

RAIL STRIKE GRADUALLY DYING OUT

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INSURGENTS CENTER STRENGTH IN EAST

Soldiers Called Out at Jersey City—Car Repairers and Inspectors at Cleveland Go Out in Sympathy.

Chicago, April 13.—Although leaders of the insurgent switchmen and yardmen today strenuously denied that serious defections had occurred in their ranks, railroad heads and officers of the brotherhoods who are fighting the walkout, declared that the strike in western territory gradually was dying out.

Strikers in a half dozen cities and towns returned to work today, railroad men at other points voted not to join the walkout and embargoes were lifted by several roads.

Several railroads in the Chicago terminal district reported operations were virtually normal. Live stock receipts today were 236 cars, including 4,000 cattle, 3,000 hogs and 7,000 sheep and 10,000 packing house workers returned to duty.

Striking switchmen at Ludington, Mich., and Hannibal, Mo., returned to work today and all railroad men who joined the walkout at Bloomington, Ill., decided to end the strike tomorrow. In the far west, 96 Northern Pacific employees voted not to join the walkout or to affiliate with the "outlaw" union.

Center Strength in East

Main strength of the striking railroad workers today was exerted in the section east of Pittsburgh and in the Pacific northwest, with conditions, according to railroad brotherhood leaders and railway officials, in the remainder of the country pointing toward a return to normal. Around New York passenger service was hard hit and in the Pennsylvania steel and iron regions thousands of workers were threatened with enforced idleness unless the situation quickly changed.

At Jersey City armed soldiers with army motor trucks were called in to handle mail halted by the strike.

Fresh difficulties were encountered by the railroad in the Pacific northwest. Great Northern and Northern Pacific switchmen at Everett, Wash., walked out at midnight last night.

As epitomized by the brotherhood leaders today the entire situation was:

West—Vastly better. Chicago—Much improved. East—Vastly worse, particularly New York.

From the Ohio river west to the

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To Divide \$3,000,000 W. P. Cowan Estate Among Relatives

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, April 13.—The \$3,000,000 estate of William P. Cowan, one time president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, will be distributed Tuesday by Judge Rathje of the Du Page county probate court. He will make the award to those he considers the rightful heirs.

Missouri and Montana have come into court for a share of the estate. Mrs. Jennie L. Cowan, an attorney of Trenton, Mo., says her father, George Cowan, was a cousin of the millionaire. She last heard from him in Mexico a year ago.

Missoula, Mont., produces three brothers, who, with their sister, claim to be first cousins. They are Frederick William, John A. and James Cowan and Mrs. Marja Cowan-McIntosh.

The Michigan branch of the family tree, which seems to have the clearest claim, includes William Sexton of Eagle, Walter Sexton and Mrs. Caroline Sexton Hart of Grand Lodge; Charles Edward Sexton of Bannister, and Sexton Colby of Cadillac.

Others who hope to share in the estate are: Mercer P. Cowan of Moberly, Mo., a railroad conductor, and his nephew, J. D. Cowan, an attorney of Bloomington, Ill.; Mrs. Emma Cowan-Bentley of California, and Judson Phelps of Detroit.

Troops Supporting Herrera Besiege Guatemala City

Guatemala City, April 13.—Troops supporting Carlos Herrera, who has been proclaimed president of the republic after a swift revolution, are holding this city, although it is closely besieged by the army commanded by President Estrada Cabrera. Shells from guns in the hands of these troops have fallen in many parts of the town.

Spokane Firemen Wear Khaki to Beat H. C. of L.

Spokane, Wash., April 13.—Eight city firemen at the central station here today reported for work dressed in khaki outfits. Fire Chief A. L. Weeks said he would do likewise tomorrow and that hereafter regulation blue uniforms will be required only on formal occasions. Regular uniforms cost \$72, he said, and khaki ones, \$8.

Vote for Pershing; Then—Vote for These Delegates

Under the Nebraska law, delegates to the national convention are pledged to support the presidential choice of the Nebraska primary. Candidates who have filed are not only obligated by law but have made personal declarations to carry out their primary instructions.

