

President to Submit Peace Plan

Harding Will Lay Proposals Before Separate Meetings of Rail Strikers and Executives on Tuesday.

Outlook More Hopeful

Washington, July 28.—(By A. P.)—Proposals for settling the railroad strike, drawn up by President Harding and representing the conclusions reached by him after the extended conference of the past 48 hours with labor leaders and railway executives, will be presented to separate meetings of representatives of the two groups next Tuesday—the railroad managers meeting in New York and the employees' envoys in Chicago.

Details of the plan or plans are still withheld, but President Harding was said to feel that prospects were bright for an early settlement of the controversy, which has threatened to retard seriously the country's transportation system.

A major section in the president's settlement plan was understood to involve the seniority issue, which was said further to be the only section in the plan to have been identified as among the controversial issues between the railroads and their workmen.

Concede Right to Rehearing. Another section would concede the right of the strikers to a rehearing before the railroad labor board on the wage issue and another would bind the railroads to set up regional adjustment boards, while a fourth would require abandonment by railroads of contracts with "outside" shops for repair work.

President Harding was understood to have suggested compromise on the question of seniority rights, by which all men hired since the strike would retain the positions, the strikers regaining their former privileges so as to rank just behind the men who did not walk out July 1.

The strikers, under the plan, would return to work at the scales set by the board in its decision of July 1, which precipitated the strike, but without prejudice to either side when the matter was brought up for rehearing.

Leaders to Meet Tuesday. B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, and international secretary of the railroad strike, left Washington for Chicago, announcing that the general strike committee of each organization would convene in that city Tuesday to consider the president's suggestions.

It is expected that preliminary conferences will be held by each group in an endeavor to formulate programs for consideration by the general sessions. The general strike committees of the unions ordinarily consist of a representative of each craft in each railroad system where the strike is in effect.

It was understood that Secretary Hoover might attend the railway executives' session at New York, reported on page two, column four.

Unidentified Body Is Found in River

Sioux City, July 28.—Floating face downward in the water a few feet from the Iowa bank of the Missouri river, the body of an unidentified man about 28 years of age was found by fishermen last evening at the foot of Iowa street.

The man had been dead from three to five days, according to Coroner Robbins. He was well dressed, being attired in a silk shirt, new shoes, gray trousers and silk hose.

The only mark of identification found on the body was a handkerchief bearing the initials "S. S."

The fact that no papers or sum of money was found in the dead man's possession has led authorities to believe that he may have been robbed. The body showed no marks of violence.

Labor Board Member Suggests Basis for Strike Settlement

Chicago, July 28.—(By A. P.)—The basis of a possible settlement of the strike of railway shompen was suggested by a member of the United States railroad labor board as follows:

1. Shopcraft men who remained at work to go to the head of the seniority lists, taking precedence over all those who struck.

2. Strikers to regain pension privileges and seniority rights but to rank below the men who remained loyal to the roads, but ahead of new men taken on during the course of the strike.

3. New employees who have been filling places of the strikers to be kept in the service of the roads but to take only seniority to which they are entitled by length of actual service.

4. Shopcraft men who struck to return to work under the wage scale and working conditions put into effect by the labor board on July 1, pending a rehearing by the board.

5. Railroads to stop outside contracting, to establish regional adjustment boards and to drop all possible damage suits growing out of the strike.

It was pointed out that such a settlement took care of the strikers, the loyal employees and the new men and provided for submission of the original grievances to the labor board.

Early Settlement of Strike Looked for by Shopcrafts

Union Chiefs Here Optimistic—20 Deputy Marshals Sworn in for Duty in State.

An early settlement of the shopmen's strike appears likely, Omaha union officials think. They declared yesterday that none of their men are returning to work and urged the strikers to stand firm.

Twenty deputy marshals for duty in various parts of the state in connection with the strike were sworn in yesterday by Federal Judge Woodruff.

The men sworn in were Lloyd O. Toland, John Kelly, Daniel J. Phillips, Carl H. Neuman, Norman H. Franks, James Burns, Robert C. Liston, Alfred H. Willets, Albert H. Fulham, Howard L. Bridges, Gale Beckwith, William A. Borden, Gustav Nelson, J. Dale Weeks, Richard A. Shockey, Ronald H. McDonald, Irvin Sawtell and Lyle S. Powell.

