

STONE SEES LITTLE HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT OF RAILROAD STRIKE

New York, Aug. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Warren Stone, head of the engineers, leaving the conference between the brotherhood men and executives expressed a belief that no definite agreement for a settlement of the strike will be reached today.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Harding was told by Senator Watson, Republican of Indiana, one of his rail advisers, that long distance conversations with the brotherhood chiefs and representatives of the rail executives in New York disclosed that both sides were hopeful of settling the strike today.

New York, Aug. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Railway executives and brotherhood chiefs today wrestled with the problem of settling the shompen's strike and then adjourned until tomorrow without scoring a fall.

Tomorrow, while President Harding is expected to appear before congress with a message on the rail situation, the conferees will reassemble in an effort to come to grips on the slippery question of seniority.

Today was a day of conferences—conferences this morning among brotherhood chiefs, this afternoon between brotherhood chiefs and executives, this evening between brotherhood chiefs and officials of the striking shop crafts.

The first gathering, over which Warren S. Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, presided, was called for the ostensible purpose of framing a concrete program to be submitted to the executives at the main conference in the afternoon.

The brotherhood men, who made it plain that their position in the drama which was absorbing the attention of the nation was solely that of mediators, went into the afternoon parley at the headquarters of the Association of Railway Executives without breathing a word of the proposals for a strike settlement which they were expected to make.

But if the train service men were silent, representatives of the striking shop crafts, massed in an uptown hotel to await the result of the conference, made it plain that they did not believe any proposal would be made by the running trades which would include a sacrifice of their seniority rights.

While representatives of the strikers would not permit themselves to be quoted, they indicated that they would stand firm as ever on the proposition that they must be taken back with their seniority ranking unimpaired.

A committee, representing the executives, headed by T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of their organization, lunched together and then repaired to the conference chamber where they awaited the arrival of the mediators. At 2 o'clock the doors closed and the conference was on.

Two hints of what had transpired escaped during the afternoon.

First, the executives sent for files containing decisions of the railroad labor board in which the government body, in rulings bearing on other strikes, had directed that strikers should forfeit their seniority rights. This was taken to indicate that the troublesome question of seniority, which had figured so prominently in the two efforts by President Harding to end the strike, had bobbed up again.

The second hint was obtained from Julius W. Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of the Southern Pacifics, who leaving the conference shortly before it adjourned, indicated that little progress had been made.

The official story of the parley was contained in a communique issued by Mr. Cuyler after the meeting had broken up. It follows:

"A discussion of the present railroad situation, so far as it relates to the shop crafts' strike, took place. The questions involved were discussed with the honest desire to arrive at a solution of the problem if possible. No definite conclusion was arrived at and the conference adjourned until tomorrow morning."

Upon leaving their conference with the executives the brotherhood men hastened to their hotel up town to discuss the day's developments with the heads of the 16 other unions.

CALLS ON CANDLER FOR BIG FEE

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—August Dreyer, New York lawyer and theatrical man, whose name appears as a witness on a letter which Walter J. Candler received from Clyde K. Byfield after the men had their fight in Mrs. Byfield's stateroom aboard the steamship Berengaria, July 15, called Mr. Candler on the telephone and demanded a \$5,000 fee for his services in the case, according to a statement from Mr. Candler published in a late edition of the Atlanta Journal today.

The letter purported to withdraw charges made against Mr. Candler by Mr. Byfield in connection with the incident in the state room.

Reuben R. Arnold, chief counsel for Candler in his suit to prevent Byfield from realizing on the \$20,500 note given him and in his defense against Mr. Byfield's \$100,000 damage suit, asserted that the purported demand would be investigated and that should Dreyer be summoned to Atlanta as a witness in the suit steps might be taken regarding it.

"Dreyer knew nothing whatever about the incident between Byfield and myself," said a statement issued by the Atlanta banker, "as he was not there, and neither heard nor saw any part of it."

"Dreyer was introduced to me as his friend by one of the three gamblers mentioned in my petition, who frequented the ship. He went with the party to Paris and made himself generally officious, and was the witness to Byfield's statement. Dreyer claimed to be a lawyer and made a demand on me of \$5,000 before leaving Paris, which I did not pay."

