

THREATENING ASPECT FACES COUNTRY ON SEVENTH WEEK OF RAIL STRIKE

Chicago, Aug. 12 (By the Associated Press).—The strike of the rail shopcrafts employees had assumed a still more threatening aspect today as the walkout entered the seventh week. A paralysis of railroad transportation in various sections, particularly in the far West and Northwest and Southwest, is threatened as the Big Four brotherhood men have abandoned work or called a meeting to consider quitting in protest against the presence of armed guards on railroad properties, or against handling alleged defective equipment. The trainmen's walkout started when the crews tied up transcontinental Santa Fe trains in California, Arizona deserts and freight on the Elgin, Golieta 1/2 Eastern and gradually has taken on importance during the last 24 hours.

Washington, Aug. 12 (By the Associated Press).—The promise of an early answer by the seven striking shopmen's unions to President Harding's latest and "final" strike settlement was sent in an announcement from the White House that the railroad union leaders had made an engagement to call at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon on the president.

New York, Aug. 12 (By the Associated Press).—The eight rail executives, headed by T. DeWitt Cuyler, today are en route to the White House to deliver the reply of the railroads to President Harding's plan for settlement of the rail strike. From authoritative sources it was learned that the message was neither unqualifiedly accepted nor rejected, but contains the conditional acceptance, with Cuyler declared the committee "hopes to be well received by both the president and country."

New York, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The executive heads of 148 American railways tonight conditionally accepted President Harding's second proposal for settlement of the nationwide rail strike. This unofficial announcement was made shortly after 7 o'clock following a prolonged conference at the Grand Central terminal surrounded by the greatest secrecy. Officially, it was merely stated that a committee representing virtually all the railroads in the country would wait on President Harding at the White House tomorrow afternoon with a reply to his program drafted by a committee appointed by the Association of Railway Executives and approved by the body as a whole.

The conditions which went into the acceptance, according to unofficial sources, were: First: That the president's request that the strikers be taken back should be interpreted that as many strikers should be rehired as should be needed by the roads to bring their shop forces to normal.

Second: That such strikers should be taken back unconditionally and that the railroad labor board later should determine whether they were to regain their seniority privileges.

President Harding had suggested that all strikers be given back their old jobs, and that the question of seniority be left to the railroad labor board to be threshed out later.

Although a formal statement to the press issued after the meeting by T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, set forth that "the action of the railway executives can not be made public until it has been submitted to the president," said Robert S. Binkerd, assistant to Mr. Cuyler, declined to state what had transpired at today's session. This statement nevertheless was obtained from Mr. Binkerd.

"The reply to President Harding was not looked upon by the executives as a compromise on the question of seniority. It is, however, a reply which we trust will be received by both the president and the country."

"Legally, we believe our stand will be beyond reproach. It is neither antagonistic to the president's proposal nor to the stand announced in the executives' reply of August 1 to the first proposal submitted by Mr. Harding, in which they expressed a determination to stand by their pledges to loyal employees and to new men who had been hired to take the places of strikers."

President Harding's first proposal was three horned.

The first two conditions—that the wage decisions of the railroad board must be recognized by both sides and that lawsuits arising from the strike must be dismissed for settlement by the board—were accepted by the executives.

The third—that strikers be reinstated with their seniority privileges unimpaired—was flatly rejected, on the ground that pledges had been made to loyal employees and forces recruited since the strike.

A preliminary conference attended by representatives of Eastern lines

COAL DISCUSSION IS CONTINUED

Cleveland, Aug. 12 (By the Associated Press).—Efforts of the joint subcommittee of coal operators and miners to reach an agreement permitting the resumption of coal mining was resumed today while Governors Davis of Ohio and Groesbeck of Michigan awaited development with a view to aiding in effecting the settlement of the soft coal strike. Although obstacles were encountered by the committee spokesmen on both sides, the progress was made and the governors said they were convinced that there are no insurmountable difficulties hindering the settlement.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Any wage contract that may grow out of the conference here of soft coal operators and miners probably will continue in force only until next April 1, it was indicated today by discussion of the operators and miners joint subcommittee, on the general terms of an agreement. No final decision on any question was reached but the date for expiration of the contract was brought forward in considering what board or commission might be created to arrange for future negotiations. Past contracts have run for two years, expiring on March 31. Operators on the committee declined to make public their proposal for future settlements but it was understood to have suggested arbitration and in this respect met with the flat refusal of the miners. The union leaders, however, were said to approve a fact finding commission of purely advisory powers.

