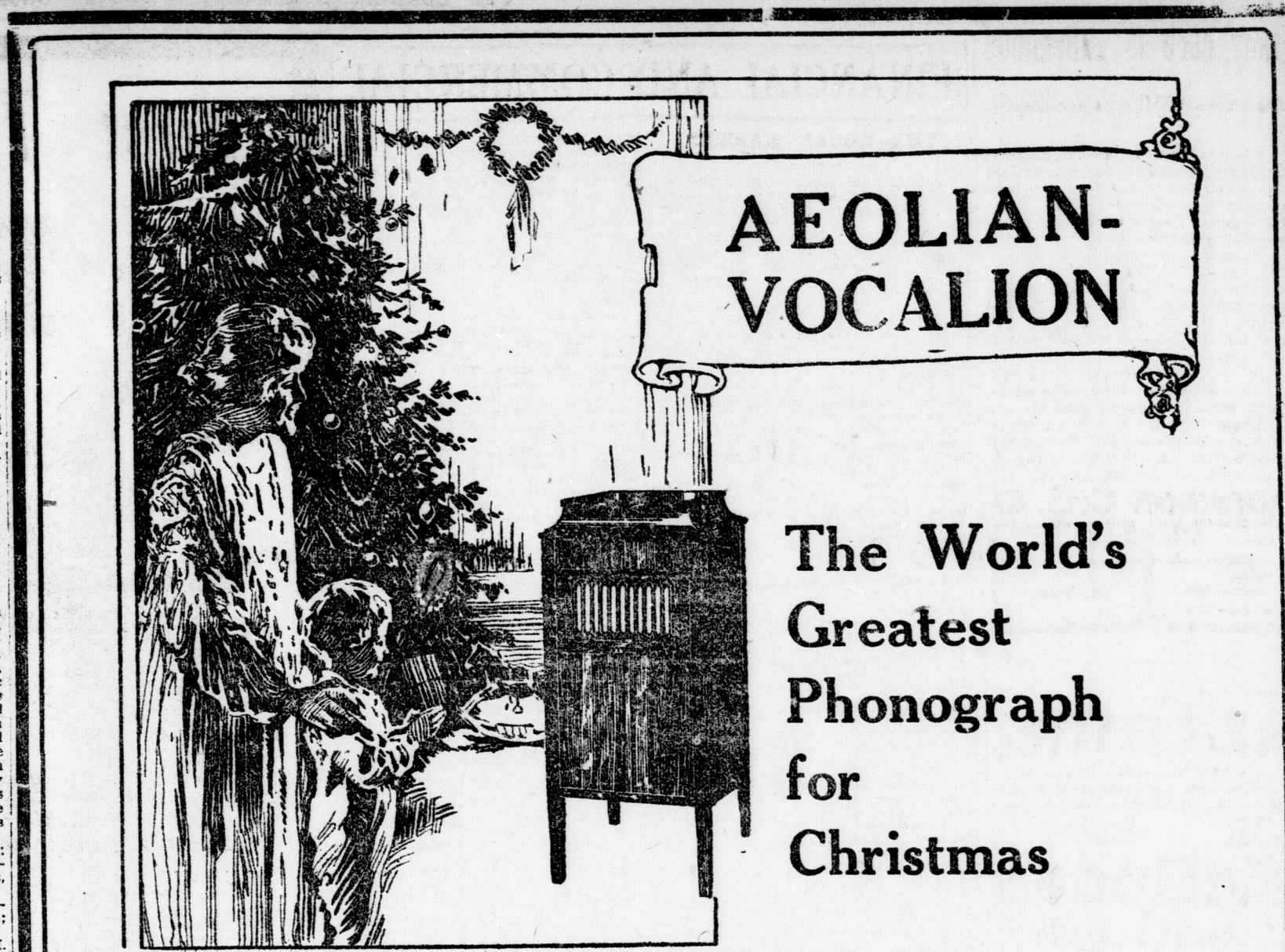
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