

Hooper Is Summoned by Harding

Executive Calls Labor Board Head to Capital for Interview on Rail Strike.

Confers With Senators

Washington, July 21.—Determined to obtain a first-hand view of the railroad strike situation, President Harding today called Chairman Hooper of the railroad labor board here from Chicago, for a personal interview to-morrow.

Prior to summoning the labor board head the president received Chairman Cummins and Senators Kellogg and Watson of the senate interstate commerce committee, who reported on their conference last night with eastern railroad executives and later the whole question was taken up for discussion in a prolonged cabinet session.

The president was represented as desirous of hearing from Mr. Hooper on account of the positions taken by the leaders of striking shopmen, the rail executives and the board itself during the negotiations aimed at a strike settlement, but which now have broken off.

Daugherty Receives Borah. Meanwhile, Attorney General Daugherty conferred at the capitol, first with Senator Borah, chairman of the senate labor committee, and then with Mr. Cummins, the discussions involving the possibility of legal action in both the railroad and the coal strikes, although the attorney general stated afterward that no immediate legal proceedings were under contemplation.

During the day, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement calling upon the government to open "direct negotiations" between union chiefs and employing corporations both in transportation and coal mining, and suggesting that the "helpless and defenseless railroad labor board" be set aside in the matter.

Find Seniority an Issue. Senators Cummins, Watson and Kellogg during their visit to the White House, told the president they had found the seniority issue the chief obstacle to settlement of the railroad strike, but also indicated that the leaders of the striking shopmen were also demanding that a new federal board of mediation be set up to consider transportation labor controversies.

Railroad executives, the senators reported, would not reinstate returning shopmen in the service positions they formerly held, even should the strike be called off, because they claim nearly 340,000 men had been employed to fill the places of 400,000.

Havelock Shop Plans Abandoned

Burlington Reluctates for Alleged Lack of Protection in Strike.

Lincoln, July 21.—(Special).—W. F. Thiehoff, Omaha, general manager of the Burlington, in an open letter to citizens of Havelock, the Burlington shop town five miles from Lincoln, intimates that contemplated enlargement of the shops at Havelock has been abandoned and the Burlington will seek another town for these improvements.

The reason assigned by Thiehoff in his letter is the alleged lack of protection given by city authorities of Havelock to men who desire to work while the strike is in progress.

Several men sent to Havelock as guards are said to have been run out of town by strikers.

U. S. May Be Paid for Rhine Troops by German Dyes

Paris, July 21.—(By A. P.).—The American government would receive its quota of German dyes amounting to more than \$3,000,000 annually, as part payment for maintaining its army on the Rhine, under the terms of a plan which now is being worked out by the American government with the aid of the reparations commission. All that remains to put the plan into effect is the final approval of some of the allied powers. This approval is expected within several weeks.

The reparations commission regards the plan as a successful proposal to show the United States is to be paid for keeping its forces on the Rhine and it is indicated that the American government has endorsed the plan.

Mrs. George F. Morrison Dies. Montclair, N. J., July 21.—Mrs. George F. Morrison, wife of the vice president of the General Electric company, died at her home here from an overdose of sleep-inducing powder which she had taken to quiet her nerves. Mrs. Morrison, who was excited over preparations for an outing on Lake Ontario, appeared ill immediately after taking the powder and died before physicians arrived.

Hammer Slayer Suspect, Her Husband and Victim



Charged with beating Mrs. Alberta Meadows, 20-year-old widow to death with a hammer, because of jealousy, Mrs. Clara Phillips (above), 23-year-old wife of a Los Angeles oil promoter, was arrested at Tucson, Ariz., and brought back to Los Angeles to await trial.



A. L. Phillips, the Cause.

Los Angeles, July 21.—Mrs. Clara Phillips, whose trial for the murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows has been set for September 18, is believed to have purchased an automatic pistol two days before the young widow was beaten to death with a hammer, according to a story the Los Angeles Times published today.

Meeting to Devise Restraint on Coal Profiteers Called

Hoover to Confer With Operators on Exorbitant Prices and Rationing Plan for Fuel.

Washington, July 21.—(By A. P.).—The government is preparing to "stand pat" for a period of 10 days to two weeks in its attitude toward the coal strike, it was indicated today, in order to ascertain whether sufficient production will be obtained through the reopening of bituminous mines called a meeting of federal protection to assure the fuel requirements of essential industries.

