

EXECUTIVES REJECT PLAN

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BLACK MAN'S CRUX OF THE SPECIAL IS MET HEAD ON

Negro Picnic Special Meets Regular Passenger Train in Collision.

INJURED AND DEAD MANY FROM WRECK

Trains Telescoped when the Special Hits Passenger Train on Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern Railroad at Suburn Station in Cincinnati.

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, Aug. 1.—Fifteen persons were killed and fifty and seventy-five were injured in a head-on collision today between an excursion train carrying several hundred negroes on a picnic and the regular in-bound Lebanon train on the Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern railroad at Lester Station, a Cincinnati suburb. The trains telescoped in the accident.

MINE BUILDINGS RAZED BY FIRE

BAKER, August 1.—The bunk house and mine buildings of the upper camp of the Last Chance mine were completely destroyed by a fire late Saturday afternoon, according to reports brought to Baker yesterday by R. G. Amidon, manager of the Queen of the West mine in Cornucopia district. The fire started in the kitchen of the boarding house and spread to the hill burning all the buildings, including the upper train terminal and soon left nothing but a charred mass of ruins. Flames and smoke were discovered at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon and as far as is known nothing was saved. A caretaker and his wife were the only ones on the property at the time.

Coal Operators Refuse to Meet Men in Conference

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 1.—A joint wage conference between operators and miners of the central competitive bituminous field is to be held next Monday in Cleveland to negotiate a basic agreement and to terminate the strike, according to a call issued today by President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

Operators Will Not Attend

(By Associated Press) INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.—Indiana operators will not attend the conference called at Cleveland by President Lewis, said Morton L. Gould, president of the Indiana Bituminous Coal Operators' Association.

Illinois Operators Will Consider

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Illinois operators will consider next Friday President Lewis' invitation to attend settlement conference in Cleveland, said F. C. Homold, secretary to the Illinois Coal Operators' association. He added that his personal opinion was "sentiment in Illinois would be in line with that expressed by Indiana."

Big Picnic Today at Park by Shop Crafts

Things commenced started in a small circle of the intended gathering and spread quickly. This was the first of the "Little" picnics and a lot more picnic goodies. There was nothing left but to move from the Eagles hall to the city park where under the shade of the old trees the men and their families today are enjoying a very fine time and are being refreshed by the delicacies voluntarily contributed by La Grande business people for the occasion.

NEGRO BOOTBLACK RETURNS TO SOUTHERN OREGON CITY TO TESTIFY IN KLAN CASE

Negro Bootblack Returns to Southern Oregon City to Testify in Klan Case.

HANDCUFFS PUT ON HEAD PUT IN A SACK

Negro was Pulled up by a Rope Fastened Around His Neck, Then Let Down and Pulled up Again—

The row at Medford, Oregon, caused, it is claimed by the Ku Klux Klan's action, which resulted in an attempted recall of the sheriff and a general community fuss causing men to carry guns who never thought of such a thing before, seemed to have largely hinged on the alleged mistreatment of a colored bootblack. This bootblack left the country before the grand jury convened but he was brought back and has testified before that tribunal. The testimony he gave runs like this:

Arthur Burr, the negro, had served his sentence for bootlegging and the time for his liberation had expired during the middle of the afternoon of March 14. He was not released, however, until later and after darkness had settled down over the jail. Then Bert Moses, the jailer, came to him and asked him if he would like to ride to Medford, Jacksonville and the jail being about five miles from this city.

Burr found an automobile standing by the side of the jail, with two men in the front seat. He was directed to it and clamored into the back seat and the journey toward Medford was commenced. The two white men in the front seat held no conversation with their colored passenger behind them, and conversed between themselves in low tones or in whispers. A short distance out of Jacksonville a machine that had been following them passed the one in which Burr was riding and then stopped. The driver of the Burr machine also stopped. Then four men from the other car came back to where Burr sat and demanded of the two men in the Burr machine what they were doing.

Charles Dillon Greeted By Big Audience Last Night Mostly Strikers

When Charles J. Dillon, representative of the railroad executives of the United States, entered the city hall last evening he was somewhat surprised to see that his audience was almost one hundred per cent men out on a strike. He had expected to talk to the business men of La Grande and had advertised his lecture along these lines, but he had added that a welcome would be given any of the shop boys who cared to attend.

He started his talk by stating that if the railroads and the men were left alone by the government the strike could be settled at once and then he reviewed the executives' side of the present railroad troubles. The crux of his argument was that transportation lines must be better treated by the general public if a "burst up" is prevented. He said the constant demand on the part of business of the country for reduced railroad rates could not go on unless the railroads cut deeply into labor and the cost of supplies.

Mr. Dillon urged the audience to take part in politics and have many of the regulatory laws now pinching railroad companies repealed. "Let us have a ten year holiday on railroad regulation," said the speaker, "for no matter what a railroad wants to do it can't do it without consulting the government. The roads cannot make overtures to you men without the Labor Board's sanction, neither can they do anything in the way of construction, of buying new equipment, or abandoning lines that do not pay without the government's red tape approval."

Puts Arsenic in Pies for Revenge

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, August 1.—Charles Abrahamson, a baker who had been discharged from Shelbourne's restaurant at Broadway and Tenth streets, was arrested today on the homicide charge following an investigation of the poisoning of over one hundred persons, three of whom died. The people poisoned ate in the restaurant yesterday. Officers reported that berry pies baked before Abrahamson left the restaurant had been heavily charged with arsenic, apparently an act of revenge by the baker on the management.

CHIEF PUTS FORTH THREE BIG POINTS

Shopmen Must All Be Returned to Work is The President's Lead Stroke.

SENIORITY AND OTHER RIGHTS RE-INSTATED

Both Sides Must Recognize Ruling of Labor Board but President Includes a Rehearing of the Board's Wage Cut Decision—Makes Three Important Points for Conferences to Agree Upon.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Convinced that the railroad strike will be a matter of history within 24 hours after acceptance of railway shopmen and transportation chiefs of President Harding's compromise plan, all of the government's influence was mustered behind the efforts to obtain adoption by the employers' meeting in New York and that of the employees in Chicago today.

Chairman Hooper of the labor board, after a conference with President Harding yesterday, left for Chicago to be on hand when the meeting is called of the general policy committee of the striking shop-crafts unions. Secretary Hoover left yesterday to attend the New York meeting of the executives.

Union Leaders in Line. There is little doubt in administration circles concerning acceptance by the union leaders of the proposed compromise settlement. Several railroad executives, however, are known to hold strong objections because of their belief that it would entail abandonment of new employees who incurred strong inducements not to accept employment during the emergency. Personal friends and senatorial advisers of the president were strong in their conviction that this opposition would be more than offset by those

NEW YORK, August 1.—Railway executives this afternoon rejected President Harding's proposal that the striking shopmen be reinstated without forfeiting their seniority rights. They accepted conditionally the two other suggestions by the president for the strike settlement, one of which was that both sides in future recognize decisions of the Labor Board and the other a rehearing of the Board's decisions that brought on the strike.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—President Harding's three most important proposals for settling the strike, and the points upon which the conferences now in session both in Chicago and New York will probably hinge are the provisions that all strikers be returned to their former positions with seniority and other former rights unimpaired, another provision is that both employees and employers recognize the validity of the Labor Board's decisions and the third proposal is for a rehearing on the decisions of the board involved in the strike.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Executives of the six federated shop-crafts met today to consider President Harding's proposals for a settlement of the shopmen's strike over the nation. Chairman Hooper of the Labor Board is present at the meeting.

Railroad Presidents Meet. NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Railroad presidents in conference assembled today to discuss President Harding's proposals for a strike settlement. They adjourned until afternoon without action following presentation of the president's plan to them by Secretary Hoover.

20,000 Street Car Men Strike Today in Chicago

CHICAGO, August 1.—Twenty thousand motormen, guards and conductors on the surface and elevated lines went on strike today and the greater portion of Chicago's nearly three million persons were forced to seek improvised transportation. Thousands upon thousands had to walk to and from their places of business.

Beginning at 4 o'clock this morning, a quarter million Chicago people were forced to walk to and from their work. The 8,000 employees of the surface street car lines began their strike at that hour.

A survey of all available means of transportation shows that a quarter million people cannot be accommodated. All automobiles, trucks, motorcycles and other means of transportation in Chicago and the surrounding cities, have been called into service. Suburban steam lines have put on extra trains and will conduct all-night service, but even with the extraordinary efforts, many thousands are hoofing it.

PROPOSALS BY HARDING MADE PUBLIC TODAY

(By Associated Press) CINCINNATI, Aug. 1.—Five specific proposals for the settlement of the railroad strike are contained in President Harding's plans which are being submitted to railroad executives in New York and rail union heads in Chicago today.

The five specific proposals, according to the officials, include:

1. That the employees will abide by the decisions of the United States railroad labor board in the future.
2. In the matter of seniority the employees who remained on the job during the strike will receive preferential treatment. Men who have been on strike will return with their

Tourist Booklet Tells of This City and Hot Lake

Tourist booklets describing the Columbia Highway and the Old Oregon Trail are now distributed free to tourists and others who wish them at most of the hotels and newsstands in Eastern Oregon and all along the highways. This is a considerable boon to tourists, especially to those who hail from the middle west or eastern states and are not acquainted with the west.

The booklet, which is for an entire purpose than to advertise the two trails and to give a general guide and describe the scenic attractions of the Columbia Highway and the Old Oregon Trail, is a real six and contains an accurate and detailed description of the entire distance from Portland, Idaho, to Portland, Oregon, with descriptive maps of each section. Among the most descriptive sections are the Hot Lake, the Hot Springs near the coast, says the weather observer today.

THE WISE BIRD KNOWS WHEN IT'S A GOOD TIME TO LEAVE



WEATHER

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—Tonight and Wednesday will be fair except for cloudy or foggy condition in the second largest "arc" in the state of Oregon and the largest railroad shops between Salt Lake City and Portland.