"Dreyer called me over the telephone in Atlanta yesterday, and demanded to know whether I was going to pay him. I told him I owed him nothing and agreed to pay him nothing. He then said he was going to show me up. I told him he could do anything he pleased, that I would not talk any longer over the phone and I hung up the phone."

Mrs. Byfield, who asserted in her damage suit that she was made seriously ill by an alleged attack by Candler, was reported to be somewhat improved today.

Baseball Saturday

There will be an exciting game of baseball at the City park Saturday afternoon, August 19th, when the Molohon Mill from Newberry will go up against the Union Mill team. Molohon Mill has been playing some real baseball this season. The fans that have been reading the baseball news from day to day will know that they have a record that is hard to beat.

Last week they played some fast teams, including Laurens, and they defeated them in an 11-inning game, winning with the score of 3 to 2, also defeated "Andy" Bowers' team, 5 to 0, and several more we could mention that are just as good or better.

The people here know that the Union Mill team has been playing some good games and it is our belief that if you fail to see this game Saturday you will miss a good game. Game called promptly at 4 p. m.

Drawing Jury For Contempt Case

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 18.—Judge McDowell examined 22 veniremen today preparatory for the trial of possible contempt cases arising from the injunction of strike employes of the Chesapeake, Ohio and Virginia railroads.

Georgia General Assembly Adjourned This Morning

Atlanta, Aug. 18.—The 1922 session of Georgia general assembly ended at 5 o'clock this morning after an all-night sitting punctuated with a stormy debate. Many bills of more or less importance were crowded out. The final session appropriated \$2,451,000 for Confederate pensions for the next fiscal year, and wiped out the present distinction between the old and new pensioners. The good roads bond issue for \$9,000,000 to match the federal appropriation was declined by the house. A bill providing for biennial sessions of the legislature was also killed by the senate.

Notice

The campaign meeting for Monarch Mills, scheduled for 3 p. m. tomorrow, has been postponed until 7 p. m.

Mrs. Will Rodgers of Easley, after visiting in the city for several days, returned to her home this morning. She was accompanied by her son, Dr. Marvin Rodgers, of the Peoples Drug Store.

ALL QUIET AT SPENCER SHOPS

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 17.—Governor Morrison will not order troops to Spencer now, in connection with the strike in the Southern railway shops, he announced late today after conferences lasting nearly four hours with Sheriff Kridler and special guards, railway attorneys, President J. M. Ellis of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, and the strike committee.

Future action will depend upon later developments, he said. The labor leaders promised to make every effort to maintain order. President Ellis announced he would address a meeting of the striking craftsmen tomorrow, putting before them the governor's decision. The governor had been urged yesterday by Sheriff Kridler to send troops to Spencer.

Governor Morrison, who arrived here from Blowing Rock early this afternoon, expressed the hope that the use of troops would not be necessary.

Rough handling of a negro woman said to have been trying to enter the shops and firing of a gun to "frighten" her brother, who came to her rescue, constituted the only disturbance reported for last night, which was marked by a downpour of more than seven inches of rainfall. Officials reported, however, that the powder house was broken open and all dynamite caps stored there stolen during the night.

Quiet reigned around the shops today with from two to 12 strikers doing picket duty at each of the gates, armed with sticks of large walking cane size.

"If they respect the law, I do not intend to send troops, but I do propose to have the law of the state upheld," said Governor Morrison, following his conferences, adding that he had put it up to the union officials to maintain order among their members and that they had promised to do everything in their power to preserve order and obedience to law.

The governor said he had requested those who asked him to send troops to Spencer to reduce their demands, according to reports made to him, that recent actions of the picketing strikers justified him in sending troops to the scene, but that he was not disposed to "go backward" and would hold orders for the movement of military forces in abeyance pending future developments.

The strike committee issued a signed statement this afternoon positively denying reports published in morning newspapers that men had been beaten. The statement declared that no disorders have occurred. A denial that disorders have occurred also was telegraphed to Attorney General Daugherty by Rev. Thos. P. Jimison, pastor of a Spencer church and former chaplain of the North Carolina federation of labor. It was signed by Mayor Proteus Stoudenmire, members of the city council and other Spencer citizens, and pointed out as an evidence of the absence of disorders that the local authorities have not had to make an arrest from the ranks of the strikers or their sympathizers.

