

NO ACTION IN RAILROAD STRIKE UNTIL CONFERENCE CONVENES

Washington, Aug. 9 (By the Associated Press).—Heads of striking railroad unions marked time here today while awaiting the arrival of executives of other transportation-labor organizations who have been invited to the general conference Friday to consider the shopmen's reply to President Harding's latest proposed basis for settlement.

Congressional leaders meantime were considering the possibility that President Harding in the event of the failure of his effort might seek a legislative remedy for the country's admittedly serious industrial ailment. Republican leaders at the capital, however, held the view that the president had no denite legislative program in mind when he suggested to them the desirability of maintaining full membership attendance when the House reassembles Tuesday. Their inquiries along this line, these leaders said today, have satisfied them that congress would be called upon if the situation warrants such action in the view of the executive, to enact remedial legislation. It was the understanding in Republican circles that congress would be informed of the actual situation in a presidential message if, and when, it was called upon to act.

President Harding, according to union spokesmen, took cognizance of the development at Joliet, where train service employees walked out today because of conditions arising from the shopmen's strike, by calling H. E. Wills, W. N. Doak and Arthur J. Lovell, Washington agents of three of the four brotherhoods, to discuss the new situation with Secretary Davis.

The president also was given a view of the position taken by non-striking railroad shop employees, when a delegation of workmen on the Pennsylvania system was received at the White House. The delegation asked that its seniority rights be not subordinated to seniority rights of strikers in the attempt to bring about a settlement.

B. M. Jewell, chairman of the leaders group of the seven striking unions, predicted that the president's final offer of a basis of settlement for the strike might await an answer until Monday or Tuesday. Mr. Jewell declared the unions were attempting no dealings with the government in the meantime, that all separate conferences between railroad companies and strike organizations were off because the strike would be dealt with on a national basis and took every occasion to reiterate charges that railroad equipment was deteriorating to a dangerous point on account of the strike.

Chief executives of the striking unions—machinists, boilermakers, sheet metal workers, electricians, blacksmiths, carmen and stationary firemen—held their preliminary conference late today but Mr. Jewell said there would be no announcement until Friday when the five train service organizations called in by Warren S. Stone, the four brotherhoods and the switchmen, and the spokesmen for the organizations of railway clerks, of maintenance of way employees, signalmen, telegraphers and train dispatchers, go into session with the strike leaders. At the same time, the shop craft leader announced every communication from strike centers called upon the leaders to reject the proposals.

So impressed were the Republican leaders today that there would be no strike legislation immediately upon the reassembling of the House that they decided not to send telegrams to Republican members insisting upon their attendance. They will permit their Republican colleagues, it was said, to determine for themselves whether they will be present. Upon being advised of the president's suggestion, however, Representative Garrett, the Democratic leader, from his home in Tennessee sent telegrams to all Democratic members urging them to be present when the House meets Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Miller gave a picnic at their home last Friday Aug. 4th. A large crowd was present and every one enjoyed the day. Miss Annie Ruth Dawkins returned to her home in Santee Sunday after spending a week with Mrs. G. B. Dawkins.

Mrs. J. E. Gault is visiting relatives in Blacksburg. Miss Bernice Smith, of Kelton is visiting Miss Bessie Miller this week. Mrs. J. E. Hord is visiting relatives in Shelby, N. C. Miss Eva Hord left Monday for Shelby, N. C., where she attends school.

Mrs. J. M. Keller returned to Union today after a visit to relatives near Winstboro. Mrs. W. W. Alman returned last night from a three weeks' visit to relatives in Georgia.

S. C. COMPANIES BEST IN CAMP

Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-third engineers, commanded by Capt. C. R. Boland, arrived yesterday at 12:15 o'clock from Camp McClellan after a two weeks' encampment. The men were all well and enjoyed the training, Captain Boland said.

The Columbia unit led all the South Carolina companies in shooting with 105.9 as compared with 103 for the Lockhart company. In fact Company C was about the best outfit in camp and won considerable praise from the regular army officers as well as the National Guard officers and men.

