

HARDING TO ASK CONGRESS TO ACT IN R. R. STRIKE

Similar Steps to End Coal Walkout Likely If Dispute Is Not Settled

UNION LEADERS BEGIN TO GATHER

President Asks House to Continue in Session With Senate After it Reconvenes

Washington, Aug. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Harding has asked Congressional leaders, in view of the menacing industrial situation arising from coal and rail strikes to hold the House, no win recess, continuously in session along with the Senate, after the House reconvenes next Tuesday.

The prospect was that, failing early settlement of the labor controversies, the administration might call for legislative action to enable the government to cope with conditions which thus far have failed to react favorably to efforts on the part of the executive.

Meanwhile, the leaders of all union organizations in the transportation field began to gather in Washington for a conference to determine the response which shall be made to President Harding's latest offer of a settlement basis for the seven railroad unions now on strike, and to determine as well, according to statements of those who will participate, what joint or co-operative action the labor forces shall take in case the President's offer is rejected.

Men Against Proposal
B. M. Jewell, chairman of the group of officers of the striking unions, declared that he had received hundreds of telegrams today from locals of the shop crafts "telling us to reject the President's offer; and not a single one asking its acceptance."

Separate conferences between the Southern Railway officials and representatives of the striking shopmen on its lines broke up finally today, when the men declared that only a national settlement of the strike could be accepted by them, even though the railroad conceded seniority rights to returning strikers. Fairfax Harrison, president of the railroad, late issued a general notice to all of its employees that the company considered it had "more than fulfilled its obligation to its striking employees," and that its duty was now to provide unimpaired transportation service. "This we will perform," Mr. Harrison declared.

Suggestions were advanced that Congress might be asked to authorize resumption of federal control over the railroad systems should President Harding find it impossible to terminate the strike satisfactorily, with the further possibility that direct legislation amending the Transportation Act might be sought to make the railroad labor board decisions in wage matters binding upon managements and employees.

There was also a proposal in some quarters that the jurisdiction might be given the board by law over differences which might arise during a strike, as did the present seniority issue.

