WILL FIGHT ANY MORE REDUCTION

Railroad Union Leaders Say That Such a Cut Is Manifestly Unjust.

REDUCTION IS AUTOMATIC

Say That Reduced Rates Are Now in Force and That Further Reduction of Pay Would Be Absolutely Unjust to Workmen.

PLAN NO WAGE REDUCTIONS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Railroad officials here, commenting on President Roosevelt's asking for data that might shed light on all wage controversies between railroads and their employes, indicated clearly today that wage reductions were not contemplated.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—Warren Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today made the following statement in connection with the reported purpose of some railroad companies to order a general reduction in the wages of employes:

The threatened reduction of the wages of employes in train service is absolutely unjustified from any point of view. Their pay is based on mileage basis, practically piece-work, and they are only paid where these services are performed. Wages of employes in train service fall parallel with the shrinkage in business plus increased living expenses away from home. When their earnings are $150 per month, their expense of living away from home is about 15 per cent, while at the present reduced rate of $70—which has to be met by hundreds, under present conditions—that expense will increase to at least 20 per cent of earnings because they are held away from the home terminal until there is a full tonnage train to be handled, making a total automatic reduction already in wages from 60 to 70 per cent.

Reduction Not Necessary.

The roads are getting the same return in freight receipts for the service rendered as they did when the business was good and there is no necessity for asking men to accept further reductions than result from the present business shrinkage, and the full power of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be used if necessary to prevent any further reduction because it would be absolutely unjust.

William G. Lee, assistant grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, speaking on the same subject dictated the following:

The wage-workers have not had a thing to do with this panic and loss of business except to suffer from the mismanagement of some employers and speculators who blundered in the game of dollars on Wall street. If he works he produces just as much per hour as he ever did. His living expenses are just as high as before. All classes of trainmen are paid by the mile or trip, and a reduction of miles, run or trips made means a reduction of the amount paid for by the employers.

Labor Not to Blame for Losses.

There can be no good argument presented why trainmen should receive lower trip or mileage rates for miles run. Freight trains are not run unless business requires it. Corporations never carry an overload of labor, but labor is usually compelled to carry an overload of capitalization.

It is no fault of labor that financiers play with their money and lose, nor it it the business of labor to suffer the losses sustained when its employers reach too far into the fire and get their fingers burned.

Our principal business now is to maintain the present standard of living, which means to hold to the present standard of wages, and unless all signs fail, railroad employes will oppose to the bitter end any attempt to reduce wages.

LONGSHOREMEN JOIN STRIKE

More Schooners Tied Up by Strike of Marine Engineers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Fifty longshoremen employed by the Pacific Lumber Company in loading the Temple E. Dorr, struck today upon being notified that their wages were to be cut from $4 to $3.50 a day. It is anticipated that other firms will follow the lead of the Pacific Lumber Company, and last night the Longshoremen's Union passed a resolution to the effect that the members will strike as fast as the reductions are announced.

Ten additional steam schooners owned by members of the Steam Schooner Owners' Association were laid up at Oakland and Sausalito today and their crews discharged. In all, there are now 60 steam schooners tied up out of a total of 101 vessels. Seven of this number are owned by companies not members of the association. Three of the seven sailed from this port today, the Samoa for Eureka, the Bandon for Bandon and the Johann Poulsen for Portland.

Indications now are that the lockout of the marine engineers will result in an almost complete tieup of the Coast shipping for a time, as it is understood the Seamen's Union of the Pacific stands behind the engineers and longshoremen and the owners seem determined to make a big fight for reductions, both of wages and the number of men employed on the vessels at this time.

RAILROAD MEN CONSIDERING

Alarmed at Reported Reduction of Wages on All Roads.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A committee of 25 railroad men, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Locomotive Firemen, Railway Trainmen, Railroad Conductors and Railway Telegraphers, met here today to take action on the reported reduction of wages by railroads in the country. President Newman, of the New York Central, sent a communication to the meeting to the effect that no reduction in wages on the Central or allied lines is contemplated.