Captain Boland's company left Aniston shortly after 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, having been forced to wait in Aniston several hours because of a car shortage. The arrangements had been made to bring the company in one car, but Captain Boland refused to crowd his men in this car, he said last night, and finally succeeded in getting three cars. At Clinton yesterday the troops laid over from 2:20 o'clock in the morning until after 3 o'clock.

"We had a fine trip, one of the best I have ever made on an encampment," Captain Boland said. Maj. F. W. Glen, property disbursing officer, also returned from the camp at McClellan and he was highly pleased with the showing made. Officers told him that South Carolina's three engineer companies were the best in camp. Major Glen paid the troops for the two weeks, the total amounting to over \$5,000.

The three companies from South Carolina were Company A, Lockhart; Company B, Spartanburg, and Company C, Columbia. All were housed in tents and well cared for, Major Glen found. Maj. John C. Steadman is in command of the engineers and First Lieut. Walter M. Hix is assistant to Major Steadman. First Lieut. G. M. Worthy commands Company K, Capt. J. M. Wallace, Company B, and Capt. C. R. Boland, Company C.—The State.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. B. Bailey attended services at Skull Shoals Sunday and dined at the home of Mrs. Toy Proctor. Mrs. Lewis Jolly and children, of Union, are spending several days with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Bailey. Miss Madelyn Bailey has returned home after a week's visit with friends in this community.

Mrs. R. C. Farr spent Monday at the home of Miss Madge Farr. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Holcomb and children, of Wilksville and Gee Garner spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Emma Farr.

Miss Ida Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fowler and children took a flying trip to Hendersonville and Chimney Rock Tuesday. Whitney Farr, Hawley Inman and Ray Garner have returned after a two week's stay at Aniston, Ala. They reported a fine time.

Mr. Charles Meng spent the weekend at the home of his son, Rev. J. E. Meng, at Buffalo. Dr. J. C. Brawley wishes The Times to correct an error that appeared last week. "Dr. J. C. Brawley and family have moved to Greenville." To correct: Mrs. J. C. Brawley has taken a temporary residence where her children will be at the Greenville Woman's College. The doctor will remain with us at least for the present.

R. A. Brawley and family of Mt. Tabor motored to Winstboro last Sunday to visit Mr. Brawley's mother, who is 3 years old. She is spry considering her age. In all these years she has never missed a meal by sickness or taken a dose of medicine. Good morning, Mr. Denver, thank you for what you were pleased to say about Homo. Hope to meet you at some entertainment where there is plenty of mutton. Homo is now confined to his home on account of illness.

Dr. W. H. Martin expects to leave us about the first of September. He is to take a postgraduate course in chemistry in Richmond. Homo. Miss Fannie Clark left yesterday for New York, where she will purchase millinery for a house in Lancaster, Roberson-Cloud Co.

TWO MEN MAY FACE CHARGE

Key West, Aug. 9.—Identification of a launch in which two men giving their names as James R. Burns and Fred Smith were picked up at sea as being the Cuban launch Murgados, whose captain and engineer were killed by two men who boarded her near Havana several days ago, was made by a Habana newspaper man who came here tonight.

Burns and Smith were arrested yesterday at Rebecca light at the instigation of Cuban authorities, following the return to Habana of the captain of a Spanish fishing smack, who reported he had found the two men in a disabled launch, had picked them up and later put them ashore at Rebecca light. Bullet holes were found in the woodwork of the launch and according to officials, it has been identified in local shipping circles as one built here during the completion of the Florida East Coast railway extension and later sold to Cuban interests.

According to the officials, Burns today admitted his real name is Ernest Rosebaum and that his home is at Louisville, Ky., while Smith is now said to give his name as Harold H. Haven of Buffalo, N. Y. He is wanted there, officials quote him as saying, for robbing the Buffalo Bakery company of \$5,000. The two men, however, deny any connection with the deaths of the two Cubans, asserting they have never been in Habana, or any part of Cuba. They claim the launch was purchased from a man named McGovern in Miami, from which city they left for a fishing trip. The engine went bad, however, and they were cast adrift until picked up by the Spanish fishing smack.

