

## TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE NEARS FINAL STAGES

Its Termination Rests Almost Wholly in the Hands of Postmaster General, Officials of the Union Declare.

Chicago, June 16.—Termination of the nationwide strike of Commercial Telegraphers' union officials declared, now rests almost wholly in the hands of Postmaster General Burleson. They stated a definite statement from Mr. Burleson concerning the scope of the order to electrical workers would be awaited before any move is made. Officers of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America said if the postmaster general's order granting the right of collective bargaining to electrical workers actually covered the striking telegraphers, steps probably would be taken to end the walkout after assurances of no unfair discrimination against strikers had been obtained.

**Finish Fight Planned.**  
"But in the meantime, we shall continue plans for a finish fight, a fight for the same rights that have been extended electrical workers," S. J. Konenkamp, international president of the telegraphers' union, told a meeting of strikers.

He reiterated that the strike is spreading and now includes nearly 25,000 persons, and declared the order for railroad telegraphers to refuse to handle commercial business had clogged channels to scores of



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smaller towns throughout the country. The Western Union Telegraph company, on the other hand, denied that commercial business was being greatly delayed.

**May Fire Rail Operators.**  
Washington, June 16.—S. J. Small, former international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, declared at a meeting of striking telegraphers here today that Postmaster General Burleson had requested Director General Hines to order the dismissal of all railroad telegraphers who refused to handle commercial messages during the strike of Western Union and Postal employees.

Mr. Small made no assertion as to what the director general's response had been, but declared that if such an order were issued it would "automatically bring about a walkout of 80,000 railroad telegraphers."

**Linmen Quit Jobs.**  
Los Angeles, Cal., June 16.—Linemen and switchboard men, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, left their work in the plants of the Southern California Telephone company here today at 8 o'clock, according to their officers. Telephone company officials declined to discuss the situation until they had completed a check of the remaining force.

Reports conflicted as to whether the operators, many of whom joined a new union last week, had also walked out. Service continued on local lines. Officials of the new union said that the strike would be carried out as scheduled.

## Eliminating Alien Labor Advocated by Railroaders

Denver, Colo., June 16.—A resolution designed to eliminate alien labor from competition with American labor in positions occupied by members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen was passed at Monday's session of the triennial convention of the brotherhood here.

J. F. McNamee, editor of the organization magazine, was endorsed by the convention for a position on the Interstate Commerce commission.

The convention also voted an appropriation to the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America to sustain the members during the present strike of that union.

No action resulted from the discussion of the Winnipeg strike situation.

## Captain McCullough to Visit Parents in Omaha

Capt. Phil. McCullough, who returned a few weeks ago from France, has received his discharge and will arrive home today. Captain McCullough, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McCullough of this city, has seen considerable service on the front lines. He will remain here but a short time when he will report to the Minnesota Telephone company, with which he was connected when he entered the service two years ago.

## U. S. May Have to Intervene in Costa Rican Situation

Washington, June 16.—Disquieting dispatches concerning the situation in Costa Rica were received at the State department. No details were made public, but officials said conditions were such that it would not be surprising if the necessity for action by the American government should arise.

## Wilson Refuses to Comply With Request of Senate

Washington, June 16.—President Wilson, responding to the senate resolution asking for the complete text of the peace treaty, advised the senate through the state department today that he did not consider it in the public interest to transmit the treaty text at this time because it was incomplete and many delicate points were under negotiation.

## SAYS DETECTIVE ARMSTRONG HAS WRECKED HOME

Butcher in Court Suit Charges Policeman With Alienating the Affections of His Wife.

In a petition filed yesterday in district court answering a divorce suit instituted by his wife, Mrs. Anna Sedlacek, Stephen Sedlacek, a butcher, charges Detective Armstrong, who is in the spot light as a result of his activity in the outrage recently committed against Mrs. Thomas Brown, with wrecking his home and alienating the affections of his wife.