In the meantime, however, plans for distribution of the curtailed supply of coal are to be pushed, it was said. Secretary Hoover announced tonight that he had called a meeting here next Monday of representatives of producing districts in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Virginia to discuss the proposed "rationing" plan and to formulate a policy designed to restrain profiteering.

While all three parties to the recent conference in Washington—the government, operators and union—seemed satisfied that the situation, as it now stands, was hopelessly deadlocked, a new move for restoration of peace in the coal fields was seen in the resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator King, democrat, Utah, who proposed creation of a commission of five to investigate both sides of the controversy and report its findings. No provision was made in the resolution for enforcement of the findings made by the commission, but Mr. King expressed the opinion that such a body, set up by positive legislation, would have more authority than did the conference requested by the president.

Everybody's Pocketbook Lightened \$5 During Year

Washington, July 21.—Everybody's pocketbook was lightened by nearly \$5 during the past fiscal year, according to the statement of money in circulation on July 1, issued today by the Federal Reserve bank. Per capita circulation of money on July 1 was \$39.87 as compared with \$44.78 on July 1, 1921. The treasury's per capita figures were based on total circulation of \$4,375,555,653 on July 1, and a total population of 109,743,000 persons as compared with a total circulation of \$4,839,641,851 on July 1, 1921, and a total population of 108,087,000. The figures excluded from money in circulation all forms of money held by the Federal Reserve banks and federal reserve agents whether as a reserve against federal reserve notes or otherwise.

Big Steel Merger Legal, Daugherty Says in Opinion

Attorney General Declares Bethlehem and Midvale Combinations Makes Only for Efficiency.

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, July 21.—Attorney General Daugherty in an opinion submitted to the senate today in response to a resolution adopted May 8, held that the Bethlehem-Lackawanna and the Midvale-Inland Steel mergers are not in violation of the Sherman act, the Clayton act or the Webb act.

The attorney general declined to state, however, as to whether or not the mergers constitute a violation of the federal trade act. The opinion holds that not every contract or combination in restraint of trade is prohibited under the Sherman act. Such act only applies to combinations and contracts in unreasonable restraint of trade it declared. The motive which prompts the Bethlehem company to acquire the Lackawanna, the opinion holds, is solely the desire to secure greater efficiency and economy in production.

The opinion holds that nothing in the Midvale-Republic-Inland merger violates the Sherman act and that there is not the slightest ground to believe that restraint of trade or monopolistic control will result. It holds there is but one underlying purpose in the combination, that is, to enable the new company to compete with the United States Steel corporation, which, because of the wide distribution of its various plants and their easy accessibility to the sources of raw materials, is enabled to produce and sell its products much cheaper than other manufacturers.

Stationary Firemen Out 99 Per Cent, Says Officer

Railway station firemen and others are out 99 per cent on all lines in the United States, according to C. L. Shamp, international secretary of their organization, on his return to Omaha from Chicago. Mr. Shamp estimates that 190 firemen and others are on strike in Council Bluffs, but says that a large part of them were on strike before their organization authorized the walkout last Monday morning. The organization has a membership of about 38,000 in this country, Mr. Shamp says.

Gas Price Cut in Oregon. Portland, Ore., July 21.—Gasoline prices have been reduced one half a cent a gallon in territory in Oregon outside of Portland, due to reduced freight rates effective July 1, according to announcement by four leading oil companies. Crude and fuel oil was reduced 25 cents a barrel.

Trial Opens for Strike Kidnapings

Special Telegram.—Danger of violence in connection with possible strike disorders in Fremont has practically passed over, with a preliminary hearing of 15 railroad strikers and sympathizers charged with the abduction of 11 strikebreakers nearly completed.

Adjudgment of the hearing was made this evening and tomorrow morning the remaining witnesses will offer their testimony. With the Northwestern planning to bring in strikebreakers, predicted by Mayor Green in his address to the 150 citizen deputies, an outbreak is feared, though union officials have promised their co-operation toward maintaining peace.

Tonight the 150 deputy sheriffs gathered at the courthouse where companies of 15 men each were formed, with a captain as leader. These companies are scheduled to report each morning for guard duty. The companies are made up of business men, professional men and members of every occupation but railroads. Sheriff Condit, in charge of the situation, is prepared with 25 sawed-off shotguns and 1,000 rounds of ammunition. He swore in the guards Thursday.

