

RAILS BE DIVIDED

Coal Operators Not Agreed on Wage Scale.

ROBBINS READY TO YIELD

His Offer of 1903 Scale Accepted Subject to Ratification, but Other Operators Object.

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NO COAL ON IOWA MARKET.

DEER MOINES, March 28.—In anticipation of a strike April 1, the visible supply of coal in Des Moines and Iowa has been absorbed by railroads and factories to the extent that not a pound of commercial coal can be had at any price. No orders for coal are taken by dealers at any price and other kinds of fuel are bringing exorbitant prices.

IRONMOLDERS' WAGE CONFERENCE.

CHICAGO, March 28.—A conference involving a 10-per-cent wage increase and settlement in working conditions for more than 20,000 ironmolders throughout the United States, was begun here yesterday. Committees representing the Stovefoundry, National Defense Association and the Ironmolders' Union of North America opened negotiations.

NO HARD COAL CONFERENCE YET.

NEW YORK, March 28.—George F. Baer, chairman of the anthracite operators' committee of seven, came to New York yesterday and had a conference with

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GREAT DAMAGE DONE

Flood Wrecks Government Irrigation Work.

WORKMEN BARELY ESCAPE

North Platte River Tears Away Diversion Dam, Bridge and Many Houses—Thousands of Sheep Drown in Ragging Torrent.

CASPER, Wyo., March 28.—The North Platte River has been rising at an alarming rate during the past 48 hours, due to the rapid melting of snow of the previous week. The great diversion dam at Alvosa, erected by the reclamation service as a temporary structure to divert the waters of the river, while the Pathfinder dam is being built, has been washed away and its loss will seri-

PLATTE RIVER MILES WIDE

Ranches and Cattle All Across Nebraska Suffer Seriously.

DENVER, March 28.—Wyoming is experiencing the worst floods in ten years, according to dispatches from Cheyenne and other points received here tonight. The Platte River from the Colorado line to the Nebraska line, a distance of 200 miles, is running in a channel only a few feet wide. The water is rising rapidly and is doing much damage to property and crops. The floods are having difficulty in traversing the flooded territory. The floods are due to melting snow. In the eastern part of Colorado snow and rain fell tonight.

ROAD TIED UP FOR TWO WEEKS

Clark Line Crippled by Washouts in Nevada and California.

LOS ANGELES, March 28.—The local railroad situation resulting from floods in California and Nevada is even worse than has yet been described. It is given out from the office of General Manager Wells, of the Salt Lake and Pacific, that the road between Caliente and Las Vegas is so serious that the roadbed cannot be repaired short of two weeks to admit the passage of trains.

First Train Since Saturday.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 28.—The first train arriving in this city since Saturday afternoon last came in at 11 o'clock this morning, bringing passengers and delayed mails. The Santa Fe is reported to be badly damaged on this division and it will be some time before schedules can be resumed.

Flood Cuts Railroad in Two.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 28.—Three spans of the south channel of the Platte River bridge of the Sioux City & Western Railroad have been washed out by a flood. Traffic is completely paralyzed on this line. There is still danger from ice gorges at other places.

LABOR BILL CAUSES SPLIT

FIRST RIFT IN HUGE BRITISH LIBERAL MAJORITY.

Bill for Immunity of Labor Unions Does Not Satisfy Labor or Irish Party.

LONDON, March 28.—The trade disputes bill which is a direct outcome of the Taffvale decision, which held that trades-union funds are liable for the illegal acts of individual members of a union, was introduced into the House of Commons today by the Attorney-General, Sir J. Lawson Walton. In explaining the features of the measure he said that the recent court decisions had seriously curtailed the usefulness of trades-unions. Their undoubted rights of peaceful persuasion could be cut down to the point of extinction and funds contributed to provide against sickness and lack of employment had been held liable to meet claims for damages to women, the repudiated acts of unauthorized officials.

Immunity for Labor Unions.

The present bill provides that no act of a trades-union shall be held to be unlawful if such act is lawful when committed by an individual. It sets forth in express terms the right of peaceful picketing, which the Attorney-General declares is an essential part of the right to strike, and defines the law of agency as applied to trades-union funds for any act, unless it is perfectly clear that the act was authorized by the governing body of the union.

LABOR MEMBERS DISCOUNTED.

This statement, which closed the Attorney-General's speech, was greeted with shouts of "No!" from benches occupied by the Labor party members. It speedily became evident that the government's measure was