Federal officials concerned with the case announced today that their further action awaited advice from higher authorities. Manuel Rios, Cuban youth, who escaped from the Murgados when she was boarded by the two men and the engineer and captain killed, did not come here today to identify the two, as had been expected. The Cuban consul said he was without information from his government concerning the case and that he did not know whether Rios would come here.

Harding Will Receive Reply Monday or Tuesday

Washington, Aug. 10.—President Harding probably will receive next Monday or Tuesday a formal answer from the Rail Shop Crafts Federation to his proposal that the seniority dispute be left to the Railroad Labor Board for a decision. The executive heads of the shopmen's unions are again engaged today in conferences here in preparation of drafting a reply. Discussions yesterday strengthened the impression that the president's new plan will be rejected by the men.

Rev. L. W. Blackwelder Becomes State Councillor. At the recent annual meeting of the state council of South Carolina Junior Order of United American Mechanics held in Abbeville Rev. L. W. Blackwelder of this city was made state councillor.

New Junior Council. A new Junior Council will be instituted at the hall at Monarch Friday evening at 8 p. m. All Juniors are invited to attend this institution.

Whitehead-Lawson. A marriage which came as a surprise to their many friends was celebrated Sunday morning when Miss Bessie Whitehead became the bride of Mr. Fletcher Lawson, both of Coleraine community. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Boyd Lee at his home and was witnessed by a few friends.

Mrs. Lawson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kit Whitehead and is a sweet attractive young woman with many accomplishments. She has hundreds of friends throughout the county who unite in wishing for her abundant happiness.

Mr. Lawson is a prosperous planter and interested in the upbuilding and welfare of his county and is a young man of exceptionally fine character. He is being congratulated on his good fortune in winning such a charming young woman for his life partner. Rose Bud.

Mrs. Gardiner Gordon of Charleston is visiting Mrs. Fred McLure. Mrs. Jas. L. Carbery of Spartanburg is visiting Mrs. J. F. McLure. Dr. Littlejohn of Sumter was a visitor to Union the past day or two.

FATAL SHOOTING NEAR WAGANER

Aiken, Aug. 4.—Tillman Williams, prominent farmer of the Waganer section, mortally wounded Willie Rawls about 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the two met in front of D. K. Gantt's store. Williams used a double barrel shotgun, both leads taking effect in the upper abdomen, which resulted in the death of Rawls a few hours later. The exact cause of the shooting is not known though it appears to have been due to trouble of long standing. It is said that Williams moved from Lexington county to Waganer some time ago on account of ill feeling between the two. At the time of the shooting he was running a five horse farm in the Waganer section.

Rawls, who lives near the old home of Williams in Lexington county, came to Waganer with a shotgun. The two men met in front of Gantt's store. It is alleged that Rawls upon seeing Williams attempted to raise the gun he carried when the latter fired the fatal shot. The gun was fired from a distance of about 20 feet and both leads took effect. The wounded man was rushed away to a hospital but a telegram arrived in Aiken about 4:30 to the effect that he died from the wounds. Williams came to Aiken immediately after the shooting and gave himself up to jailer Vornan. He has retained Julian B. Sallee and J. S. Williams as his attorneys.

Lockhart Junction. Aug. 7, 1922. We are having some fine weather. The corn prospect is good in this section. Can't tell about cotton yet as the weevils are still at work.

I attended the annual picnic at Mr. M. S. Gallman's August 2nd, this being in honor of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Blue, whose age is 84. She is one of nine living brothers and sisters. She has six living children and 170 grand, great grand and great-great-grandchildren. This old lady has a good memory and is a good woman. This gathering was attended by about 80-odd people, most of whom were connected with the Bell family. A most beautiful dinner was spread with both hash and pork. M. S. Gallman is a good cook and the ladies were equally as good in their line of eatables, as they had everything that was good to eat, in plenty and enough left to feed many more. After dinner we had good talks by Rev. L. L. Wagoner and Rev. Stevenson, which were enjoyed by all.