Attorney Eugene D. O'Sullivan filed the answer for Sedlacek delineating details of Armstrong's escapades with the woman, including midnight automobile excursions in police cars, visits to the parks with Mrs. Sedlacek and various other acts of misconduct.

## Protested With Wife.

Sedlacek declared he protested with his wife, to whom he has been married 14 years, against her behavior with Detective Armstrong. Her reply was, declared the husband, that Armstrong was a better man and she intended to continue to receive his attentions.

Sedlacek asserted he appealed to Captain Briggs, who then was chief of detectives, to put a stop to Armstrong's overtures to his wife. "I can't make your wife love you," Captain Briggs is alleged to have replied. "Get out I have no time to talk to you."

Sedlacek declared he then looked up Armstrong and urged him to let his wife alone. The detective is said to have admitted his guilt and begged the injured husband and father of two small children not to talk about the affair for fear Armstrong's wife would hear it and it would cause trouble in his home circle.

## Says, Stayed With Officer.

"I know they were going together and that Armstrong took my wife riding repeatedly in the police cars," said Sedlacek. "For 13 years Anna was a good woman, a faithful mother and a loving wife. She changed completely when she met Detective Armstrong. I saw my wife with Armstrong in the park. They saw me and eluded me. I heard my wife call Douglas 175 many times and make engagements with Armstrong. My wife would leave the house and remain away with the detective until 2 o'clock in the morning."

Sedlacek declared his wife told him it would do no good to complain at the police station against Armstrong's attentions to her, because she said she had been assured of police protection.

"I believe the promise was made her, too," said Sedlacek, "because when I talked to Briggs he gave me absolutely no satisfaction. He seemed anxious to protect my wife and Armstrong in their guilt. Briggs tried to intimidate me."

"I believed if I had started anything about the matter several months ago, the police would have made life miserable for me. I remained quiet until I could stand it no longer. I am going through with the thing now, because I believe other crooked work at the police station will be revealed, and Armstrong is going to be caught under the crash."

## Diplomas Conferred.

Diplomas were conferred on the Mount Saint Mary seminary graduates at the Rialto theater Monday morning. Impressive graduation exercises were held.

## Reform Bureau Chief 'Champion Stopper' to Try Hand In Toledo

Toledo, O., June 16.—Toledoans who are interested in seeing the big Willard-Dempsey bout pulled off here July 4 are not superstitious, but they don't relish the idea of Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, Washington, D. C., chief of the international reform bureau, butting in.

Dr. Crafts is the champion stopper, suppressor and halter of the country and recently came to take a hand at stopping the Willard-Dempsey fight. Friends of boxing do not believe he will be successful, but—he's the man who prevented the proposed Jeffries-Fitzsimmons prize fight in St. Paul, who told San Francisco if it permitted the Jeffries-Johnson fight it could not have the world's fair—and got away with it—forced saloons to close on Sunday in Cincinnati in 1889, a date when prohibition was less popular than now; stopped shipment of prize light films in interstate commerce through national legislation, and so many other things it would be tiresome to relate them all.

Dr. Crafts has been in the stopping game—"moral uplift," he calls it—for 52 years and is still going strong.

So Toledoans are wondering whether he is losing his grip or whether he still has the old "knock-out" punch that has enabled him to bump so many "enjoyable" enterprises.

## Recommend Legislation to Oversee Railroads

Washington, June 16.—Enactment of legislation designed to give the Interstate Commerce commission broader regulatory powers over railroad and wire systems when those properties are returned to private control was recommended by the House interstate commerce committee. The recommendation was contained in the committee's report on the bill for immediate return of the telegraph and telephone companies to their owners, which will be taken up by the house Tuesday.

## Postal Department Orders.

Washington, June 16.—Special Telegrams—Civil service examination will be held on September 24, for presidential postmaster at Blakesburg, Ia., salary of postmaster, \$1,100.

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