Although opposition to negotiating an interstate agreement which might fix a mining rate of wage for Illinois was raised by Frank Farrington, the Illinois miners' president, the adjournment of the committee was marked by Michael Gallagher, heading the operators, declaring "we have labored hard all day and feel we are making progress." While President John L. Lewis, heading the miners, added that he was as optimistic as ever over the prospects of reaching an agreement. Mr. Farrington, sponsor of single state agreement for ending the strike, was understood to have notified the committee that he would not be bound to settle with Illinois operators on the basis of any agreement that may be made here while Mr. Lewis answered at the question arising from the Illinois leader's stand was one for the decision of the union's policy committee.

The stand by Mr. Farrington in the committee and a notice from Illinois operators that they would not join the conference were not regarded by Mr. Lewis as an obstacle to a settlement. He said "no impediment in the conference" has developed and added that he was "hopeful of its success." Referring to the Illinois operators demand for arbitration being embodied in a settlement, Mr. Lewis said there was "no deviation" from the union's opposition to arbitration.

Aside from the committee work on a prospective agreement an effort on the part of governors in the coal producing states to aid a settlement developed when Governor Davis of Ohio and Governor Groesbeck of Michigan met with Mr. Lewis and later with a committee of operators to canvass the situation and learn what action, if any, they might take to bring peace in the coal industry.

Child Has Diphtheria

Little Francis Lancaster, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Lancaster on S. Church street has diphtheria. Reports from his bedside this morning are encouraging.

Fortnightly Club

Mrs. Julia Thomas delightfully entertained the Fortnightly Club on Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The veranda and sitting room were beautifully decorated in midsummer flowers. After many games of bridge the hostess, assisted by Misses Marion Sims and Elizabeth Sartor, served a dainty iced course. The prize for highest score was awarded to Mrs. D. M. Eaves and the consolation fell to Miss Mattie Hix.

Robber Enters Bank

Chesterfield, Aug. 11.—A burglar broke into the bank at Mt. Croghan, a small town above here, Wednesday night and got away with about \$150 in cash, also some Liberty bonds and war saving stamps. Bloodhounds were immediately put on the track of the fugitive but they ran him only a short distance where he got in an automobile. Papers that were useless to him were found by the roadside between Monroe and Charlotte.

Masonic Notice

A regular communication of Duncan Lodge No. 256, A. F. M., will be held tonight at 8 p. m. Visiting members are welcomed. H. T. Higgin, Secretary.

Mrs. P. A. McArthur, of Macon, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Malphrus, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wallace.

ENROLLMENT FOR STATE IS 226,000

The total enrollment for South Carolina, as received from the different counties by H. N. Edmunds, secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, is 226,581.

Secretary Edmunds has not yet totaled the figures himself and there may be a slight change, but the total is very nearly correct. This gives an increase over the 1920 enrollment of 71,546 as the total then was 155,035. Women are believed to number at least this increase and possibly more and the indications are that over 75,000 women will participate in the primary this year for the first time.

Greenville leads the state with 16,131 with Spartanburg second with 14,787. Charleston is third with 12,841. The enrollment by counties this year and in 1920 is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: County, 1922, 1920. Rows include Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Laurens, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, McCormick, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, York, Total.

Beware "Booze Powder" P. O. Department Warns

Washington, Aug. 11.—(By the Associated Press).—Home brewers and anti-Volsteadians, beware the "booze powder" is the warning sent broadcast by the Post Office Department, in a recent circular. For stepping a tide of "dehydrated" alcoholic beverages of reminiscent names is a steady job of the fraud section of the department.

Using the reputation of German chemists certain German concerns have distributed hundreds of thousands of circulars in the United States, offering for "one dollar only, Rhine Wine, moselle, sherry, port, bordeaux, burgandy, tokay, munich beer, pilsener, porter, ale, etc.," in a dried form, says the Post Office. From the powder a gallon or two of the beverage indicated on the package can be made, the spurious circulars claim.