Forest Fires Raging in Minnesota

Duluth, Aug. 18 (By the Associated Press).—A 15-mile northwesterly gale fanned the forest fires in Kelsey, Cotton and White Face district placing the three towns in a more precarious position than yesterday. All available men of Duluth tank corps were ordered to Kelsey for relief work.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Fears that the death toll from the forest fires raging in northern Minnesota will go beyond the reported 12 when additional advices were received from the flame-swept areas are expected by scores of refugees who are arriving here hourly.

American Tragedienne Dies of Heart Failure

London, Aug. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Genevieve Ward, the famous American tragedienne, died of heart failure today at her home in Hampstead.

Miss Neely James of Spartanburg is visiting at the home of Mrs. P. B. Bobo.

OPTIMISM AFTER COAL CONFERENCE

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Optimism prevailed tonight among the leaders of the miners and the operators directly interested in the contract coal situation at the conclusion of the first session of the joint conference, which is expected to result in an early settlement of the strike and send 155,000 men, idle since April 1, back to work.

In a joint statement given out after the conference had adjourned until tomorrow, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, who headed the miners' delegation, and Samuel D. Warriner, spokesman for the operators, said they apparently was a "sincere determination" on both sides to effect an adjustment, "if at all possible," but that it was necessary that the union officials and the operators hold conferences between themselves before further progress could be made toward an agreement.

The meeting was held in Mr. Warriner's office, and was said to have been marked by the friendliest of feeling. It was chiefly taken up by preliminary discussion, definite negotiations looking toward a settlement of the difficulty being deferred until tomorrow.

At its conclusion both Mr. Warriner and Mr. Lewis appeared encouraged over the prospect of peace. Neither, however, would say what their intentions were, but indicated that they were anxious to get together and go into tomorrow's conferences with a definite program.

Some persons in close touch with the situation predicted that an agreement would be negotiated not later than Saturday, and that the men would be back in the mines a week or ten days later.

Dynamite on Train

Birmingham, Aug. 17.—A third attempt to dynamite the tracks of the Louisville & Nashville railroad was made this afternoon when a train was exploded by a dynamite bomb.

The explosion, according to reports of the road, two similar attempts were made yesterday, but officials declared.

Apparently a novice was responsible for the deed, it was said, as the charge was misplaced and only small damage done to the rail. Supt. W. E. Smith of the local division received a report of the attempt this afternoon and immediately sent railroad detectives to investigate the matter. No arrests have been made.

Explosions in Yards

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 17.—Shortly before midnight three explosions occurred in the west end yards of the Norfolk & Western railway here. Shortly after the third explosion five pistol shots were heard.

Several men, including the yard crew and workmen in the planing mill, narrowly escaped injury. Directly around the corner from the first explosion a large number of men employed by the railroad were asleep in their quarters. Both city officers and railroad detectives are conducting an investigation. No arrests have been made.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. J. L. Plaxico, Roland Hill, Miles Storm and J. T. S. Smith are attending the county campaign meeting in Santuck today.

Perry Bobo of Rock Hill is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cannon and daughter, Lillian Alice, of Atlanta, are visiting Mrs. R. C. Shands.

Mrs. Lewis Weeks and Mrs. W. B. Counts and son, Walter, Jr., are visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. Bobo Burnett of Spartanburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Young.

Mrs. L. G. Young was returned from a stay in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mrs. S. C. Southard, Miss Carrie Southard and Mrs. John T. Scott were visitors to Union today.

Mrs. W. H. Hope was a visitor to Spartanburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spears have returned home from a delightful motor trip to Lake City, S. C.

Miss Minnie C. Gist of Newberry is visiting at the home of Capt. F. M. Farr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cathcart and baby of Spartanburg are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Whisenant.

Mrs. Lena Bailey is visiting friends in Asheville, N. C.

HARDING ADDRESSES CONGRESS TODAY

Washington, Aug. 18 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding today told congress and the nation that he resolved to use all the power of the government to maintain transportation and sustain the right of men to work, addressing a joint session of the house and senate on the industrial situation. He declared the right of employees and employers alike to conduct their business must be recognized. He deplored what he termed a warfare on labor unions.

The president declared a national investigation for constructive recommendations as to the conduct of the coal industry is imperative and recommended the government commission of fair wages in conditions of labor. He urged immediate legislation in establishing a national coal agency with capital to purchase, sell and distribute coal.

