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## Great Railroad Strike Declared Off; Adamson Law Upheld by Court

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### ALLIES CONTINUE PURSUIT OF FOES THROUGH FRANCE

French and British Armies Make New Advances and Harry Retreating Forces of the Germans.

### USE CAVALRY TO CHASE

British and French Armies Recapture Many Towns and Regain Much Territory.

### ENTENTE LOSSES LIGHT

London, March 19.—The British advance still is being pushed rapidly, further large gains being recorded in the official report from British headquarters in France tonight.

"The pursuit of the enemy," says the report, "continued today, our cavalry and advance guards driving back the enemy's rear guards. The ground gained extends for a depth of from two to eight miles and forty more villages have fallen into our hands."

### French Column Advances.

Paris, March 19.—The French troops have occupied about twenty additional villages and small towns in their advance on the retreating Germans. They have gone beyond Ham on the Somme river and Chauny on the Oise, which brings them appreciably nearer to the St. Quentin-Laon line.

The German line at last accounts was in full retreat over a section which represents almost one-fifth of the vast front from Switzerland to the sea, closely pressed by the French and British. French troops, advancing with the precision of a machine, along a forty-mile front, has recaptured important towns and many square miles of territory, accomplishing this at small cost to themselves, so carefully has every detail of the advance been thought out.

In the Lassigny region west of Roye the Germans appear to have made only a weak defense, since the French were able to push forward thirteen miles at one bound. General Nivelle, the French commander, who is credited with possessing almost uncanny ability in following the powers of his opponents, is guiding the retreating Germans with great rapidity. It is regarded here as doubtful whether the Germans will find it feasible to offer serious resistance before reaching the basic line of defense between Lille and Valenciennes, two days' march from where they now are.

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The nature of the ground over which the Germans retreated was almost all against them and they were harried by cavalry, which is now being used in force for the first time since the battle of the Marne.

At a few points where nature offered an opportunity for resistance the Germans tried to make a stand and fell back only after considerable fighting.

### Military Writer Optimistic.

"The newspapers are overjoyed at the liberation of such an extent of territory. Henri Bidou, one of the best known military writers, says: "Our troops are advancing to victory, which long waiting in underground holes and trenches, spreads its young wings in the broad light of day, which it sees again."

### The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.  
Hourly Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

### Comparative Record.

1917	1916	1915	1914	
Highest yesterday	53	49	33	31
Lowest yesterday	32	30	23	19
Mean temperature	46	40	28	27
Precipitation	.00	.00	.02	.02

Temperatures and precipitation departures from the normal.

Normal temperature..... 39  
Excess for the day..... 7  
Total deficiency since March 1, 1917..... 28  
Normal precipitation..... .44 inch  
Deficiency for the day..... .44 inch  
Total rainfall since March 1..... 1.29 inches  
Excess since March 1..... .85 inch  
Deficiency for year period, 1917..... .65 inch  
Excess for year period, 1916..... .45 inch

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Low.
Omaha, Neb.	46	53	32
Chicago, Ill.	49	57	35
Davenport, Ia.	48	54	30
Des Moines, Ia.	45	51	28
Des Moines, Mo.	45	51	28
London, Eng.	54	62	46
Lancaster, Pa.	46	52	30
North Platte, Neb.	42	48	28
Omaha, Neb.	46	53	32
Valencia, Cal.	55	62	48

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

### More About the Holdup of Mails; Delay at Transfer Terminal Grows

Another Muzzled Clerk Writes The Bee About the Situation.

### NO HOPE FOR RELIEF

Omaha, March 18.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your pictures in today's paper of delayed mails at Union Pacific transfer were very timely. Allow me to congratulate you on the same. But they can but partially disclose the true state of affairs as they really are.

How little do the people know of how their business is run by a few department heads. Everybody will agree that the Postoffice department is a business, run for the accommodation of the public and quick service is one of the essential facts of that business. But far be it from such! Only those who are in the service can appreciate conditions as they really are.