WILL OBEY NINE-HOUR LAW

Rock Island and Santa Fe to Increase Telegraph Force.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 21.—Both the Rock Isand and Santa Fe railways will increase their force of telegraphers to comply with the new Federal nine-hour law. At a meeting of Rock Island superintendents here it was decided to increase the force in this and the Southwestern district by 56. Approval of this action was received from Chicago.

The superintendents of the Eastern grand division of the Santa Fe met last week and decided on an increase, and are now waiting to learn the number of new men allowed by the officials in Chicago. Officials here declare that none of the smaller stations will be closed.

UNFAIR LIST IS A BOYCOTT

Illinois Supreme Court Enjoins Its Publication.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The Illinois Supreme Court at Springfield yesterday decided that a labor union's unfair list is in effect a boycott and could be enjoined.

The case was brought by John E. and John T. Wilson, livery and draymen of Sparta, Ill., and owners of the Sparta Auditorium. The suit was brought by these two men against Roy Hay and other union labor men of Sparta.

The Wilsons were hauling brick for a schoolhouse in 1900. The local of the Teamdrivers' International Union ordered another driver put to work. The Wilsons appealed to President C. P. Shea, but he refused to interfere. Then a notice was printed that the Wilsons were unfair.

FISH WILL RETURN PROXIES

IN CASE OWNERS WISH NAMES KEPT SECRET.

Addresses Circular to All Stockholders of Illinois Central After Injunction Is Dissolved.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Stuyvesant Fish has given out the following statement and mailed a copy to each of the Illinois Central stockholders:

The Hon. Farlin Q. Ball, Judge of the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, yesterday, dissolved the injunction which he had granted on October 14, 1907, restraining the Union Pacific Company and the Railroad Securities Company from voting the 281,231 shares of Illinois Central stocks held by them, which constitute nearly three-tenths (to be exact, 29.56 per cent) of the total capital of 950,400 shares.

Proxies have been given to Charles M. Beach, J. Dow Cutting and myself by many of those in the service of the company, by shippers resident on and near the railroad, by those furnishing it with material and supplies, or interested in industries dependent on the railroad for transportation and by others who, for various reasons, may not now desire to have it known that they have done so.

As the voting on March 2, 1908, will of necessity leave in the hands of the Illinois Central Railroad Company a permanent record of all those in whose names proxies are voted, it is due to the stockholders in America and in Europe alike, that I should say that if any of them wish to withdraw proxies given to Mr. Beach, Mr. Cutting and myself, they have but to advise me of the fact, in which case such proxies will be withheld from presentation at the stockholders' meeting and if so required, thereafter returned unused to those who executed them.

Montana Grain Rates Reduced.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 21.—A special to the Miner from Helena says:

Grain rates from Northern Pacific common points in Montana to Chicago have been reduced from 45 cents to 42½ cents, according to word received by the Railroad Commission. This is the result of a new agreement made by the Northern Pacific with the Burlington.

RETURN LIKELY BY SUEZ

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greater weight of metal can be brought within a shorter battle line. Hence all the naval powers are building ships carrying only 12-inch rifles for offensive purposes and a comparatively few small rapid-fire guns for defense against torpedo attacks. He continued:

The cost of the ships for the new Navy built, building or authorized is $309,359,190, while the total expenditure on account of naval establishments since 1883 is $1,244,-651,029. But this vast expenditure is not, as may be claimed by some, unproductive. The construction of the ships of our Navy gave such stimulus to the iron trade that more mills were established, better material was produced, prices were lowered and iron and steel came into general use in all kinds of construction, so that now we are the greatest iron and steel manufacturers in the world. In 1880 there were only 140,000 wage-earners in the iron and steel industry of the country, earning $55,000,000 and turning out products worth $296,000,000.