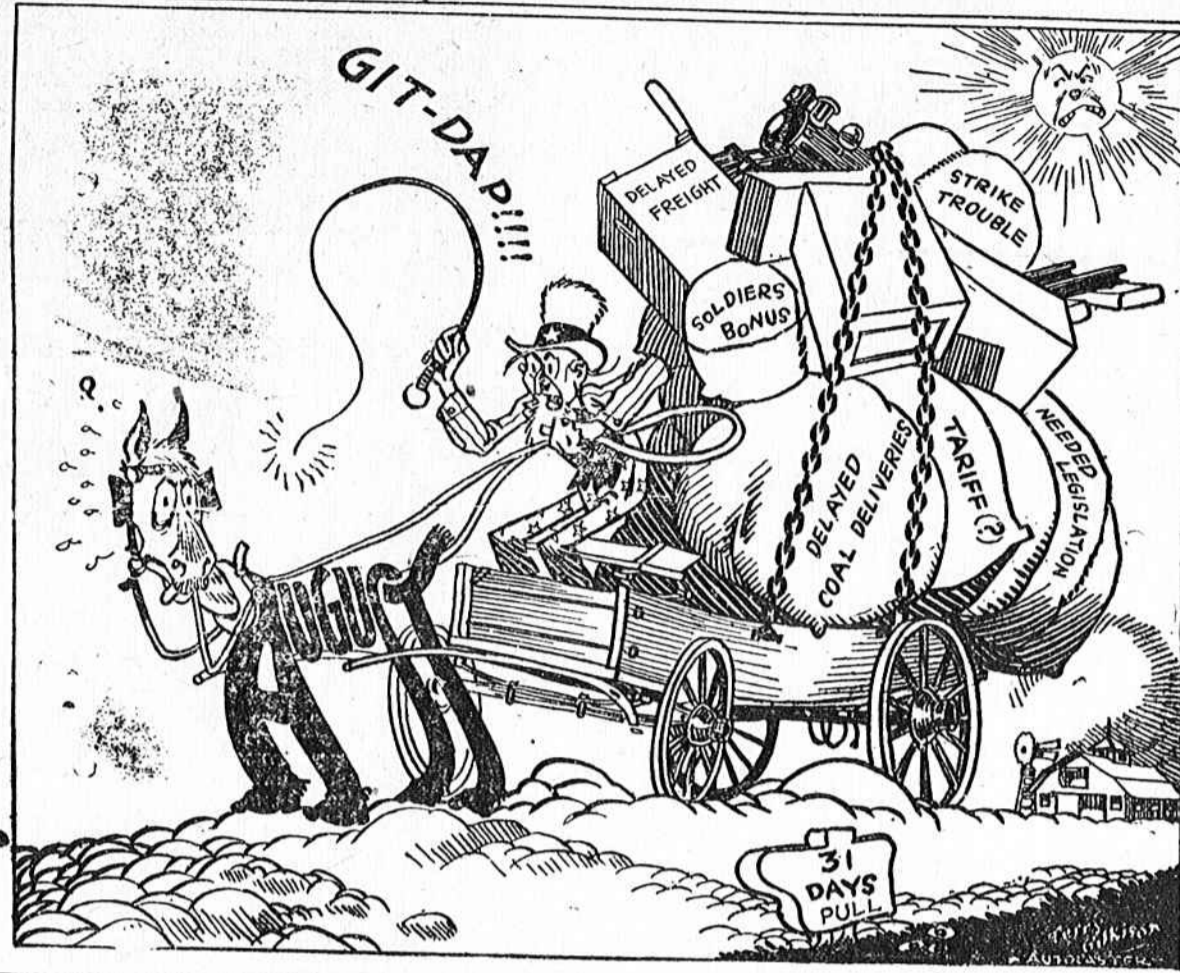
Congress May Have to Act
Some cabinet members considered it likely that the whole situation might be put up to Congress in a special presidential message should prevailing difficulties continue or multiply, but at the White House an administration spokesman said the President would not anticipate his course.

Mr. Jewell and W. H. Johnston, president of the machinists' association, in public statements today indicated that all the railroad union heads called to meet Friday would pass upon the answer the striking unions will make to the President's final proposal. Giving out figures on the condition of the railroad equipment, Mr. Johnston asserted it "would take the railroads a year to get their equipment back into shape if the strike should stop right now."

They further charged that strike breakers were being "hired in Europe, particularly England," by some of the roads, naming the Chesapeake and Ohio as one such road.

"We found at Huntington, W. Va., men who had been brought over for the purpose," Mr. Johnston asserted, "and we have cabled British la-

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bor organizations, asking them to spread the knowledge of these American advertisements, and intend also to cite the cases to the immigration authorities as violation of the contract labor laws."

E. F. Grable, head of the maintenance of way employees' organizations; E. H. Fitzgerald, of the railroad and steamship clerks, and D. H. Helt, of the signal men, were the first chief officials of other road unions to arrive in Washington. During the day they conferred with Mr. Jewell and his associates of the shop crafts division.

Brotherhood to Meet
It was understood that Mr. Fitzgerald, in a letter, had complained to President Harding that defunctive railroad equipment and railroad guards, hired because of the shopmen's strike, had created difficulties for the employees under the jurisdiction of his union which might require it to take action.

Arrangements were made for the heads of the seven striking unions—machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, carmen, sheet metal workers, electricians and stationary firemen and oilers—to meet with Mr. Jewell tomorrow. Though the President's final proposal for strike settlement was addressed directly to them, it was understood they would withhold their final response to it until Friday, when officials of the four brotherhoods of train service employees, the switchmen and telegraphers will hold joint conferences with the shop crafts. Warren S. Stone, chief of the engineers has called the brotherhood spokesmen in. Mr. Jewell was assured and the entire gathering will consider the policy to be adopted.