Omaha is known as "The Gateway to the West," and from the Union Pacific Transfer at Council Bluffs to Omaha practically all the trains from the north, south and east travel over the Union Pacific railroad. Naturally the department figured that the Union Pacific Transfer would be an ideal location for a terminal for the distribution of mails. And today they have one of the largest terminals in this section of the country located at this place.

Recently there was a statement in one of the papers made by Mr. Johnson, superintendent Fourteenth division, to the effect that there was no delay to mails passing through this

### EIGHT SHOTS SINK CITY OF MEMPHIS

Consul Frost at Queenstown Describes Destruction of American Vessel.

### VESSEL CARRIED NO GUNS

Washington, March 19.—The following dispatch, undated, from Consul Frost at Queenstown reached the State department very late last night and was given out today:

"Thirty-three survivors of the City of Memphis do not include Captain L. P. Borum and four other Americans and four non-Americans, but in addition are that they are safe on board some merchant or admiralty vessel which has no wireless. Captain's boat did not separate from others until 1 a. m. today and was picked up empty at 10 a. m., weather meanwhile remaining moderate.

"Vessel cleared Cardiff port, in ballast, with fifty-eight persons, including twenty-nine Americans. At 3:55 p. m., 17th, submarine fired warning shot from three miles on starboard quarter; vessel was stopped, submarine approaching to one mile, fired once more, fragments striking vessel, ship then only being able to read submarine's signal to abandon ship. Instantly captain replied by long blast whistle signifying comprehension, then gave four short blasts, signal to crew to take to boats immediately, which was done in five minutes, about 4:15. No injuries. Submarine then came up, hailed captain's boat, fired eight shots, sinking vessel about 4:30 p. m. Weather heavy, southwest well, moderate southwest breeze, squally, weather improved during night.

"First officer's boat picked up by admiralty ship about 3:45 a. m. today. Chief engineer's boat, 6:30 a. m. today by same vessel. Landed Queenstown 4:30 p. m. today without accident. City of Memphis carried wireless, but did not use it.

"Carried no gun. No attempt to resist. When captain is located he may have further evidence.

"Survivors here include First Officer Charles G. Lair, Chief Engineer W. J. Percy, Assistant Engineer Fred Bevil, Third Officer M. J. Dielman, Third Engineer W. M. Thompson, P. J. Donohue and T. J. Welch, wire operators and eight other Americans, ten Spaniards, two Danes and one each Swede, Russian and Chilean.

"City of Memphis stopped by submarine February 4 off Scilly Islands. Failure to use wireless this time was due to experience of former occasion, inducing the belief that the ship would probably be passed if wireless not started. Survivors are assembled at Queenstown pending instructions from owners, Ocean Steamship company, New York."

### Emil F. Palmer, Former Mayor of Louisville, Dies

Louisville, Neb., March 19.—(Special.)—Emil F. Palmer, aged 62, pioneer merchant here and for many years active in the public affairs of Cass county and community, died here today of heart failure brought on by a prolonged attack of grip. Mr. Palmer had been engaged in the general merchandise business here for many years and had served several terms as mayor of the village, and as a member of the Board of Education. He was always an active booster of republican state politics, but had never held office.

Mr. Palmer is survived by two sons, Harry O. Palmer and Arthur L. Palmer of Omaha, and his widow, Mrs. Alma Palmer, who has been residing with the sons in Omaha. The funeral will be private, and friends are requested not to send flowers.

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### MEN WHO CONTROL GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA—These are the men who, as a result of the successful revolution and abdication of the czar, control the military and civil government of Russia.



ABOVE—GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS & MICHAEL RODZIANKO  
BELOW—PRINCE LVOFF, GEN. RUZSKY, & GEN. BRUSILOFF.

### SECRETARY KEPT AWAY FROM BEVERLY

Former Omaha Man Subject of Contest Between Family and Employe.