To Protest Guards. Decision to protest to Governor McKelvie and mayors of principal Nebraska cities against the use of armed guards in railroad yards was made at a meeting of more than 100 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at a meeting in the Swedish auditorium Thursday night.

Moral and financial support to the striking shopmen was pledged at the meeting. Following a lively debate as to methods of subscription, a collection of funds to be given to the strikers was taken up. A total of \$114.75 was collected.

Injunctions Signed. Temporary injunctions restraining the shopmen from unlawful picketing, trespassing and interference with railroad employees were signed yesterday by Judge Woodruff.

Rail officials attached little importance to a rumor that trainmen held a secret meeting Thursday night. They denied reports of shopmen's officials that two Chicago-Denver trains on the Burlington were to be discontinued August 1 unless the strike was settled before that time.

3 Railroads Put Embargo on All Except Fuel, Food

Washington, July 28.—(By A. P.)—Three coal-carrying railroads, the Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio, and the Louisville & Nashville, have declared embargoes over their lines against the acceptance of any freight except foodstuffs, live stock and fuel. The actions were taken under the interstate commerce commission declaration of an emergency, which authorized railroads embargoed by the shopmen's strike to show preference and establish priority in transportation.

The object of the embargoes is to conserve all the equipment of the three carriers for the transportation of coal. The roads serve the non-union bituminous mining areas south of the Ohio river, which have furnished most of the country's coal output since April 1.

Three Hurt in Bluffs Strike Row

Woman Arrested in Battle with Strikers

One woman and two men were injured and four men were arrested in a battle with fists and clubs between 150 railroad strikers and sympathizers and 100 United States deputy marshals around the Rock Island depot in Council Bluffs at 10:30 Thursday night.

The injured: Mrs. H. P. Schupp, 1806 Eleventh avenue, severe gashes on head and right arm.

W. H. Buss, United States deputy marshal, cut on right shoulder blade with brick.

Clark Spencer, county motorcycle officer, body bruises from two bricks.

Four Men Arrested. The men arrested are W. F. Scholes, R. E. Huskins, Frank W. Troutman, G. Clemensen and John Madden.

Under orders from Col. Guy S. Brewer, U. S. marshal, William Pittsworth, deputy marshal, ordered his force of deputies to break up the crowd of men, women and children who had gathered around the C. R. I. & P. station prior to the time Train 301 was due to arrive from Des Moines.

Armed with clubs and 45 caliber pistols, the deputies moved on the striker crowd which was parading between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets in South Sixth street.

Dispersal was slow following the officers' orders and Pittsworth ordered his men to charge. The crowd countered with bricks, hitting Buss and Spencer.

Encouraged by Women. More than 25 women were in the parade and those who did not participate in the battle stood on the sidelines and shouted encouragement to their men.

Mrs. Schupp, 30, explained afterwards she was beaten with a club by a deputy marshal while she was trying to lead her husband, Henry, from the crowd. Union representatives took her to an attorney with a view to legal action.

John Beasley, a deputy sheriff, was cornered by 15 men during the battle, but was rescued by United States deputies at the point of pistols.

The prisoners were taken to jail in a police patrol. Clemensen was arrested on a right-of-way near the scene.

Jeer at Officers. Following the battle another crowd formed a short distance from the scene and began to cry "wite beaters" at the officers.

Condemning the beating of Mrs. Schupp, Deputy Pittsworth said he would begin an investigation and discharge the guilty deputy.

The strikers defended their parade as a taxpaying citizens' officers claimed justification under terms of an injunction.

The five prisoners are being held by federal authorities and are to be taken this morning before Judge Martin J. Wade, who is in Council Bluffs to hear arguments in United States district court on applications of the Illinois Central and Union Pacific railroads for permanent strike injunctions.

The five men arrested were released on \$500 bonds each, pending their hearing today.

Murder Charge Filed Against Creston Guard

Creston, Ia., July 28.—(Special.)—An information charging murder in the first degree was filed in justice court here this morning against J. R. Sears, Burlington railroad guard, who on Tuesday night is alleged to have shot C. A. Blodgett, local railroad striker.

Blodgett died at 11 last night in the hospital where he was taken for an operation.

Sears, who was arrested following the shooting and is in jail at Oak, Ia., probably will be brought to Creston for arraignment.

County Coroner James G. McKee will hold an inquest this afternoon. Blodgett is survived by a wife and three small children, two of them twins.

