

Early Peace Expected in Rail Strike

Shopcraft Leaders in Chicago Express Belief That Walk-out Will Be Settled This Week.

Santa Fe Service Normal

Omaha Men Eased Wier. Chicago, Aug. 20.—Shopcraft leaders remaining in Chicago in the absence of B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shopmen and other chiefs of the six unions, who are still in New York in connection with peace negotiations, tonight expressed belief that the strike would end this week.

McCormick Hopeful. Senator McCormick of Illinois, arriving in Chicago, said a conversation with "a man who attended joint conferences between railway executives and chiefs of the big four brotherhoods" led him to the belief that a settlement may be expected this week.

Officials of the Santa Fe railway announced that normal service has been resumed on its system, including the territory west of Albuquerque.

Labor Chiefs Deny Order to Prepare for Return

Chicago, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Officers of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor denied all knowledge of instructions reported sent by B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shopcrafts, telling general chairmen to hold themselves in readiness to call off the strike. Shopcrafts officials said it was impossible that Mr. Jewell could have sent the telegram reported received by Mr. Jewell last night by John S. Scags, who said he was the union representative at Gainesville, Tex.

"This is to serve notice to call together all members and hold them in readiness to return to their places ordered vacated by me July 1," read the telegram that was telephoned to an Ardmore newspaper from a man who said he was Scags. "We want no delay in getting back to our jobs. We are confident call will not be later than Monday."

Not Listed as Official. Shopcrafts officials at strike headquarters here said that in case a decision was reached to call off the strike, it would not be according to union procedure as reported by Jewell to send such a telegram, and even had he sent it, it would have been in code or would have been preceded by code messages.

The name of the man who said he received the message is not listed among the general chairmen. John Scott, secretary of the federated shopcrafts, said.

Two Omaha Burglars Flee Reformatory at Lincoln

Lincoln, Aug. 20.—(Special)—Ray Thompson, 29, and Chester Cowley, 17, committed to the state reformatory from Omaha for burglary, each for a four-year term, escaped from the reformatory yard this afternoon by scaling the 12-foot barbed-wire fence.

It is thought that the pair have fled to Omaha, where they are presumed to have friends. Cowley and Thompson owe their lives, perhaps, to the fact that orders to electricify the top strands of the fence met with delay last week. They were in attendance to see if some method could not be devised to reduce taxes.

Movement in Knox County to Abolish Supervisors

Bloomfield, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special)—Petitions asking that the question of changing the county system of government from the supervisor to commissioner system be submitted to the voters at the coming general election are being circulated all over Knox county and, it is reported, are being liberally signed. The county board of supervisors met this week to fix the 1922 tax levy and the meeting was attended by many taxpayers. They were in attendance to see if some method could not be devised to reduce taxes.

Children and Matches Cause Madison Farm Fire

Madison, Neb., Aug. 21.—(Special)—The barn, granary and corn crib and about 2,000 bushels of oats were burned on the William Besk farm five miles northeast of Madison. Children playing with matches caused the fire.

Help was summoned, but the flames made such rapid headway that nothing could be done.

Heroes of Meuse and Argonne Hold Reunion at Seattle

Seattle, Aug. 20.—The 91st division representative of the far west in the Meuse, Argonne and other great events of the world war, held its third annual reunion here. For the first time one general reunion was held, the former affairs having been arranged so that simultaneous meetings were held in several Pacific coast cities.

State Trade Department Guards Citizens' Pur-

Division of Government Under Code System, Wh. Democrats Seeking to Kill, Regulates Business and Shields Investors Against Fraudulent Enterprises.

By PAUL GREER. Lincoln, Aug. 19.—Protection of the public's money is the prime duty of the department of trade and commerce under the code law. Depositors in state banks are guaranteed against loss by failure; insurance policy holders are made secure in their rights; investors are shielded against fraudulent enterprise; building and loan associations and trust companies are regulated. In addition, the state has insurance system is managed here, and likewise the fire prevention campaign.

The original appropriation for carrying on this work in 1921 and 1922 was cut \$200,000 by the special legislature session which met to reduce state taxes. This left about \$260,000. The figure is not important for this department is more than self-supporting through the collection of fees. In fact, it will turn over to the state treasury \$500,000 more than it spends for the biennium.

There is justice in this, for a good many of the regulatory functions that it performs arose at the request of the financial institutions that are concerned. It is to the advantage of honest business to have unfair practices weeded out as a move toward public confidence.

All Fees to Treasury. All fees collected by the state are turned into the treasury and must be appropriated by the legislature before they can be spent. Even the federal aid funds, amounting to millions of dollars, are first deposited in the state treasury. The fact that they are then re-appropriated makes the amount of money handled by the state bank very large. As a matter of fact most of the regulatory boards are financed by their license and other fees and the expense does not enter into the bill for direct taxation. To eliminate these reduction forces would not go very far in respect to state finance.

In the days before the civil ad-

County Attorney Upholds Arrest by State Agent

Auburn Garage Man Warned That He Was Wrong in Resisting Arrest Under Motor Laws.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special)—County Attorney A. G. Cole was in conference with Luther Gritz, Auburn garage man, arrested by Karl Schmitt, state agent, for failure to comply with the state automobile license law. According to Mr. Cole, Gritz wanted the state agent arrested on an assault charge.

