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RAILROADS SEE MUTINY AMONG BROTHERHOODS

Wilson Moves to Avert Strike
by Calling on Men and Com-
panies to Co-operate
With Arbitrators.

MEDIATORS ON THE WAY

Railroads Declare Embargoes
On Freight and Employees
Arrange Details.

ROADS ASK MEN TO STICK

BULLETIN.

New York, March 16.—The follow-
ing telegram was sent to President
Wilson tonight by the railroad man-
agers' committee:

"In harmony with the spirit of your
message, the national conference com-
mittee of railroads will co-operate
with the committee of the national
council of defense in an earnest ef-
fort to avert the national calamity
which would result from an interrup-
tion of railroad traffic."

New York, March 16.—Reports re-
ceived from various parts of the coun-
try by the railway managers indicated,
they declared, organized withdrawal
by some of the roads' employees from
the brotherhoods' agreement to
strike.

Reports declared to have been re-
ceived from roads in the east and
south were that the engineers and
conductors did not consider the grand
chiefs had authority to call out the
men without first submitting the
strike question to a new vote.

Chicago, March 16.—The division
chairmen of the four brotherhoods
ratified the strike order at their meet-
ing here today and adjourned.

Washington, March 16.—President
Wilson late today sent a personal ap-
peal to the representatives of the two
sides in the railroad controversy, ur-
ging that they do everything possible
to co-operate with the mediation
committee.

The mediators speaking for Presi-
dent Wilson will ask the brother-
hoods and the railroads to postpone
the strike if they cannot avert one,
on the ground of national emergency.

The president's appeal follows:
"I deem it my duty and right to ap-
peal to you in this time of national
peril to open again the questions at
issue between the railroads and their
operatives with a view to accommo-
dation or settlement.

"With my approval a committee of
the council of national defense is
about to seek a conference with you
with that end in view.

"A general interruption of the rail-
way traffic of the country at this
time would entail a danger to the
nation against which I have the right
to enter my most solemn and earnest
protest.

"It is now the duty of every patri-
otic man to bring matters of this
sort to immediate accommodation. The
safety of the country against man-
ifest perils affecting its own
peace and the peace of the whole
world makes a convention absolutely
imperative and seems to me to ren-
der any other choice or action in-
conceivable."

Will Remain.
New York, March 16.—Upon being
informed that mediators composed of
cabinet officers and members of the
council of national defense were com-
ing here from Washington, W. G.
Lee of the Brotherhood of Trainmen
announced that he had received a
message requesting the brotherhood
chiefs to remain in the city until their
arrival. He said he did not know
what proposition the mediators were
bringing.

"Of course," said Mr. Lee, "we
will remain here to hear them. Until
death comes I am always hopeful. I
do not know what proposition they
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POWER BEHIND PLAN TO BRING ON STRIKE

President Calvin of Union Pa-
cific Says Sinister Hand
May Be Helping.

TELLS WHAT TIEUP MEANS

President E. E. Calvin of the Union
Pacific before going west yesterday
gave out the following statement on
the railroad strike situation:

"In connection with the threat of
a general railroad strike at this time,
the question arises, 'Is some power
shrewder and more astute than the
brotherhood leaders back of the plan
to precipitate a transportation tie-up
at this time and establish in this
country a condition which, to the
minds of our enemies in Europe, may
seem like a revolt against our govern-
ment?'"

"I am in hearty sympathy with
Elisha Lee, chairman of the national
conference committee of the railways,
when he calls attention to the fact
that the serious international situa-
tion should cause every citizen to put
every thought of personal right or de-
sire second to his duty to his country."

"In a letter addressed to President
Wilson, some days ago, the brother-
hood leaders gave assurance that in
case of war they would render every
possible assistance to the government.

Overlook One Fact.
"They have overlooked the fact that
in many ways a railroad strike in this
country would be worth more to our
enemies than the winning of many
battles, for the reason that it would
paralyze and stagnate all our re-
sources, and even if the strike be
called off should war be declared, the
strike tie-up would have resulted in
such a congestion of freight in the
terminals and on the sidings that
many weeks and probably months
would be required to get this conges-
tion cleaned up before the railroads
would be in normal running condition
again."