Despite the issuance of fraud warnings and fraud orders, many people are still sending money to these German concerns only to have the money returned to them by the Post Office Department. If these powders contained alcohol their importation would be prohibited and since they do not have the latent possibilities advertised they violate the mail fraud statutes.

A significant requirement, adds, the Department warnings, is that every advertising circular insists on payment being made in American currency.

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Lieutenant Governorship Has Honor, But No Remuneration

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Lieut. Gov. Barrows, for the past week acting as chief executive, also working as a day strike guard for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, says the lieutenant governorship has honor, but no remuneration. He took work when he and his wife found they had only \$3.40 in the bank, he \$1.00 in his pocket "with not another cent in the world."

UNIONS SURE TO REJECT PLAN

Washington, Aug. 11 (By the Associated Press).—After several hours' conference behind closed doors, chief officials of all the railroad labor organizations adjourned tonight until 9 a. m. tomorrow, declaring themselves still unready to make response to President Harding's final strike settlement offer to the shopmen, and still unready to make public the policy which unions not now on strike intend to follow in the circumstances.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers' brotherhood and chairman of the meeting, announced at its close, however, that both these expressions would be forthcoming tomorrow. Officials of the seven unions on strike will reply to the president for themselves, Mr. Stone said, while the remainder of the organizations intended to join declaration of their position to the public.

Incidentally Mr. Stone, commenting on the walkouts of trainmen in various places now progressing, said that he had reports from 50 terminals where our men are facing conditions "just like those," and added that there "might be walkouts" at such terminals, "without completely tying up transportation."

At the White House the administration's view of these walkouts, attributed by the union leaders to the presence of armed guards, was said to be that no strike anywhere of any character, which had as its purpose the preventing of the government from authorizing agencies of law and order to protect life and property, would have countenance or effect. President Harding, it was said, does not intend to put the government into a threatening posture in the industrial situation.

Although B. M. Jewell, chairman of the group of strike leaders, as well as Mr. Stone, insisted that only general discussion" had marked the prolonged union session, subordinate officials, particularly of the train service brotherhoods, were continuously in and out of the gathering.

Mr. Stone said he was constantly in receipt today of reports from strike centers, and that the instructions to strikers were the same—they should not continue work at points where their lives were endangered.

"One-half of the locomotives running today are doing so in violation of the safety provisions of law anyway," he declared, "as the interstate commerce commission's bureau of safety should show. This shopmen's strike has not been broken anywhere."

While the formal announcement of their conclusion was thus withheld, the officers of the striking shopcrafts organizations were unvarying in holding out the impression that the president's offer—the heart of which is the proposal to leave the seniority status of returning strikers to decision of the railroad labor board—would meet rejection. The purpose of the gathering, as they described it, was merely to consider what the policy of the other unions would be.

"Now that it's come down to a question of seniority retention," said Martin F. Ryan, head of the carmen's brotherhood, which among the striking organizations numbers the most men, "it isn't the shopmen's fight. It's the fight of every labor organization in the railroad service."

The only brotherhood chief official missing from the gathering today was W. G. Lee of the trainmen. His place was taken by W. N. Book, a vice president of the order. Chairman Hooper of the railroad labor board was in the city during the day but did not attend the session, though it was understood that he had conferred with some of the participants beforehand.

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The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Mims came to his death at accordance with the above facts. Hair immediately surrendered to Sheriff Sanders and is in the Barnwell jail.

Young Hair is about 21 years of age and bore a good reputation. The affair is very much deplored. Both parties are well known and have fairly family connections. Mims did not leave any children. His widow is the mother of young Hair.

Attention, Baracas!

Our Baraca class is growing in membership and in interest, and we urge every member to be present next Sunday and bring your friends. Interesting and helpful talks. Let's keep the class growing. Baraca class, First Baptist church.

Today's Cotton Market

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Rows include October, December, January, March, May, N. Y. Spots, Best market.

Notice

Those having loved ones buried at Fairview church are requested to help clean off the graveyard Wednesday, August 16.

Death of Mrs. T. J. Brown

Mrs. T. J. Brown died at 8 o'clock this morning at her home on Keenan Avenue. She had been sick for the past two years but had improved recently and her death came as a shock to her husband and nine sons.

Mrs. Peale Has Accident

Mrs. Peale, the mother of Mrs. Lee Kennedy, had a serious accident last Thursday, breaking her right arm in two places.

