

PAY OF RAILROAD MEN IS HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER, 1917

Chicago, July 2.—The cut of about \$135,000,000 in the wages of some 1,200,000 railroad employees, which became effective at the same time that a 10 per cent cut in freight rates amounting to about \$400,000,000 went into effect, still leaves hourly wages measured in actual buying power above the wages of December, 1917, just before governmental control, according to figures compiled by the United States railroad labor board.

Machinists, who are among the shop crafts employees on strike, were cut 7 cents an hour. They averaged 77.3 cents and now average 70.3 cents. In 1917 the rate was 50.5, the newly hourly rate being 39 per cent higher. Cost of living, according to board figures, is 17 per cent higher than in December, 1917. The board figures the new hourly rate for machinist 19 per cent greater in real purchasing power than in December, 1917.

Car men, cut 9 cents an hour, now have an average hourly wage of 64.4 cents as compared with 37.7 cents in December, 1917, the board figures show. This represents a net increase of 71 per cent in coin, an advance of 45.7 per cent in actual purchasing power of the hourly wage, the board maintains.

Average hourly earnings of machinists, according to the board's figures, are 15 cents an hour less than under the peak rate established by the board in May, 1920, but the real value is figured as 7 per cent greater due to the drop in the cost of living.

Average earnings of car men are figured as 16.6 cents an hour less than in May, 1920, but buying power is given as 3.2 per cent greater for the same reason.

According to labor statistics common labor in maintenance of way in 1917 averaged 19.3 cents an hour. It was chopped 5 cents and now averages 32.7 cent, an increase of about 70 per cent in coin and 45 per cent in buying power over the 1917 wage scale. Clerks in 1917, the board's table show, received 34.5 cents an hour average. Most of them are cut 3 cents and now get 58.5 cents an hour, this representing 70 per cent more than the hourly rate of 1917 and a purchasing value of 44.7 per cent higher.

Common labor around stations averaged 22.4 cents an hour in 1917 rose to 52.1 cents in 1920, was cut to 43.6 cents in 1921 and the new rates 39.6 cents an hour. This, the board contends, is 77.5 per cent higher than in 1917 and the purchasing value is 51.5 per cent higher.

Signal men and assistants averaged 39.2 in 1917. Yesterday's 5 cent cut puts the average at 64.3 cents an hour, the board says, this representing a wage figured in actual money, 96 per cent higher than in 1917 and having a purchasing power 67 per cent higher.

Stationary firemen and engine room oilers average 21.8 cents an hour in 1917 and the latest cut leaves their earnings at 49.6 cents. This is an increase of 127 per cent in coin and is 94 per cent greater in buying power, the board maintains.

The national industrial conference board has made a comparison of the new wage rates with those in 1914, using its own cost of living index. It placed the average earnings of the four main groups which had their wages cut at about 19 per cent higher than in 1914, measured in buying power.

Grace Missionary Society

The missionary society of Grace Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at the church parlors at 5 o'clock. Mrs. C. T. Murphy, President.

Bandits Kill Woman

Washington, July 3.—Mrs. Thomas Cheney, Mexican born wife of an American employe of an American company operating in the Tampico oil region, was killed by Mexican bandits June 29 when she recognized their leader, according to reports today to the state department from Consul Shaw at Tampico. The department made immediate representations to the Mexican government.

Four Million Dollar Fire

Baltimore, July 3.—A fire which swept the Locust Point river front of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad last night caused a damage estimated at \$4,800,000 and seriously threatened the Public Health Service Hospital at Fort McHenry.

FLAMES DESTROY GRAIN ELEVATORS

Baltimore, July 2.—Lightning struck the roof of one of the several big grain elevators at the Baltimore & Ohio railroad's terminals at Locust Point and in a few minutes the immense structure was in flames.

Although deluged by rain in the terrific storm prevailing, the flames spread rapidly. Nearly the entire city fire department, including fire boats, was quickly at work, but the fire continued to spread, soon enveloping elevators B and C and pier 5, all of which were wrecked. The elevators contained over 500,000 bushels of grain which, with 60 cars loads of export tobacco on the pier, was destroyed. The railroad company's loss is estimated at between \$3,200,000 and \$4,000,000. Several firemen were injured or overcome by heat and smoke.