In 1905 there were 387,000 wage-earners earning $382,000,000 and turning out products worth $2,176,000,000. The average wage increased from $400 to $500. The average wage of workmen in the iron and steel industries will today more than pay the cost of all the vessels of our new Navy built, building or authorized, and one-half the value of the iron and steel product for a single year will pay the entire cost of the naval establishment since 1883. That the encouragement given this industry by the construction of ships of war had a very potent influence in bringing about this result cannot be doubted. And there is hardly an industry in the land that has not been benefited in a similar way, though not perhaps in so marked a way. The money expended on the ships of war was not, therefore, an economic loss, judged by a single trade alone.

Perkins' speech was made in support of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it should be the policy of this Government, while not adopting a continuous programme fixing any number of naval vessels of any type to be built in future years, to maintain its present relative position in comparison with the navies of the other great powers."

Viper Again Afloat; Hist Aground.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—The submarine Viper, which has been aground on Thomas Point since Wednesday, was floated today. The gunboat Hist is still aground. The cruiser Des Moines arrived alongside the Hist today to assist in releasing her. The submarines Tarantula and Cuttlefish have arrived at Annapolis. They, with the Viper, compose the squadron that was being convoyed by the Hist.

Repair West Virginia and Maryland.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 21.—The cruisers West Virginia and Maryland arrived at Mare Island Yard late this afternoon. Extensive repairs and alterations will be commenced next week. It is expected the repairs will require nearly two months' time. The vessels are under orders to sail for Bremerton for docking not later than April 20.

LISBON IN FEAR OF REVOLT

Troops Surround Palace and Have Ball Cartridges Ready.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—A special dispatch from Lisbon says that the greatest uneasiness prevails there. The palace has been surrounded by troops, the entire garrison is confined to barracks and ball cartridges have been issued to the men.

Chehalis, Wash.—The timber cruiser's office at the courthouse has been closed until Summer. Twenty-two parties of men have been in the field during the past ten months. Sixty sections yet remain to be cruised. Timber already cruised aggregates 19,912,240,000 feet. The heaviest stumpage was found in township 11, range 4 west, on which there is standing 1,926,347,000 feet.

Washington's Birthday Favors, Decorations, etc.—New Neckwear and Belts, Over 300 Effects

The Pure Food Law of the United States Govt. Guarantees the Purity of All Drugs Sold by the **Owl Drug Store** Lowest Prices in Oregon on Drugs, Toilet Articles, Standard Remedies.

Established 1850--FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS IN BUSINESS--Established 1850

Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Good Merchandise Only—Quality Considered, Our Prices Are Always the Lowest

THE VICTOR Talking Machine, $1 Down, $1 a Week. Come in and Hear the New Records at Our Victor Hall.

30c-35c Ribbons 18c

5000 yards 4½-inch Ribbons in all desirable shades, regular 30c and 35c values, Saturday only.. 18c

$2.25 New Belts $1.25

New Leather Belts, fancy gilt buckles, in all the new shades; $2.25 values, at..... $1.25

$1.25 White Belts at 65c

New White Leather Belts, all new effects, back buckles of gilt; $1.25 value. 65c

"Beau Brummel" Belts, 65c

New "Beau Brummel" Belts of fancy gilt braid, all new shades, $1.00 value. 65c

75c Wash Belts, 39c

New white Wash Belts, pearl buckle, handsome designs, 75c value..... 39c

"Captain Jinks" Belts, $1.48

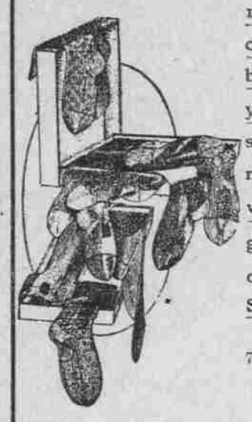
New "Captain Jinks" Belts, fancy gold braid, gilt buckles, regular $2.25 value, each..... $1.48

"Billy Burke" Belts, 98c

"Billie Burke" Belts, tailor-made effect, fancy Oriental braid, large gilt buckles; $1.75 value..... 98c