Kay McCloud, another striker shot at the same time Blodgett was wounded, is rapidly recovering.

Local city and county officers, together with 15 deputy United States marshals sent by special train from Des Moines Wednesday night, have the strike situation well in hand and there has been no serious disturbance since the wounding of the two shompen.

Hitchcock Tax Lists Reported to Be Delinquent

Candidate for Re-Election in Arrears in Personal Taxes—Acting County Attorney Seeks Penalization.

The board of county commissioners learned yesterday that Senator G. M. Hitchcock, who is a candidate for re-election, is in arrears in his personal taxes.

The following communication was yesterday sent to the board by County Assessor H. G. Counsman:

"Enclosed please find belated personal property schedules of Gilbert M. Hitchcock for the years 1920 and 1921. They were submitted to this office in May of this year together with his 1922 schedule, but not knowing what disposition to make of them I am hereby referring same to your honorable board so that you may instruct the county clerk to place them in the tax list, with or without interest, as may seem best in your judgment."

\$19,000 Book Accounts. Senator Hitchcock's 1922 schedule, to which was attached the two delinquent schedules, was brought to the assessor's office by R. M. Noblett, an auditor employed by the senator's newspaper. Attached was a written affidavit by the assessor, and which read: "Regret that I failed to return tax schedules for 1920 and 1921."

His schedule for 1921 listed \$215 in bonds and securities.

In his 1922 schedule he listed \$15,242 in moneys in banks and \$18,512 in bonds and securities.

Counsman explained his action in referring the belated Hitchcock schedules to the county commissioners with the statement that it is not within his province to act on schedules of delinquents.

"I have no authority to order the county clerk to put belated schedules on the tax list," said the assessor. "That is a matter for the county board."

Commissioner Unitt, chairman of the judicial committee of the county board, said the matter would be taken up probably at the next meeting of the board and that a vote to penalize the senator for his neglect would be taken.

Seeks Penalization. Acting County Attorney Henry Beal, in an opinion given for County Attorney A. V. Shotwell, ruled the senator should be penalized for neglecting to file the schedules. A penalty of 10 per cent for failure to return a tax schedule.

The Big Stick: "Did You Call for Me, Mr. President?"



Fight Over Wool Rates Continues to Rage in Senate

Proposals of Proposed Schedules in Tariff Bill Win Out in Each of Three Roll Calls.

Washington, July 28.—Assaults on the wool rates of the tariff bill were continued from both sides of the senate, with proponents striking back vigorously and winning out on each of the three roll calls taken during the seven-hour session.

Discussion was so extended that committee amendments in only one paragraph were disposed of but the senate was ready for a vote on another paragraph at the finish and leaders were hopeful, but not at all confident, that consideration of the schedule could be completed Saturday.

Senator Nelson, republican, Minnesota, made a vigorous attack on the wool rates, particularly and the whole bill in general.

"This is 'love's labor lost,'" Senator Nelson said in summing up. "We are in the hands of the wool people. They have us by the throat and perhaps it would be wiser to take the matter to the people and turn your head toward providence and hope to get relief from that source."

Democrats Fight Back. Onslaughts from the democratic side were made by Senators Walsh, Massachusetts; Simmons, North Carolina; and Pomeroy, Ohio. Calling attention that the finance committee majority, upon reaching the wool schedule, had ceased to make appreciable cuts in rates as it had done with a number of other schedules, Senator Simmons said wool was the very keystone in the arch which bound the republicans together in a "hard and fast compact" that if the rate on raw wool were cut down, "look out for rebellion on the part of the agricultural bloc; look out for the slaughter of your high rates upon the manufactured articles."

Defending the protective duties on cloths, Chairman McCumber of the finance committee said they were lower than the tariff commission and other experts had calculated would be necessary to equalize conversion costs in this country and abroad.

On the compensatory rates, he asserted, they were necessary because of the raw wool rate, and that this must be conceded by all those informed on the subject.

Smoot Shows Samples. Senator Smoot, in charge of the bill for the committee majority, defending the rates on cloth for men's suits and overcoats, exhibited samples of cloth and showed how prices had been decreased, due, he said, to competition in the industry. He declared the protective duties proposed in this country and abroad were industry alive and in that connection, presented a translation of a copy of wage contracts between manufacturers and their employes in the German Rhineland, showing that German workers received weekly wages expressed in American money ranging from 74.8 cents for 14-year-old boys to \$2.80 for grown men, and from 63 cents to \$2.18 a week in the case of female operatives.

