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## HARDING TAKES HAND IN RAILWAY STRIKE

Declares Men "Have Same Right to Work as Others Have to Decline to Work"

### "AID OF GOOD CITIZENS"

Asked to Maintain Operation of United States Mail Trains

Washington, July 11.—President Harding, in a proclamation issued at the White House late tonight, directed "all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mails."

In the proclamation, which was issued after a day in which continued reports had reached the Postoffice Department of interference by railroad strikers with mail trains, the President invited the co-operation of all public authorities, State and municipal, and the "aid of all good citizens" to uphold the laws and to "facilitate those operations in safety, which are essential of life and liberty and the security of property and our common public welfare."

### Settlement Necessary

The peaceful settlement of controversies between shop craft employees and carriers, it was stated, "in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies for such settlement, are essential to the security and well-being of our people."

The President took the position that men willing to maintain the operation of railroad trains in order to transport mail have the "same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work."

President Harding was occupied throughout the evening with the preparation of the proclamation, delaying his dinner one hour in order to go over the first transcript. He returned to the executive offices after dinner and remained there until the proclamation was made public, about 10.40 p. m.

### Text of Proclamation

The text of the proclamation follows:

"A proclamation:  
"Whereas, the United States Railroad Labor Board is an agency of the government, created by law and charged with the duty of adjusting disputes between railroad operators and employes engaged in interstate commerce; and,  
"Whereas, the United States Railroad Labor Board has recently handed down decisions, one affecting the wage of the shop craft employes, the other declaring the contract system of shop craft work with outside agencies to be contrary to the intent of the Transportation Act and, therefore, that such practice must be discontinued.  
"Whereas, the shop craft employes have elected to discontinue their work rather than abide by the decisions rendered, and certain operators have ignored the decision ordering the abandonment of the contract shop practice; and,  
"Whereas, the maintained operation of the railroads in interstate commerce and the transportation of United States mails have necessitated the employment of men who choose to accept employment under the terms of the decision, and who have the same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work; and,  
"Whereas, the peaceful settlement of controversies in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies of such settlement are essential to the security and well being of our people.

To Keep Mails Moving  
"Now, therefore, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, do hereby make proclamation, directing all persons to refrain from interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mails.  
"These activities and the maintained supremacy of the law are the first obligations of the government and all citizens of our country. Therefore, I invite the co-operation of all public authorities, State and municipal, and the aid of all good citizens to uphold the law and to preserve the public peace, and to facilitate these operations in safety, which are essential to life and liberty and the security of property

## RESIGNATION OF DOVER HINTED AT

Washington, July 11.—President Harding was understood tonight to have under consideration the resignation of Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, Wash., and formerly of Ohio, as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in charge of customs and internal revenue.

Information of the resignation of Mr. Dover was received at the capitol today from treasury sources, but something of a mystery surrounded the severance of the Assistant Secretary's connection with the treasury as official confirmation or denial of the report was wholly lacking.

At the treasury it was said Secretary Mellon had no statement to make and that the matter was one for Mr. Dover and the President. At the White House it was made known that President Harding had no comment to make at this time. Mr. Dover himself would neither confirm nor deny the report.

### Dover-Blair Controversy

The resignation of Mr. Dover, it was indicated, could be regarded as the culmination of his controversy with David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, which has raged for several months over the proposed reorganization of the internal revenue bureau.

According to the accepted opinion in administration circles, Mr. Dover was named Assistant Secretary of the Treasury by President Harding last December to reorganize the customs service and the revenue tonnage service was effected by Mr. Dover early in the year, but his plans for changes in the personnel of the revenue bureau ran counter to the administrative ideas of Commissioner Blair and Secretary Mellon. Friction, officially described as "disagreements as to policy," waxed warmer with the occurrence of a number of incidents, including the removal of Dover appointees, and the issuance of an order by Mr. Blair centralizing all discussion of appointments in the office of the commissioner and the appointment division.

## COURT NEWS

Court adjourned in Manning Saturday evening after a two week's session. Judge Wilson left Monday for Sumter where he is holding court this week. The following cases were tried and sentence passed:

- Bossie Sweatt, violation prohibition law—6 months or \$300.
- Frank Washington, violation prohibition law—2 months or \$50.00.
- Cantev Lemon, colored, and Dr. M. Brown, White, tried jointly, violation prohibition law—not guilty.
- James Pressley, violation prohibition law—6 months or \$300.
- The civil cases tried were:  
Clarendon Motor Co., vs. J. M. Gamble—mistrial.
- S. I. Harvin, et al., vs. Northwestern Railroad Co., verdict for plaintiff for \$400.00.
- J. M. Plowden, vs. J. C. Plowden—verdict for plaintiff, \$1,200.00.
- Batty & Co., vs. A. M. Scarborough, verdict for defendant.
- First National Bank, vs. R. A. Pierson, verdict for plaintiff for \$400. or mules to that value.
- Reese vs. Suggs, mistrial.