The American Sugar Refining company's big plant and other valuable property on the south waterfront were untouched. Number of freight cars were burned. Several vessels were scorched before they could be towed out into the harbor.

Denies Reports that Japan Is Evading Naval Treaty

Tokio, July 3 (By the Associated Press).—The admiralty today issued a formal statement flatly denying recent reports that Japan was evading the Washington naval treaty by increasing the construction of auxiliary vessels. The statement, which outlined a tentative auxiliary program also announced that Port Arthur was taken from the Russians in Russo Japanese war was abandoned as a naval port.

Six Railway Shop Crafts Outlawed by Labor Board

Chicago, July 3 (By the Associated Press).—Six railway shop crafts unions which went on a strike Saturday were outlawed by the United States Railway Labor Board today. In a formal resolution the board declared the unions by their action forfeited all rights before the board as railway employes, that new organizations of shopmen taking striking men's jobs should be formed to report shop employes in disputes before board.

A Sad Death

Mrs. Ophelia Mosley, wife of Mr. Joe Mosley, dropped dead at her home at Monarch Saturday at 11:30 o'clock. Mrs. Mosley bore her troubles with great fortitude and even up to her death she was always trying to help her husband and children. She was a mother of mothers, brave, fearless, true and to help her neighbors was her delight. She was a faithful member of the Putnam Baptist church and although some distance from her girlhood playgrounds, she had her heart set on things above. Everything loving hands could do was done for her but God only spoke and she responded. Her going away is indeed sad for she leaves a small infant only two months old.

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. H. Haydock and interment will be at 12 o'clock today at Putnam church.

Many beautiful floral gifts were sent by loving friends. She has one sister, Mrs. W. E. Hudgeson and John Lawson, George and Haven Lawson, brothers, and her husband and the following children: Brice Alexander, Mrs. Jeter Stepps, Glenn, George, Viola, Cole, Lucinda, Frank and Ethel Mosley, her small infant; also her father, Mr. Glenn Lawson, all surviving her.

We extend our sympathies and in this say hour may we say to her children and husband, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." C. T. C.

Conference Called By President

Washington, July 3.—Only a possible proposal by the administration appeared today to offer any prospect for the break in the deadlock faced by the bituminous coal mine operators and the miners officials on the meeting for the third joint session of conference called here by President Harding.

Just prior to assembling conferees Secretary of Labor Davis let it be known he is prepared to press the adoption of the plan which he broached at the initial meeting Saturday.

To the People of Union County

Do not kill your dogs suffering from nervous diseases or crazy diseases. Call on me and I will give you something for them. Dr. R. R. Jeter. 1421-3tpd Telephone 69

WOMAN BATTLES WITH ROBBER

Mrs. Ethel Harmon, wife of Dr. S. E. Harmon, fired several shots at a masked robber last night shortly after 10 o'clock at the Harmon home, 1820 Sumter street. Mrs. Harmon fired one shot as the man opened a door and looked into the room and the bullet hit the door facing. The intruder ran down the steps and the brave woman sent another bullet that plowed its way through the rear screen door. Running to a window, Mrs. Harmon saw the robber going around the house and she fired a shot at him as he was making a getaway. Detectives Kelly and Allen responded to the call and they were given the details of the attempted robbery.

Officers said the robber entered the house by breaking a glass pane in a door and turning the inside knob on the lock. The appearance of a room on the first floor showed that the thief had inspected everything there before he proceeded to the second floor where members of the family had retired for the night. Mrs. Harmon said she heard a noise in a room across the hallway and when she looked out of her room she saw a man wearing a mask peep out of a door. She said she fired point blank at the form and he said in a "bluffing" tone, "Hand me your pistol. It's a woman and I will get rid of her." Mrs. Harmon stood her ground and the man made a dash for the staircase. She stepped into the hallway and sent another bullet in the direction of the fugitive. The leaden ball bored a hole through the screen door through which the robber made an exit.

Mrs. Harmon made a good guess when she thought that the man would run around the south side of the dwelling. She ran to a window and arrived there at the time the robber was almost immediately under the window. She fired another shot and watched the bold thief as he disappeared in the darkness. City detectives were called to the home but they found no evidence of the robber having been injured. The officers said the bullet marks in the house showed that Mrs. Harmon had taken deliberate aim and fortune smiled on the robber and it is not known if he was white or black.

