

# BIG INCREASE IN WAGES FOR RAILROAD MEN

### Award by Government Board Adds \$600,000,000 to Annual Payroll of Country's Carriers.

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Engineers, firemen and brakemen, \$3.00 per month.

Suburban service passenger employees, \$30 per month.

Engineers, firemen, helpers, \$1.04 per day.

Conductors, firemen and brakemen, \$1.04 per day.

Successing rates established by the railroad administration the board used the following schedules:

**Yard Service.**

Engineers, firemen, helpers, 18 cents per hour.

Foremen, \$6.96 per day; helpers, \$6.48; switch tenders, \$5.04.

**Hostler Service.**

Outside hostler, \$6.24 per day; inside hostlers, \$5.00 per day; helpers, \$5.04.

The following increases were authorized for shop employees:

Supervisory forces, machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, power men, molders, cupola tenders and core-makers, including those with less than four years' experience, all 13 cents an hour.

Regular and helper apprentices and helpers, all classes, 13 cents an hour.

Car cleaners, 5 cents an hour.

Telegraphers, telephone operators, agents, tower men, lever men, tower and train directors, block operators and staff men, 10 cents an hour.

Agents at small telegraph stations, 5 cents an hour.

**Unskilled Men Profit.**

The following increases were granted maintenance-of-way and unskilled forces:

Construction forces, their assistants, section, track and maintenance foremen and assistants and mechanics in these departments, 15 cents an hour.

Laborers employed in shops and roundhouses, 10 cents an hour.

Mechanics, helpers in bridge and building departments, track laborers, common laborers, bridge tenders, hoisting firemen, pumper engineers, crossing watchmen or flagmen and lamp lighters and tenders, 8 1/2 cents an hour.

Train dispatchers are given an increase of 13 cents an hour and yardmasters and assistant yardmasters 15 cents an hour.

**Clerks Also Boosted.**

The following increases are added to the established rates for clerical and station forces:

Collectors, chief clerks, foremen and other clerical supervisory forces, clerks with one or more years' railroad experience, train and engine crew callers, assistant station masters, train announcers, gatemen and baggage and parcel room employees, 13 cents an hour.

Lantern, electrical and telephone operators, watchmen, employees operating office appliances and similar work, 10 cents an hour.

Freight handlers or truckers, 12 cents an hour.

All common laborers in and around stations, storehouses and warehouses, not otherwise provided for, 8 1/2 cents an hour.

Clerks of less than one year's experience, 6 1/2 cents an hour.

Office boys, messengers and other employees under 18 years of age, 5 cents an hour.

**No Class Missed.**

Stationary engine and boiler room employees were advanced 13 cents an hour for engineers, firemen and others, while water tenders and coal passers receive a 10-cent increase.

In the signal department, foremen, inspectors, maintainers, signalmen and their assistants, 13 cents an hour; helpers, 10 cents an hour.

The decision provides that employees in the departments named who are properly before the board and not otherwise provided for shall receive an increase equal to that established for the nearest respective classes. "The intent of this article," the decision says, "is to extend this decision to a miscellaneous class of supervisors and employees, practically impossible of specific classification, and at the same time insure to them the same consideration and rate increase as provided for analogous service."

The following new rates are established for employees operating railroad car floats, lighters, ferries and tugboats in harbor service:

**New York Harbor.**

Ferry boats: Masters and pilots, \$220 per month; first officers, \$150.

The boats and ferries lighters: Masters and pilots, \$220; pilots in South Amboy, Perth Amboy and Port Reading coal towing lines, \$200; mates, \$150.

Southern Pacific: Louisiana-Mississippi Gulf Coast lines and Texas & Pacific boats carrying one master, \$230; two masters, \$220; mates, \$140; pilots, \$45.

**Neither Side Bound.**

The railway labor board, which handed down today's decision, was created by the Esch-Cummins transportation act, under which the railroads were returned to private management on March 1 of this year. The board is to sit as a permanent arbitration board. Neither the roads nor the men, however, are bound by the law to accept the decisions of the board.