"This would mean that the move-
ment of troops would be seriously
interfered with and the movement of
commissary supplies and munitions so
seriously interrupted as to give our
enemies a tremendous advantage.

"A day or two ago an officer of our
navy said: 'A tie-up of the railroads
for even two days would be a serious
blow to the national welfare at this
critical time. We must keep the fleet
fully fueled and equipped with other
supplies.'"

Might Mean Much Delay.

"Moreover, we are rushing con-
struction work in the navy and a
two days' tie-up of transportation of
the materials urgently needed might
mean a two months' delay in the
emergency work we have undertaken."

"The rank and file of the railroad
brotherhoods have waited ten weeks
for the decision of the United States
supreme court as to the constitu-
tionality of the Adamson law, a de-
cision which may be handed down at
almost any day."

"In accordance with our agreement
at that time, the Union Pacific, in
common with the other railroads of
the country, has kept separate time
records since January 1, scrupulously
recording the increased pay that
would be due its employees in case
the Adamson law is upheld."

"Further, the strike vote taken by
the men was for a specific time and
purpose, and in the minds of many
brotherhood members to make use of
the strike vote taken last summer to
call a strike at this time would be
illegal."

More Than Ill-Advised.

"When we are on the verge of a
decision respecting the legality of the
Adamson law and when we stand face
to face with the probability of a war
which will tax all our energy, it seems
to me that in speaking of the plans of
the brotherhood leaders to tie up the
transportation industry of the country
the people are justified in using a
stronger term than 'ill-advised.'"

"To me it seems incredible that the
rank and file of brotherhood members
would respond to a strike call which
must have the universal condemnation
of the patriotic citizens of this
country."

"It is impossible to believe that the
brotherhood leaders who have hereto-
fore shown real generalship will lead
those who trust in them upon a fool's
errand."

German Minister To Chinese Republic Handed Passports

Peking, Wednesday, March 14.—
The German minister to China and his
staff and also all the German consuls
in the country were handed their
passports at noon today. A note ac-
companied the passports explained
that the German reply to China's sub-
marine warfare protest was unsatis-
factory. The passports, the note
added, were "for protection while
leaving Chinese territory."

Detective Pinkin Arrests

Shirley on Auto Charge

York, Neb., March 16.—(Special
Telegram.)—Ralph Shirley of Silver
Creek, Neb., was bound over to the
May term of district court by County
Judge Hopkins today, charged with
stealing an automobile from Bert
Darling of near Bradshaw, in Febru-
ary. The automobile was found in
Shirley's possession, but he says he
bought it from a stranger.
Shirley was released on \$500 bond
for his appearance at the May term
of court. Immediately after Shirley's
release Detective Pinkin of Omaha
appeared upon the scene and arrested
Shirley and started with him for
Omaha, where he is wanted on sus-
picion of being mixed up with other
automobile thefts.

VILLA DEFEATS DE FACTO ARMY; OBREGON REBELS

Chihuahua Chieftain Routs
General Murguia's Command
at Second Battle of Ro-
sario, in Durango.

HE AMBUSHES THE ENEMY

Reports Reach Juarez That
Carranza's Right Hand Man
Has Deserted.

NEW REVOLUTION TALKED

El Paso, Tex., March 16.—Villa de-
cisively defeated General Francisco
Murguia's command at the second
battle of Rosario, Durango, Satur-
day, according to information re-
ceived here today by government
agents. After leading the de facto
troops into an ambush, Villa suc-
ceeded in capturing one of the three
troop trains and killed and wounded
five hundred of the Carranza troops,
according to this report.

A personal encounter between
Villa and Murguia was reported to
have occurred during the battle, but
this was not generally believed by
the government agents.

Obregon Revolts.