Comptrollers of Currency Issues Call

Washington, July 3.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business June 30.

Express Train Leaves Track

Atlantic City, July 3.—At least six are killed and 75 others injured, half of them seriously, early today when the Camden-Atlantic City express left the rails at the Winslow junction, 37 miles from here and rolled down an embankment.

Battle Still Raging

Dublin, July 3 (By the Associated Press).—One afternoon battle in Sackville street is still raging at this hour. The insurgents are responding vigorously to the machine gun bombardment.

Freight Office Closes

The Southern Railway freight office will be closed all day tomorrow, July 4th.

Kelly Sewing Club

The Kelly sewing club will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Jack Holcombe. A canning demonstration will be given and every member is urged to be present as the canning lessons are of vital importance right now. Miss Mahala Smith, County Agent.

Bank Closed for Fourth

The Bank of Union will be closed tomorrow, July 4th, on account of legal holiday.

Notice Odd Fellows

Swannanoa Lodge No. 99 has a special program for Wednesday night, July 5th. Come and bring your wife. R. L. Cromer, Secretary. Ray Burney, N. G. 7-3-5pd

"Nobody Will Starve, Nobody Will Freeze"

New York, July 3.—Asserting that "Nobody will starve, nobody will freeze," even though the strike of the shop crafts union hold continue to October, officials of the American Association of Railway Executives announced today would maintain "hands off" policy, leaving each road to extricate itself from the strike.

DELIVERY OF OLD COTTON OPTIONAL

Members of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association are not required to turn over to the association any cotton grown prior to this year, says a statement issued by the association yesterday. This statement was made, it was said, in reply to numerous inquiries received from all sections of the state. The contract signed by the growers, it was said, left it optional with the growers as to whether they shall turn over any cotton now on hand to the association. If the grower does not care to turn over his cotton to the association he may continue to hold it and sell it at any time and under any condition he elects. He must, however, turn over all cotton grown by him in the years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926 to the association, the statement says.

Further progress in the selection of the departments heads and the perfection of the working force of the organization will be made by the board of directors this week. The board is proceeding most carefully, it was said, in the selection of all department heads and employes and is making careful investigation of each and every instance.

The contract for making the necessary alterations in the old Masonic temple, which is to be occupied by the association, has been let and the association will probably move into its new quarters within the next two weeks.

The association will have no trouble in securing warehouse accommodations, it was said yesterday, owners of warehouses in every section of the state having offered their places to the association. Important announcements concerning warehousing arrangements may be expected shortly, it was said yesterday.

Preparations for conducting a vigorous campaign for new members during the next two months are going rapidly forward. The announcement that the membership books will be reopened has been received with enthusiasm. J. P. Quinerty, county agent of Lee county, in a letter received yesterday said he believed that 6,000 additional bales could be signed in Lee county. From almost every county comes word that many farmers who did not care to sign until the board of directors had been elected are now ready to put their names on the dotted line.

Death of R. L. Ziegler

R. L. Zeigler died at his home at Denmark Saturday evening and the funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Knights Templar of Orangeburg.

Mr. Zeigler is survived by his wife and nine children. Mrs. Felix Goude-lock of this city is his daughter and she and Dr. Goude-lock left Saturday for Denmark to attend the funeral.

Winners Report

The condition of the growing crop on June 25th was 71.2 per cent. Area of cotton in cultivation is 34,852,000 acres. Total production, 11,065,000 bales.

Swimming Pool Opened

The swimming pool will be opened tomorrow (Tuesday) at 9 o'clock. Everybody must furnish own bathing suit, but no "Coney Island" bathing suits allowed.

Notice to the Public

This is to notify the public and my friends who were so loyally supporting me, that I have withdrawn from the race for sheriff of Union county. This was done when I was elected chief of police for the city of Union. L. C. Wharton.

Today's Cotton Market

Table with columns: Open, Close, July, October, December, January, March, N. Y. Spots, Local market. Values range from 21.56 to 22.55.

Cotton Crop Estimated At 11,065,000 Bales

Washington, July 3.—This year's cotton crop will be about 11,065,000 bales, the Department of Agriculture announced in the first forecast of the season. This is calculated on condition of 71.2 per cent normal June 25 and estimated average 34,852,000.