### LIVING IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo., March 19.—(Special Telegram.)—James Beverly, former state representative, of Omaha, and later a Topeka (Kas.) insurance man, has been removed from 511 Benton boulevard to a hospital, the location of which is concealed by his wife and daughter.

Beverly, apparently suffering from a strange malady, was found by his wife and daughter in the apartment building on Benton boulevard, which is owned by Beverly. His private secretary, Miss Hattie Bowly, was with him at the time, and after the wife and daughter arrived here from Omaha she was evicted.

Mystery continues to surround the Beverly case. A wealthy man of large business affairs and alert mind has become strangely weak and infirm. He had been separated from his wife and she had been living in Omaha with a daughter, who recently was married.

Last August Beverly sold his insurance business in Topeka and came to Kansas City, taking up his residence in the apartment on Benton boulevard. He also owns another apartment next door.

A niece was summoned from Rochester, N. Y., a week ago by Miss Bowly, who has been Mr. Beverly's confidential secretary for years. Then the wife and daughter were called. When they arrived there was a clash between Miss Bowly and the relatives, which resulted in Miss Bowly being locked out.

### Two Persons Killed by Eating Canned Greens

Boise Idaho March 19.—Mrs. Samuel P. Richards, aged 60, of Carey, Idaho, and her daughter, Blanche, 22, are dead and Mr. Richards and a 12-year-old son, Claude, and a 10-year-old daughter, Hazel, are at the point of death from poisoning after eating home-canned "lamb's quarters," a kind of spinach. Physicians believe some extremely poisonous weed became mixed with the greens.

### Senator Cummins Able To Leave the Hospital

New York, March 19.—The improved condition of Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa permitted him to leave the hospital where he has been taken after he collapsed at the Republican club on Saturday during an address defending his stand on the armed ship bill. The senator took a train for Washington, declaring he was needed there because of the tension in the nation's affairs.

### "Not One Deserter," Says One Brotherhood Official

Washington, March 19.—In a statement issued here tonight, W. N. Doak, vice president of the Trainmen's brotherhood, said a canvass of the local organizations who went on strike Saturday night before the postponement order was received, "there was not one deserter."

"It was a 100 per cent strike," he declared. "It was the finest example of discipline one ever saw."

### SIXTH APPEAL FOR WAR RELIEF MADE

Federated Churches of Christ in America Send "Easter Message" to Churches.

### PLAN WEEKLY PLEDGES

"An Easter Message" is the title of the sixth appeal for war relief funds by the Federated Churches of Christ in America. Pastors and Sunday school superintendents are requested to read the message in the churches. It has been mailed to 100,000 churches.

It lays stress upon the spirit of self-sacrifice shown by the peoples of the countries which have been involved in the war. While America has given 9 cents per capita for relief in Belgium, Tasmania has given \$6.50 and New Zealand \$1.25. Canada has given much more in proportion to her numbers than the United States for Armenians and Syrians, besides raising an army of a half million men and boys with all the accompanying burdens. The people of the warring countries, it is said, have definitely accepted the spirit of sacrifice during the continuance of the war. This, the message asserts, few Americans have done.

The liberality of certain churches and individuals is recounted in the message. While the American people have given less than 20 cents per capita per year since the war began, a little church at Owings, S. C., of forty members, half of them children and none well-to-do, gives \$40 per month. A small church at Pontretrain, Conn., gives regularly at the rate of \$5 per capita per year. An Episcopal church was given a legacy of \$1,000. He wrote that he didn't need it at that time, and couldn't use it while the world is suffering so terribly, and turned it over to the Federal Council for War Relief. A chauffeur sent \$20. A wealthy New York man has given \$100,000 anonymously in monthly installments and has recently increased these monthly gifts.

The churches of the country are urged to take a special war relief offering on Easter Sunday and to inaugurate the plan already followed by many churches of giving regularly to war relief by a system of pledges of weekly or monthly gifts.