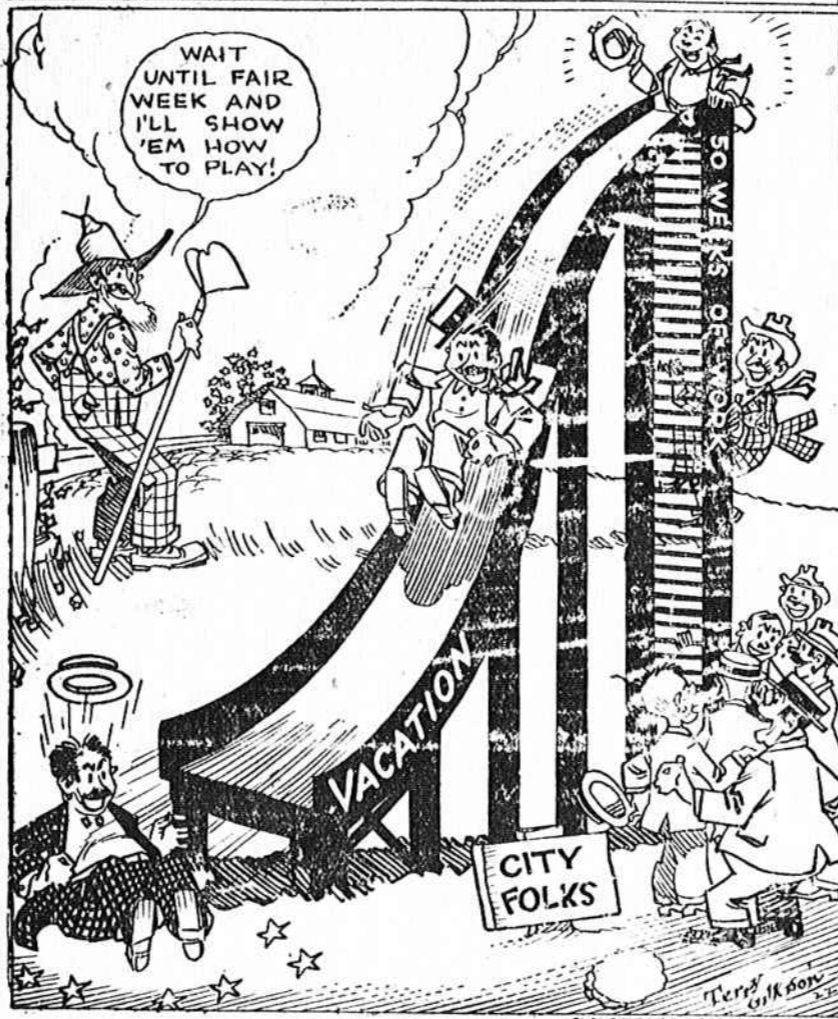
## RECEIVERS NAMED

Augusta, Maine, July 11.—Appointment by the Supreme Court of Burleigh Martin and William T. Gardiner, local attorneys, as receivers of the United States Steamship Company was announced today. Control of the Hudson Navigation Company, the Groton (Conn.) Iron Works and the Virginia Shipbuilding Company is held by this corporation.

The receivership was established at the request of Rupert M. Much, of this city, who, with Charles W. Morse, is under indictment on the charge of defrauding the public in the promotion of the sale of stock of this corporation.

and our common public welfare.  
"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.  
"Done at the city of Washington this 11th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-seventh.  
"Warren G. Harding.  
"By the President:  
"Charles E. Hughes,  
"Secretary of State."

## SHORT BUT SWEET



## PAXVILLE ITEMS

Miss Lyllis Gamble will go to Georgetown, Wednesday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Pattie Ward.

Miss Alfreda Cunningham has returned to her home at Rock Hill, after a three week's visit with her friend Miss Iva Geddings.

Mrs. Marion Cox and children of Florence, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. J. L. Pritchard has returned to her home at Spartanburg, after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Corbett.

Mrs. Sid Wise and baby, of Hyman, are visiting at the home of Mr. T. R. Owen.

Mrs. J. J. Martin and children returned Monday from a few days' visit with Mrs. Turner at Sumter.