Dr. Hall Coming

The Rev. J. D. Hall, of Galilee Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., will begin revival services at the Episcopal church August 30. Dr. Hall has visited Union before and is one of the best preachers of today.

Circle Meetings

The different circles of the Presbyterian church will meet Monday afternoon at the following places: Circle No. 1 at 4:15 with Miss Ruth Crawford. Circle No. 2 at 5:00 with Mrs. T. A. Buerbach. Circle No. 3 at 5:00 with Mrs. W. H. Perrin.

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FARMER SLAIN ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY

Barnwell, Aug. 11.—Alfred Hill, white farmer, who lived seven or eight miles from Barnwell, was shot and instantly killed late this afternoon by Joe Wood, another white farmer. The two men met in the road near Patterson's old mill and according to Wood and Monroe Harley, young white man, a quarrel ensued. It is claimed that Hill fired the first shot, which did not take effect. Wood then fired twice, both bullets taking effect, one in the eye and the other in the chest.

Wood is being brought to Barnwell jail tonight by Sheriff Sanders and an inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

The cause of the trouble is not known, but it is presumed here that warrants sworn out by Hill a few days ago for Monroe Harley and two of the sons of Wood in connection with the operation of a distillery led to the shooting.

Both Hill and Wood are middle aged men and Hill had lost one arm in a military some years ago.

Piano and Violin Recital

The pupils of Miss Ethel Hicks will render the following program at the High School auditorium next Monday evening, August 14, at 8:00 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited:

Orchestra—Playful Rouban—A. Green. Piano duet—March Op. 6, No. 4—(Holcombe)—Flossie Chick and Minnie Robinson. Violin solo—Gayety Mazurka—(Greenwald)—Eunice Eades.

Piano solo—Dollie's Dream Op. 202—(Oesten)—Sara Wagner. Violin solo—Ave Marie—(Greenwald)—Davis Jeffries, Jr. Violin quartet—Arrival of the Guests—(Greenwald)—James Berry, Emalie Gault, Lena Bailey, Lee Hanna.

Violin solo—Summer's Echo—Richard—Sara Lurey. Piano solo—To a Wild Rose—Mae Dowell)—Mary Wallis Arthur. Orchestra—Introduction to "Serenade"—(Rossini). Mermaid's Song from "Oberon"—Weber. Hunter's Chorus from "Der Freischuetz"—Weber.

Violin solo—March Aux Fleurs—Op. 535—Kern Em Lie Gault. Piano duet—"Grace"—Pettie Vals Op. 207 (Bohm)—Kathleen Hanna and Thelma Kirkpatrick. Violin Solo—Salsa D'Amor—Eunice Eades and Mary Keshules.

Piano solo—Au Matin, Op. 38—(Gardner)—Sara Jones. Orchestra—Encore, Paganini, Valse Op. 23, Buxy. Piano duet—Class Reception (Liszt)—Doris Eades and Kathleen Hanna.

Violin solo—Gavotte—Tinget—James Barry. Piano solo—Moon Shadows "Nocturne"—H. Engelmann—Margaret Chambers. Violin solo—Fourth Pupils' Concertino, Op. 8—Huber—Mildred Kirkpatrick.

Piano duet—In Like a Flower—Eunice Eades and Mary Wallis Arthur and Mae Dowell. Orchestra—Hope, March, Op. 38—(Gardner)—Sara Jones. Delivery of medals.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. B. May of Carlisle was a busi- ness visitor in the city today. Miss Mary Peate left today for a visit at a house party at Elberton, Ga. Today, Miss Emma Lee Whitesides.

Miss Annie Kelly of Jonesville and Virginia White of Gastonia, N. C., are visiting Misses Annie Bell and Margaret Pittman of Carlisle. Mrs. C. W. Thomas of Carlisle was shopping in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kessler of Buffalo announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, August 10th. Misses Marie Adair and Minnie Ray and Mr. Colie Adair of Clinton visited friends in the city this week.

J. T. Clark and family have returned home after spending several days with Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Byars in Anderson. G. B. Barron and C. H. Peaks have returned from a visit to Hot Springs, N. C. Alfred Dorn of Ware Shoals was a visitor in the city today. Mrs. H. E. Malphrus spent a few days in Spartanburg this week. Vanity is the greatest handicap to greatness.