Cotton Jumps \$7.50 Bale

New York, July 3.—Cotton jumped about \$7.50 per bale within 10 minutes after the publication of the first government forecast figures.

COAL STRIKE IS DEADLOCKED

Still deadlocked over the basis for negotiating a settlement of the strike the conference adjourned until next Monday at the suggestion of the government representatives.

Washington, July 2.—Operators and miners of the bituminous fields remained deadlocked tonight after another day's session of the joint conference called by President Harding and adjourned to reach a basis for negotiating a settlement of the strike with measurable promptness.

Meeting from 2 to 4 o'clock today with Secretaries Hoover and Davis each side voted down the proposal of the other for a basis of negotiation and adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow. Meanwhile operators and miners are to meet separately to consider methods of solving the problem of the coal industry.

Upon adjournment of today's session the operators returned to their hotels while the miners remained in the conference room at the Red Cross building with Secretary Davis. Official report of today's proceedings was made public by Secretary Hoover in the form of a statement agreed upon by himself and Secretary Davis as follows:

The operators voted down the proposal for conferences between miners and operators in the central competitive fields alone. The miners voted down the proposition for independent conferences between miners and operators in each district. Upon suggestions for further separate conferences of operators and miners for further consideration of methods the joint conference adjourned until Monday at 10 a. m.

Washington, July 2.—Bituminous coal production in districts operating notwithstanding the miners' strike showed a slight falling off last week on account of railroad congestion, the geological survey reported today. The figure of 5,361,000 tons reached by the output for the week ending June 24, it was not likely to be exceeded by the later period totals, though anthracite production, which was completely stopped by the walk-out April 1, recovered very slightly. The "continued expansion" of non-union soft coal production in certain areas in Kentucky and southern West Virginia, the survey reported, has finally taxed the capacity of railroads serving them.

Union Wins Another

The Union Mill ball team defeated the Oakland team at Newberry Saturday in a one-sided game by the score of 7 to 4. The features of the game were a beautiful catch by Thompson in the ninth and the umpiring. Epps secured four hits out of four tries. This is the fourth straight victory for Union.

Union goes to Whitmire for a double-header tomorrow in celebration of the Fourth. Both these games should be interesting as Whitmire has an enviable record this year and Union has worked nine local boys into a good team. Fowler will pitch the morning game and Murphy the afternoon game for Union. A large number of Union fans is expected to attend these games.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Emma Inman has returned from an extended visit to friends in Greenville.

Miss Kathleen McGee of Anderson will arrive this week to visit Miss Maude Goforth for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Barrett have returned to their home in Spartanburg after a visit to their mother, Mrs. N. F. Parker.

Miss Myrtle Blalock has returned to her home in Landrum after a week-end visit to Miss Lillian Sumner.

R. S. Blalock has returned to his home in Landrum after a few days' visit to relatives here.

Miss Estelle Haile left today for the mountains of North Carolina to spend the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Byers Greer and children of Paolet are the guests of their father, Judge J. M. Greer, on South Church street.

Mrs. W. M. Butler, who is attending the summer school at Furman University, is spending a few days at her home near Carlisle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bishop and small daughter were in Union today. The little girl has been sick but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Vassey Howard are occupying apartments at the home of Mrs. L. W. Woodruff on South Church street.

TRAINS WILL CONTINUE TO RUN REGARDLESS OF STRIKE

MCCORMICK BOY DROWNS IN RIVER

McCormick, July 2.—Albert Freeland, the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Freeland of Plum Branch, was drowned about 1 o'clock this afternoon while in bathing with a number of his chums in the Savannah river at the old Ferguson ferry, about four miles from Plum Branch.

The young man, in company with several of his friends, had walked about three miles to the river to go in swimming in water very little over his head and only a few feet away from one of his friends, whom he caught as he was sinking. The friend, believing that the drowning boy was only diving and playing, made no effort to save him. The young man nearest Freeland stated that he thought Freeland was only playing at the time and when Freeland caught him he was almost exhausted and he also came near being drowned.

The water at this point is very swift, and, although relatives and friends were soon notified and the river for some distance down had been scoured at dark, tonight the body of the drowned man had not been found and it is thought that it was carried down the river ahead of the searching party.