Mrs. Eliza Tisdale of Mayesville, spent a few days of last week with Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

Little Miss Elizabeth Keels is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Edgar Scott, at Bishopville.

Miss Virginia Mims has returned to her home at Sumter, after a visit at the home of her brother, Mr. J. W. Mims, Jr.

Miss Susie May Ridgill of Summerton, is visiting Miss Vivian Geddings.

Mrs. A. F. Rodgers and children returned to Kingstree Monday after a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Annie E. Herlong.

Mr. Travis Barwick of Charleston, came Monday for a visit at the home of Mr. L. S. Barwick.

The friends of Mr. Luke Ridgill and Miss Daisy Corbett were greatly surprised to learn of their marriage on last Wednesday in Manning. The couple left immediately for Hendersonville.

Mrs. W. L. Adams and Mrs. Thelma Dollard of Sumter, recently visited at the home of Mr. M. B. Corbett.

Misses Daisy Rhame and Jessie Curtis will leave Wednesday for Lake Junaluska, where they will spend a

month attending the Sunday School and Mission Course of the Southern Methodist Church.

Messrs. Marion Barwick and Ollie Dawkins, of Camp Bragg, N. C., are visiting relatives here.

## THE BENBOW FAMILY REUNION

At the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Davis, on July 4th the annual reunion of the Benbow family was held. A large crowd was present and seats were arranged in the shade of the great oaks, where the family sat conversing on timely topics, but often glancing backward to scenes of the sacred past. A ball game was enjoyed by the younger members, and ice cold lemonade was served all day from a table set in a shady corner of the yard. At high noon dinner was served, the long table spread with an elegant repast, consisting of an endless variety of dishes from barbecue, to the daintiest fruit salad. Around this table the family stood, serving each other as informally as if at a family dinner party, while at its head sat Rev. C. B. Smith who asked the blessing on the feast.

In the afternoon all united in singing old plantation songs, led by Mr. R. C. Wells, with Miss Frances Dingle at the piano. The Benbows were among the earliest settlers of Clarendon and the name is closely woven into the social and political history of the County. The head of the house Col. Evan Benbow having commanded a battalion in the war of 1812, and upon his return represented the County first in the House and afterward in the Senate, for ten consecutive years. He now rests in an old "God's acre" near the Santee river, with this record inscribed on his tombstone.

Members of the family attending the reunion from beyond the border of Clarendon were: Mr. and Mrs. Joel Benbow, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Benbow, and Master W. E. Benbow Jr., of Sumter, Rev. J. E. Clark and family of Pinopolis, and William J. Clark of Kingstree.

## Peels Spuds and Asks for Senate Vote



From spuds to Senate is quite some huff, but the confident Mrs. Annie D. Olson, of Minnesota, is not afraid to pose in kitchen frock in asking the voters of the state to send her to the U. S. Senate in place of Frank B. Kellogg, the present Republican Senator. Mrs. Olson does not let her campaign interfere with housework, as one wide awake photographer found when he called at the home. Political wisecracks say Mrs. Olson is piling up hundreds of votes in her campaign.

## SHERIFF IS ON THE JOB

Fort Pierce Fla., July 11.—St. Lucie County, just recovering from a warm primary race in which the sheriff was deposed and J. R. Merritt elected to the office on a platform of more stringent law enforcement, divided on its opinion today on the outcome of Merritt's first major test of office.

The new sheriff took office yesterday and almost before he had pinned on his badge he received a hot "tip" that a liquor caravan was coming through his territory. The sheriff promptly gathered a flock of deputies and hastened out on the Dixie Highway. With military precision he scattered his men in skirmish formation and lay in wait throughout the night.

Thus, when two federal agents came along early today with an automobile two captives and thirty cases of liquor, they had no chance to escape. The waiting deputies sprang from their places of hiding and bore down on the startled group with a zeal.

The federal agents experienced conflicting emotions and their feelings were not eased by the incredulous look of the sheriff. It was with some difficulty that they established their identity.

Explanations, finally accepted on all sides, brought out the fact that the agents had captured the two men, Chester Darling and Dozier Dowdy, with their automobile and contraband last night and were taking them to Tampa.

## WALTER WARD RELEASED

White Plains, N. Y., July 11.—Walter S. Ward, who has been held in the West Chester County jail for the past twenty-six days, on an indictment charging him with first degree murder of Clarence Peters, a former sailor, was released late today in \$50,000 bail by Supreme Court Justice Seeger, although the court refused to dismiss the indictment.