Nevertheless, enthusiastic support can come only from men's hearts. Nebraska republicans who want Gen. John J. Pershing the republican presidential nominee should not only vote for him but for delegates whose every hour at Chicago making Nebraska's choice the choice of the nation.

Vote for Pershing and then vote for the following delegates and alternates:

- DELEGATES AT LARGE: Titus Lower, Omaha, Neb.; Charles H. Kelsey, Norfolk, Neb.; E. J. Burkett, Lincoln, Neb.; Alternate: Carl E. Herring, Omaha, Neb.
FOURTH DISTRICT DELEGATES: M. A. Shaw, David City, Neb.; R. E. Steele, Fairbury, Neb.; Alternate: S. S. Campbell, Osceola, Neb.
FIFTH DISTRICT DELEGATE: Harry A. Russell, Hastings, Neb.
SIXTH DISTRICT DELEGATES: Woodruff Ball, Valentine, Neb.; S. J. Wecker, O'Neill, Neb.

M'MULLEN TIES UP WITH LOCAL G. O. P. CHIEFS

Representatives of Various Elements Indorse His Candidacy for Governor.

Representatives of the various elements of republicanism in Douglas county have given expression to their harmonious indorsement of the candidacy of Adam McMullen of Beatrice for the gubernatorial nomination. An organization to support McMullen has brought together men who have been factional opponents for years.

Republicans who have been identified as leaders of the conservative wing of the Smith-Ure-Howell element, and of the old Fontenelle club, are now unreservedly for Mr. McMullen as against Gov. S. R. McKelvie.

Has "First-Class Ability"

"I wish to state that Mr. McMullen is of first-class ability," said J. C. Kinsler, who was manager of the campaign for Congressman Jefferis. "He is progressive and has at heart the interests of all parts of the state. I sincerely believe that republicans should unite on him."

Victor D. Keyser, former secretary of the Fontenelle club, said he is convinced that it is the general consensus of opinion among republicans that some candidate other than Governor McKelvie would stand a better chance of being elected next fall.

Want to Consolidate Party

"In looking around and appraising the sentiment both in Omaha and throughout the state, we have become convinced that all elements of the party can be turned to McMullen easier than to any other candidate, so we have picked him as a winner and are going to give him our hearty support for the nomination," Mr. Reynolds said.

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Clemenceau Expected To Reach Paris Soon From Trip to Egypt

Paris, April 13.—Georges Clemenceau, former premier, is expected in Paris late this week. He is reported as being fairly restored to health after his indisposition in Cairo, Egypt. He will remain here only a few days, proceeding to Vende, a resort on the Atlantic coast, for a longer rest.

Hold Up Drug Store Owner, Get Cash and Supply of Dope

Denver, Colo., April 13.—Two men robbed a drug store of \$300 in cash and cocaine and morphine valued at \$1,000 early today. Both were masked when they entered the store. One backed the proprietor to the wall with a revolver and the other pocketed the money and drugs.

Empress Augusta Victoria So Ill Death Is Expected

Berlin, April 13.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung today says it has learned from a reliable source that the condition of former Empress Augusta Victoria has become so grave that the announcement of her death may be expected at any moment.

PRESIDENT NAMES RAIL LABOR BOARD

Nominations Go to Senate; Prompt Confirmation Expected—Authorized to Take Up Grievances of Strikers.

WASHINGTON ALARMED; WILSON CALLS CABINET

Indications Are That Government Will Take Action Against Leaders—Ask Names Of N. Y. Central Insurgents.

Washington, April 13.—The railroad labor board was appointed today by President Wilson.

The members are: Representing the Public—George New Hanger, Washington, D. C.; Henry Clayton, Cincinnati; R. M. Barton, Tennessee. Representing the Railroads—Horace Baker, J. H. Elliott and William L. Park.

The board will be authorized to meet in Washington at once to take up the grievances of the railroad employees now on strike. The nominations went to the senate at noon today and prompt action by that body is expected.