BISHOP KILGO BETTER

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 8.—Bishop John C. Kilgo's condition tonight was better than at any time during the last forty-eight hours. His heart action and respiration especially showing improvement.

INTEREST CENTERS IN OHIO PRIMARY

Will State Follow Trial Blazed by Progressives?

WET AND DRY ISSUE UP

Administration Forces Pin Faith in Thompson, Former U. S. Treasurer

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 7.—Whether Ohio's Republican voters in tomorrow's State-wide primary will follow the trail blazed by Indiana, Pennsylvania and Iowa and nominate a progressive candidate over the organization's choice for Governor; whether they will repudiate the States' stand on prohibition and nominate a light wine and beer candidate and whether labor's choice of candidates will prove to be popular ones, were the dominant subjects on the eve of the balloting.

With Congressman Charles L. Knight, of Akron, as their standard bearer; the progressive hope to swing Ohio into the list of progressive States. Administration forces have pinned their faith in the ability of Carmi A. Thompson, of Cleveland, a former United States treasurer; to lead them to victory. With Thompson also, the dries, under the leadership of the Anti-Saloon League, hope to hold Ohio in the ranks of absolute prohibition.

Wets for Durand
The extreme wets, are expected to throw their support to C. Homer Durand, Coshocton attorney, and a leader in former wet and dry fights, who is an out-and-out light wine and beer advocate. The conservative wets, are expected to throw their support to Secretary of State Harvey C. Smith, of Zanesville, who has been classed as a wet by the Anti-Saloon League. Smith has con-

tended prohibition is not an issue and has advocated law enforcement.

On the eve of the balloting, there was filed with the Secretary of State, a petition calling for the submission of a light wine and beer amendment to the State Constitution to be voted upon at the November election. A statement given out by Major F. W. Marcolin, secretary of the Ohio Division Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, said the petition contains 238,002 names. The statement said a particular feature of the petition was the large number of women signers.

One feature of the campaign, endorsement of Thompson, Hamilton county (Cincinnati) organization, has served as an anomaly. Hamilton county has been the bulwark of the wet forces in previous campaigns and its endorsement of Thompson has served to bring out caustic remarks from other avowedly dry candidates during the campaign.

The Senatorial contest in which Senator Atlee Pomerene and Congressman S. D. Fess, former chairman of the Republican National Congressional committee, generally are admitted by political leaders to be the candidates, has been complicated by the endorsement of their opponents, particularly by the "big Four."

While most of the incumbent Congressmen have opposition, most political leaders expect them to be nominated. Only two districts, the Seventh and Fourteenth, where Knight and Fess now are serving, are to nominate new men. All the candidates for renomination have upheld the record of the administration and few of their opponents have criticized it severely.

All Democratic Congressional candidates are new men, or old ones seeking a comeback. The present Ohio delegation is solid Republicans. All Democrat candidates have gone down in the Harding landslide two years ago.

The State ballots are the longest in the State's history sixty-nine candidates on both tickets making up the entries. Besides these, the Congressional and county candidates add to the list. On account of the large ballot, it is expected that returns will be slow in coming in. The polls close at 5:30 Central standard time.

AID AMERICAN MINERS

Frankfort-on-Main, Aug. 8.—Ten thousand pounds sterling to aid American miners in the present coal strike, to be subscribed by the various national miners' unions, was recommended today in a resolution adopted by the congress of the international miners' organizations meeting here. The resolution expressed sympathy for the aims of the American strikers.

The congress decided against restriction of the coal shipments to America, which was proposed to aid the American miners in their fight.

PROGRAM OF W. M. SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the Methodist Church, Monday, August 14th, 5 p. m.

Program
Topic—The Coal Mines.
Hymn.
Bible Lesson—Favor and Disfavor, Mark VI, 1-6.
Leader—Mrs. R. R. Jenkinson.
Business.
Missionary News—Bulletin.
Hymn.
Four four-minute women tell who, Why and What in the Coal Fields of Oklahoma and West Virginia:
Mrs. A. T. Helms, Mrs. Dolph Bradham, Mrs. W. P. Legg, Mrs. G. L. Dickson.
Period of Intercession.
Leader—Mrs. W. R. Gray.
Hymn.