Sacred Selection Played for Radio

Blind Musician Plays Soulful Number for Omaha Bee Weekly Concert.

Charles Pettis, blind musician, played "The Holy City" on the accordion for radio audiences last night from the Omaha Grain Exchange station, WAAW.

The Omaha Bee was proud to feature Mr. Pettis on its program, and it seemed that the blind musician put his whole soul into the sacred selection.

"Splendid—fine—best yet—most appealing ever heard of the radio."

Such was the praise that came from radio fans for Mr. Pettis. The musician's playing of "Sextet" from "Lucia" also impressed his listeners. That number won laurels from numerous radio fans throughout the central west. Just as Mr. Pettis has entertained thousands of pedestrians in Omaha during the past week so did he cheer invisible audiences last night with his capable playing.

Mrs. James Burns, Scottish operatic vocalist, sang "The Valley of Laughter" in a voice rich in tone. For an encore she sang "Lassie O' Mine," a charming number. Mrs. Burns is a war bride. Mrs. A. C. Watkins accompanied Mrs. Burns on piano furnished through the courtesy of Schmoller & Mueller company.

Maurice Ingram, 14-year-old boy saxophonist, was another feature. His first number, "Saxalia," brought out the lad's rareness as an instrumentalist. For an encore he cheered audiences with "Angel Child." Mrs. Flora Sears Nelson accompanied young Ingram on the piano.

Obenchain Murder Case Given to Jury

Los Angeles, July 28.—The jury in the second trial of Mrs. Madalyn Obenchain, for the murder of J. Belmont Kennel, retired to consider its verdict at 4:04 this afternoon.

Reading of instructions by Judge John W. Shenk lasted 45 minutes. Deputy District Attorney Asa Keyes' final argument to the jury was completed shortly after 3. He appealed for a verdict on the evidence, unimpaired by any sympathy the jurors might have for the defendant.

The trial began June 5. Seven women and five men composed the jury.

Four Submarines Reported Missing Off Pacific Coast

Vessels on Way to Hampton Roads Drop From Sight South of Ensenada, Captain of Liner Says.

Los Angeles, July 28.—Four submarines, which left Los Angeles Tuesday for Hampton Roads as part of a flotilla of 12, scheduled for departure, were reported missing off the lower California coast south of Ensenada.

The craft said to be missing were the L-5, L-6, L-7 and L-8, all of which were built at Long Beach during the year.

The story of the apparent disappearance of the four submarines was brought to Los Angeles by the liner City of Honolulu, Capt. Thomas W. Sheridan, from New York.

Capt. Sheridan said that Thursday, below Ensenada the City of Honolulu sighted a cloud of smoke some distance away and changed its course to learn the cause.

"It was a submarine, badly smoking," he said. "It made no answer to our signals."

"Later," continued Capt. Sheridan, "we sighted the tender Beaver, which had the submarines in convoy. At first she made no answer to our signals, but later responded to our semaphore offer of assistance. She said she had eight submarines in convoy and needed no help."

A message received at the submarine base at Los Angeles harbor from Commander Roy Y. Stover, in command of the submarine flotilla, stated he had eight submarines in convoy. The message contained no reference to the other four.

The submarine also intercepted a message from the tender Beaver to the L-8, ordering her to stand by to take a tow line from the L-5.

Officers at the submarine base were unable to account for these two craft or the other two of the L-type reported missing.

It was believed definite information concerning the vessels would not be received here before Saturday when the flotilla was due at Acapulco, Mexico, to take in tow the submarine S-32, recently disabled.

Coal Mines in Keystone State Open

Operations in Washington County, Pennsylvania, Resumed Without Agreement With Union.

Cavalrymen on Guard

Pittsburgh, July 28.—(By A. P.)—The rattle of hoisted coal was heard at mines in Washington county Friday. This was the second day of the organized campaign of the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association to resume operations without an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America.

Pennsylvania cavalrymen were on duty near the mines. The former vice president of the Associated Press representatives made an automobile tour of the Washington county area.

Two developments were noticeable throughout the tour. Families of union miners were moving out of company houses in the district where mines were being reopened. One or two residents offered the explanation that the workers had "got jobs on farms" and intended to leave the district permanently. Wives of miners, merchants and deputies throughout this region corroborated reports that there was a general belief that the crisis in the coal strike situation—in this district at least—was rapidly approaching.