Hunt is Politician

Mr. Hunt, one of the public representatives, is appointed for one year; he is a former mayor of Cincinnati and a former member of the Ohio house of representatives. During the war he was a captain in the national army. Since 1915 he had been a member of the board of trustees of the Cincinnati Southern railway.

Mr. Hanger, another representative of the public, is named assistant commissioner of the United States board of mediation and conciliation, and as member of that body has had considerable experience in handling labor disputes.

Judge Barton, the third member, is a former judge of the Tennessee court of appeals, and is appointed for three years.

Prominent Road Men

Horace Baker, who is appointed to represent the railroad executives for a three-year term, is a former general manager of the Cincinnati, St. Orleans & Texas Pacific railroad.

J. H. Elliott of Texas, appointed for two years, formerly was general manager of the Texas & Pacific railroad, and subsequently was a colonel in the transportation corps of the American expeditionary forces.

Mr. Park is vice president of the Chicago Great Western railroad and is appointed for one year. Mr. Phillips is vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. He is appointed for five years.

Employees Well Represented

Mr. Wharton of Missouri is an official of the railway employed department of the American Federation of Labor and a member of the board of railway wages and working conditions of the United States.

Rules Newspaper May Use Own Judgment In News Published

Chicago, April 13.—Right of a newspaper to publish what it considers news and to disregard what it believes does not come within the independent action of the independent publisher. It was contended by Mr. Reed that this omission was willful and malicious and done with intent to injure his candidacy.

Birmingham Overall Club Backs Action of Newspapers

Birmingham, Ala., April 13.—The Birmingham overall club, with 3,000 members, pledged to wear overalls until clothing prices decline, was formally organized at a mass meeting. Action followed refusal of local newspapers to comply with a request by a committee of retail clothiers that they cease publication of news items of formation of overalls clubs, the clothiers alleging their business was being hurt.

One Man Killed, Another Injured in Plane Fall

Sioux Falls, S. D., April 13.—B. F. Ramsey is dead and W. T. Cook, a civilian pilot, is in a local hospital in a serious condition, following a fatal fall in which their plane crashed to earth west of the city Monday night. Both men are residents of Sioux Falls.

His Home State



KELSEY SAYS NO BOSS CAN DIRECT HIS G. O. P. VOTE

Solicits Support of Republicans Not Under Obligations to "Corrick-Harrison" Combination.

Norfolk, Neb., April 13.—(Special.)—Charles H. Kelsey, candidate for delegate at large in the republican convention, made the following statement today:

"A personal statement to republicans by certain self-appointed political bosses in Lincoln and Omaha announces through the news columns of the democratic World-Herald that they have made a tie-up between Frank Corrick and Frank Harrison, campaign managers of General Wood and Senator Johnson in this state, and the respective Wood and Johnson voters to vote a slate prepared by them."

"I am a candidate for delegate at large to the national convention and naturally wonder why a combination of this kind is made. There are 10 candidates, four to be elected. Every one of the 10 is pledged to give loyal support to the candidate for president receiving the preferential vote."

"Bosses must deliver the goods or they cannot demand payment. If they go to Chicago and as long as there is a chance to secure the nomination of Nebraska's candidate I will work and strive for that end, but if the time comes when second choice must be made no boss can deliver my vote or demand any reward for electing me."

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General Strike Begun In Ireland on Behalf Of Political Prisoners

London, April 13.—A general strike, begun in Ireland today in protest against the treatment of the political prisoners in Mountjoy jail at Dublin, who are on a hunger strike.

Early reports to the Irish office here said that the strike had gone into effect, but the officials gave no details regarding the scope of the movement.

The strike call eliminated employees of newspapers, those in the telegraph service, the humanitarian services, the bankers and the necessary workers caring for cattle and horses.

The latest official report given out here said that the hunger strikers all were weak and that some were nearing the danger mark.

Condition of U. S. Marshal Reported as Less Favorable

The condition of Thomas J. Flynn, United States marshal, who for several weeks has been seriously ill at his home, 2328 South Fifteenth street, was reported less favorable yesterday.

