

MINERS WILL LAY DOWN ARMS

Vice President Petry, of U. M. W., Given Assurances of Marchers' Intention To Submit

Recognition For Mexico

Supreme Court Decision on Article 27 Clears the Way to Treaty of Amity.

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Washington, Sept. 2.—Mexico's chances of recognition are better today as a result of her supreme court's decision on the famous article 27 of the Mexican constitution.

The United States had proposed that a treaty be signed by Mexico absolutely safeguarding American oil rights. President Obregon felt that to comply with the American request would give the impression that he was yielding to foreign influence.

President Obregon's speech asking he would not sign a treaty is taken to mean that he refers to the point cleared by the supreme court decision.

The situation is in such shape that a standing on forms and pride may delay the two parties until a compromise will bring them together.

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West Virginia, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy Saturday, followed by local thunder showers Saturday night or Sunday; continued warm.

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MESSAGE TELEPHONED FROM FIGHTING FRONT

Will Submit to Any Rules and Regulations of the Federal Authorities.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—The marching miners are ready to obey the orders of the federal troops just as soon as they arrive, said William Petry, vice president of district 17, United Mine Workers, at union headquarters here, tonight.

"The leaders of the miners have assured me by telephone that not a single shot will be fired on federal troops coming up from the rear of the miners' line," Petry added.

Because of the unconfirmed reports in circulation since early in the week of many men having been killed a corresponding number of the miners spent much of the night trying to round up a total on the number of killed.

Official sources in Charleston will admit it has any definite figures and reports from the disturbed counties are of a similar nature.

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Body of Slain Miner and Two Wounded Men Brought to St. Albans

St. Albans, W. Va., Sept. 2.—The body of James Roberts, who was killed in the fighting on Blair mountain yesterday, was brought here on the first train to reach St. Albans from Clifton since the railroad was closed by the officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company, Wednesday.

Among the passengers was Mrs. John Gore, widow of the Logan county deputy sheriff, who was reported from Logan as having been killed on Spruce Fork ridge Wednesday.

The wounded men, who were in charge of a group from the forces at Blair, each wearing a Red Cross on his arm, were later placed on a Chesapeake & Ohio train bound for Hansford, W. Va.

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MINERS WORKERS WILL SEEK EXTENSION OF SENATE PROBE TO OTHER COUNTIES OF STATE

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Efforts are to be made by the United Mine Workers to have the senate committee, which will meet on September 13 to investigate the mining situation in Mingo county, West Virginia, to broaden the scope of its inquiry so as to include the area now being occupied by federal troops.

Falling in this, Murray said he will bring the situation before the miners' national convention at Indianapolis, on September 20, with the purpose of having it request President Harding to use his good offices to have the senate committee broaden its inquiry or have another committee appointed.

ADVANCE UNIT OF U. S. TROOPS REACHES BOONE COUNTY SEAT

Soldiers Did Not Leave Cars When Troop Train Reached Madison; Miners Informed.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Nothing happened when the first contingent of federal troops arrived at Madison late tonight, according to word received here.

With the exception of a guard, the soldiers did not leave the cars. Sheriff Victor Griffith of Boone county said members of the United Mine Workers went up to the fighting front to inform the men of the arrival of the troops.

General Bandholtz's Report. Washington, Sept. 2.—A report received at the war department tonight from Brigadier General Bandholtz in West Virginia said:

"Aerial reconnaissance, upon return reported everything quiet throughout the disturbed area during reconnaissance."

PENNSYLVANIA MINERS DISPERSED BY SHERIFF'S FORCE

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 2.—Sheriff I. J. Shook, of Uniontown, county detective John J. Russell and fourteen members of the Pennsylvania state police armed with rifles and a machine gun, went to a crowd of striking miners who had planned to march on several independent operations in that district.

It was the second time this week that the sheriff had been called upon to halt a march of men at Allison. The sheriff early today received word that a body of miners estimated to number 2,000 had gathered at Allison and had planned a march.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Six persons, four of them members of the same family, perished in a fire in a Harlem tenement house tonight.

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TWO VIEWS ON WEST VIRGINIA SITUATION GOV. MORGAN MR. MURRAY

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Governor Morgan tonight issued the following statement looking on the telegram sent to the war department last night by Brigadier General Bandholtz to the effect that there is but one solution to the mine workers' union.

"After making a survey of the entire situation in the disturbed sections of West Virginia, I am forced to conclude that there is but one solution to the whole question as it affects the citizenry of the state of West Virginia, and that is complete abolition of the mine guard and Baldwin-Pelts system now in general use throughout the non-union coal mining fields of this state."

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UNITED STATES TROOPS POURING INTO THE STATE

FIRST CONTINGENT REACHES ST. ALBANS

Units to Be Located at Half a Dozen Points in Region of Disorder.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Federal troops are in West Virginia ready to put down the disorder that has been disturbing the peace of the state since last week.

The first contingent of the soldiers were met at St. Albans by Colonel Stanley H. Ford, war department general staff, who conveyed orders to the commander of the troops where to place his units in Mingo county for alleged connection with a shooting in that county several months ago.

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Keeney and Mooney to Give Themselves Up If Given Protection

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 2.—Sheriff Walker of Kanawha county, of which Charleston is a part, has not yet been able to serve warrants upon District President Charles F. Keeney and District Secretary Frederick Mooney, the United Mine Workers, who were indicted in Mingo county for alleged connection with a shooting in that county several months ago.

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IRRESISTIBLE FORCE TO CURB ALL DISORDERS

2,100 SOLDIERS COME; 2,000 MEN IN RESERVE

Martial Law Proclamation Not Yet Issued—In Hands of General Bandholtz.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The war department set in motion today machinery to apply irresistible force to disorderly elements in the five mining counties of West Virginia where labor disorders have smoldered into what officials term insurrection.

By train from four army camps an expeditionary troop force numbering 2,100 men was routed for separate destinations on the edge of the mountain country.

Brigadier General H. H. Bandholtz, the government's agent on the scene, has been designated to command the troops.

Behind the force in motion, Secretary Weeks said, were reserves another 2,000 men and bombing airplanes which already have arrived in the disturbed area.

No Martial Law Yet. President Harding's proclamation formally putting Fayette, Mingo, Logan, Kanawha and Boone counties under martial law is in the hands of General Bandholtz and will be issued at the discretion of Secretary Weeks.

Miners Want Troops. The president's action in sending the troops into West Virginia, Secretary Weeks said today, evidently had the approval of mine union officials, as well as the civil authorities of West Virginia.

When railroads are closed up and armed bands of men establish themselves in the country, marching to and fro, overpowering resistance, you may call it you please, we call it insurrection.

Well Equipped. The 19th Infantry from Camp Sherman and Columbus, Ohio, and the 26th from Camp Dix, N. J., which were the first to move for the scene of the disorders, are provided with machine guns, howitzers, radio and headquarters machinery, one pounders, specialists in gas warfare, as well as rifles, riot guns, automatic rifles and revolvers.

The enlisted soldiers of the two organizations, according to latest reports, are 2,100. Exclusive of the personnel of the 26th light bombing squadron, estimated at 1,000.

Washington, Sept. 2.—The attempt of some property owners in Washington to force the evacuation of the disturbed areas of the nation's capital is being brought to the attention of the cabinet today.

In working out preliminary plans, chief of which relate to the problem of finding adequate accommodations for minor officials and clerical forces, cabinet members found that one owner of a house, offers for sale at \$15,000, had demanded a monthly rental of \$3,000.

Administration officials declared the incident showed "such a violation of the public interest that it is being handled as if it were a crime."

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