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## RAILROAD STRIKE COMES OCTOBER 30

PRACTICALLY ALL ROADS TO BE AFFECTED WHEN TWO MILLION MEN QUIT WORK. REFUSE TO ACCEPT 12 PER CENT VAGE CUT.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—More than half a million American railroad men were today ordered to initiate a strike October 30 while other unions, whose memberships brings the total to about 2,000,000, announced unofficially that they were tonight preparing to follow suit and make the walk out general on the same dates.

Under this program the tie up would be complete, according to union predictions by November 2.

The first strike was fixed for 6 a. m., October 30, except one Texas line, whose trainmen were authorized to go out October 22.

The railroads listed in the first group on which the strike is to become effective touch 42 of the 48 states with a trackage of 73,000 miles out of the total United States trackage of approximately 200,000.

The New England states comprise the group that is virtually untouched in the first walk out.

The strike orders were issued to the big five brotherhoods, oldest and most powerful of the railway unions and they specifically included mail trains in the walk out. Their provisions instructed strikers to keep away from railroad property with a warning that "violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations."

The strike was announced following an overwhelming vote said to be upwards of 90 per cent. wage reduction authorized by the United States railroad labor board July 1, and after it was declared by the association of railway labor board executives in session here yesterday that a further reduction would be sought by the railroads. It was said that the strike decision was made before the announcement of this further intended cut. Printed instructions for the conduct of the strike issued in Chicago were dated yesterday, October 14.

"I fear it will be one of the most serious strikes in American transportation history," said W. G. Lee, president of the railroad trainmen, who during recent weeks has sent circulars to his men warning them of the critical nature of the steps they contemplated.

The country was divided into four groups, in which the men were proposed to walk out progressively, one group every 24 hours. The names of the groups were not made public, but unofficially the identity of roads in the first group to go was learned, subject to changes, which, union officials said, would be few. This group included some of the country's greatest rail systems, from coast to coast and from Canada to the Gulf. These were:

Chicago & Northwestern, Texas & Pacific, Kansas City, Southern, Pennsylvania, Missouri Pacific, International & Great Northern, Southern Pacific (Atlantic and Pacific lines), Southern railway, Louisville & Nashville, St. Louis Southwestern (if Texas lines included, not stated), Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Seaboard Air Line Erie, Chicago, Great Western and Virginian railway.

The unions issuing the strike call today were: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Switchmen's Union of North America.

### GETTING IN LINE.

Cecil Tate is getting in line with the other boys around town for Sunday he went to the hospital and parted company with a set of tonsils and all the adenoids a boy is entitled to. He is making a rapid recovery but school will have to get along without him for a day or two.

## WAGE REDUCTION TO LOWER FREIGHT

RAILROADS PLANNING TO MAKE EFFORT TO AID BUSINESS. WILL MAKE TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF RATES ON FARM PRODUCTS.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Immediate reduction of freight rates on agricultural products for a trial period of from 60 to 90 days, pending further wage reductions, was one of the proposals presented to high railroad officers at the conference of the Association of Railway Executives today.

A general policy of wage and freight rates was the dominating topic under discussion. Realization that the legal steps necessary to lower wages and transportation charges would delay any benefit to the public indefinitely was said to be responsible for a definite proposal to aid agricultural production.

According to railroad officials, a temporary reduction of rates on farm products was thought to be possible with comparatively little delay.

A tentative reduction of 10 per cent was suggested. Meanwhile, the roads would take up wage negotiations with their employees and if unable to obtain an agreement to reductions, would take the question to the railroad labor board.

A decision by the board to allow further reductions would then mean immediate application to the interstate commerce commission to reduce freight rates on all commodities.

If the attempt to reduce wages was unsuccessful, it was proposed to restore the present rate on farm products.

### COURT ADJOURNS

Case Against County Continued Until Next Session.

Common pleas court adjourned Friday afternoon, after a six day session. Jurors had been drawn for a second week, but so many cases were settled out of court that the second week was not necessary. The last case, a damage suit against the County was continued.

The Press and Banner said in its Friday issue that George Pritchard would regain possession of an automobile recovered in the suit of the Operatives Trust Company against Sheriff McLane. This was an error. The Sheriff took possession of the car after finding liquor in it, it is alleged, and sold it at auction. The Operatives Trust Company held a mortgage on the machine and brought suit to recover, winning the suit. That company, therefore, gets possession of the automobile.

### DATE OF GAME CHANGED

The football game scheduled to be played here with Newberry high school Friday afternoon will be played Thursday afternoon, October 20, at 3:00 o'clock. This change is made so that the local fans may attend the Clemson-Furman game which will be played in Greenville Friday afternoon. The Newberry game will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

Newberry played Greenwood a close game and should make it interesting for Swetenburg's Invincible.

### OCONEE FARMER HANGS SELF

Aged Resident of Near Walhalla Takes His Own Life.