CUBA REQUESTS ARREST

Key West, Fla., Aug. 8.—Two men who gave their names as Fred Smith and James R. Burns, were arrested at Cape Rebecca light near here late today by Deputy United States Marshal Lopez, acting at the request of the Cuban authorities through the American legation in Havana. The Havana police requested the detention of the men in connection with their investigation of the murder near that city recently of the captain and engineer of the Cuban motor boat Mugaros.

According to information from Rebecca light the men were picked up at sea from a drifting boat on August 3, by a Spanish fishing smack commanded by Capt. Miguel Estebez. Estebez landed them at the light and they remained there until their arrest.

The Cuban authorities since the Mugaros had been searching for two men known in Havana as Duke Stevenson and John Rosenbaum. Capt. Estebez, whose return to Havana several days ago with his report of the rescue of Smith and Burns resulted in the formal request for their detention, said the boat occupied by the men was painted in various colors in a haphazard fashion, and that it bore no name. Certain characteristics in his description, however, have led the Havana police to believe the launch was the Mugaros. Smith and Burns were brought here tonight by Lopez aboard the coast guard cutter Cossack and lodged in the Monroe county jail.

BENEFIT OF CIVILIANS

Washington, Aug. 8.—The bill amending the civil service retirement act so as to provide annuities for civilian employees of the government who have become separated from the service through no fault of their own, before reaching the regular retirement age, was reported favorably to the Senate today by Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, chairman of the civil service committee.

As reported by the Senate committee the bill amended so as to apply benefits to employees who have reached the age of fifty-five, instead of sixty, which was the minimum fixed in the bill as it recently passed the House.

Perhaps the largest class of employees affected by the bill are those discharged from navy yards as a result of the reduction of the naval program.

Senator Sterling hopes to get action on the bill by the Senate at an early date.

SOFT COAL STRIKE PLAN

Cleveland, Aug. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Expectations of a settlement of the soft coal strike on a national scale vanished tonight among the union officials and operators here for a point conference on peace plans with the receipt of reports of the failure of Indiana and Illinois operators' associations to agree to point the conference. The hope, however, was held out that settlement effecting scattered mines in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and possibly West Virginia may result from the conference, which reconvenes here tomorrow afternoon.

President John L. Lewis, of the miners, announced that the joint conferences would reassemble to open negotiations. The question, however, of whether the miners would be willing to make a wage agreement with the operators now here was undecided, and indications were that a decision would be deferred until after the meeting tomorrow with the operators, most of whom own mines in Ohio.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED

Shooting Affair in Shadow of Glassy Mountain

EXACT CAUSE UNKNOWN

One of Survivors in Critical Condition—Little Boy Hit in Shoulder

Greenville, Aug. 8.—Two men are dead, another probably fatally injured and a young son of one of the deceased suffering from a flesh wound as the result of a shooting affray in the shadow of Glassy Mountain in the center of the "dark corner" section of the county this afternoon.

The dead are Tom D. Scruggs, forty, and Will A. Howard, thirty-five, both residents of Fingerville, while Alexander Suddeth, of the same locality, is in the general hospital at Spartanburg suffering from four bullet wounds. Dallas Scruggs, ten-year-old son of Tom Scruggs, sustained a bullet wound in the right shoulder. He is also at the hospital but his condition is serious. He is said to have been standing behind his father and one of the bullets which penetrated Tom Scruggs wounded Dallas Scruggs.

The cause of the trouble has not been ascertained. Sheriff Rector was not notified until after 6 o'clock tonight, although the shooting occurred about 1:30 o'clock. He and several deputies rushed to the scene and Sheriff Rector is obtaining a dying statement from Suddeth.