The county attorney states that he informed Gritz that he had violated the law in using a dealer's license on a private car and that the state agent was acting entirely within his rights in halting him for questioning and arresting him.

Attorney Cole said that he advised the Auburn man to go home and consider his desire to have the state agent arrested on an assault charge for the scuffle that ensued at the time of his arrest and if he wanted to sign a complaint within a week that he will prosecute.

"Dead" Man Reported Alive in Argentina

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Reports that Dr. J. Newton Roe, wealthy hotel owner, who was reported to have died more than two years ago, just before he was to have started for the Leavenworth penitentiary to serve a sentence of 18 months for violation of the prohibition laws, was alive and well in Argentina are being revived by federal agents, it was learned.

Tax officials, prohibition agents and plaintiffs in a suit against the doctor and his estate are concerned in the verification of his death. The suit against him was brought by Mrs. Neva A. Brown, sole heir to the late President Henry B. Brown of Valparaiso university.

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Turning Congress Considered

Outlook for Passage of Tariff and Bonus Bills Dark—Fordney Opposes Vacation.

Situation Up to Harding

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Washington, Aug. 20.—Special Telegram.—Republican leaders are considering the adjournment of congress, deferring final action on the tariff and the bonus until congress should convene again in December.

The leaders feel that this would be wiser than to attempt passage of the tariff bill immediately. The bill will be passed by the senate goes to conference with the house leaders and is bound to strike a snag there over the comparative merits of the foreign and American valuation plans, the former approved by the senate and the latter by the house.

Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee has declared the house will stay in session until the snow flies unless the American valuation plan is adopted, and the members say "Joe is a stubborn fellow." The best that can be hoped for is an agreement among the conferees, sometime in October, resulting in passing the bill just before the elections.

Bonus in Tangle. The bonus legislation is in a tangle. The president has not changed his mind about demanding either a sales tax or some other method of meeting the extra drain that would be placed upon the treasury if the bonus is passed.

Republican leaders say that a presidential veto just before election would be hard to explain, demanding a defense of themselves at the expense of the president or a defense of the president at the expense of themselves.

Reparations Plan Leaves Claims of U.S. in Abeyance

Commission to Confer With German Authorities Monday in Attempt to Prevent French Action.

Paris, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—The departure of the reparations mission for Berlin marked the beginning of the final effort of the reparations commission to find a temporary solution of the German indemnity problem acceptable to both French and British public opinion and thereby prevent the threatened independent action by France, with a consequent breaking up of the entente.

Sir John Bradbury, British member of the commission, and his associates will arrive at Berlin Sunday night. They have an appointment to see Chancellor Wirth Monday morning.

Relative to the departure of this mission, French official circles have renewed with increased vigor the French plan for a comprehensive reparation settlement which Premier Poincare would have presented at London but for the refusal of Mr. Lloyd George to permit discussion of the allied debts.

Assessor Denied Pay by Commissioners

Alliance, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special)—Refusal of the county commissioners to pay County Assessor John Pilkington \$500, which he claims is due him for making a personal canvass of the 14 precincts of the county, threatens to bring the matter into court for settlement.

The commissioners, on advice of County Attorney Basye, are standing pat on the statute which definitely assigns the kind of work done by Assessor Pilkington to precinct assessors, and they claim Pilkington was advised of the law in the matter before he made the canvass. The assessor, however, claims he is entitled to the pay. Following the refusal of the commissioners to pay him, Pilkington took the assessor's books from the courthouse and declares he will not return them until the commissioners "come across" with the \$500.

Over Four Thousand Swear Allegiance to "Invisible Empire"

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Beneath the red glare from a blazing cross, what was said to be the nation's biggest, classed new Ku Klux Klan—4,650 candidates—was initiated in a huge field just outside of Chicago late Saturday.

White thousands of voices chanted the solemn roll of "Onward Christian Soldiers" the candidates, clad garbed in their working clothes, faced the cross and its circle of white-clad initiators and pledged their allegiance to the "Invisible Empire." The mystic rights were held in a great field, thousands of automobiles being parked in a big circle, a quarter of a mile in diameter. It was estimated that 25,000 persons witnessed the ceremonies.

The Farmer and the Rail Strike



Just in the farmer is rejoicing in a bumper crop—



Along comes the gloomy possibility that he cannot market it.

Valuation Looms As Main Feature of Tariff Measure

American Plan Is Principal Stumbling Block to Quick Action by Senate and House Conferees.

Washington, Aug. 20.—American valuation looms up as the chief stumbling block in action by conferees of the senate and house on the tariff bill, which was passed Saturday by the senate after four months' debate.

Although Representative Fordney, Michigan, chairman of the house ways and means committee, who some months ago threatened to kill all tariff legislation unless American valuation were approved, continues to demand its acceptance there is every indication that the controversy will be settled before many days.

Mr. Fordney professes to believe that the house will vote overwhelmingly for American valuation, but many others incline to the belief that he will find himself reversed on the proposition and that the conferees then will accept the foreign valuation basis, as provided in the senate bill, without further delay.