Walhalla, Oct. 16.—W. C. Russell, farmer and business man of Russellville, several miles from here, hanged himself in a barn while members of his family were at dinner today. Cause for the act is undetermined. Mr. Russell, who was eighty-six years of age, suffered an attack of rheumatism some time ago, although he was hale and hearty, and continued to look after his farming and business interests. Besides his widow Mr. Russell is survived by eleven children and many relatives in the Carolinas and Georgia.

## FIGHT ON TOLLS CENTERS IN HOUSE

ADMINISTRATION WOULD ARBITRATE QUESTION—SENATORS BORAH AND REED SPEAK BOLDLY IN DEBATING INTERNATIONAL ISSUE.

Washington, Oct. 16.—In the house where the administration is powerful the Borah bill, repealing Panama canal tolls as they apply to American vessels engaged in coastwise trade, will be indefinitely delayed even if it is not "put to death."

The administration would secure repeal of tolls by arbitration rather than by act of congress, which the administration fears will give offense to Great Britain on the eye of the conference for the limitation or armament. The administration adheres to the belief that its tenure of official life is dependent on the result of the conference. It would willingly let nothing jeopardize the promise of success now extended.

To the house, transcontinental railroads have switched their highly intelligent lobbies. There, too, Great Britain will endeavor to exert influence.

The debate in the senate was a smashing affair, Senator Borah and Senator Reed called a spade a spade. The latter was severely critical of the letters published by the family of the late Ambassador Page, letters written by the ambassador to former President Woodrow Wilson urging him to bring about repeal of free tolls legislation. Senator Lodge, in urging the defeat of the Borah bill, declared that it would tend to jeopardize the disarmament conference.

Senator Pomerene (Democrat) of Ohio, and one of the strongest members of the senate, declared in the ablest speech against the bill that it would "barter national honesty for a ship subsidy."

Negroes are gradually returning to the southern plantations from which they had been drawn to the cities by high wages.

## ABBEVILLE GETS THIRD FROM ANDERSON HIGH

The pig (skin) jumped over the sty and in the act made Abbeville's score 21 which was just enough to top the Anderson Hi's mark in the football game Friday afternoon. The old reliable toe of Galloway gave the ball the momentum to cross the bar the third time, putting the game in the won column instead of the tied. And as that third kick climbed across the goal bar, with a hop, skip and jump movement, there came the grand climax of an exciting game, which the Abbeville fans had almost despaired of winning three minutes earlier.

The teams were fairly evenly matched in driving power, each showing at times a weakness in defensive play. Abbeville's heavier line was not impregnable to the light backs of Anderson High, nor could Anderson hold the Abbeville backs. Enjoyment of the game was somewhat marred by the constant penalties for offside and holding, the honors being pretty evenly divided by the referee.

Wall, Wright, Mattison, Dean and Meeks, the latter nursing a broken nose, led the Anderson team in superior work while Bradley, Long, Galloway, Smith and Gambrell were perhaps the lights of the locals' shining team.

Anderson scored first in the first quarter after Abbeville had failed to make first down, Dean carrying the ball across. Mattison kicked goal. From the kickoff, the Abbeville team marched down the field 65 yards in a consistent manner for a touchdown, Gambrell taking the ball over. Galloway kicked goal. The quarter ended with the score seven all.

To start the second quarter it was

## DEFINITE ORDERS BEING SENT OUT

LEAD'RS CONTEND ONLY MIRACLE CAN STOP—INSTRUCTIONS ON WALKOUT GO FORWARD WITH MESSAGES IN CODE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 16.—With announcement today that the big five transportation chiefs will meet here Tuesday to discuss plans for carrying in the nationwide progressive railroad strike that has been set to begin at 6 a. m., Sunday, October 30, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood Trainmen, declared that nothing but a miracle can prevent the strike going into effect.

Mr. Lee returned to headquarters today from Chicago where yesterday the five transportation organizations ordered the strike and at once began sending out official notices of the strike order to approximately 300 general chairmen of his organization who did not attend the Chicago conference. General chairmen of the four other organizations attended the conferences and were given their orders there.

"Nothing but a miracle can stop this strike," said Mr. Lee. "Still there may be a savior in some place, but I am afraid not."

Mr. Lee explained that the strike order was final and definite, no provisions being made for a postponement of action.

Grand officers of the Brotherhood of Engineers were arriving here tonight for a conference tomorrow with Grand Chief Warren S. Stone, at which they will receive final instructions before departing for the districts over which they have supervision.

Mr. Stone, W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen; L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors; and T. C. Cassen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, are expected to arrive here tomorrow to take part in Tuesday's conference.

## AIM AT STOPPING OF EVERY TRAIN

ABSOLUTE CESSATION OF SERVICE INTENDED—THE UNIONS MEET AGAIN TO DECIDE NUMBER OF MEN TO BE PERMITTED TO WORK.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Absolute cessation of train service, with a minimum force only sufficient to guard against fire and damage to railroad property on duty in shops and depots, was indicated by the drastic regulations issued by the railroad brotherhoods in connection with their strike order today.