Earlie Harrison, said to have been the only surviving eye-witness in addition to Suddeth and Dallas Scruggs is being sought by officers.

The only story of the affair as learned tonight is that the two Scruggs, and Suddeth were riding towards Glassy Mountain in a Ford car and came upon Howard and Harrison sitting by the roadside. The car stopped, it is said, and Harrison began looking in a crocus sack. Then, it is said, Howard opened fire with a 30-30 rifle and Suddeth with a 25-caliber automatic. Harrison is said to have fled to the woods immediately after the first shot. The sack is said to have contained four hot water bottles filled with corn liquor, but tonight no trace of the alleged liquor, sack or Suddeth's revolver could be found.

Spartanburg, Aug. 8.—Shortly before midnight Sheriff Rector, of Greenville, and Coroner Vaughn came to Spartanburg and obtained from Alexander Suddeth a statement regarded as his death bed account of the affair in which the sheriff quotes Suddeth as saying:

"Suddeth and Scruggs were sitting by the side of the road, Scruggs had a sack containing several hot water bottles and several glass bottles full of liquor, all in the sack. Will Howard and Early Harrison came up. Early Harrison demanded them to halt, and Will Howard fired a rifle, shooting Suddeth in the bowels, and shot him several times. Suddeth, while falling returned the fire and killed Will Howard. Other shots were fired after Will Howard was shot down and he thought that Early Harrison fired."

This statement was given Sheriff Rector while Suddeth was undergoing a blood transfusion. It is understood the boy has made a statement in which he involved Early Harrison. Sheriff Rector said here tonight deputy officers had been sent to arrest Harrison.

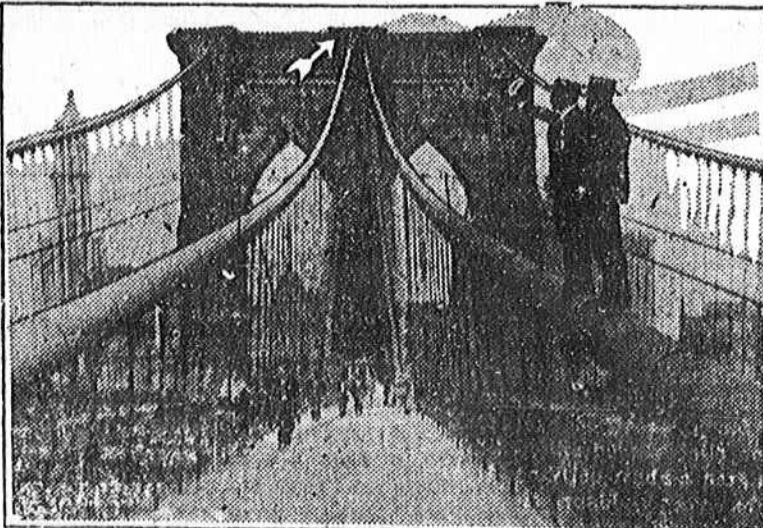
CIVIC LEAGUE NEWS

At the recent meeting of the Civic League a consideration of immediate aid to a number of families in the suburban sections that are eagerly appealing for food and clothing. One of these families, a father, mother and six children especially are making an appeal. The father is ill with consumption and the family is without necessary food and clothing. This invalid father should have a separate room furnished. Probably in the attic, or stored in an outhouse a bedstead and mattress could be found and placed in the home of this family, or a fund may be raised to buy the room furnishings.

The members of the Civic League, any family who can contribute a mite, food, or even discarded clothing is urged to help these needy families. Mrs. S. O. O'Bryan and Mrs. Archie Barron will give any information or receive any contribution for this charity fund.

A valuable contribution might be obtained from an entertainment from the talent of the young folk of the town.

Is Brooklyn Bridge Falling Down?



That largest suspension span on the famous old structure, the Brooklyn Bridge at New York, has slipped under the constant hammering of traffic and authorities have closed it to all except pedestrians. Arrow points to slipping cable.