

RAILWAY SHOPMEN VOTE TO GO OUT

MEN OPPOSED TO TIME AND OVERTIME WAGE CLAUSES.

CAUTIONED BY THEIR CHIEF

B. M. Jewell Warns Men Against Drastic Action—Officials Say No Strike Will Occur.

Chicago.—Sixteen hundred members of the five federated railway shop unions attended a mass meeting at the Second Artillery armory to protest against the recent decision of the United States railway labor board.

B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, was the principal speaker and he repeatedly cautioned the men against unauthorized strikes and urged them to refrain from any drastic action or sabotage until every effort had been exhausted to bring about a satisfactory settlement with the railroads.

The strike vote, which has been in progress for some time, was announced at this meeting. It shows that a majority of the employees of all roads voted to accept the wage reductions ordered by the federal board in July, but the great obstacle in the way of peaceful settlement is over the shop rules, time and overtime and other concessions that the men and particularly their leaders, place above the matter of wages.

Although a strike has been ordered by the vote, it does not become effective until officially put in operation by the union leaders. Privately, some of the best informed men in the union ranks say there will be no strike. They point out that the public is in no mood to tolerate a strike at this time while the country is struggling to regain its feet and while hundreds of thousands of men are unable to find employment. These wise heads in the unions argue that a strike under these conditions would be a bid for the "open shop" on all railroads and that the unions would certainly lose prestige. They might, in fact, lose the entire battle and find their places filled by other men and the work they have been building up for twenty or more years would go crashing down.

Assurances were given at the meeting that the shop men would have the moral and financial support of the brotherhoods and other unions in the railroad service. This means, according to its interpretation at the meeting, that all railroad transportation would be tied up in event of a strike of the shop crafts, until their demands were settled. This is the interpretation made by the more radical elements in the unions. Men on the inside, however, say they do not anticipate a strike, and that the vote is primarily intended to provide the union leaders with a club wherewith to induce the railroads to listen to their demands. One of the leaders who returned to his home in Iowa, after several days in conference here, gave out a statement to this effect and it was further verified by the conservative leaders, who, for obvious reasons, declined to permit the use of their names.

Thousands Slain in Fighting. Brussa, Asia Minor.—Final estimates of casualties in their recent offensive against the Turkish nationalists have been made public by the Greeks. The Turkish losses in dead and wounded are given as approximately 18,000 men and those of the Greeks are placed at 12,000. The Greeks took 1,500 prisoners, no guns and little material, while the Turks captured 500 prisoners.

Train Goes Through Bridge. Edinburg, Ind.—Engineer M. S. Bennett, of Louisville, Ky., was killed, four persons were severely injured and several others were less seriously injured when a Pennsylvania passenger train en route to Indianapolis from Louisville, went through a bridge into Blue river, one-half mile north of here.

Nebraska Correspondent Killed. Washington, D. C.—R. B. Morgan, of the New York Herald, and correspondent here for several Nebraska papers, was killed in a fall of 250 feet from a bridge which spans Rock creek park.

Triple Missouri Tragedy. Kansas City, Mo.—Carl Wetzel shot and killed his wife and Miss Cora Meyers, a roomer in the house where he lived and then killed himself. The cause of the shooting is not known.

Robbers Hold Up Circus. Portland, Ore.—Three unmasked robbers held up the Sells Floto circus treasurer at Vancouver, Wash., and obtained between \$28,000 and \$30,000 in cash and drafts, according to a report to the Vancouver police by Joseph London, legal adjuster for the circus. The robbers were said to have knocked down Mrs. Grace Hannaford, 60, and her son, "Poodles" Hannaford, who objected to the search of his mother. The money was being transferred from the circus grounds to the safe in the treasure car.

Embarrassing Moments



A GIGANTIC NATIONWIDE TRADE IN ILLICIT LIQUOR

Organization in New York Said to Be Manufacturing and Distributing Throughout Country.

New York.—A bootlegging organization of astounding proportions that manufactures illicit liquor of all kinds, bottles them under the most sought after labels and sells them in flagrant violation of the law throughout the entire country has been discovered in this city.

That is the announcement of E. C. Yellowley, associate enforcement director, sent here recently from Washington. Yellowley announced that he has already arrested one of the organization's headquarters men and that he expects to catch a number of others in the net he has spread with little delay. The entire band, he says, is under surveillance.

The New York organization, Yellowley said, is a huge bar, the brass rail of which extends around the nation. Any brand of drink is obtainable, for the organization does its own manufacturing, according to demand.

Most of the liquor obtainable throughout the country has its source in the plants of this organization, he said. Comparatively little is actually smuggled in.

The organization is a difficult one to trace inasmuch as it operates through wholesale druggists who purport to be honest and in business in accordance with prohibition enforcement laws. Hundreds of illicit wholesale druggists have established themselves in business with government permits, Yellowley said, ostensibly doing a legitimate business in all kinds of drugs.

"When we have cleaned out these illicit wholesale druggists the work of enforcing prohibition will be easy," he said. "Virtually all of the liquor now in circulation in New York comes from this source. It is also shipped to other parts of the country.

"There are some smugglers in operation, but most of the stories of rum running have been exaggerated."

Irish to Ask Plediscite. Dublin.—President Eamonn De Valera summoned the Sinn Fein cabinet to consider the situation arising out of Lloyd George's action in cancelling the proposed Inverness conference. Lloyd George's telegram came like a bombshell to the Irish people. It shattered the optimistic outlook that had been steadily maintained throughout the country. It was believed likely when the Sinn Fein cabinet met that it might recommend a plebiscite.

Canada Cuts Grain Rates. Montreal.—A further reduction of 7 cents a hundred pounds in the rates on grain and grain products from Fort William, for export through Atlantic ports was announced by the railway association. This is in addition to the 3 cents per hundred given early in the year, and the 5 cent reduction in January.

Negress Given Medal. Newport, R. I.—The reconnaissance française, a bronze medal, has been awarded by the French government to Dr. Harriet A. Rice, a negress, for her services in French military hospitals during the war.

World Series Lottery Blocked. St. Louis.—A lottery on the attendance of the forthcoming world's series of baseball was frustrated when police arrested three men and confiscated 10,000 tickets.

Coast Artillery Units Reduced. Washington.—Twelve coast artillery commands were placed on the reduced personnel basis, in line with the reduction of the army to 150,000 men.

Farm Pool Bill Prominent. New Orleans, La.—A bill authorizing pooling of farmers assets and issuance of debentures against them, thereby providing a year-round market will be introduced in congress next month. A. F. Lever, of the farm loan board, told the interstate farm congress.

Death Claims Mining Man. Colorado Springs, Colo.—Alton L. Dickerman, well known mining engineer, died at his home here. He was 71 years old.

"DOUGHBOYS" LIKE LIFE ON THE RHINE

All Exclaim Proudly on Arrival Home that American Army in Germany is Best.

New York.—The first intimate story of the life of the American doughboy on the Rhine was told. The transport Cantigny brought to New York a number of officers and 415 soldiers from the army of occupation in Germany, military attaches from various European posts, and officers who have been studying abroad. With one accord they exclaimed proudly that the American army in Germany was the best trained, most physically fit and snappiest dressed army that had ever existed.

When every soldier is as fine a specimen of manhood as it is possible to build with army training, when their behavior is almost without exception something of which every American may be proud, when esprit de corps has been cultivated to an extent that rivalry takes on the wholesome connotation of college sport, said these officers, an ideal military force can be produced, and that is just what has happened.

Lieut. K. C. Cody, who was attached to the headquarters staff in Coblenz, declared:

"You can't say anything too good about the A. E. F. in Germany. All the men and officers there, almost without exception, dread the day when they will come back. The men particularly dislike the thought so much that they refuse to talk about it," said Lieut. Cody.

"With many opportunities to get into trouble, they avoid it, largely because the penalty is being sent home.

"Although the men are able to buy all the beer and wine they want, there is hardly an instance of a man taking too much. Drinking wine and beer has made them temperate drinkers. No whisky or cognac is permitted in the area, and even at the officers' club cocktails are barred. Champagne is less than \$1 a bottle and the men can buy it if they want to, but they seem to prefer the other wines more."

"There is one cafe in Coblenz which is patronized almost entirely by Americans," said Capt. P. V. Kane. "They won't sell beer, so they can keep out their fellow Germans."

Officers commented on the good feeling which exists between the Germans and the American troops because the Germans look upon America as their only hope of salvation.

"We hated them, but they do not hate us," said Lieut. Cody. "They like us, and frankly say so. This has been somewhat the cause of marriages between soldiers and German women, although the lower down in rank the more marriages there are."

Germany seems to be working hard, too, the officers declared. They are coming back much faster than was thought possible. Their whole desire is to get back on their feet so that their money will be worth something again.

"There is no military spirit left in the country now, the energy is all commercial," said one officer. "They are making money, too, for a salesman told me that they ship their goods out, sell them for American currency and when it comes back change it into marks with which to pay the workmen. The result is that they are making money rapidly."

International Romance Shattered. Baltimore, Md.—The international romance of Perley R. Spiker and Emily R. Knowles, which culminated when Guy S. Spiker consented to marry his brother's English "war bride" after Perley returned to his wife and child in this country has struck the rocks. Emily Knowles Spiker, it is said, has sought other companionship and when it comes back change it into marks with which to pay the workmen. The result is that they are making money rapidly.

Root Refuses World Court Job. Geneva.—Elihu Root has definitely declined to be considered for election as judge of the international court of justice. In a cablegram to Dr. Manley O. Hudson, who is here in the capacity of American observer, Mr. Root declares he will be unable to serve on the court because of his age. The refusal of Mr. Root is said to increase the chance of either John Bassett Moore or Prof. Roscoe Pound, two other Americans nominated for the court, to be elected.

