

Administration Regards Strike as Unjustified

"There Will Be No Interruption of Transportation in Case of Walkout," Officials Announce.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
Washington, June 30.—"There will be no interruption of transportation if the threatened strike of railway employees should take place."
This was the statement of a high administration official last night when advised that a walkout of the shopcrafts employees of the railroads had been called, to take effect Saturday.

The administration regards the strike as wholly unjustified, holding that the employees are obliged, exactly as the railroad corporations are obliged to abide by the decisions of the railway labor board, created by the Esch-Cummins transportation act. In the view of the administration, the strike is directed at the labor board and defies the spirit, if not the letter, of the law.

Victory for Men.
If the shopcrafts employees walk out the railroads will be justified, according to administration viewpoint in contracting with private concerns for their repair work. The labor board recently held that the contracts made by the railroads with outside companies for repair work were in violation of the transportation act.

This decision was a victory for the railroad employees who opened their fight on this procedure more than a year ago. They charged that the roads had resorted to this practice in order to cut down the force of shopcrafts employees and avoid paying the wages fixed in their agreements with the railway unions.

If the shopcrafts employees strike and the railroads are unable to procure repairs in their own shops in order to keep the trains running, the carriers will be faced with the choice of recruiting nonunion skilled employees to do the work of contracting for repairs with outside concerns. It was pointed out that great difficulty probably would be encountered in recruiting a sufficient number of skilled workers to take the places of the shopcrafts strikers and that the railroads would be compelled to turn to the companies equipped for rolling stock repair work.

Practice Legal.
As this would be done in the interest of preventing the interrupting of transportation, which the transportation act was designed to guard against, the practice would be legal, in the opinion of the administration.

President Harding had been favorably impressed by the manner in which the labor board has decided disputes, enforced its decisions up to date, although lacking in adequate enforcement power, and averted threatened strikes such as the walkout called, but later rescinded by the brotherhoods of train operating employees last year. He is hopeful that the board again will be successful in avoiding this strike, but, in any event, he intends to stand squarely behind the board.

Des Moines Health Head Dismissed by Council
Des Moines, June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Following a bitter and vindictive hour-and-a-half session of the city council, John MacVicar was relieved as head of the city health department. Mayor John Garver was given responsibility for the department.

The trouble started when MacVicar asked that W. B. Barney, jr., city milk inspector, be dismissed on grounds of inefficiency. A delegation of 20 Des Moines club women appeared before the council in defense of Barney, stating that the quality of milk had been improved since he had taken over the position. MacVicar charged that Barney was in "cahoots" with milk distributors and was closing his eyes to many irregularities.

Anti-Saloon League Meet Scores Weeks' Rum Statement
Denver, Colo., June 30.—Delegates from 12 states attending the regional conference of the Anti-Saloon league today unanimously adopted a resolution protesting statements reputed to have been made by Secretary of War John W. Weeks, blaming the prohibition law for unrest and declaring that Mr. Weeks would vote for the return of wine and beer if he were a member of congress. The resolution was telegraphed to President Harding.

Secretary Weeks' action is termed "apparent official disrespect for the federal constitution" and "encouragement to the spirit of lawlessness" in the protest.

Prize Parades to Be Held at Sidney on Fourth of July
Sidney, Neb., June 30.—(Special.)—All preparations are made for a celebration on July 4 at Sidney. Parades will be staged, with prizes for the best decorated floats and automobiles, and a program of field day sports will be carried out, including aquatic contests in the Country club swimming pool. A baseball game will be staged in the afternoon between Porter and Sidney and two bands will be engaged all day and evening, with a wrestling match and dance to finish the program.

Gelding Team, Weighing Ton Each, Sold by Farmer
Stella, Neb., June 30.—(Special.)—A team of geldings, each animal weighing a ton, was sold by Frank Higgins, farmer near Stella, to Frank Howard, horse buyer at Pawnee City. The price was \$400. So far as is known, the team is the heaviest ever owned in this part of the state. The geldings were 8 and 9 years old, respectively, brown, with white markings. Howard stated he would ship the team to Boston.

Heavy Rain at Sidney
Sidney, Neb., June 30.—(Special.)—Cheyenne county was visited by a heavy rainstorm, accompanied by violent thunder and lightning. All crops will be benefited by this rain. Some hail losses are reported in the eastern end of the county from Tuesday's storm.

Men Who'll Direct Rail Strike Here



Here are the men who will direct the railway shophmen's strike as far as it affects the Union Pacific system. They are officials of System Federation No. 105 and were caught by The Bee's camera man Friday.

Howell Speaks on Monopoly at Beemer

Wisner, Neb., June 30.—(Special Telegram.)—R. B. Howell, candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator, arrived at Beemer on schedule time. An interested crowd, returning from the chautauqua, listened to a discussion of the problem of monopoly and its control, which was brought to a close by a cloudburst, during which lightning struck the Friend elevator.

Mr. Howell pointed out that all efforts in this country to control monopoly had virtually failed. He urged that public competition is the only certain remedy for this evil, as demonstrated by the public ice plant in Omaha and the reduction of electric light rates from 14 to 5 1-2 cents in Omaha since 1912 through more threatened competition.

The storm ended possibilities for meetings in Wisner and Wayne as scheduled.

son, secretary and treasurer of the federation; F. M. Wageman, chairman boiler-makers and vice president of the federation, and B. H. Furse, chairman carmen and president of the system federation.

Inserted is a photograph of William F. Hannon, executive board member of the International Association of Machinists, Washington, D. C., who was principal speaker at a mass meeting of shophmen in Central Labor temple last night.

Grandfather Thinks Babe Held for Ransom

Lincoln, June 30.—William Carsh of Humboldt, grandfather of the baby kidnaped a week ago, came to Lincoln yesterday to get information that he hopes will aid him in locating the infant. Lincoln police believe the baby was taken by a middle-aged woman, who is said to have been seen at Beatrice and later at Wymore, where she is reported to have bought a ticket for St. Joseph, Mo.

Mr. Carsh said he is inclined to believe the baby is being secreted in the hope of securing a reward. Its parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holman Howe, he said, are at Humboldt.

Rainfall Is Heavy.
More than an inch of rain, 1.02 to be exact, fell shortly after 2 a. m. yesterday. This is the heaviest precipitation recorded in several weeks by the weather bureau.



Benefit Association Will Stage Big State Picnic

Stella, Neb., June 30.—(Special.)—Security Benefit Association of Nebraska, formerly known as Knights and Ladies of Security, is planning a big state picnic at Chautauqua park at Beatrice August 10. It is the intention to make the picnic an annual affair, with business session and election of officers.

A basket dinner will be served. Addresses, music, sports and a baseball game between members of the councils north of the Platte river and south of the Platte are included on the program. The entertainment will close with a dance in the evening at the De Luxe Dance academy.

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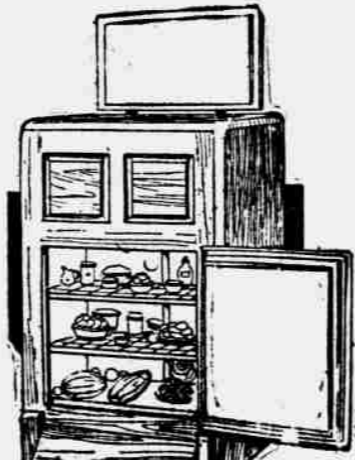
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