Other recommendations were but amendments to transportation act to make the railroad labor board's decisions enforceable against carriers and employees alike and better protection for aliens.

ENGINE GIVES EXCITING RACE

Rock Hill, Aug. 17.—Exciting times in local railroad circles today followed a collision between a south-bound freight and a local work train near Carhart station, four miles north of Rock Hill, when the engine and caboose of the work train ran away and dashed through Rock Hill at a speed of 40 miles an hour.

A local shifting crew in the city yards took after the runaway and captured it, the iron monster, a couple of miles south of the city.

Engineer Marvin Crouch, Columbia, on the freight, No. 53, jumped and broke a leg and suffered a cut on the face. Fireman Miller was bruised on the hip. The engine turned over on its side, wrecked flat cars of train blocked traffic for several hours.

Engineer MacFennell at the throttle was going north after dirt, the flats being ahead of the engine. The trains had seen each other approaching and were slowing up.

The crew of the work train jumped at the collision and the engine was knocked loose from the flats and it started back to town, gathering speed at every turn of the drivers. The crew tried to overtake it, but failed. Luckily the main line was open and the several grade crossings happened to be clear. It had a down grade route after leaving Rock Hill and was steadily gaining momentum when the shifter overtook it and backed close enough to it to allow a member of the crew to jump to the runaway and close the throttle.

Cotton Seed Crushed in July

Washington, Aug. 18.—Cotton seed crushed the year ending July 31 was 3,001,449 tons; quantity on hand at mills 13,880.

Meeting of Executive Committee of the Gypsy Smith Meeting

The members of the executive committee of the Gypsy Smith evangelistic campaign, together with the members of the finance committee and the building committee are asked to meet at the rooms of the Young Men's Business League this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Matters of importance need immediate consideration. Every member is urged to come.

Lane Smith Arrested

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 17.—While working at his machine in a cotton mill here today, Lane Smith was arrested, charged with conspiring to deliver prisoners from the Yadkinville jail by slipping hack saws into their cells.

When the sheriff heard that such a delivery would be attempted he had the jail surrounded with a strong guard. Despite this precaution seven hack saws were found concealed in chewing gum stuck on the iron bars or on the prison walls. According to the police, Smith had a friend in the jail whom he was trying to release.

Miss Anna Lou Murrah is attending a house party at Fort Motte.

Miss Louise Whisenant is spending her vacation in Hendersonville and Asheville.

In Egypt in Roman times it was custom to put on the top of the coffin a model of the head of the person who was buried in it.

The Literary Digest's prohibition poll would indicate that many are voting as they drink.—Washington Post.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Table with 2 columns: Month, Open, Close. October 22.04 21.66, December 22.07 21.64, January 21.88 21.45, March 21.90 21.48, May 21.92 21.48, Local market 22c

WITH MINERS RETURNING TO WORK COAL SHORTAGE MAY BE AVERTED

SENATE APPROVES DUTIES ON DYES

Washington, Aug. 17.—Tariff duties on dyes and other coal tar products, which were declared by opponents to be equivalent to an embargo, were approved tonight by the senate, 38 to 23. Republicans and Democrats split on the issue, seven Republicans opposing the increased rates and five Democrats supporting them.

The new duties proposed by Senator Dunsom (Republican) of New Mexico are based on American instead of foreign valuation—an option framers of the tariff had desired to leave to the president—and are:

On coal tar dye intermediates 10 to 12 cents per pound and 75 per cent ad valorem; in place of the old rates of 7 cents and 50 per cent; and on finished dyes and coal tar products 10 to 12 cents a pound and 90 per cent instead of 7 cents and 60 per cent.

Senators Broussard, Jones of New Mexico, Meyers, Ransdell, and Shepard were the Democrats who voted for the amendment. Senators Capper, Kellogg, Keyes, Lenroot, Moses, Newberry and Smoot (Republicans) voted against it.

A real call followed a sharp debate in which Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee presented a letter from Secretary Weeks urging extension of the dye control act now in force, declaring that "no ordinary tariff can prevent the destruction of the American dye industry which will thereby cripple the whole organic chemical industry."

Few other changes in the administration tariff bill were made today and tonight by the senate in the final drive to clean up individual amendments. When the senate recessed at a late hour work on the measure in the committee of the whole had been started on the last stage of its final passage late Saturday.