Mrs. Willard Curtis, Ward's mother-in-law, who was sought for weeks in New Rochelle, by subpoena serves without success, sat through the hearing beside her daughter and left with Ward's party without any attempt being made to serve her. According to Ralph D. Ward, brother of the defendant, Mrs. Curtis has been living quietly in New Rochelle with her daughter all the time.

Judge Seeger, in announcing his decision to admit the wealthy defendant to bail, said that no evidence had been submitted to prove that Ward acted other than in self-defense or that the crime had been one of deliberation.

## REDUCTIONS IN ARMY

Tokio, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Still further reductions of the Japanese army, below those announced on July 4, are contemplated by Minister of War Yamamashi. It was charged that the suggested army reforms did not complete the demands of the Diet.

## ATTEMPTING LONG FLIGHT

London, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The air ministry today received a wireless message from Major W. T. Blake saying that he started at dawn today from Ramleh, twenty miles northwest of Jerusalem, for Bagdad, Major Blake is attempting an airplane flight around the world.

## FEW CLERKS ON STRIKE

Roanoke, Va., July 11.—With the exception of a few clerks walking off their jobs at Winston-Salem, N. C., Kenova, W. Va., Wytheville, Bristol, and Norfolk, there was little change in the strike situation on the Norfolk and Western Railroad today, according to information obtained from union authorities and railroad officials here.

No clerks employed at the general offices of the Norfolk, and Western here joined the strike today, as far as could be learned from union officials, though an order was issued Monday night, for them to strike today at 10 o'clock. Owing to the delay in gathering reports from outlying points over the system, the exact number of clerks who quit work could not be obtained, according to Richard P. Dee, grand vice president of the organization, who is maintaining offices here at present.

## SWEEPING PROBE IS STARTED BY JURY

Into Every Act of Alien Property Custodian

TO ESTABLISH LEGALITY

American Interests in Dye Patents to Be Protected, Says Daugherty

Washington, July 11.—Appearance today of Francis P. Garvan, former alien property custodian and now head of the Chemical Foundation, Inc., before the special war frauds grand jury was said in official circles to have inaugurated a sweeping inquiry into every act of the custodian's office from its inception.

It was emphasized by the same officials that the investigation was designed primarily to establish finally the legality of the custodian's acts and to remove any ground for continued criticism levelled against the office if such criticism has been unjustified.

A grand jury investigation was declared by the officials to be the only method provided for in the American system of government to clear up definitely the controversy.

Formal assurance that "every American interest" in the dye patents sold by the alien property custodian in 1919 to the Chemical Foundation, will be protected by the government was made today by Attorney General Daugherty.

Denying that any person connected with the Department of Justice had had any communication with German interests or individuals regarding recovery of the patents, Mr. Daugherty's statement reiterated that in moving to recover them from the foundation the department was merely carrying out instructions received from President Harding.

The statement was interpreted as having reference to charges made by Francis P. Garvan—who handled the sale as the then custodian, subsequently assuming the presidency of the foundation—to the effect that the demand for return of title to the patents had been actuated by German influence.

Mr. Garvan today turned over to the jury the records of the foundation. He said later arrangements had been made to permit inspection of the books by representatives of the Department of Justice.

Prior to going before the grand jury, Mr. Garvan said, he had refused a demand of Assistant Attorney General Crim for permission to inspect the books on the ground that he would not open them to German influences.

Attorney General Daugherty, questioned concerning Mr. Garvan's charges that Gaston B. Means was associated with the Department of Justice in connection with the Chemical Foundation matter, said that he would not discuss Mr. Means.

"Mr. Means," he said, "seems to have the ill will of lots of people and I think I know the reason."

In reply to further questions as to whether Mr. Means had been suspended from the staff of the bureau of investigation of the department, Mr. Daugherty said "I have not said that I suspended Mr. Means."

## NINE OUT FOR ONE JOB

Orangeburg, July 11.—Politics will be the chief theme in this county from now as all offices seem to be wanted except the county treasurer and the judge of probate. F. F. Limehouse, who has been connected with Tyler Bros., local merchants, and has announced his candidacy for clerk of court. This makes a total of nine candidates for the clerk of court's job, and there are others figuring on running. H. G. Carson, well known young farmer and business man of Holly Hill, has announced his candidacy against the incumbent T. M. McMichael, for county auditor. The race for House of Representatives is expected to be interesting over the issue of the past delegation having a bond issue passed for good roads against the will of the people, so some of the people claim. Three of the old delegation are expected to be candidates for the House, while five or six new candidates will offer, it is thought. The people in the county have far been registering slowly.