25c Die Lustige Wittwe Waltz (The Merry Widow) on Sale Saturday at 9c

Men's Fancy Hose Values to 75c Pair 19c



1000 pairs Men's Hose, in fancy colors, stripes, plaids, checks, blacks, etc., of fine Egyptian yarn, with double heels, toes and soles, Hermsdorf dye, all full regular made goods. Regular values to 75c pair. This is the greatest genuine hosiery bargain of the year; Saturday sale..... 19c

700 pairs children's fast black ribbed cotton School Stockings, double heels and toes and seamless—the kind for which you always pay 20c a pair; guaranteed absolutely fast black, strong and serviceable. The best value ever given in Portland in any sale, by any store, at the low price of..... 12½c

Sales Today Room-size Rugs, Muslin Underwear, Women's Bags, Pictures, Laces, Pillow Tops

Picardie Voiles at 25c

The new solid color wash fabric, wool finish, in check plaids and stripes; also plain weave.

Printed Silk Organdies, 30c

A silk and cotton fabric of exceptional beauty; patterns so exquisite that you'll buy them now before the choicest are gone.

Silvia Batiste, 15c

Absolutely the best and prettiest 15c cloth shown in printed goods, one hundred and fifty different designs, including bordered effects, white and tinted grounds.

Sale of Toilet Articles

All mounted in sterling silver; extraordinary clearance reductions.

Tweezers, cutiele knives, letter seals, nail brushes, desk knives; sale price..... 48c

Nail brushes, tooth brushes, cuticle knives, tweezers, tooth powder jars, shoe hooks, shoe horns, pocket combs, paper knives, letter seals, darners; sale price..... 28c

Talcum powder jars, cream jars, tooth brushes, nail brushes, tweezers, cuticle knives, shoe hooks, shoe horns, tooth powder jars, paper knives, glove buttoners..... 38c

Men's Wool Underw'r

Reg. $1.00 Values 67c

Men's Derby ribbed Wool Underwear, shirts and drawers, all sizes, in blue, novia and national gray colors; regular $1 values, for clearance..... 67c

75c Nightshirts on Sale at 48c

Men's outing flannel Night Shirts, military and turn-down collars, all sizes, today..... 48c

PROTEST OF POWERS

Nations May Object to Japan's Manchurian Policy.

IS OPEN DOOR VIOLATED?

Thought That Japanese Traders Have Been Favored More Than Other Nations—Question to Be Brought Before Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Considerable interest has ben aroused in official and commercial circles by the reports sent over here by the American correspondents of certain London papers tha tthe United States is about to confer with the powers with the view to protesting against the policy adopted by Japan in Manchuria, it being contended that Japan's course has given her own merchants advantages over other traders in that part of China. Nothing is known here officially regarding the proposed protest, and the Foreign Office doubts the reliability of the press reports.

Some complaints have been received from Englishmen trading in Manchuria, but the official view is that it would be difficult to establish the fact that Japan has not observed the policy of the open door.

With regard to the cancellation of the contract held by a British firm for the extension of the Hsin Min Tun-Fa-Kumen Railroad, the Foreign Office has advised the contractors that the case is one in which Great Britain cannot interfere and that it is for the sole consideration of China and Japan. The contractors interested are influential and the question will be raised in the House of Commons.

DROP SUPERANNUATED MEN

Plan to Deduct Enough From Wages for Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Feb 21.—The President today sent to the Senate a report from the Keep Commission recommending the retirement of superannuated employes in the classified Civil Service of the Government. A bill accompanying the report, approved by the Civil Service Reform League, provides for a deduction from the employes' salaries of a sufficient percentage monthly to create a fund to pay annuities equal to one and a half per cent of such salaries. Retirement ages are from 60 to 70 years.

Postoffice Chief Clerk.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Postmaster-General today appointed Charles A. Conrad, of Kentucky, to be Chief Clerk of the Postoffice Department to succeed Merrit O. Chance, of Illinois, recently appointed Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department. Robert H. Prender, of the District of Columbia, has been appointed Chief Clerk in the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General to succeed Mr. Conrad.

