

TELEGRAPH WAR ON RAILROADS

Almost Every Union Operator Strikes and Half Traffic Is Stopped.

ORDERS GO BY TELEPHONE

Only Through Passenger and Time Freight Trains Move on Northern Roads—Railroads Hurrying in New Men.

RUMORED TRAIN COLLISIONS. HELENA, Mont., Aug. 2.—A rumor is current here that a head-on collision has occurred on the Northern Pacific Railroad east of here in Montana. One rumor is that two passenger trains collided, another that a passenger and a freight train were wrecked.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 2.—With the telegraphers almost entirely remitting to their union's chiefs and the railroad officials making every effort to maintain traffic, the telegraphers' strike on the transcontinental systems of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific roads has taken on the aspect of a war to the finish. Hundreds of men have gone out on both lines, necessitating the closing of scores of stations, and in consequence hindrance has been caused in the moving of trains.

TRAINS MOVING, BUT SLOWLY. Northern Pacific Expects Full Force Within Three Days. SPOKANE, Aug. 2.—Most of the Northern Pacific trains, both passenger and freight, were from two to eight hours behind schedule time today, but all trains were reported in motion. All trains on the Great Northern got through, but with the same delay suffered by the Northern Pacific.

AS SEEN BY RIVAL GENERALS. Perham and Horn Each Claim Advantage in Strike. ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 2.—The strike of the telegraphers of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways today settled into what promises to be a long-drawn-out contest between two of the largest railroads of the West and a combination of employees who claim to have the power to tie up the money-making end of these two roads so that the companies will be willing to grant their demands. Perham and Horn, the two assistants began today with an attempt to close up all the loose ends of the strike, which was ordered last night to counteract the lockout ordered by the railroad officials yesterday. At the headquarters telegrams were arriving from every point along the systems stating that everything there, to a man, had gone out, and that a complete tie-up was effected. On the other hand telegrams were being sent to heads of unions at various points instructing them to put out picket lines.

Why Strike Was Called. "There is nothing to say now except that we have a full-fledged strike on, and that, so far as our reports go, every man is out on both lines," said Mr. Perham today. "I ordered this strike after we tried all other ways of settling our grievances against the railroads, and after they had locked out our men because they would not sign impossible agreements."

DISPATCHING BY TELEPHONE. Four Seattle Operators Join Strike. Sympathetic Strike Threatened. SEATTLE, Aug. 2.—The local situation in connection with the strike of the railway telegraphers was changed this afternoon by the walking out of four of the operators of the Northern Pacific. The business of this line is being carried on as far as possible by telephone. The service west of the mountains is extended.

Only Inconvenient, Says Horn. General Manager Horn, of the Northern Pacific, made the following statement this afternoon: "In response to President Perham's strike instructions, the telegraphers on the Northern Pacific went out at midnight last night. The order was generally obeyed on all the ten divisions of the system. The strike has not, however, tied up the traffic at any point on the Northern Pacific system. Passenger trains over the entire line are running very close to their schedule."

Portland is Not Affected. Worst Trouble Between Helena and Spokane on Northern Pacific. The strike of the Northern Pacific telegraphers, which has been in progress for 36 hours, apparently not affected Portland to any considerable degree. At the local office in the Worcester building, there is no evidence that anything untoward is the matter. Manager Smith and his two assistants worked as usual yesterday, and professed to know nothing of the strike except from newspaper reports.

where all the men are out, and commercial business, particularly the Associated Press, is suffering severely. At the Western Union office last night the opinion prevailed that the entire trouble will be settled today by the Northern Pacific's installing new operators.

BADLY CRIPPLED IN MONTANA. Wires Not Working, Passengers Are Late, Freight Not Moving. MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 2.—No freight except sidetracked trains is being moved over the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific, owing to the practically complete tie-up of the system by the telegraphers' strike. East-bound passenger trains were here this morning at 8:45, did not arrive until 1:30 P. M. All persons applying for tickets were refused transportation and told to pay their fare on the train. During the afternoon, however, wires were in use to the division headquarters to sell all tickets applied for.

Freight Traffic Demoralized. HELENA, Mont., Aug. 2.—A special to the Record from Billings says all Northern Pacific operators are out between Porth and Livingston, except one at Columbus. The strikers have established headquarters at Billings, and expect to have 50 men there before night, awaiting demoralized passenger trains are running on slow time, while freight traffic is considerably demoralized.

MOORE, THE BADGER, FREE. PARDON GIVEN HUSBAND OF FANEY STRAHAN MOORE. Powerful Influence Shortens Term of Man Who Married Handsome Portland Woman. ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 2.—William E. Moore, husband of Fanevy Strahan Moore, who achieved notoriety several years ago by working a badger game on Marion Mahon at the New Amsterdam Hotel in New York, was pardoned today by Governor Higgins. Moore was sentenced in December, 1898, for 20 years. He used to live at Cleveland, and many prominent citizens, including Gov. Martin Mahon, signed the petition for his release. A good position is waiting for Moore as soon as he leaves prison.

Witness Cites Five Cases Where Enormous Sums Paid to Cobban. HELENA, Mont., Aug. 2.—Testifying for the Government in the trial of R. M. Cobban in the United States Court today, on the charge of subornation of perjury in connection with Western Montana timber land entries, C. L. Griswold cited five cases where enormous sums were paid to Cobban for sums ranging from \$100 to \$250, Griswold handling the money.

Will Seek Out Fraud. States Combine to Investigate Big Life Insurance Companies. CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Three large insurance companies of New York are to be investigated by the Insurance Commissioners of Tennessee, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Minnesota, as a result of a meeting of eight State Insurance Commissioners held here today.

Only Fag Ends of Strike Remain. CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Police have been removed from the wagons of many firms that have been strikebound for four months. Corresponding mail union drivers were restored to their old places. The Employers' Association, following the determination of the Lumbermen's Association to reconstitute union teamsters in the commissaries, points out that it placed on all strikers a week ago. The action was taken despite the fact that the Coal Teamsters' Union had ignored the employers' threat not to rebire any

of the strikers until all should vote to call the strike off. A boycott against five big coal companies is still on.

NO FEAR OF BEING STARVED. British Food Commission Relies on Fleet in War Time. LONDON, Aug. 2.—The royal commission under the presidency of the Prince of Wales appointed in April, 1904, to study the question of the importation of food in time of war and other similar subjects, has just presented its report to Parliament. The contents of the report have not yet been published, but on the whole, it is said, they are reassuring. The main report, which is concerned by all the commissioners, concludes that there is no cause for apprehension or uneasiness, because it would be virtually impossible, bottling the adequacy of the fleet, for the whole of the British coasts to be blockaded simultaneously. At the same time the commissioners do not discourage the experiment in the direction of the storage of grain for times of emergency.

Morocco Conference at Madrid. LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says that it has been decided to hold the Morocco international conference at Madrid during the early part of November.

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