We have lost by death another aged man, N. C. Rollins, 94 years old. He died at his home with his son-in-law, Mr. R. G. Haney, near Kellys. This man lived a straight and honest life. He was partially paralyzed by a bomb shell in the Confederate war, from which he never fully recovered, having to walk by help of a stick and very slow at that, though he was always jolly. He lost his eyesight about five years ago and had been confined to his room since that time. He had a good memory and could call anyone by name that he had known while he could see. The family as our sympathy. May their loss be heaven's gain.

I am glad to report that Mrs. Frank Morgan, who has been very ill, is now getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gault, Margaret and the family have returned from Virginia Springs where they have been for several days. They report a nice time and think the water grand. No better water in the state I don't believe myself.

Protracted meeting has commenced at New Hope and we are anticipating a good meeting. Let's all stand and do our part that we may accomplish much good. Mr. Joe F. Edmunds of Abbeville spent several hours with us today. He is as jolly as ever.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Lewis M. Rice underwent so serious an operation, but glad to know she is doing so well. A. L. G.

Stevenson Manuscript Sold in London. London, Aug. 9.—Fifteen unpublished autographed letters of Robert Louis Stevenson to his cousin, R. A. M. Stevenson, have been sold to an American buyer for \$3,500. The manuscript of Stevenson's unpublished play, "Monmouth," consisting of 59 pages, sold for \$1,200. Accompanying the manuscript was a letter written by the famous author when he was 23. "I recognize," it says, "that I shall never be a great man. I may set myself peacefully on a smaller journey, not without hope of coming to the inn before nightfall."

A letter written by Stevenson the day before he left for America to be married brought \$150, and an unpublished poem went to an American collector for \$65.

CLEVELAND MEETING MAY SETTLE COAL STRIKE IN SEVERAL STATES

TWO ASSASSINS HANGED TODAY

London, Aug. 10 (By the Associated Press).—Joseph O'Sullivan and Reginald Dunn were hanged this morning in Wandsworth prison for the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson on June 22. Fifty Irishmen and women assembled on the outside of the jail before the execution and sang hymns and prayed for the souls of the condemned men.

Continue the Weevil Fight. Clemson College, Aug. 10.—So long as migration has not set in, a continuation of the program of frequent shallow cultivation where practicable is recommended, and this supplemented by thorough square picking with cheap labor, said Prof. A. F. Conradi, Entomologist, at the weekly conference Monday, Aug. 7, on the weevil infestation.

Infestation has generally increased throughout the state during the past week, according to reports from the field men and county agents, but there is still a great irregularity in weevil occurrence, square infestation varying from a very low percentage to 70 percent, and in some sections 90 percent or over. When migration sets in, there will be greater regularity of infestation. With the migration period open, we must realize that we have about reached the last stage of the battle, and whenever the proper dust and machinery are available we urge its intelligent use in order to hold infestation down as much as possible.

Many people are still being misled by the irregularity of infestation. Some fields or parts of fields are lightly infested while others may be very heavily infested. If therefore certain operations are carried on on lightly infested fields, credit will be given to these operations for keeping infestation down, whereas the fact is that the weevil was never there from the beginning. Unless the various factors that determine production are carefully guarded, the results reported as having been obtained by one or more of the various operations have no value whatever.

Correct "Dust Cloud" Important. Farmers using approved dusting machines are advised not to depend on the feed regulator for the amount of poison per acre. The mechanical regulators are intended to control the amount of feed but this must be determined by the dust cloud. An experienced farmer will soon learn to recognize a dust cloud of about seven pounds per acre. Whenever the cloud is too thin or too thick then the machine is resorted to for adjustment, but he matches under the regulator never should not be depended on to correct dust cloud.