Rumors of a new political align-
ment in Mexico, with General Alvaro
Obregon leading the opposition to
General Carranza and the de facto
government, have been in circulation
here and in Juarez for the last twen-
ty-four hours, having been brought
here from the interior by Mexican
and foreign refugees.

The rumors were emphatically de-
nied by Carranza officials here today
and it was claimed General Obregon
is loyal to General Carranza and his
retirement from the de facto cabinet
was because of an affection of the
throat and not because of any po-
litical differences.

Garcia Makes Denial.

Andres Garcia, inspector general
of Mexican consulates, denied Obregon
had any part in any new revolu-
tionary movement against Carranza
and said he had retired because of ill
health and his desire to return to
private life.

Obregon's name has been linked
with Felix Diaz in the rumors of the
new revolutionary movement, with
Villa having a part in the movement
in the north, but this was doubted
here. The German question is said
to have played a part in the supposed
movement, as Carranza's apparent
friendship for the Germans has
caused a number of his leaders to
turn against him, it was said here to-
day.

Pershing's Guide Shot.

El Paso, Tex., March 16.—Jose
Maria Flores, a guide and interpreter
for General Pershing in Mexico, was
executed near the Babicora ranch in
western Chihuahua recently by Julio
Acosta, a Villa leader, because of his
friendship for the Americans, an
American from Babicora reported
upon his arrival here today. A com-
panion of Flores also was executed.

Pershing Puts Army Along Border Upon Field Basis

San Antonio, Tex., March 16.—Or-
ders were issued today by Major Gen-
eral John J. Pershing placing troops
of the regular army in the Southern
border of the United States upon a
field basis.

The plan of organization provides for
three provisional infantry divisions
and one provisional cavalry division.
The new method of operating will be-
come effective March 20.

British Torpedo Boat Destroyer Is Sunk by Mine

London, March 16.—A British tor-
pedo boat destroyer of an old type
struck a mine in the English channel
yesterday and was sunk, says an
official announcement made this af-
ternoon. All the officers were saved.
One man was killed and twenty-eight
sailors are missing. It is presumed
these men were drowned.

Lane Says He Has Not Come to New York With a Club

New York, March 16.—Secretary
Lane arrived in this city at 9:30
o'clock tonight, but came alone. It
was believed that Secretary Wilson
had missed the train and would come
later. Mr. Lane declined to make any
statement as to his mission, except to
say: "I have not come here with a
club in my hand."

Enemy Airmen Raid The Southeastern English Counties

London, March 17.—An air raid on
the southeastern counties of England
took place last night and still was
in progress early this morning, ac-
cording to an official communication
issued at 12:30 o'clock. Bombs were
dropped in Kent.

The Royal Actors in the Russian Drama



Emperor Nicholas - The Tsarovitch



Emperor Nicholas - The Tsarovitch

RAILROAD HEADS PLAN FOR STRIKE

Great Western and Burlington
Officials Declare Time Em-
bargo On Shipments.

ALL AWAIT SATURDAY EVE

Railroad officials are entirely at
sea as to what the next forty-eight
hours will bring about.

Trainmen are awaiting a strike or-
der and officials are waiting to see to
what extent the strike order will be
obeyed by members of the four
brotherhoods involved in the labor
controversy.

However, the prospect of a strike
of trainmen throughout the United
States is having a serious effect upon
business, so far as shipments are
concerned. No men with reference
to the conduct of the roads or the
men come out from the local head-
quarters. The operating and labor
ends are both being handled in Chi-
cago.

Embargoes to East.

Freight embargoes during the last
twenty-four hours have become quite
the thing with the Omaha-Chicago lines,
though up to this time in no wise
have they been applied to the lines to
the west or south.

The Great Western local freight
officials are in receipt of sweep-
ing instructions from the general of-
fices in Chicago. They inform agents
that under no conditions are they to
accept eastbound freight of any classifi-
cation unless it will, on regular
schedule, reach destination by Satur-
day noon.

The Milwaukee is accepting freight
shipments, but on each and every ac-
ceptance, on the accompanying way
bill, there are stamped in red the
words, "Accepted subject to delay
and damage in the event of a strike."