Administrator Appointed. Washington, July 22.—(By A. P.)—Henry B. Spencer, former vice president of the Southern railway, and general purchasing agent for the wartime railroad administration, was appointed federal coal administrator for the duration of the present strike emergency by President Harding.

Mr. Spencer becomes administrative member of the coal distribution committee, which will control distribution of available coal supplies on a priority basis to essential industries and utilities.

With the announcement of creation of the office of coal administrator, confidence was expressed at the White House that production of coal, regardless of rail and mine strike, eventually would be increased to the point where it would be adequate for the country's needs. President Harding felt so assured on this point, it was said, that he contemplated no further movement in the coal strike situation.

Operators on Committee. Secretary Hoover, who announced Mr. Spencer's selection by President Harding for the office of coal administrator, made public also names of the operators from coal-producing districts so far designated as members of the advisory committee, which is a part of the federal organization for maintaining coal prices and insuring fuel distribution. They are C. E. Bockus of New York, chairman; Virginia; E. L. Douglas of Cincinnati; for Kentucky; George S. Francis of Greensburg, Pa.; for Pennsylvania; E. C. Mahan of Knoxville, for Tennessee; W. J. Mace of Charleston, W. Va.; and E. F. White of Glen White, W. Va., for West Virginia.

C. E. Tuttle of New York, was named adviser to the committee on lake and northwest movements and LeBaron S. Willard of New York, (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Suit Filed Against Richard Croker Will

Jacksonville, Fla., July 28.—A petition objecting to probating the will of the late Richard Croker, former Tammany leader, who died in Ireland several months ago, was filed in county court at West Palm Beach on behalf of Richard Croker, Jr., Ethel Croker White and Howard Croker, according to an announcement here by J. T. G. Crawford, their attorney.

Under the terms of the will filed recently for probate, Mr. Croker's estate, with the exception of a bequest of 10,000 pounds to his daughter, Florence, was left to his widow. The petition contends that the will was not drawn in conformity with the laws of Florida, that it was procured by fraud and that it is not the true last will and testament of Mr. Croker.

Fair Price on Lump Coal at Mines Set at \$3.90 a Ton

Denver, Colo., July 28.—Fair prices on lump coal, f. o. b. cars at the mine in the northern Colorado lignite fields should not exceed \$3.90 a ton, and the price of the slack should not exceed \$1. f. o. b. mine, according to a report submitted yesterday by Governor Shoup's "fair price coal commission."

The commission held also that a fair average admitted cost of production should not be in excess of \$2.50 per ton for run of mine coal. "To this price," the committee report stated, "could be added 35 cents per ton for profit, which is 10 cents in excess of the amount considered equitable by the federal government, thus making the mine run selling price \$2.85 per ton, f. o. b. cars at the mine."

Pawnee City Wheat Field Yields 40 Bushels an Acre

Pawnee City, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—County Treasurer M. L. Flanagan of this city has a 40-acre tract of wheat which made a record yield this season with 401.2 bushels to the acre. The average yield for this community this season is about 15 bushels.

Noted Inventor Dies

Chicago, July 28.—Richard Maurice Birdsall, 79, originator of the railway refrigerator car and widely known inventor, died here Thursday.

"Oh! Min" and "Uncle Bim" Help Sell Automobile!

Mr. K. E. Sharpe, 1028-29 City Nat'l Bank Bldg., sold his car through the "Oh! Min" and "Uncle Bim" column in the "Want" Ad section of The Omaha Bee, using the headlines "Oh! Min" and "Uncle Bim."

That he was satisfied with the results is proven by the following excerpt from his voluntary testimonial:

"Am pleased to advise that the desired results were obtained through your paper as usual."

Omaha Bee "Want" Ads take the guesswork out of selling automobiles.

If YOU have a car you want to sell—telephone AT-lantic 1000.

Attempt on Life of Poincare Plotted in Berlin, Report

Paris, July 28.—(By A. P.)—The French government, it was made known today, has received what it considers absolutely trustworthy information that an attempt against the life of Premier Poincare is being plotted in German monarchist circles.

It was reported today that owing to constant interference with tracks, Irish railroad companies were contemplating the suspension of all railroad traffic for a long period.