A seven pound cloud gives the engine a slightly grish appearance and to obtain this the machine should be operated with the greatest uniformity possible in order to keep the fan running at a uniform speed. If a field is blighted with white spots after dusting, either it is over-dusted, the machine poorly managed or the ground very rough or rocky. Do not allow any part of the dusting machine to squeak. It affects the output. Oil and grease should not be spared when needed to keep the machine running smooth and to maintain a uniform humming of the fan. Keep the machine in a dry place when not in use.

Mine Mules Long in Darkness See the Light. Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 10.—The coal mine mule, which ordinarily spends years of his life in the darkness of nine tunnels far under ground, retains his eyesight even though he does not use his eyes. So veterinarians in the anthracite region have discovered following examination of many of the mules which have been brought to the surface since the mines closed down last spring. With this announcement the veterinarians exploded a theory held by many for years—that because he did not have any use for his eyes, the mule lost his sight.

The coal mine mule usually begins life like any common farm mule. Once he becomes a mine worker, however, things change. He is sent far underground in the dark workings of the hard coal mines and there he stays, often for the remainder of his life. Being a hardy animal he sometimes remains in the mines for 20 years without seeing daylight.

A Correction. The "Batory census" that we reported a mistake made in the report published yesterday in regard to Mrs. Lowe falling. We stated that she fell through a trap door into the cellar, whereas she fell down the door located behind the counter, leading to the cellar steps.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 9 (By the Associated Press).—For a second time, the joint interstate conference of coal miners and operators delayed action today to permit the holdout Illinois operators to decide whether they would participate in negotiations that may end the soft coal strike. Adjournment was taken until tomorrow though virtual decision had been made by union leaders to negotiate a contract with the operators already enrolled in the conference and who control a majority part of the coal production of the central competitive field.

As a forerunner to the conference session tomorrow afternoon the union's policy committee will meet in the morning to pass finally on the question of a prospective settlement, which would affect most Ohio mines and scattered ones in western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois, the four states forming the central competitive field. The committee expects to consider extension of the central field to other parts of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Sentiment favoring a settlement with the operators here is not predominant among the committee members and was regarded as far from a final decision, which became known after President John L. Lewis of the miners had received assurance from operators in states outside the central competitive field of their willingness to negotiate contracts on the basis made for that field.

Only a short session marked the conference today, adjournment being followed by the announcement that the delay was to permit certain independent operating interests to decide whether they would join in the negotiations. Word had not been received at that time of the decision of the Illinois Operators' association in refusing to participate unless the union accedes to arbitration. Mr. Lewis had informed the Illinois operators that he would not agree to their demand for arbitration.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 9.—The position of the Illinois Coal Operators' association in relation to the coal strike was outlined in a telegram received today by the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association from Dr. F. C. Honold, secretary of the Illinois operators, which said: "Be assured that Illinois agrees with what apparently seems to be the almost unanimous sentiment of all operators producing coal in the unorganized districts, viz: that no concession to the miners in the way of a continuation of the old wage scale is warranted except on a basis of fair payment by the miners to accept bona fide arbitration for the determination of any subsequent scale." The Pittsburgh association reiterated as its position that it is ready and willing to meet its own men of the Pittsburgh district, "any time, at any place for the formation of a working scale."

Important Notice. A regular membership meeting of the Young Men's Business League will be held tonight at 8:00. Every member of the League is earnestly requested to attend. The hotel project will be discussed, and we want every member to come and express his views and help us put this proposition over. Young Men's Business League.

John McEwen Operated On For Appendicitis. Mr. John McEwen was carried to Wallace Thomson hospital last night and operated on for appendicitis. He is reported as doing fine after the operation.

Mrs. Bunyan Adams Operated on. Mrs. Bunyan Adams was carried to Wallace Thomson hospital yesterday for a very serious operation. She stood the operation well and her recovery now seems an assured fact.

Willie Howell Dead. Willie Howell, one of the lads reported injured at Augusta, Ga., died from his wounds and his body will be brought to this county for burial this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Haney graveyard near Kellys.

Today's Cotton Market. Table with columns for Open, Close and prices for various months (October, December, January, March, May, N. Y. Spots, Local market).