

WAGE REDUCTIONS BEFORE RAIL LABOR

1,500,000 Employees Represented at Chicago Session.

NO ALARM IS EXPRESSED

Precautions Taken Against Unauthorized Strikes Before Question is Put to Vote.

CHICAGO, June 30.—Hundreds of railway union leaders from all parts of the country gathered here tonight in preparation for a series of meetings tomorrow which will take up the acceptance or rejection of the wage reductions recently ordered by the United States railroad labor board and which are effective tomorrow.

Notes on the proposition have been taken by a number of the organizations involved and it has been officially reported that these, in some cases, show a majority against the acceptance of the cuts.

The union leaders probably will be in session for several days. In addition to representatives of the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen, there will be those of the switchmen and clerks. The executives in session here, it was said, would represent a total of more than 1,500,000 railway employees.

Unauthorized Walkouts Opposed. A general walkout could not be finally declared at the impending conference. Such an order would have to be approved by a referendum vote of members of many unions which would require from 10 to 30 days.

The chief concern of the leaders, it was indicated tonight, was that there might be isolated cases of unauthorized walkouts or "cutting out" strikes. It was indicated that the men already had been cautioned against this sort of action.

The stationary engineers and others have voted 94 per cent strong against the acceptance of the wage cuts," declared Timothy Healy, international president of the organization. "There is a strong feeling in many of the organizations," he added.

No Alarm is Felt. "There will be no nation-wide strike unless the men are forced into it," said H. M. Jewell, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, who said he will accept any reasonable adjustment, whether ordered by the labor board or proposed by the management. They are not going to do anything rash or unreasonable.

"There is nothing to be alarmed over in the walkout or cutting out" wage reduction ordered by the labor board," said W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. "The decision to accept or reject the wage reduction made by the labor board is up to the men, and the men alone can make such decision."

A. J. Luhrs, president of the American Train Dispatchers' association, said that his organization had not taken a vote on the wage reduction and had not been asked to. T. C. Casper, president of the switchmen's union of North America, said that his organization had taken no vote on the wage reductions.

"We are not looking for any trouble," he declared. "The rank and file of our organization is taking the future power of the labor board's decision. They will do what is right."

1200 FISHERMEN READY

Frazier River Season Attracts Huge Number of Sportsmen.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 30.—(Special.)—The fishing season on the Frazier river opens tomorrow, and already 2000 fishermen are expected to fish on that river. Of this number there are 850 Japanese, the limit of licenses allowed by the government.

The canners met this evening and set the prices for salmon for this season as follows: Mayday, 50 cents each; red spring salmon, 4 cents a pound, and white salmon 10 cents each. No sockeye fishing has been done so far this year but the first nets are expected to drift on Sunday night.

71 ARRESTS ARE MADE

Report Made on New Morals Squad From June 22 to June 30.

Seventy-one arrests by the new morals squad, under the leadership of Sergeant Keegan, are reported in his report for the period from June 22 to June 30, the time which has elapsed since his appointment. Fines of \$1100 were levied; 322 days in jail recorded and an additional number of 40 cases investigated.

The clean-up is to continue, according to Sergeant Keegan, but he predicts fewer arrests during July due to the fact that the underworld has now had warning and will not operate so openly.

BARDE DEAL IS PROBED

Ex-Director of Sales Appears Before Federal Grand Jury.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—H. B. Miller, ex-director of sales of surplus materials for the United States shipping board, appeared today before a federal grand jury here which is investigating charges for sales under his jurisdiction.

The particular sales, Miller said tonight, never were completed, but were to have been made to the H. Barde company of Portland, and involve an amount of from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

DRY AGENTS APPOINTED

Prohibition Directors for Three States Are Announced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 30.—New appointments of prohibition directors were made today by the bureau of internal revenue as follows: David H. Morris, Texas, succeeding Clifford E. Beckham; at Austin; U. S. Robner, Nebraska, succeeding James H. Hanley; at Omaha; Arthur Stone, North Dakota, succeeding W. D. Lynch at Lamoure.

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