The Weather

FORECAST. Fair and warmer Wednesday. Fair and warmer Thursday. Fair and warmer Friday. Fair and warmer Saturday. Fair and warmer Sunday.

PACKING HOUSE DISPUTE MAY BE SETTLED TODAY

Report Current That Skinner-Howe Differences Have Been Adjusted.

The dispute between Lloyd M. Skinner and Paul Skinner and R. C. Howe, president of the Skinner company, was practically settled late yesterday out of court, it is believed from statements made by attorneys in the case.

"Through none of the attorneys would definitely affirm this, one of them said, in answer to a question as to whether the suit had been settled."

"I am not at liberty to say. But everybody concerned is trying to keep it out of the courts."

Mr. Howe secured a restraining order a week ago, preventing Lloyd M. Skinner from deposing him from his position as president and general manager of the Skinner company.

Hearing on Mr. Howe's application for an injunction was set first for Saturday, then postponed to Monday and finally to Wednesday.

Sultan Throws All His Power Against The Nationalists

Constantinople, April 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Sultan Mehmed VI of Turkey has thrown all his political and religious power into the balance as a final measure in combating the nationalist movement in Asia Minor.

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Ohio Soft Coal Mines Are Practically Closed By Switchmen Strike

Columbus, O., April 13.—Soft coal mines in Ohio were nearly all closed today because of the railroad strike and thousands of coal miners were thrown out of work. A few mines in some scattered sections were reported still working, but all of the big mines were closed because of the inability of operators to get cars.

When Houseboat Sinks Couple Escapes Drowning

Pawtucket, R. I., April 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris barely escaped drowning when the houseboat they were living in was sunk in the Pawtucket river. A log, propelled by the powerful torrents resulting from the rain, rammed a large hole in one corner of the craft. Fifteen minutes later the boat was resting on the river bottom with part of its roof protruding above.

AMERICAN SHOT BY GERMANS IN THE RUHR BASIN

New Jersey Man Reported to Have Been Killed Recently In Attempted Escape From Police.

Berlin, April 13.—An official announcement made last night in the case of Paul Roome De Mott of Paterson, N. J., said to have been an American citizen, who was killed recently at Wesel, near the Ruhr region, states that he was shot dead while attempting to escape from military arrest.

De Mott, who was 22 years old, was taken prisoner by government troops near Dinslaken, southeast of Wesel, early last week, charged with being in possession of arms and aiding in the rebellion.

The whereabouts of De Mott since his arrest had not been known here.

De Mott is said here to have claimed that he was a newspaper man who was given an American passport because he was engaged in relief work. Among the credentials found in his possession, it is stated, were papers indicating he was about to leave for Russia.

Americans who learned last week of De Mott's capture were assured him in the Ruhr district that no drastic action would be taken against him.

Pigs in West Hammond Will Not Be Disturbed Till Peace Is Signed

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Hammond, Ind., April 13.—West Hammond authorities are being ground beneath two pilestones because they say the war is not over and they cannot compel citizens, nearly 8,000 of them, to desert from the military service.

When the war was going on the food administration put on a drive in West Hammond and asked everybody to raise a pig. West Hammond was slow in starting, but now nearly every other yard is a pigpen and those who have no pigs are making life miserable for the city officials.

Mayor Paul Kamerad passed the buck to Chief of Police John Mitz. Mitz says "stink or no stink, I can't make 'em quit raising pigs because the war is not over. We urged the people to raise pigs to help win the war and the people think they are still fighting."

"Have we won the war yet? I don't know. I got to tell 'em to raise pigs until peace is declared. The pig question here is up to Wilson or Hoover. Hoover started it."

Two Americans in Near East Are Believed in Danger

New York, April 13.—Hugh Bell of Cranford, Pa., a worker with the American committee for relief in the Near East, and James K. Lyman of Wisconsin, an American board missionary, are believed to be in peril in eastern Asia Minor, where Armenian massacres have occurred recently. They left Adana for Marash on March 20, according to a cablegram received here, and that at that time nothing has been heard from them.