The embargo laid by the Burlington
is about as drastic as that of the Great
Western. It provides that no con-
signments will be received unless the
regular schedule will put them at des-
tination by Saturday noon. Live
stock from the local market, destined
for east of the Mississippi river, will
not be accepted.

No Delay Damages.

The Northwestern is receiving class
freight and everything except live
stock and perishable, stamping way
bills, indicating that owners must
waive all damages caused by delay or
loss on account of strike. Live stock
and perishable freight is accepted only
on condition, that destination is
reached by Saturday noon.

The Rock Island officials are the
only ones who are perfectly at ease.
They are accepting all classifications
of freight and for shipment at any
time and to any place on company
lines. This condition is brought about
by the fact that officials go upon the
theory that Uncle Sam will look after
them and their business. The road is
in the hands of a receiver, appointed
by the United States court. Officials
say that the road is under the juris-
diction of federal officers and that the
government is bound to continue its
operation, even if there should be a
strike. Interfering with shipments, or
delaying them by strike, would be
contempt of court, they argue.

ORDERS SENT TO ALL GUARD HEADS

Government Sends Instructions
to Adjutants General in Re-
gard to Mobilization.

PREPARATION FOR CALL

Washington, March 16.—In prepa-
ration for any demand upon the army
that may grow out of the German
crisis, the militia bureau of the war
department has sent precautionary
instructions to all state adjutants
general, outlining the plan to be fol-
lowed should the national guard be
called for federal service.

The intention had been to take this
step quietly and without publicity,
but reports indicating that it was be-
ing construed as meaning that
mobilization was imminent caused
department officials to announce the
instructions with the explanation that
they constituted a routine measure of
preparation necessary to prevent
such confusion as attended the as-
sembling of guardsmen for border
service, if a call should come.

Circular of Instructions.

In this connection it was pointed
out that the government is going to
considerable expense to demobilize
regiments returning from the border
and which would be held in the fed-
eral service if another demand for
their services were expected im-
mediately. It was reiterated that the
policy of the administration in the
present status of the crisis was to
make no move that could be con-
strued as a warlike step. This policy
is understood to be the reason that
mobilization of the navy has not been
ordered. Many navy officials have
favored that step, but it has not been
approved by the administration.

The circular of instructions advises
the adjutants general specifically of
the national guard organizations in
each state which would be summoned
in case of a call. Mobilization under
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Law Threatens to Appeal to Nation On Irish Question

London, March 16.—In discussing
the Irish situation in the House of
Commons today Andrew Bonar Law,
chancellor of the exchequer, declared
the attitude of the nationalists might
compel an appeal to country on the
ground that the nationalists were un-
willing to permit the government to
get on with the war.

Mr. Bonar Law's review of the Irish
situation was a long and careful one,
giving the government point of view.
"Nothing which has happened in the
House of Commons since I have
been a member," he said, "seemed to
me more deplorable than the lament-
able result of our recent discussion
of the Irish question. This was de-
spite the fact that there exists among
all parties a stronger desire than ever
before to get some settlement of this
vexed question."

Mr. Bonar Law later said definitely
no orders had been issued in Dublin
confining the people to their houses
tomorrow.

IDOL OF RUSSIAN ARMY LOOMS UP AS MAN OF HOUR

Master Strategist is Expected
to Take Command of the
Army and Lead it to
Victory.

REVOLT SUCCEEDS QUICKLY

New Cabinet Selected Exclu-
sively from Present and
Past Duma Members.

FREE PRESS, FREE SPEECH

BULLETIN.

London, March 16.—The abdication
of Emperor Nicholas and the appoint-
ment of Grand Duke Michael as
regent has not yet been carried into
effect, though it has been decided on
by the executive power. Andrew
Bonar Law, chancellor of the ex-
chequer, announced today in the
House of Commons.

(By Associated Press.)