The Ferguson ferry has been abandoned for some years as a ferry and the road leading to the landing has reached such a stage that travel upon it is almost impossible and this accounts for the crowd of searchers not reaching the scene sooner. The searching party will continue tomorrow in their efforts to find the body.

Pruitt-Harris

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OF WOMEN'S DRESS AND SUITS HALF PRICE

clean over any garments I clean them out regard The State of Coats Cap Baseball at Monarch Baseball, Monarch will play Company E, of this city, a double header July 4th, at Monarch Park. Game starts 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. There will be some interesting athletic stunts pulled off during the day. M. W. Gregory will serve a first class barbecue at the Monarch ball park, so come prepared to spend the day and have lots of fun 1418-3tpd

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Howard and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Howard and children will leave Tuesday for a ten days' stay in the mountains of Virginia.

Chicago, July 3 (By the Associated Press).—Railway strike interest, which centered over the week-end in a walkout Saturday by the shopmen today turned to the development dependent upon the canvass at Detroit of the strike vote or 400,000 of the maintenance way employes and the action by their union officials.

Two days of the strike of the shopmen failed, according to reports, to interfere seriously with the transportation or produce of definite statement of a number of men out. The railroad labor board merely marked time pending developments.

Chicago, July 2 (By the Associated Press).—a Railway executives, union labor leaders and the United States railroad labor board marked time today in the country-wide strike of shopmen, while train service continued uninterrupted by Saturday's walkout.

B. M. Jewell, head of the shopmen, who ignored the orders of the labor board to appear before it and explain his strike action, spent the day at union headquarters receiving reports from all sections of the country. While he refused to give any figures, he asserted that the walkout was "practically 100 per cent."

Railway executives, however, claimed that probably less than 90 per cent of the 401,000 repairmen had joined the walkout which began at 10 a. m. yesterday. Because of the Sunday holiday, they said, they had been unable to make a complete check of their shopmen but that train service would continue regardless of how many laid down their tools.

With the union leaders refusing to treat with the labor board, the railway executives asserting that the dispute was entirely between their former employes and the government, and the labor board assuring the full protection of the government, interest in railway circles was centered on Detroit, where the executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes will meet tomorrow to canvass the strike ballot of the track men. Hope was expressed by the rail executives that the maintenance of way men would not join the walkout.

Mr. Jewell today explained that he ignored the labor board's summons because the board failed to exclude from wage reduction hearings almost 80 roads that had in part or wholly violated rulings of the government tribunal which, he said, has caused railroad employes to regard the board with no slight misgivings.

"Practically all of these 80 roads violated decisions of the labor board," Mr. Jewell said, "yet they were included in the wage reduction hearings. If the board had ruled that these roads were not entitled to participate in these hearings the respect of railroad labor for the tribunal would have been increased materially. Railroad labor would then have looked upon the board as a tribunal willing and ready to deal out justice. If this had been done, the officials of the shop crafts could have gone to the men with this as an argument and averted the strike. But this was not done and postponement of the strike was humanly impossible.

"In the first place, my appearance before the board could not have resulted in arbitration. The board should have subpoenaed officials who signed the telegram authorizing the strike. Only those men could recall the order. If I have done any such thing I would have forfeited my office immediately.

"Justification of my refusal to obey the summons is seen in the fact that the men are now on strike, without bloodshed or loss of life and are upholding law and order. If I had gone before the board there would have resulted misunderstandings which would have ended in chaos among the shop crafts organization."

Mr. Jewell said the announcement of the results of the shopmen's strike ballot would probably be made public tomorrow following a meeting of the executive council of the union. He said that since the strike order went into effect he has received numbers of telegrams confirming reports that the walkout is almost 100 per cent effective. One of the telegrams, he declared, was from the national headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway Car Men of America and said that this organization was 100 per cent responsive to the strike order.

T. B. Betenbaugh Stricken with Appendicitis

Mr. T. B. Betenbaugh, who has charge of the city tractor engine, was stricken with appendicitis this morning and was carried to Wallace Thomson hospital for an operation.

A paper tape measure is being rolled into German bolts of cloth. This permits the salesman to tell at a glance the measure of cloth remaining in the bolt, thus economizing labor and time. The tape is marked off in yards and meters.