Minnesota Forest Fires Under Control

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 20.—Two days and two nights of favorable weather conditions have given firefighters a commanding lead in their battle against forest fires in northwestern Minnesota and State Forester Cox pronounced the situation well in hand.

Settlers and townspeople who fled from their homes when the fires reached menacing proportions Thursday were returning home and public highways blocked to traffic were being reopened.

Man Appeals to Court to Save Wife's Money; Denies He Is Lazy

New York, Aug. 20.—Salomon Rettig applied in the supreme court in Brooklyn Saturday for an injunction to restrain his wife, Lena, from spending any of the \$50,000 she has on deposit in various banks in her own name, supporting his application with affidavits denying his wife's assertion that he was lazy.

Oshkosh Lad, 8, Injured as Hay Stacker Beam Drops

Oshkosh, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special)—Ellis, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Countryman, farmers near here, was struck on the head by a falling beam on the hay stacker when the rope broke. His arm was broken and a portion of the skull carried away by the blow. The boy was apparently improving last night when he was taken to a hospital in Omaha for care.

Fast Train Is Wrecked by Vandals

Removal of Spikes From Rail on Michigan Central Sends Express in Ditch—Two Men Killed.

\$1,000 Reward Offered

Chicago, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—The wreck of Michigan Central express train No. 39, en route from New York to Chicago, with the loss of two lives near Gary, Ind., early this morning, resulted from the deliberate removal of 27 spikes from one of the rails, Michigan Central railroad officials announced. Two express messengers were injured.

A \$1,000 reward was offered for the arrest of those responsible. The dead: Edward Coy, engineer, Kalamazoo, Mich. Frank Lubbs, fireman, Niles, Mich.

The injured: C. H. Stockwell, Niagara Falls, N. Y. A. B. Heath, Buffalo.

Plunging along at a speed estimated at more than 50 miles an hour, the train, composed of 23 cars, was said to have been trying to make up several hours' lost time, being due in Chicago at 9:45 last night. The cars were filled with valuable express shipments and the train carried a crew of eight men but no passengers.

Suddenly on a straight stretch of track about a mile east of Gary, the engine leaped from the track, plowed over the ties for a hundred feet and then turned a complete somersault, ending in a mass of steaming wreckage at one side of the right-of-way. Eight of the cars followed the engine, their contents being scattered for hundreds of feet in all directions. The bodies of the engineer and fireman were buried beneath the wreckage.

First reports of the wreck came from Conductor Harry Foote of Detroit, who walked a mile down the track to telephone for doctors and rescue parties. C. E. Evans of Laramie county and railway officials immediately began an investigation. The cause of the wreck remained a mystery for some hours because of the confusion at the scene and the fact that the rails and ties had been plowed up and tossed about like match wood for hundreds of feet.

An investigation by Martin Quinn, special agent of the road, revealed that while the roadbed had been ground into an unrecognizable mass from the spot where the train had left the rails, enough remained at the place where the engine had been thrown from its course to furnish mute evidence of the work of train wreckers. Everything ahead of the gap, however, had been destroyed.

Secretary Hughes Defends Newberry

Expresses Opinion That Senator From Michigan Was Wrongly Accused.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Secretary Hughes, in a letter made public by the republican national committee, expresses the conviction after a review of the Newberry case, "that Senator Newberry was wrongfully and most unjustly convicted."

The secretary, writing to the Rev. H. B. McCauley of Paterson, N. J., in response to an inquiry as to the "facts" in the Newberry case, gives in detail the findings of the courts, especially the supreme court which set aside the conviction of Mr. Newberry and then concludes: "Despite the long period of preparation, the rigid investigation, the careful choosing of their ground, the long drawn out trial, the attempt in every possible way to besmirch and zeal, ability and even bitterness of his pursuers, their endeavor to establish a violation of the law on the part of Senator Newberry completely failed and accordingly Senator Newberry stood as a senator duly elected by the people of the state of Michigan and entitled to his seat in the senate of the United States."

Left Home Because Baby Cried; Gives Self Up

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 20.—Adolph Dietrich, Jr., 34, who, according to his wife, left home at night two weeks ago because his baby was crying, and who is alleged to have taken \$1,600 to \$2,400 government funds with him, voluntarily crossed the border from Juarez and surrendered to federal officers here.

Woman Who Sued Banker Recovering From Illness

Atlanta, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Sarah Byfield, who has been ill at the home of her father here since the filing of her \$100,000 damage suit against Walter T. Candler, Atlanta banker, was said by her mother, Mrs. B. P. Gillespie, to be getting along very nicely.

Burlington Road Builds \$3,600 Hall for Mechanics

Alliance, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special)—The Burlington railroad has just completed the construction of a new master mechanic's building, near the roundhouse. The building is 24x30, thoroughly modern in every particular and is fitted with spacious quarters for the master mechanic and road foreman's forces. It cost approximately \$3,600. The old master mechanic's building has been converted into a locker room for employees of the car repair department.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Generally fair except somewhat unsettled in west portion; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures.