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## STRIKERS' LEADER REPLIES TO HARDING

### EXPLAINS TO PRESIDENT WHY SHOP WORKERS WALKED OUT ON NATIONWIDE STRIKE

Answers Proclamation of Harding and Declare Strikers Are Not Interfering With Mails and Commerce—Say Executives Refuse to Meet With the Employees.

#### LATE STRIKE NEWS

KANSAS CITY, July 13.—(A. P.)—2 p. m.—F. A. Knight, assistant general president of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen today told the Associated Press that he believed the Missouri Pacific wreck here last night, in which five were killed, was due to defective air couplings, and that also the same condition was responsible for the recent Rock Island wreck near Wichita.

BALTIMORE, July 13.—(A. P.)—1:15 p. m.—The Baltimore Orioles this afternoon announced the discontinuance of eight passenger trains usually carrying the mails.

CHICAGO, July 13.—(U. P.)—1:15 p. m.—"Things look brighter," Chairman Hooper smilingly said this afternoon. He admitted that a conference with the rail executives and shopcraft leaders immediately.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, July 13.—Bert M. Jewell, leader of the striking shopmen, and six international presidents of the shopcrafts wired a reply to President Harding's proclamation on the strike situation today. The complete text of the telegram to President Harding follows:

"It appears from your proclamation of July 11 that incomplete information has been furnished you concerning the present dispute between the railroad executives and the employees.

Railroads Violate Act. "Ninety-two railroads have violated the transportation act in 104 cases. These involved not only contracting out work in the shops but also wage increases. Interpretations of the rules and the right of the employees to comply with the railroad's rulings, Federal Judge held that the board's position on wage or rules was only advisory. The railroads have refused ever since the passage of the transportation act to establish national boards of adjustment described by the labor act as the central part of the machinery to decide the disputes between the carriers and their employees.

Burden is Impossible. "The railroads have made all negotiations merely formal, thus throwing on the board an impossible burden of arbitration. The board has abolished overtime pay for Sundays and holidays, enjoyed for over 30 years on unorganized roads. The board has established a rate of \$800 a year though the bare cost of living at over \$1000 and a minimum comfort level at over \$2300.

"When the basic wage is unadjusted it follows that all wages tend upwards for skill and responsibility are likewise unjust.

Want Living Wage. "The organized employees support your declaration of May 1921, that the lowest wage

must not be only enough for comfort but must insure that the struggle for existence shall not crowd out things purely worth living for, and that it should provide for amusement, recreation and saving.

"The employe has never violated any decision of the board; but the railroads have violated decisions and the employe refuse to work under the wages fixed by the labor board which violated the provisions of the transportation act.

Not Obstructing Trains. "The board has attempted to unload the financial burdens of the railroad management upon the employe through inadequate wages and will undermine the health and prosperity of the next generation. After exhausting all other methods the employes sought again to obtain a conference and an agreement with the railroad executives. Only as a last resort did they strike. We respectfully insist that no interference of commerce or interference of mails was caused by direct or unlawful acts of the organized employes, and such interruptions and interference results inevitably from attempts of the railroads to operate with insufficient, incompetent and unskilled workmen.

Waiting for Agreement. "Such interruption and interference will continue and increase until the agreement is obtained upon just and reasonable wages between the representatives of the skilled employes and the railroad executives, who up to date have refused even to meet with the employe's representatives. We stand ready to cooperate wholeheartedly with any effort to bring about such an agreement."

The railroad executives will not yet agree to enter a conference to settle the rail strike, despite their announcement yesterday that they would confer until the men returned to work, according to Ben Hooper, chairman of the United States railroad labor board. Hooper is now working out further plans for such settlement. The union leaders assert a willingness to negotiate with "reasonable and just wages" as the basis.

In the meanwhile trains in the east are being curtailed due to the strike and in the west due to the coal shortage. No trains have been affected on the coast yet.

Violence broke out again in Denison, Texas, and Saginaw, Michigan, where strikebreakers were beaten.

Harding is reported to be watching the situation carefully and will use the federal troops only when local authorities and state troops have failed.

The postoffice department is mobilizing trucks and airplanes to move the mails should the train service become hopelessly demoralized.

Rail Chiefs Refuse. CHICAGO, July 12.—While flatly refusing to meet the leaders of 400,000 striking shopmen to discuss peace proposals, railroad executives last night left open the door for a settlement of the strike through the United States labor board. Immediately after reaching an

### SIX KILLED IN A BAD TRAIN WRECK

(By United Press.) KANSAS CITY, July 13.—Six bodies were recovered today from the wreck of the Missouri Pacific passenger train which crashed head-on into a freight at Swope park late yesterday. The misreading of orders is believed responsible.

agreement with the heads of the "Big Four" brotherhoods not to require their members to do any of the work of striking shopmen, the executives began consideration of a peace program submitted to them by Ben W. Hooper, head of the striking shopmen.

Their answer in the form of a letter addressed to Mr. Hooper, who said that he was acting in a "personal capacity" in initiating the negotiations, asserted that the strike was called in defiance of the board, and therefore any conference between the executives and the strikers would not be "permissible or tolerable" as it would place the carriers in the position of seeking to find means to subvert the decision of the board.

Urges Recall of Strike Order. "A prompt recall of the strike order," the letter added, however, "would permit the resumption of former methods of conference and permit the consideration of any matters which representatives of employes might desire to submit."

The willingness of the roads however, to respond promptly to any summons by the labor board in any further hearing that may be called in connection with this schedule in event the board should determine upon that course was expressed in closing by the executives. The letter was signed by Samuel M. Felton, "resident of the Chicago and Great Western; L. F. Love, of the Missouri Pacific and W. R. Cole of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis. "It means flatly no," declared Mr. Felton when asked regarding the decision reached by the executives as he left the conference room at the Chicago club.

Final Today, Says Jewell. "It may be final, but it's only final for today," declared Mr. Jewell when the text of the letter was read to him over the telephone. He refused further comment, declaring that he could not speak until he had heard from Mr. Hooper who had opened negotiations with him.

Jewell Wires to Harding. CHICAGO, July 13.—Bert M. Jewell, leader of the striking shopmen and the six international presidents of the shopcrafts, today wired a reply to President Harding's proclamation on the strike situation. Jewell charged that the railroads have not lived up to the transportation act and that the strikers walked out because the wages fixed by the labor board were in violation of the provisions of the transportation act. The strikers insisted that no interruption of commerce or interference of the mail had been caused by any unlawful act by the shopmen. The telegram laid such interference to the railroad's attempt to operate with incompetent workmen.

Jewell and his associates reiterated their desire to cooperate in any effort to bring peace, but that up to the present the rail executives refused to meet the employe's representatives. Such action as was taken by Harding in the coal strike is suggested by the new move of the shopcraft leaders.

Mobilizing Motor Fleet. WASHINGTON, July 13.—(Associated Press.)—Postmaster General Work today notified the president that a survey showed that a thoroughly organized fleet of 50,000 motor vehicles could be mobilized within 24 hours should the shopmen's strike further interfere with the mails.

Strikebreakers Injured. OROVILLE, July 13.—(Associated Press.)—Numerous strikebreakers and guards were injured, several seriously, and one fatally when about 75 men, speeding into town early today in automobiles charged the Western Pacific roundhouse. The attackers then motored away.

Four guards are missing, and they are believed to have been kidnapped by the attackers.

Send Federal Troops. DETROIT, July 13.—Secretary of War Weeks intimated this afternoon that federal troops may be sent into that federal troops may be sent into that federal areas soon. Several United States marshals are in charge of maintaining order, particularly in Saginaw, Michigan, and Denison, Texas, and they insisted that troops were necessary.

### THREE FLOORS OF BUILDING COLLAPSE

(By United Press.) PHILADELPHIA, July 13.—Three floors of the Parkway building collapsed this afternoon. Reports to the police said that 15 workmen were killed. It was announced later that four known dead have been found and 25 injured, some believed fatally. The crash of the tons of brick on the 11th floor was heard for miles.

### William H. Leckey Passes Away

William Henry Leckey, an aged resident of this city, passed away yesterday evening at his home in West Roseburg. Mr. Leckey's death came very suddenly, and is a shock to the family. He was born in Ohio, August 11, 1845, being 77 years of age at the time of his death.

He made his home in Oakland with a daughter, Anita, for several years, but recently has been making his home in this city. He has lived in Douglas county during the last nine years, and has won many friends who mourn his loss.

The deceased is survived by a widow, Martha, and four children, Edward, of North Yakima; Harry, of Harton, Montana; Roy, of Los Angeles, and Anita, of Oakland. Telegrams have been received from the children, and they plan to be here for the funeral services which will be held at the undertaking parlors, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will follow at the Odd Fellows' cemetery, where the Elks lodge will have charge of the services. Rev. W. S. Gordon, of the Methodist church, will officiate.

Friends of the family wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy during this hour of bereavement.

### Rotary Club Luncheon Held Today

There was a good attendance at the regular noonday luncheon of the Rotary club today. Dr. A. C. Seely gave an interesting talk on "My Own Business," and A. J. Liburn spoke on the local library.

A round-table discussion was had in reference to a bridge across the Umpqua river and the acquisition of the park offered to the city. It was the unanimous opinion of all the club members that this important proposition for the welfare of Roseburg had been sleeping long enough, and that a decided step should be taken at once to build the bridge and acquire the park grounds.

Much time has been wasted discussing this park question from many angles, and the club is anxious that interest be focused on this one project to carry it through at an early date.

The club will erect the Rotary emblem, a large wheel several feet in diameter, at once on both the north and south approach of the Pacific highway to Roseburg. The signs will contain the proper Rotary lettering and the name of the meeting place and the day of such meeting.

Two visiting members from Portland who are here attending the druggists' convention, were guests of the club today.

### QUASH INDICTMENTS AGAINST 20 MINERS

(By United Press.) WILLIAMSON, W. Va., July 13.—The state today quashed the indictments against the 20 members of the United Mine Workers charged with arson and murder in connection with the Mingo mine riots two years ago. No reasons were given for the dismissal.

### Elks Will Hold Initiation Tonight

Old Sol's withering rays will have nothing on the Elks initiation committee after they finish with candidates who are to be branded by the local Elks tonight. A large class will be corralled for the occasion and the ropes are today building the branding fire. It will be a big night tonight at the Elks and the brothers are requested to attend in force. The eats committee are busy today and will do their share to make the evening a huge success.

### YOUNG BOY KILLED WHEN CAR WRECKS

(By Associated Press.) LA GRANDE, July 13.—William Palmer, aged 7 years, was killed, James Palmer, his father, Mrs. Pete Menges, and Leonard Leslie, seriously but not fatally hurt last night, when a car broke loose from the logging train of the George Palmer Lumber company, and was wrecked near Vincent, Oregon. Other persons on the car escaped injury.

### Anlauf Threatened By Forest Fires

A serious fire on Sandy Creek near Anlauf, exacted considerable attention in that vicinity last night. The fire burned over about 200 acres of logged land and for a time threatened the town. The blaze was started by carelessness on the part of campers and with a stiff breeze to fan it spread very rapidly. Fire fighters were rushed to the scene by the Douglas Fire Patrol and the blaze was brought under control this morning. As the land was mostly brush land which has once been logged over there was little financial loss incurred.

### FUNERAL TODAY

The funeral service of the late Charles B. Arnold, aged pioneer, of this vicinity took place this afternoon at Looking Glass cemetery. Many friends were present to pay their last tribute.

### BODY SHIPPED TO TACOMA

The body of Bernice Ray Lahey, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Lahey, was shipped to Tacoma last evening. The body was accompanied by Mrs. Lahey's mother, of Tacoma, and by Ray Lahey, of this city. The funeral will be held the latter part of this week at the family home. Their many friends in this city wish to extend sympathy during this hour of sorrow.

### GOING EAST FOR SUMMER

Miss Harriet Haldeman who has been employed at the court house for a number of years, will leave about the first of the month to spend several months in the east. Her leave of absence takes effect Saturday and she will spend the remaining two weeks preparing for the trip which will take her to her former home in West Virginia, to a number of large cities of the east and middle west and then to Minnesota. She expects to be gone for several months. Her position is to be filled by P. P. Hirsch, a local accountant who is now acquainting himself with the duties.

### Band Concert Tonight

The second of the season's band concerts will be given at the court house yard this evening at 8 o'clock. A number of benches have been placed in the yard for the use of the persons desiring to hear the concert. The band boys are doing their best to provide good entertainment, and their concert this evening promises to be excellent.

### DRUGGIST CONVENTION WILL CLOSE WITH AN INFORMAL DANCE AND SOCIAL EVENING

Picnic Held at Riddle Yesterday Was Pronounced One of the Best Entertainments Ever Enjoyed by the Members of the Association.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

At the afternoon business session of the Druggists' convention the following officers were elected, A. C. Koopen, of Pendleton, President; G. C. Sahlin, of Grants Pass, 1st vice president; J. S. Lamar, of Tillamook, 2nd vice president; John Laue, Jr. of Portland, treasurer and A. W. Allen of Portland, secretary. The officers were elected upon the report of the nominating committee of which E. A. Robinson of Portland, was chairman and A. W. Allen who was elected secretary is entering upon his 32d year in this office. Pendleton was selected as the next meeting place of the convention which will be held upon Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of roundup week, probably during the month of September.

Yesterday's entertainment at Riddle will long be remembered by the members of the State Druggists' association who attended. During the afternoon there were a number of contests and sports in which a great

deal of interest and enthusiasm was shown. The druggists became quite partisan in their support of various contenders, and some real competition was shown. The men were rather tired when the dinner hour arrived and it did not take them long to dispose of the fine picnic dinner which had been provided.

The main feature of the day was the open-air dance in the pavilion. There were many unique and pleasing "stunts" and some valuable prizes were distributed. Gift boxes were distributed to nearly all present, while those who were lucky on the roulette wheel carried away enough prizes to keep them well supplied for many months. The dance broke up at a late hour in the evening, and the druggists returned to Roseburg by auto.

The dance numbers were interspersed with several special features, chief of which were vocal solos by Miss Francis Ward, daughter of Frank S. Ward, of Portland, and by Miss Hazel Wilson, of Portland. The first prizes for the prize-waltz went to Mr. Bliss, of the Portland Lacle company and Miss Strong, of Medford; and the second prize to Jack Hayes, of the Santox company and Miss Wilson, of Portland.

Today's program will end the convention and sports in which a great

### Eight Children Are Torn To Bits by Terrific Blast of 75-Millimeter War Missile

WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 13.—Eight children, ranging in age from 11 to 16 years, were blown to pieces late yesterday by the explosion of a 75-millimeter shell on the back porch of a house in Dimick street, occupied by Edward G. Workman and William L. Salisbury.

The death: Morris Salisbury, 16; Francis Wiley, 12; Vivian Jones, 12; Olin Brown, 11; Anson Workman, 13; Edna Workman, 13; Sarah Burden, 15; and Donald Horton, of Pulaski, New York, who was visiting the Brown boy.

The shell, which was owned by Mr. Workman, was one which he had kept as a souvenir and used on the rear porch to keep the door from closing. It was believed to be "dead."

The children were playing croquet in the back yard. The shell is believed to have either been set off by the sun, or to have been struck by one of the victims with a croquet mallet. Windows within a radius of two blocks of the explosion were shattered.

Clothing Blown Off Bodies. WATERTOWN, N. Y., July 13.—Practically all of the clothing was blown off the bodies of the children. Fragments of it lodged in trees and on house-tops in the vicinity. The bodies were horribly mutilated, but identification was possible in every instance.

One of the first physicians on the scene was Dr. P. W. Jones. Lifting a covering which had been placed over one of the forms, he recognized the body of his 12-year-old daughter, Vivian, by means of an adhesive dressing he had placed on a cut on her leg barely a half-hour before. He did not know his daughter was in the group and he was almost overcome with grief.

The bodies of the children were found apparently at places near where they were standing in their croquet game. Near them lay fragments of the croquet mallets. Several of the balls used in the game were blown to bits.

on a house next door to the Workman home, said that a second before the detonation they had heard the voices of the children laughing at play. The two men were the first to reach the scene.

They were greeted by a scene of utter desolation. The Workman house is of concrete, and the concussion had reduced the entire rear of the house to powder. On the ground lay the eight bodies and over all a gray pallor of concrete dust was beginning to settle.

Fragments of clothing were suspended from trees and house-tops. Two automobile tires which had been on the back porch were blown to the roof of a building 200 feet away. Blocks of concrete were blown against neighboring houses and into the streets and surrounding yards.

The shell is what is commonly known as a "dud." The projectile had been fired from one of the six-inch howitzer guns during target practice of the 104th field artillery, at Pine Plains reservation, last summer. It had not been exploded by fuse or contact, and lay in the sand, fully charged, when Mr. Workman found it and brought it home as a souvenir.

Used to Adjust Screen Door. He kept it in his home during the winter and this summer used it as a weight to adjust the screen door on his rear porch.

Captain G. H. Schumacher, construction quartermaster temporarily with the first field artillery at Madison barracks, was asked by police to inspect the remains of the shell tonight. Captain Schumacher believed the excessive heat beating down on the projectile caused the T. N. T. charge to expand and made the shell liable to explosion at a much less concussion than normally.

Presence of the concrete wall of the house behind the shell, Captain Schumacher said, threw the force of the explosion forward and directly toward the children almost as if they had been standing directly in the path of the gun. Police tonight are searching the city for souvenir shells and already have found six, all of which were picked up last summer on the sand at Pine Plains. They were dropped in the Black river on the advice of Captain Schumacher.