Compelled to Leave. In the band of 15 men arraigned on the charge of abducting the men brought here by the railroad and compelling them to leave town by force, is numbered Toles P. Winterstein, former deputy to Sheriff Condit, and defeated candidate in the recent primaries.

The hearing was slated to be held in justice court. Upon motion of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Gumb, the case was dismissed in district court and transferred to police court before Judge A. K. Dame. Attorney Arthur H. Young, Omaha representative of the Nebraska branch of the American Federation of Labor, was in charge of the defense.

Witnesses of the prosecution, at the request of the defense, were sent from the courtroom. A motion to quash the information against all defendants was made by Attorney Bigelow, claiming insufficient evidence. The request was overruled.

Saw Truck Pass. Herbert Groetzinger, farmer, residing on road between Fremont and the county line, where the strikebreakers were exiled, testified that he saw the truck pass. He was able to identify Winterstein and Satchell, a striker, he said. Thomas Cottrell, station guard, stated he identified Ellis Hobbs and Harry Sawyer, two of the strikers who were later arrested as ring leaders. Cottrell stated that he heard cries of "scabs" and other loud talking, but was unable to say who made the remarks.

Anton Marik, car foreman, testified that he was in a dining car near the station at the time the strikebreakers were exiled, testified that he saw members of a five crowd carrying clubs. L. A. Sayl, Northwestern car inspector, testified that he had been threatened personally by Sawyer and others.

Witnesses were called to stand to bring out the fact that a crowd had gathered around the baggage car in which the strikebreakers were brought to Fremont.

Denver & Rio Grande in Receiver's Hands

Denver, Colo., July 21.—The Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad today was ordered placed in the hands of a receiver.

The receivership was granted on request of attorneys representing holders of defaulted mortgage bonds secured by the property of the railroad. Joseph H. Young, president of the road, was named receiver.

The order granting the receivership was signed by Circuit Judge Robert E. Lewis and District Judge J. Foster Symes, sitting jointly in the United States district court here.

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Good Will Winners Get Credentials



Mayor Dahlman is here seen signing credentials for winners of The Omaha Bee Good Will election, who will leave Omaha tonight to sail for France under the auspices of the American Committee for Devastated France.

Limerick Taken in Attack by Free State Force

National Army Guns Shell Waterford—Troops Capture Asylum and Infirmary—City of Cork Quiet.

London, July 21.—(By A. P.).—The city of Limerick has been captured by the Irish national army, says a Central News dispatch from Dublin this afternoon. The national army took many prisoners together with arms and ammunition.

Cork, July 21.—(By A. P.).—An official bulletin issued early today by the republican insurgents' headquarters here says that national army forces are shelling Waterford from Mount Misery. The shelling was reported yesterday evening after a comparatively quiet afternoon.

Free state troops yesterday afternoon took possession of the asylum and infirmary in Waterford, says the statement. Republican snipers frustrated repeated attempts of the enemy to cross the river in boats. The nationalists' fire from across the river killed two civilians and wounded four others. Many inhabitants have left the city because of the bombardment.

A large party of free state troops landed on a little island below Waterford last night, and under cover of darkness crossed King's sound to the mainland in barges. There was fierce fighting at the landing, which was aided by big guns and machine guns and sharp rifle firing occurred at various points.

There was considerable activity on the part of both forces in County Clare and South Galway.

The official bulletin reports two attacks by a free state armored car upon republican posts in Limerick, which were repulsed, and also in conclusive fighting in the Limerick area on July 19. Several civilians were wounded by the nationalists' fire, the statement said.

The city of Cork is comparatively quiet and a few telegraph wires are still open.

Pennsylvania Mayors Beg Lewis to End Strike

New York, July 21.—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was understood to have conferred here today with a delegation of mayors of cities in the Pennsylvania anthracite districts. After appealing to him to send his men back to work to stop suffering and business stagnation, the mayors left for Washington.

Mayor Dahlman and Mrs. McMullen signed the credentials, which later will be signed by a long list of European notables, including the president of the French republic. Mr. Tancock presented a scroll bearing the official Chamber of Commerce and Ak-Sar-Ben seals to Miss Nellie B. Donn, head of the Omaha delegation.

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Mayor Dahlman Bids Good Will Girls 'Godspeed'

Mayor Dahlman made an official "Godspeed" to Omaha's Good Will delegation in his offices yesterday morning. Mrs. J. J. McMullen, chairman of the sponsoring committee of Good Will election, Montagu Tancock of the Chamber of Commerce and B. Brewer, general manager of The Omaha Bee, also were on hand to see that the girl delegates received their credentials.

The girls assembled in the mayor's office at 10.30. They formed an animated group with sparkling eyes and pink cheeks that would bring despair to the heart of any rouse salesman. With them came groups of friends, frankly envious, but with all happy over the journey which the girls are about to take.

Presentation Informal. "If all the other delegations are as fine as you girls, it'll be a wonderful, a most wonderful thing," exclaimed Mrs. McMullen. "The American Committee for Devastated France should rejoice and so should France."

There was nothing formal about the little presentation reception in the mayor's office. Much eager chatter, happy laughter and now and then a sober remark, which showed the girls, for all their eagerness for the long journey, realize that theirs is a mission of kindness and charity.

And now, with the strike and competition of election in the background, the girls are the best of friends. Miss Irene Rice of Alliance was received yesterday morning by the other girls with open arms. She arrived in Omaha only Thursday, but 10 minutes after meeting the others she was one of them and won by her, with her demure manner and eager eyes—what matter?

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The delegation of five—Miss Donn, Miss Kaufmann, Miss Ella Fenn, Miss Anna McNamara and Miss Rice—will leave from the Burlington station here at 6.30 tonight. They will sail for France on the La France on July 26.

Rock Island to Petition for Restraining Order

The Rock Island will today petition Federal Judge Woodrough for a temporary restraining order against striking employees, according to Judge E. P. Holmes of Lincoln, general counsel.

The Rock Island is the sixth railroad to seek federal aid.

Ex-Governor Bankrupt

Pensacola, Fla., July 21.—Sidney Catts, former governor of Florida, who is under indictment here on a peonage charge, filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy in federal court here. Total liabilities amount to \$43,032.73 with assets given as \$1,910.

Allan Ryan Goes Bankrupt With Enormous Debt

New York, July 21.—Allan A. Ryan, generally regarded as one of Wall street's most spectacular operators during the "war boom" period, and the son of Thomas Fortune Ryan, from whom he has been estranged for years, went bankrupt today, listing liabilities at \$32,435,477, of which \$27,806,984 are secured claims, and his assets at \$643,533.

His voluntary petition in bankruptcy, which comes as a startling climax to one of the stormiest financial careers of the present generation, indicates the wiping out of a fortune variously estimated from \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

Wall street, which began to count young Ryan out as soon as he was expelled from the New York Stock exchange on June 23, 1920, following his sensational "corner" of Stutz motor stock, was nevertheless shocked by the immense amount of liabilities the young financier had assumed.

Neither Ryan nor his attorney, George F. Lewis, would make any comment on the bankruptcy proceedings, beyond stating that the schedule lists the assets and liabilities of Allan A. Ryan, personally, and the firm of Allan A. Ryan & Co., of which he was president.

Ryan's greatest exploit was his sensational corner of Stutz motor stock, which, with its resultant explosion from the stock exchange, is held by his friends to have been directly responsible for his financial ruin. In the early part of 1920 stock of the Stutz Motor company, of which Ryan was then president and a director, began to undergo perplexing market fluctuations. Before many weeks had passed, Wall street woke up to find that an apparent corner existed and that thousands of shares had been sold "short" with no prospect of "covering."

Ryan and his associates are alleged to have bought 31,000 shares of the stock for themselves during the month of March, and to have used the alleged corner to force up the price of the stock until it reached \$391 a share. On March 31, trading in Stutz Motors was suspended and an indefinite moratorium was declared, in which there could be no calls for delivery of shares. Later, at the request of Mr. Ryan, the stock was stricken from the list.