The brotherhoods' instructions to members did not specify what service, if any, was to remain in operation after the last man walks out November 2. Under the list of duties of members, No. 2 says:

"All men on strike will keep away from the companies' property except such men delegated certain duties to be performed by the unions."

The extent to which the shopcrafts' unions and other of the remaining organizations which will walk out has not yet been decided. According to B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, that is one of the questions to be determined at the shop crafts' meeting to complete their plans tomorrow.

"I do not understand that the train service allows for the operation of a single train," Mr. Jewell said in pointing out the brotherhood clauses saying that employees had "identically the same right to refuse to perform service on a mail train as on a freight train."

"The public had better get into walking clothes. It looks like an absolute tie up of all trains," he added.

"The force permitted to remain on duty in past strikes to protect property depended on the circumstances of the strike," Mr. Jewell said. Usually a small force was left on duty around shops to prevent deterioration of equipment, he said, and a small force was kept at union stations and depots to guard against any actual suffering on the part of strikers.

"The men allowed to remain at work in our organizations," Mr. Jewell said, "will be decided on when we meet to complete strike call plans. We can't quite tell yet how many that will be but not many."

### COTTON MARKET

Spot cotton: 19 cents. The futures market closed weak today, following orders over the week-end for a general railroad strike. December contracts were quoted at 18.36 at the close, 88 points below Saturday's close. Other months showed the same weakness.

### CAUGHT WEARING PAIR OF \$10,000 B. V. D'S

New York, Oct. 16.—William Campbell, petty officer on the White Star Liner Cedric, changed his brands of underwear today.

Campbell was arrested by customs inspectors when he was found wearing a pair of paradise skins sewed all over his B. V. D's. The skins were worth \$10,000.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock on a charge of smuggling, Campbell averred "It looks like a cold winter."

### FOOTBALL RESULTS

Georgia Tech 69, Furman 0. South Carolina 7, North Carolina 7. Citadel 20, P. C. 0. Wofford 20, Elon College 7. Wake Forest 10, Davidson 7. Auburn 54, Clemson 0. Erskine 76, Charleston College 0.

## HARDING ANSWERS WILLIAMS' CHARGE

REPLY MADE TO CRITICISM OF FORMER COMPTROLLER—RECORDS SHOW THAT WILLIAMS VOTED FOR FEDERAL RESERVE SALARY INCREASES

Washington, Oct. 15.—The federal reserve board does not regard "the salaries paid the governor of the New York Federal Reserve bank and the federal reserve agent as being excessive," Governor Harding of the board said in a letter to Chairman Anderson of the congressional agricultural committee, made public tonight.

"No one familiar with the qualifications of these gentlemen, their long experience in banking, their established position in the banking community before the federal reserve bank was organized, the magnitude of their responsibilities and the opportunities constantly afforded them to make other and more profitable engagements," the letter added, "would assert for a moment that they are being paid more than they are worth."

Governor Harding explained that the letter was not a reply to the recent senate resolution requesting data on the salaries paid New York federal reserve bank officials but was intended to deal more specifically with criticisms of John Skelton Williams, former comptroller of the currency. The board's answer to the request of the senate, he added, "would be forwarded next week."

He requested, however, that the letter be made a part of the commission's record and that the commission make public its finding with respect to the charge made by Mr. Williams in the controversy which began some months ago.

Included in the letter was an analysis of the salaries paid the New York bank officials and a comparison of the salaries with those of bank officials carrying similar responsibilities. The letter also embodies the minutes of a meeting of the reserve board of which Mr. Williams, as comptroller, was a member, which showed that Mr. Williams voted for increasing the salary of Governor Strong of the New York bank from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

### CAPTURES BEER

Negro, Thought to Be Owner, Escapes From Scene.

Deputy Sheriff T. L. Cann visited the home of "Lawyer" Clinkscales, a negro who lives on the farm of George Nance, Saturday morning and captured 20 gallons of beer mash and the dissembled parts of a still which showed signs of recent usage. Clinkscales had sufficient warning to depart quickly, leaving the deputy far in the rear. So far he has not been captured.

### TWO KILLED IN CRASH

Airplane's Fall Fatal For Pilot and Student.

Lynn, Mass. Oct. 15.—Edward Foster, forty-three and Fletcher Anderson thirty, were killed here today when an airplane in which they were flying over the Lynn marshes crashed to the ground.

Mr. Anderson, a pilot for the Lynnway aviation school, was taking Mr. Foster up on his first trip for a course in flying. The right wing of the machine crumpled when it was about 150 feet in the air.

### Dances in 107th Year.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Frieda Katz, in her 107th year, spry as a woman a generation her junior danced three old-fashioned dances at a Talmud celebration here and did not appear tired by her exertion. She said the figures of her dances were those she had learned 80 years ago, and which were sanctioned by her religious faith.