The board was appointed by President Wilson, with Judge R. M. Barton of Tennessee chairman. There was some delay in making the appointments, after the transportation bill went into effect. On April 1 dissatisfaction of the men with the delay was manifested in Chicago when the Chicago yardmen's association, branded by the old established unions as an "outlaw," called a strike, which rapidly spread to nearly every section of the country. The board, appointed April 13, met in Washington, and later transferred its hearings to Chicago.

## Farmer, 51, Marries Step-mother, Near 90, Neighbors Indignant

Atlantic, Ia., July 20.—(Special)—William W. Leslie, 51 years old, and his stepmother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Leslie, 86 years old, were married June 22 in Maryville, Mo., according to word which reached here last night. Residents of Edna township, of which Mrs. Leslie was a wealthy resident, are indignant at the elopement in which Leslie is said to have concealed his relationship to the aged bride, who was so weak and feeble during the ceremony the groom had to support her. The two are owners of nearly 1,000 acres in Edna township, the greater part of which is in the name of Mary E. Leslie.

## Havana Bankers Call Upon Importers to Save Credit

Havana, July 20.—Havana bankers and a committee representing the California Rice association conferred Monday on the serious credit situation resulting from alleged failure of certain Cuban importers to accept rice shipments valued at more than \$20,000,000 now held up in harbor here, which, it is claimed, were shipped under contract.

No statement was given out by the conferees, but the bankers are reported to have demanded that merchants protect their paper and to have intimated that the island's credit might be seriously involved, as American exporters are becoming dubious of the good faith of certain Cuban importers.

## Divorce Court

**Divorce Petitions.**

Ample King against William H. King, nonsuitor.

Catherine Smith against Fred Smith, nonsuitor.

Leonard Turner against Anna Turner, cruelty.

William Wilson against John Wilson, cruelty.

W. Austin against Daphne Austin, cruelty.

Hazel Reese against Karl Reese, cruelty.

Loona Kiewit from John Kiewit, cruelty.

Cyrus Ashton from Thelma Ashton, cruelty.

# UNION HEADS EXPECT TERMS TO BE ACCEPTED

### General Satisfaction is Expressed by Omaha Railroad Officials Over Wage Boosts Granted.

General satisfaction over the average 21 per cent wage increase granted by the United States railway board to railway employees yesterday was expressed by leaders of organized groups of employees in Omaha.

Railway officials here, although unwilling to discuss the effect of the \$600,000,000 increase, expressed the hope that the increase would result in an era of industrial peace and increased efficiency among railway workers.

**Hope For New Efficiency.**

"I have had only time to read hurriedly, but not digest the award of the United States railroad labor board," said Carl R. Gray, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Car-men of America and vice president of the protective board of the Union Pacific, who is in Omaha representing the six shop crafts here during the absence of general chairmen of the six crafts.

"The raise is larger than I expected would be granted," said Mr. Hamilton, "and I believe the situation is favorable for an acceptance. I have received no word from Chicago, however, and can only speak for myself."

T. E. Newman, a leader in the railway clerks' union at the Union Pacific headquarters, also predicted the increase would be satisfactory to a majority of the clerks there. Clerks are to receive an increase of 13 cents an hour, according to the award.

# RATE INCREASES OF 18 PER CENT TO BE ASKED AT ONCE

### Railroads Will Accept Wage Board's Award—"Outlaw" Unions Not Recognized by Commission.

Chicago, July 20.—An 18 per cent increase in freight rates will be necessary to meet the 21 per cent average wage award granted railroad employees today, E. T. Whiter, representative of the roads in the hearings before the railway labor board, announced today.

The railroads, Mr. Whiter announced after a conference with the Western Managers' association, will accept the board's award and apply its terms immediately. "The award speaks for itself," Mr. Whiter said. "It means, of course, the roads must ask for increased rates. To meet the board's estimated \$600,000,000 increase will require an increase of about 18 per cent in freight rates."

**Brotherhood Men Silent.**

Presidents and general officers of the five big brotherhoods went into executive session and indicated they would have nothing to say before late today.