Grand Duke Nicholas, idol of the
Russian army and ranked as Russia's
master strategist, looms up as the big
military figure of the hour in the em-
pire which has just witnessed a suc-
cessful and almost bloodless revolu-
tion and the abdication of its em-
peror.

The relinquishment of the throne
by Nicholas II automatically de-
prived him of his rank as commander-
in-chief of the Russian army. The
heir to the throne is an infant and is
not of commanding military experi-
ence.

Thus the nation, the Petrograd dis-
patches indicate, is turning to its
most tried and trusted military leader.
Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to
have arrived at the capital and the
probability is pointed to that he will
take command of the troops.

Of the complete success of the revolu-
tionary movement, in which the
lead was taken by the Duma, there
seems no doubt. While there have
been few advances received as to the
attitude of the army at the front, such
news as has been received indicates
that the military, with the exception
of reactionaries among the officers,
together with all the popular forces
of the empire, is backing the new
government.

The civil forces of the nation are
co-operating with the government
most heartily in restoring normality
in the life of the empire.

The Duma, which is the chief factor
in shaping the course of the new
regime, and the Zemstvo council are
reported co-operating successfully in
straightening out the various tangles
which have resulted from the momen-
tous change in government control.
The food problem is being attacked
and the people themselves seem to be
exercising their own authority to re-
press any elements of the population
that might be inclined to indulge in
excesses.

A measure of general political am-
nesty is reported in course of prepa-
ration by the new Russian minister of
justice. Grand Duke Nicholas is said
to have endorsed this move as one
necessary to save the empire and
bring the war to a successful conclu-
sion.

Full Political Freedom

Petrograd, Thursday, March 15.—
(Via London, March 16)—The old re-
gime of conservatives has been suc-
ceeded by liberals. M. Kerenski, the
new minister of justice, is a socialist.
He accepted the portfolio on the stipu-
lation that there should be absolute
freedom of speech and of the press
and full political amnesty. The cabi-
net has been chosen exclusively from
present and past members of the
Duma. It was named by the execu-
tive committee of the Duma in con-
junction with other deputies and rep-
resentatives of the working men and
the soldiers, which held an all-night
session.

Prof. Paul Milukoff, the new for-
eign minister, informed the Associ-
ated Press that the new regime was
determined on the elimination of Em-
peror Nicholas and the regency of
Grand Duke Michael.

"We shall not change these de-
mands," he said. "We shall have this
or fail. We can accept nothing less."

The new cabinet contains men who
led in the struggle against the old
government and enjoyed full confi-
dence of the country. Prof. Milukoff
and M. Shingarooff, the new minister
of agriculture, have become especially
prominent as champions of the rights
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Proof of Results

In the 14 days of
March as compared
with last year

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The World-Herald Lost 121

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; rates diminishing.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Dir.
6 a.m.	36	W	14
8 a.m.	36	W	14
10 a.m.	36	W	14
12 m.	36	W	14
2 p.m.	36	W	14
4 p.m.	36	W	14
6 p.m.	36	W	14
8 p.m.	36	W	14
10 p.m.	36	W	14
12 m.	36	W	14

Comparative Local Record.

1917 1916 1915 1914

Highest yesterday.....41 51 40 32

Lowest yesterday.....24 24 24 24

Mean temperature.....36 36 36 36

Evaporation.....48 48 48 48

Precipitation......00 00 00 00

Temperature and precipitation departures

from normal.....

Normal temperature.....36

Deficiency for the day.....00

Total deficiency since March 1.....00

Normal precipitation......04 inch

Excess for the day......00 inch

Total rainfall since March 1......00 inch

Excess since March 1......00 inch

Deficiency for the year......00 inch

Excess for the year......00 inch

Reports from Station at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High. Low. Rain.

Omaha, cloudy.....36 24 .00

St. Louis, clear.....40 28 .00

Chicago, cloudy.....40 28 .00

Boston, clear.....40 28 .00

New York, clear.....40 28 .00

Omaha, cloudy.....36 24 .00

St. Louis, clear.....40 28 .00

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