Vessel Capsizes; Score Missing. Madrid.—More than twenty persons are missing as a result of the capsizing of an excursion boat in the Segre river near Lerida. There were fifty persons aboard.

Bavarian Cabinet Quits. Munich.—The entire Bavarian cabinet has resigned.

U. S. After Bergdoll Gold. Washington.—Court action asking that Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, mother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire Philadelphia slacker, be compelled to turn over to the government \$105,000 in gold coin which she withdrew from the federal treasury in 1917, was instituted in Philadelphia by Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian. Should the court hold the alien property custodian's demand for the gold to be legal and Mrs. Bergdoll then refused to produce it, she could be jailed or fined for contempt.

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By Way of Explanation. "Ah!" sighed the presiding elder, "why do so few parents nowadays sing to their children?" "One reason I don't," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus, Ridge, "is that the last time I tried it they ganged me till their maw had to fling hot water on 'em to make 'em turn loose."—Kansas City Star.

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BUT HE BACKSLID

Aunt Nancy's "Gorilla" Forgot His Religion.

Which Explained the Necessity for Taking Up a Collection in the Camp Meeting.

The camp at East Fork has not only developed some marvelous fishermen, but it has brought some hitherto undreamed-of powers of imagination among the staid business men in the party. Some half dozen tents shelter the men and women folks and the children, and there is a special cooking tent for Aunt Nancy. They call it the studio, for there the real art work is done. Aunt Nancy having inherited her unusual capability from her mother, who lived and toiled on the old plantation until freedom came.

Grouped about the camp fire the other night the members of the party told and listened to marvelous tales of adventure and mystery. Nancy, the cook, an eager listener, sat back in the shadows until someone spoke up good naturedly: "Now, Nancy, it's your turn. Can't you tell us a ghost story?"

The black woman got up and came a little closer to the fire. "It's pap's story," modestly explained Nancy. "I heard him tell it a dozen or eight times, I reckon. Long toward the end of the war—the war to free the slaves, you know—'twas holdin' a big camp meetin' down on Sugar creek bottoms, in Randolph county, pap said. Folks was gettin' awful tired of the shootin' and killin' and stenin', and they just nacherly took to 'ligion. All the benches was full and big crowds standin' up. Brother Jerry Hardover, pap said, was doin' the exhortin' and you could a-hardly hear him a mile away the road runs."

"Towards midnight they was all worked up, some singin', some shoutin' and goin' on like they does when the Dimmykrats hold a county convention up at the co't house. Then a white, thin man with long hair and a white face gets up and walks forward. They said he was a gorilla—"

"A what," asked one of the auditors. "A gorilla. They said he'd been with Colonel Bill Anderson and Frank and Jesse James and Mr. Quantrell and them other gentlemen what rode so hard."

"I see."

"And when this gorilla gets in front where the preacher was he pulls out two big guns and a butcher knife and lays 'em on the altar."

"Parson," says he, "I've been a awful bad man. I'd shoot and kill and burn and steal and do everything that was low down and mean. Then I got a bullet or two in the end had to go home till I got well. While lyin' on the sick bed something said to me, 'Jake, you been a awful bad man, and if you don't quit your cussedness you'll die and go straight to h—l. I'll give you just one more chance. You go down to Parson Hardover's meetin', tell him how bad you been, and hand him your six shooters. Then maybe I'll forgive you.'"

"The preacher held out his hand, but just about that time three men in uniform got up and started for the gorilla, with pistols in their hands."

Nancy paused. "What happened then?" was asked. "Well," sighed Nancy, "after the muss was over they sung a hymn, and took up a collection."

"A collection? What did they do that for?"

"To pay for buryin' the three sojers," replied Nancy composedly. "You see, the gorilla—he backslid."—Kansas City Star.

Doubted If She Could Make It. At a recent gathering of musicians Lieut. John Philip Sousa told the following story:

"We musicians have one thing, we give solace or joy to those who listen," he said. "Sometimes, possibly, we take ourselves too seriously. I recall giving some concerts in St. Louis some years ago, and every morning I went down to my breakfast at the hotel I saw a woman scrubbing the steps and working away very hard. Finally, thinking that possibly a concert would be very enlightening and elevating for her, I stopped her on the stairs one morning and said, 'By the way, would you like to go to a concert tomorrow night? thinking, of course, she knew me. However, she did not know me. She looked up at me and said: 'Is that your only night off?'—Musical Courier.

Can Curve Torpedoes. A new system of torpedo fire control by which the firing of torpedoes in a curved course is automatically controlled has been perfected by John Hays Hammond, Jr. he announced.

By means of this system, he said, a battleship or submarine could fire a torpedo at a target in any direction without changing the course of the vessel. Submarines equipped with the system could attack two targets at the same time.

Among other inventions of Mr. Hammond are the wireless controlled torpedo, a projectile that scatters molten steel, a radio-controlled warship and a radio airplane control. First Aid. "Can you recommend a reliable boot-legger?" "I know one who is strictly up to date." "In what particular?" "He operates a private ambulance service."—Birmingham Age-Herald.