

### Railroad Unions Here Start Vote on Strike Ballot

Shop Crafts Men, 5,000 Strong, to Ballot on Walk-out Because of Wage Cuts.

Members of the railway shop crafts in Omaha and Council Bluffs, approximately 5,000 strong, were to begin voting yesterday on the question of whether or not they favor a strike because of wage decreases.

The ballots arrived here from Chicago Monday. Each man will be given three ballots, each of which calls for a "yes" or "no" vote. The first ballot pertains to the wage reduction, the second to overtime rules and road service and the third to piece work and the "contracting out of shops by railroads," according to J. A. Johnson, secretary and treasurer of the Union Pacific system federation.

**Paying Straight Time.**

"Railroad employes have enjoyed time and a half on Sundays and holidays for more than 30 years," said Mr. Johnson, commenting on the second ballot. "Now most railroads, by virtue of a decision of the labor board in 1921, when employes and carriers submitted the question of overtime to the board, pay but straight time on Sundays and holidays."

Only one important road in the west is contracting out its shops, according to Mr. Johnson.

**Voting Starts.**

Blacksmiths were expected to begin voting at the Central Labor temple some time yesterday, according to Mr. Johnson, and boilermakers were to begin casting their ballots last night at the same place, he said.

The carmen, of whom there are about 1,000 in Council Bluffs, Omaha and South Omaha, will start voting tonight and machinists may start their vote Friday night, according to Mr. Johnson. Electricians and sheet metal workers may put their vote over until after Sunday.

## RADIO

### U. S. Completes Plan of Control

Chain of Transmitting Stations Arranged for World-Wide Communication.

By JOHN E. KENNEBECK.  
(This is the 10th installment of the Bee's story of radio.)

A new era of international communication is at hand; radio has come to relieve the submarine cables that in years past have been in control of one country—England.

With the advent of radio, America has an opportunity not only to strengthen her position in world communication but to make herself the world center of intercommunication.

Radio offers a distinct advantage over the more expensive and cumbersome submarine cable. It forms an invisible bond between nations. A cable may easily be cut in time of war and if it is not cut, impulses sent over it can be censored by its owners. Invisible radio waves passing over the face of the earth cannot be cut. When a radio message is sent it may reach all parts of the world. If it is transmitted in code it may be confidential, and if it is transmitted in plain language, it is available to the world at large.

**Commercial Control.**

The American plan for world-wide communication is nearly completed. It is pre-eminently a commercial one, a study of the scheme shows, and it will do much to make this country independent of foreign-controlled communication channels.

We already have eight trans-oceanic stations in operation. For transatlantic work we have transmitters at Marion, Mass.; Port Jefferson, L. I.; New Brunswick, N. J.; and Tuckertown, N. J. For trans-pacific communication there are

transmitters at Bolinas and San Diego, Cal., the latter station being for naval purposes. The navy also controls powerful transmitting stations at Arlington, Va., and Annapolis, Md. The Bolinas station was built for communication with another American station at Kahuku, Hawaii, whence messages can be relayed to Asiatic ports.

Thus we see the importance of radio communication in the world. Tomorrow's article will treat of radio at sea.

**Has Radio on Auto.**

P. E. Teale, 1746 South Twenty-seventh street, gets a lot of enjoyment from his radio activities. He took up radio telegraphy eight years ago and when radio telephony came into popularity recently he was ready to get into the game.

Mr. Teale goes for an automobile ride fitted with an aerial. He carries a receiving set and now and then along the roadside he tries to take a message or a song from the air. From the seat of his automobile he will be listening in tonight to catch The Bee concert, which will

### SPARKS

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**Inductances in Parallel.**—Decrease total inductance.

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With vacation days here, school boys who are radio fans find it enjoyable to take their improvised receiving sets to the lakes and creeks with them during the day to listen in on local broadcasting reports while they fish.

Read The Bee all the way through. You will find it interesting.

### Wife of Army Sergeant Files Divorce Suit

Just as William J. Welch, army mess sergeant of Camp Houston, Tex., was about to pay his taxes in the county treasurer's office yesterday he was served with a divorce summons.

In her petition Mrs. Welch charges her husband with being cruel. They have been separated for several months. Mrs. Welch lives at 21 East Locust street.

Welch became acquainted with his wife while stationed in Camp Dodge, Ia. They were married in Des Moines February 17, 1918.

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### Basket Stores Creditors Protest Receiver's Bill

Creditors of the bankrupt Basket Stores company filed vehement protests against "excessive and exorbitant charges" by the receiver and attorneys in federal court yesterday. They demand that the court cut down the bill of \$26,500 presented by two law firms and the receiver for a period of seven months. The question is scheduled to come before Judge Woodrugh next Saturday.

### Old U. P. Bonds Burned

Grace Burger, deputy county clerk, touched a match that burned \$268,000 worth of Union Pacific bonds of 1877 which were refunded and also the last of the old courthouse bonds. The small bonfire was staged in the basement of the courthouse without any formal ceremonies. County commissioners and a few other county officials were present.

### John Gray, Iowa Banker, Drops Dead at Casey Home

Atlantic, Ia., June 14.—(Special Telegram.)—John W. Gray, widely known banker of southwestern Iowa, at one time railroad engineer, dropped dead at his home in Casey Tuesday morning. He entered the banking business at Exira, Ia., and retired in 1906, leaving the business to his sons, Fred and Charles.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

### Osceola Picnic Crowd Entertained by Radio

C. Vincent of the Omaha Grain exchange entertained several hundred people at the Farmers Elevator picnic at Osceola yesterday with a radio concert. Market reports were supplemented with musical numbers and brief talks, all from the Omaha Grain exchange station, WAAW. A. W. Shorthill of Omaha and Professor Gaines of Fremont were the principal speakers.

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