State Troops Will Not Be Called for Strike Duty

Lincoln, July 21.—(Special).—Following an investigation of strike conditions yesterday at Falls City, it was stated at the office of Adj. Gen. H. J. Paul that there is nothing serious there as to warrant calling troops. The Nebraska National guard will hold an encampment at Capital Beach, near here, July 25-26.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday fair and cooler.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m. 70 7 p. m. 81
7 a. m. 72 8 p. m. 82
8 a. m. 74 9 p. m. 83
9 a. m. 76 10 p. m. 84
10 a. m. 78 11 p. m. 85
11 a. m. 80 12 m. 86
12 noon 81 1 p. m. 87

Chaplain Succeeds Wilson in Parliament

Newtownards, North Down, Ireland, July 21.—(By P.).—Major Gen. Rt. Rev. M. S. Wilson, former chaplain-in-chief of the British expeditionary forces, has been elected unopposed to succeed the late Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson as member of parliament, it was announced today.

Randall Is in Lead for Governor

Randolph Man Passes McMullen 333 Votes in 1,879 Precincts—Official Count Now Being Taken.

The close race between Charles H. Randall of Randolph and Adam McMullen in the republican gubernatorial contest continued to engage the interest of many yesterday, when McMullen started the day with an apparent lead of 209 and Randall finished with a lead of 333 votes in 1,879 of the state's 1,913 voting precincts.

The vote from these 1,879 precincts gave Randall 48,413 and McMullen 48,080. Of these precincts 302 reported the official count by telegraph to the Associated Press, while 69 were official except that the mailed vote under the absent voters' law was not included. Even with the official count received from some of the counties, some political observers are of the opinion that it will require the official canvass at the secretary of state's office to determine whether Randall or McMullen will be the republican standard bearer this fall against Charles W. Bryan of Lincoln, the democratic nominee.

Spillman Leads Dorsey

The republican and democratic attorney general races continue to indicate uncertainty between O. S. Spillman of Pierce and William Dorsey of Lincoln for the republican nomination, and between H. B. Fleharty of Omaha and Kenneth W. McDonald of Bridgeport for the democratic nomination. The last totals reported show Spillman leading Dorsey by 626 and Fleharty leading McDonald by 192.

The republican vote was: Spillman, 2,852; Dorsey, 27,901. The democratic was: Fleharty, 16,093; McDonald, 15,901.

Additional returns tend to confirm the nomination of W. M. Stebbins of Gothenburg for the republican nomination for state treasurer, 1,840 precincts giving Stebbins 26,861 and Charles D. Robinson of Red Cloud, 23,918.

For the democratic nomination for governor, with 1,840 precincts heard from, the vote stood: Bryan, 27,267; Butler, 24,021.

Totals on U. S. Senator. The latest totals on United States Senator R. B. Howell, 37,986; A. W. Jefferson, 24,631; Clarence A. Davis, 24,092; Charles H. Gustafson, 17,242; Frank John, 4,321; John O. Yeiser, 3,405 (1,777 precincts).

C. G. M. Heston, 47,036; I. O. Shroyer, 15,957; Anthony Manahan, 9,826 (1,826 precincts). The democratic Fourth congressional district contest appears to have been settled by the nomination of H. B. Cummins of Seward, against C. J. Fall of Lincoln.

Capt. Amundsen Delayed by Ice

Unfavorable Conditions in Bering Sea Hold Back Start of Airplane Flight.

Seattle, July 21.—(By A. P.).—Unfavorable ice conditions in Bering sea have delayed the arrival of Captain Roald Amundsen's exploration ship and the start of his projected airplane flight across the North pole to Spitzbergen or Grant's Land, according to advices received here from several sources.

Wireless position reports from the Maud, received in this country, as late as July 18, fixed the ship's position somewhere in the neighborhood of Good Hope bay, Koltzbe sound. This is hundreds of miles from Point Barrow and only a few hundred miles from Nome. The fact that the Maud reported the same position July 15 led to the belief that the ship was lying in the Good Hope bay anchorage, waiting for more favorable conditions in Bering sea and the Arctic ocean.

Nome advices were to the effect that the Maud was in the northwestern waters was later this season that for many years and that heavy fog was hampering the movement of vessels north of Cape Prince of Wales.

No fear was felt here for the safety of the Maud as the wireless messages received by a friend of the explorer several days ago reported "all's well."

Aerial Police Spend Busy Day at Venice, Cal.

Venice, Cal., July 21.—An aerial police service for 24 hours a day has been established here. It is composed of three aviator-policemen, each on duty for eight hours. Each has his own airplane. Duties of the aerial squad include aid to victims of accidents; locating and arresting automobile bandits; preventing smuggling; rushing life preservers to victims of ship wrecks, and fighting forest fires.

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