The great suffering in Poland, where so many of the children have died and 10,000,000 people are destitute; in Belgium where the need is greater today than ever; in the Balkan countries, where hundreds of thousands are always hungry, and among the Moslems, Syrians, Persians and Armenians are set forth as demanding immediate and generous response.

### Congress Will Not Be Called Before April Sixteenth

Washington, March 19.—Several members of congress have been advised by White House officials that there will be no session of congress before April 16, the date fixed originally.

### Hogs Bring New Record

Price of \$14.65 in Omaha

Hog prices reached a new top in Omaha Monday when some choice heavies were sold for \$14.65.

### RAIL MAGNATES GRANT DEMANDS MADE BY UNIONS

Strike of Members of Four Brotherhoods Set for 7 o'Clock Last Night Declared Off.

### ADAMSON LAW UPHELD

United States Supreme Court Rules That Act Is Constitutional.

### TERMS OF AGREEMENT

New York, March 19.—With the nation-wide railroad strike averted and the Adamson act declared constitutional the controversy that has raged between the railroads and their employes for nearly a year over the question of hours and wages, passed into history today.

Appealed to by the president's mediators to yield on the grounds of patriotism to the demands of the employes, the railroads just before day break today conceded the eight-hour basic work day and pro rata pay for overtime, the same as that provided by the Adamson law.

Several hours later the United States supreme court upheld the constitutionality of the Adamson act and what the brotherhoods already had obtained by their threat to call a nation-wide strike at 7 o'clock tonight the supreme court legally assured to them.

All that remains is to decide how much back pay the employes are entitled to.

Railroads Yield. Yielding to the appeal of President Wilson and facing the probability of this country's entrance into the world war, the railroads early today granted the demands of the four employes' brotherhoods for a basic eight-hour day. The telegraph wires this morning are carrying throughout the United States messages from the brotherhood chiefs rescinding the orders for the inauguration of the great progressive strike at 7 o'clock tonight.

The decision is regarded as a complete surrender to the brotherhoods, brought about, however, after the patriotism of the railroad managers had been put to the test. The president's mediators, playing in what they considered their last trump card, were not successful in their mission until after more than fifty hours of anxious conferences, all of which pointed within a short time before the decision was announced to an inevitable deadlock.

Secretary of the Interior Lane and the other mediators were visibly affected when told of the action of the railroad managers. Mr. Lane sent immediately for the committee of the railroads and, turning to Elisha Lee, their spokesman, said:

"This is a magnificent thing that you have done for your country. It will go down in history as one of the greatest things you ever did."

Brotherhood Chiefs Notified. The brotherhood chiefs, who already had left the hotel where the conferences were being held and had retired for the night, apparently convinced that a settlement of the differences could not be reached, were summoned next. Their faces showed the relief they felt from the strain under which they had labored since early Friday evening with the president's committee. W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen, announced for them that orders should go forward at once informing all district chairmen of the brotherhoods of the successful outcome of the conferences.

By the terms of the settlement the combined salary list of the railroads will be increased approximately \$60,000,000 a year, according to conservative estimates. The number of workmen profiting by this increase will be more than 300,000.

That the crisis resulting from the sinking of three American ships by German submarines was the prime factor in clearing the situation and restoring the country to normal conditions so far as its transportation facilities were concerned was conceded by all.

The formal letter in which this authorization was made, signed by (Continued on Page Four, Column Two.)

### The Sunday Score

Advertising in The Bee  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1917  
(Warfield Agency Measurements)

Local Display.....	1512 1/2
Foreign Display.....	472 1/2
Automobile.....	517 1/2
Classified.....	704
Total.....	3206 1/2

### SAME SUNDAY LAST YEAR

Local Display.....	1423 1/2
Foreign Display.....	207 1/2
Automobile.....	287
Classified.....	744
Legal.....	4
Total.....	2666

GAIN, 540 1/2 INCHES.

### Keep Your Eye On The Bee