Pass Fortification Bill

Washington, April 13.—The annual fortification bill carrying \$18,833,442, a cut of approximately \$100,000,000 from estimates submitted, was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

Disquise Mexican Situation

Washington, April 15.—George T. Summerlin, American charge d'affaires at Mexico City, who was summoned home recently, discussed the Mexican situation with State department officials.

LOWDEN HAS STRONG LEAD IN ILLINOIS

Returns From 631 Precincts Out of 5,690, Put Republican Governor Over 5,000 Ahead Of Major General Wood.

FRIENDS OF JOHNSON WRITE NAME ON BALLOT

California Senator Running Third—Only Votes of Men Official—Votes of Women Will Be Counted Separately.

Chicago, April 13.—Illinois republican men and women Tuesday recorded their preference in the race for the party's presidential nomination.

While the names of Gov. Frank O. Lowden and Gen. Leonard Wood were the only ones printed on the ballots, early returns showed that friends of Senator Hiram Johnson had written in his name in practically every precinct.

Only the votes cast by men are official. Women were accorded the privilege of voting unofficially after it became evident that the nineteenth amendment would not be ratified in time to give them full suffrage. The women's ballots are to be counted separately merely to record their preference.

Returns from 631 precincts, including 350 in Cook county, out of 5,690 in the state, give: Lowden—Men, 22,992; women, 3,903; total, 26,895. Wood—Men, 18,609; women, 2,952; total, 21,561. Johnson—Men, 6,852; women, 890; total, 7,742.

The Johnson vote tabulated is all from Cook county.

WOOD ABANDONS CAMPAIGN TOUR DUE TO STRIKE

Cancel Leave of Absence and Will Resume Duties as Army Commander.

Boston, April 13.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood today cancelled the leave of absence which he obtained to make a campaign for the republican nomination for president, and said he would leave later in the day for Chicago to resume his duties as commanding general of the central department. He stated that his action was due to railroad strike conditions.

General Wood, in making the announcement, said: "The situation of growing seriousness in the country is such that I feel it my duty to give up my leave and return to my post of command in Chicago. The situation is not one which allows personal considerations to enter into the matter in the least."

The general now is on a two months' leave which was granted him by the War department March 20.

Strike Good Excuse. Washington, April 13.—General Wood's abandonment of his campaign was considered by politicians here to be an admission of the crisis in his effort to land the presidency. The War department stated that his return to duty in Chicago was on his own initiative, he having a two months' leave of absence. The railroad strike was his excuse for the abandonment of his fight that has become increasingly difficult since the loss of Michigan and the threat of disaster in Ohio, Illinois and Nebraska.

Wood's style of campaign required him to win, if at all, on early ballots in the Chicago convention. Because of bitter primary fights he could not expect subsequent accessions of strength.

Professor Describes Gasoline Substitute Made of Wood Alcohol

St. Louis, April 13.—Discovery of a new alcohol, made from wood and usable as grain alcohol and in a mixture for a gasoline substitute, was described at the convention of the American Chemical society in session here by Prof. R. H. McKee of Columbia university, who expressed the belief it would reduce the cost of operating automobiles.

The alcohol, he explained, is obtained from the sugar in waste from the manufacture of pulp and mixed with kerosene and benzol forms a substitute for gasoline.

This substitute, he amplified, does not form carbon in the cylinder, and affords more mileage to a gallon than gasoline. Professor McKee said it had been used successfully in Norway and Sweden and that he believed it could be manufactured in this country cheaper than gasoline.

Moorhead Fears He Won't Be Ready for Primary

Electoral Commissioner Harley Moorhead expressed doubt yesterday as to whether it would be possible to complete in time for the primaries of April 20 the large amount of extra work involved in preparation for this year's primary.

"I am employing outside help and every effort will be made to have the preliminary work completed on time, but the task seems almost too big to accomplish within the time limit, he explained."