House Debates Car Franchise.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The time of the House of Representatives today was devoted to consideration of what is known as the District of Columbia railway franchise—that is, the bill providing for extension of streetcar lines to the new Union Station. The subject of universal streetcar transfers in Washington elicited special attention, and no disposition was manifested to amend the provision except to strengthen it. Tomorrow also will be given over to District of Columbia business.

President Returns Favor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Daniel Sullivan was today renominated for postmaster of Cripple Creek, Colo. Sullivan was active in protecting Mr. Roosevelt against assaults when he was at Cripple Creek in the campaign of 1900, and he secured his renomination in the face of some opposition.

Increase Philippine Commission.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Secretary of War Taft made an argument before the Senate committee on the Philippines on the bill to increase the Philippine Commission to nine members. The bill was ordered reported favorably.

Whitney Engagement Denied.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Harry Payne Whitney today denied the report that his sister, Miss Dorothy Whitney, is engaged to Count Paul Esterhazy, the Hungarian nobleman who attended the Vanderbilt-Szechenyi wedding in this city recently.

Filipinos at West Point.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Seven Filipinos may receive instructions in the United States Military Academy, according to a bill passed by the Senate today.

MAY ASK FOR GRAND JURY

BRISTOL AND JUDGE WOLVERTON IN CONFERENCE.

Uncertainty Produced by Contest for Bristol's Office Causes Accumulation of Business.

United States Judge Wolverton and United States Attorney Bristol held a long conference at the Federal building yesterday, and although neither would discuss the meeting, it is known that the calling of a Federal grand jury was among the subjects considered. It will soon be a year since the grand jury met that indicted the members of the Pacific Coast furniture trust, and as a result there is pending a large number of matters that should be inquired into by the grand jury.

In the Federal Court the usual practice is for the District Attorney to request the presiding judge to order a grand jury assembled. When such an application is made, the judge acquiesces and the preliminary work of the court is disposed of. But owing to the uncertainty produced by the contest for the office of District Attorney, Mr. Bristol has delayed purposely making a request for a grand jury, hoping that the controversy over his successor might be settled and some man named to take charge and relieve him (Bristol) of the office. But the work of the court is becoming so congested that it will soon be necessary to call a jury and dispose of pending alleged offenses against the Government.

Not fewer than 20 persons are either in jail or under bonds awaiting an investigation by a Federal grand jury. Some of these against whom accusations have been made either have been in jail or out on bonds since the last grand jury adjourned early last Summer.

Included among the criminal cases that should be investigated are some alleged postoffice robbers and others who have been circulating counterfeit bills.

Cold Wave Damages Fruit.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21. — Early fruits and vegetables, mostly intended for shipment to the North, have been damaged by the cold wave of the last two days.

Long Beach, Miss., on the Gulf shore, reported ice half an inch thick.

LIFE ENDED BY GAS

Mrs. William Burden, of New York, Asphyxiated.

DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENT

Reading in Bed, Turns Off Lamp-cock—Tube Is Disconnected and Gas Pours Out—Prominent in New York Society.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Mrs. William Burden, who was Natica Rives, daughter of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, and a society woman of New York, Newport and Washington, was found dead in bed at her Fifth avenue home today. Death, the coroner decided, was accidental and due to gas poisoning. A disconnected gas tube which had led from a chandelier to a drop light so placed last night that Mrs. Burden might read while propped up in bed, had permitted a flow of gas that filled the room.

Mrs. Burden was 22 years of age and since her marriage on April 17, 1907, she and her husband had occupied the beautiful home of the latter's father, the late James A. Burden, at 908 Fifth avenue.

The discovery of her death threw the household into confusion and when the facts became generally known, created a sensation in the social set. Mr. Burden had spent the night in another part of the house and learned of his wife's death from the servants who had entered her room at 10 o'clock this morning. Entering the house at 11 o'clock last night, Mr. Burden had noticed that a light was still burning in his wife's room and passing the door called out "Good night!" Mrs. Burden responded "Good night," in a tone that indicated that she was in her usual health and spirits.