Emergency price control legislation passed in the senate last night. President Harding will suggest in his message to congress tomorrow would apply only to coal moving in interstate commerce, in the opinion of the commerce secretary. According to the first advice at hand, he contended, the federal authority can not extend to coal transportation within the states and the control of speculation, and the prices charged by wholesalers and retailers on intrastate sales would be up to the state authorities.

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Parties of Union Favor Marketing Plan

Union, S. C., August 18, 1922. We, the undersigned banks of Union, S. C., realizing that the present methods of selling farm products are un sound, uneconomical and unfair to the farmer;

And, knowing that the fruits which have already been secured by the fruit growers of California; the Burley tobacco growers of Kentucky; the cotton growers of Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arizona; and the tobacco growers of our own state;

We are glad to endorse the cooperative marketing method of selling cotton, and believe, if properly managed, The South Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Marketing Association will be able to handle cotton more economically than under the present system, and be able to secure to the grower a fair price for his product.

The Bank of Union, By C. C. Sanders, Cashier, Nicholson Bank & Trust Co., By M. A. Moore, Cashier, Farmers Bank & Trust Co., By C. K. Morgan, Cashier, Citizens National Bank, By R. P. Morgan, Pres.

Weather Conditions Prevent Flight

Norfolk, Aug. 18.—Adverse weather conditions of North Carolina coast delayed the start of Sampoio Correa from Manteo, N. C., on the second leg of the flight from New York to Brazil. The pilot decided to await a better line of meteorological prospects.

Shot to Death and Robbed of Payroll

Baltimore, Aug. 18.—William B. Norris, secretary and treasurer of Hicks, Tase & Norris, Inc., builders, was shot to death in the park at Madison avenue today by unidentified bandits, and was robbed of the company's payroll of approximately \$7,000. Frederick Kueth, the bookkeeper, who was accompanying Norris, was beaten into insensibility.

Southern Making Headway Recruiting Skilled Mechanics

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Harrison of the Southern Railway announced that his road was making headway recruiting skilled mechanics for its shops from points outside of its own territory.

Dr. Edwin S. Reaves and family have returned from a delightful motor trip to Marion, Dillon and other places. Dr. Reaves supplied the pulp at Myrtle Beach on last Sunday.

Washington, Aug. 17 (By the Associated Press).—Early resumption of coal production in the union fields covered by the Cleveland agreement was looked today by administration officials to avert fuel troubles throughout the country next winter.

If the miners in those fields return to work within the next few days, Secretary Hoover declared, there should be no serious shortage of coal during the winter. Production of approximately 10,000,000 tons of coal weekly made up of about four-fifths bituminous and one-fifth anthracite will be needed, according to Federal Distributor Spencer.

Even with adequate production, Mr. Hoover asserted, action by congress will be necessary to enable federal price control temporarily and to facilitate the distribution of anthracite and to supply the needs of the northwest.

"With the resumption of mining," he said, "the price situation will be quickly over. While there will be some control of distribution and price necessary, the matter will quickly adjust itself."

Collapsing of the fair price agreements made with producing operators, however, when the union mines resumed production was indicated by Mr. Hoover. There would be then 75 or 80 districts, he said, to hold the line as to price by voluntary means which would be an "infeasible machine" considering the difficulty experienced with the mines now in the price agreements.

Nevertheless, Mr. Hoover declared, the results of the fair price agreements thus far have constituted a "remarkable showing" with 70 per cent of coal now moving being handled under the established maximums of from \$2.20 to \$2.75 a ton. Difficulty in the price situation, he asserted, arose from the other 30 per cent which gave rise to the charges of profiteering, while operators observing the agreements were passing up from \$8 to \$10 on every ton of coal sold.

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Captain Miller Arthur, almost an old St. Matthews boy, is back to his "second home," as he calls it, for a visit. He is looking fine and happy as a June bride. For two years on the battleship, Utah, he has spent 13 months of the time touring Europe as captain in the U. S. Marine Corps. He has 30 days' leave. Upon his return to Washington he will be made an aide at the White House and will serve as aide de camp to the major-general-commandant of the Marine Corps. So handsome and, withal, so sensible, affable and level headed, he is eminently fitted to perform in the spot-light of Washington's semi-royalty. We congratulate him and wish him all the good fortune imaginable.—Cahoon Times.