The union men as a whole did not seem satisfied with the increase authorized, but there was no talk prior to the executive session of a general strike. The belief grew that the leaders would submit the question to a referendum vote of their men.

The new railroad unions which called the series of strikes this spring, after their members had broken away from the recognized brotherhoods, will submit the board's decision to a referendum vote of their membership, John Grunau,

# Duluth Grand Jury Declares One Negro Lynched, Blameless

### Special Service Schools Are Planned for Guard Officers

Duluth, July 20.—The special county grand jury investigation of the lynching of three negroes here on June 15 last, declared in its final report, made public last night that Isaac McGhie, one of the negroes hanged, had no part in the attack on a white girl, which brought about the trouble. Evidence brought before it convinced the grand jury, the report said, that McGhie was merely held by the police as an important witness.

**Special Service Schools Are Planned for Guard Officers**

Washington, July 20.—Further opportunity for the training and development of officers of the national guard, is offered through a War department order today, providing special courses for instructors at service schools for officers below major. The adjutant generals have been instructed to submit to the militia bureau names of those recommended for the schools.

The schools in which the courses will be given are the infantry school, Camp Beaming, Ga.; the cavalry school, Fort Riley, Kansas; the field artillery school, Ft. Sill, Okl.; the coast artillery school, Fort Monroe, Va.; and the tank corps school, Camp Meade, Md. Five medical officers also will be permitted to attend the army medical school in Washington.

# Los Angeles Is Shaken Again by Earthquake Shock

### Oil Prices Advance

Los Angeles, Cal., July 20.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here at 6:48 o'clock tonight. No damage was reported from any quarter of the city from the tremor.

**Oil Prices Advance**

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 20.—The principal oil purchasing agencies here today announced an increase of 25 cents a barrel in Ragland crude oil, bringing the price to \$2.35. The oil comes from the Kentucky field.

# SOVIET FLATLY REJECTS PEACE OFFER BY BRITAIN

### Reply Is Sarcastic in Tone And Is Intended to Win Poland to Reds, London Times Says.

London, July 20.—The reply of the Russian soviet government to the British note concerning an armistice with Poland, rejects in substance the British peace proposals, according to the London Times, which publishes a summary of the soviet answer.

The document is lengthy and the Times assumes it will soon be published by the government.

The bolsheviks decline to come to London, according to the Times, because they say Great Britain is not impartial. They also object to the admission to the conference of delegates from the Baltic states, saying Russia already has made peace with them.

As to Poland, the bolshevik government points out that the proposed armistice line is unfair to Poland, and that with direct negotiations the bolsheviks are prepared to grant Poland a much more favorable frontier.

The reply refuses to entertain any conditions regarding the forces of Gen. Wrangel and the refugees in South Russia and demands their unconditional surrender.



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—Center Isle, Main Floor

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—Second Floor

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Wednesday, \$16.95

—Apparel Sections, Third Floor

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A fine quality of Nainsook and Longcloth may be had by the bolt for prices that prevail only during the July sale of white. Fine cotton yarns are used and no starch or filling, the finish is soft and fine.

85c Longcloth, a bolt of ten yards, Wednesday, for \$5 a bolt.

65c Nainsook, in a bolt of ten yards, Wednesday only, for \$4.70 a bolt.

Linen Section, Main Floor

**Oxfords for Street Wear Have New Low Prices**

Brown Kid Oxfords, with welt soles and military heels, \$15 values, Wednesday, \$12 a Pair

Black Kid Oxfords, with welt soles and Cuban heels, \$12 values, Wednesday, \$9.60 a Pair

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**Wednesday, a Sale of Corsets \$2.29 a pair**

Whether you prefer a front or back lace corset, this sale provides a choice of either at an advantageously low price. A very limited number of them, but one that includes excellent values.

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—Corsets, Second Floor

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**Deaths and Funerals**

Funeral services for Fred W. Hanson, 53 years old, who died Sunday from injuries received in a motorcycle wreck, were held at 3 p. m. yesterday from the Kerkira.