Apparently having become drowsy, Mrs. Burden had reached from her bed and turned off the lamp cock instead of taking the trouble to get up and shut off the gas at the chandelier jet. The dead woman lay as in sleep without a sign of physical or mental disturbance. Near the open window, to which he had crawled, and almost dead from gas, was found Mrs. Burden's little pet terrier which had been permitted to sleep in the room.

Mrs. Burden was the daughter of the first Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, who was Miss Sally Whiting and who secured a divorce some time after her daughter was born. She retained custody of the child and afterward married George *d*. Rives, at one time corporation counsel of New York.

Following the divorce of her mother and the adoption by Mr. Rives the daughter took the name of her mother's second husband and has always been known as Natica Rives.

William P. Burden is a nephew of I. Townsend Burden and has a large interest in the Burden Ice Works, at Troy.

KANSAS SOLID FOR BRYAN

Name Greeted With Big Demonstration by Democrats.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Feb. 21.—Kansas Democrats in State Convention here this morning unanimously adopted a resolution instructing all delegates to the Denver convention, both State and Congressional, "to cast a solid vote for the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for President of the United States." A great demonstration lasting several minutes attended the adoption of the resolution.

This was the most largely attended Democratic convention in Kansas in years.

W. H. Ryan, chairman of the State Committee, in calling the convention to order, declared that Kansas has a united Democracy that had cast 150,000 votes at the last election and said that if the election were held now there would be 50,000 votes added to this. He referred to what he termed the "robber tariff," and this remark elicited much applause. Mr. Ryan introduced Grant Harrington as temporary chairman.

At mention of the name of ex-Senator William A. Harris, whose friends are booming him for re-election to the Senate, there was much applause. But the greatest demonstration came when Harrington mentioned the name of W. J. Bryan.

"We want to broaden out," he said. "If a man comes up to vote, if he is for Bryan, it makes no difference what his grandfather was or what his former political affiliations have been, let's welcome him."

The name of the Nebraskan was cheered for several minutes. This demonstration was renewed a few minutes later when resolutions binding the delegates to Denver to vote for the nomination of Bryan for President were read and adopted unanimously with a whoop. The delegates were "directed and instructed to cast the solid vote of the state of Kansas for the nomination of William Jennings Bryan for President of the United States, the desires or wishes of any individual delegate or delegates to the convention to the contrary, notwithstanding."

Oklahoma Democrats for Bryan.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 21.—William J. Bryan will be unanimously endorsed at the Oklahoma Democratic State Convention, which will meet here tomorrow and a solid delegation will be sent to the Denver convention instructed to vote for him as a unit on a platform that he may favor. This was conceded here today. Many Democrats are already here. Governor Haskell who will dominate the convention arrived today and was accorded a big demonstration.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hotel Portland—C. W. Sweet, Butte; R. J. Leeds, San Francisco; E. G. Joubert, New York; J. M. Clapp, wife and child, Seattle; Lenora E. Dimordy, Vancouver, B. C.; Phil B. Bekeart, San Francisco; W. P. Markle, St. Louis; John M. Corner and wife, Seattle; Prof. M. Mayer, New York; A. Levine, Emil J. Rothschild, Chicago; Russell Taylor, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Elder, C. W. Harvey, Jr., C. Millsap, Chicago; W. H. Drant, New York; J. A. Carsen, San Francisco; Clarence Oppenheimer, Chicago; H. Kelso, St. Louis; B. B. Stone, W. Clayton Cullen, Spokane; H. D. Hibbs, Los Angeles; Al Davis and wife, Montana; Joe Harris, San Francisco; J. H. Nebenzahl, M. C. Altmark, New York; S. J. Monroe, Oakland; H. B. Schaad; M. McGoldrick, Cincinnati; O. F. Mahoney, Chicago; R. F. Lytle and wife, Hoquiam; J. G. Stephens and wife, Chicago; P. S. Riley, St. Paul; E. A. Stuart, Seattle; W. A. Connor, San Francisco; J. H. Huey, Milwaukee; E. B. Jewall, Chicago; L. S. Haskin, Connecticut; J. E. Ferguson and wife, C. L. Houston, Jr.,