RAILROADS WILL INCREASE FORCES

Must Have at Least $250,000 for Repairs to Handle Growing Trade.

AMERICANS FIRST CHOICE

Exodus of Italians Will Give Unemployed Natives Chance—Employment Agents Already Gathering Their Forces in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 30.—(Special.)—In the next 60 days the railroads of the United States will have to find between 250,000 and 300,000 men to mend their tracks and roadbeds and another large army to go into their shops and repair their cars and their locomotives.

The railroads centering in Chicago alone will, between April 1 and June 1, require more than 100,000 laborers, who will be employed in remedying the ravages of the Winter months, which, with their frosts and their snows, have made many miles of shaky track and as many more of softened roadbed. The managements of all Chicago roads have decided to engage in repair and renewal work this Spring and early Summer on as extensive a scale as ever, owing to the fact that labor will be plentiful and possibly cheaper, and also owing to the fact that there are signs of business renewal everywhere.

Gathering Forces for Work.

The past Winter has not been as hard as the season usually is on roadbed and track, and physical conditions are not as bad as usual for the further reason that the traffic has not been so heavy. No renewal work, however, is being done this Winter, and after the frost comes out of the ground in the Spring there is bound to be settling of the roadbed, sagging of bridges and a score of things which go to prevent efficiency of operation.

For several weeks the railroads centering in Chicago have been making arrangements to procure the needed laborers. All of the labor agents in the city and along the lines of the various roads have commissions which they are expected to fill periodically in the succeeding two months.

Work will start light on April 1 on the roads which are best favored by climatic conditions, and will be increased rapidly until June 1, when renewal and repair work will be in full swing on every railroad in the country. The average number of men needed by each of the large Chicago systems is 5000 and the wages offered are to be about the same as last year, when labor was scarcer and more men were needed.

Roads Prefer Americans.

This year the railroads expect to be able to procure a very much greater proportion of American labor, owing to the fact that times have not been so good and many men are out of employment. It is also expected that there will not be so many Italians available this year, because when the business recession came the Italians returned to their native land in shiploads.

In the employment of labor the railroads seek to procure Americans when they can get them at the price which is offered for labor. As a rule, however, the railroads are glad to get men wherever it is possible, the only stipulation with the labor-employing agencies being that the men shall be competent to do the work for which they are employed.

TEST COMMODITY CLAUSE

President Urges Immediate Action on New Railroad Law.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Government will not prosecute railroads for failure to comply with the "commodity clause" of the railroad rate law, pending a decision of the Supreme Court. The President has directed the Department of Justice to bring a test case as soon as possible after May 1, the day when it becomes effective, the law forbidding any railroad to transport any article or commodity other than timber produced by such road, or in which it is directly or indirectly interested.

HARRIMAN TO RESUME WORK

Finish Grading Line From Huntington to Homestead, Or.

OGDEN, Utah, March 30.—The Utah Construction Company has been instructed by the Harriman officials to resume grading a line from Huntington to Homestead, Baker County, Or. This work was halted last Fall at the beginning of the financial flurry, and the order to commence activity is looked upon as an encouraging sign of returning confidence in railroad quarters.

The road to Homestead is the first link in a Harriman cutoff into Lewiston, Idaho.

TAKE REBATES AND PAY FINE

Kansas City Lumber Company Gives Check for $13,000.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—The Chapman & Dewey Lumber Company, of Kansas City, entered a plea of guilty today in the United States District Court to the charge of having accepted rebates from the Frisco Railroad on lumber shipments from points in Arkansas to St. Louis. Judge Dyer imposed a fine of $13,000, and a check for the full amount was handed to the clerk of the court.

BATTLE IN WEST OPENED

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responsible for rate reductions. This would indicate that Secretary Taft does not favor rate reductions. He is in favor of authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to ascertain the present value of railways. What does he propose to do with watered stock? Does he urge reduction in freight and passenger rates wherever and whenever such reductions can be made without injustice to honest investment? He has given no assurance on these questions and we must judge what he would do by what he now says or fails to say. If when he is trying to secure the support of reform Republicans, he is so evasive on the subject, what could we expect of him if he were elected?

Does Secretary Taft favor the National incorporation of railroads, as suggested by the President? Would he favor a law withdrawing from the states their control over railways and vesting exclusive control in the Federal Government? And if he favors National incorporation, would he be in favor of giving the railroad a perpetual franchise and a perpetual guarantee of income? If not, will he explain why he will be more unjust to the Filipinos than to the people of his own country?

Chance of Democratic Victory.

What chance of reform is there at the hands of the Republican leaders who take the side of the corporations against the people and act on the theory that inducements must be held out to capital, no matter how great the burdens imposed upon the producers of wealth?

There is no doubt that the masses of the people, Republicans and Democrats, are in favor of reform. If we can only convince the voters that the Democratic party will be true to reform, victory is assured, and the only way in which we can convince the public that we honestly desire to administer the Government in behalf of the people is to give them an honest platform, employ honest arguments and conduct a campaign by honest methods and through an honest organization.

Mr. Harmon was greeted with tremendous applause when he arose to speak.

Harmon on the Panic.

Mr. Harmon, after attributing the three successive Democratic defeats to the skill of the Republicans in fooling the people, said:

I always thought it mean and unpatriotic to make political capital out of a public misfortune. And I believe every Democrat in the country feels as I do, that he would rather stand by another defeat than see the poor multiplying on the streets, cars standing idle on sidetracks, mills and factories closed or feebly going, commerce paralyzed and the old and dependent pinched in the provisions which industry or affection made for them. But if all this had to come, as now has, I believe every fair man will say as I do, that it is the justice of God who hates all slanderers and false boasters, that it struck those while in full strut.

They say it was the Boer War that brought on the trouble, the Japan War, the earthquake—everything you please but themselves. It is enough for us that it certainly was not the Democrats. And when they say it was themselves, they confess they have been humbugging the people all these years and slandering the Democrats.

SPLIT IN HIS OWN STATE

TAFT DELEGATES CHOSEN IN CANNON'S HOME.

Cannon Men Then Hold Convention of Their Own, but Do Not Choose Delegates.

CHICAGO, March 30.—A contesting delegation at the National Republican convention is promised as a result of the convention in the First District of Illinois, held here tonight.

Two delegates—Daniel Schuyler, Jr., and Chauncey Dewey—were chosen and instructed to work for the nomination of Taft as the National candidate. This took place, however, with about 60 of 131 delegates refusing to vote after a resolution indorsing Joseph G. Cannon as Presidential candidate of the party had been declared lost.

The supporters of Mr. Cannon held a new convention after the adjournment of the first gathering, effecting an organization and adjourning subject to call without selecting delegates to the National gathering.

The Republicans of the Fourth District tonight elected David E. Shannahan and Swan Norman delegates to the National Convention and instructed them for Cannon.

READY FOR THE CONVENTION

Indiana Congressional Delegation Arrives at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—United States Senators Beveridge and Hemenway, Representatives Overstreet, Brick and Chaney and a large number of candidates and leading Republicans of the state have arrived for the Republican State Convention, which will hold its first session Wednesday afternoon and be in session two days.

Vice-President Fairbanks will not be here, but will send a letter to be read to the convention. The contest between the four candidates for the gubernatorial nomination is spirited and is occupying most of the attention of the early arrivals. Representative Overstreet, who will be temporary chairman of the convention, will deliver the keynote address Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This speech will be followed by Senator Beveridge, Senator Hemenway and Governor Hanley. In addition to adopting a platform and nominating the state ticket, the convention will select four delegates at large to the National convention at Chicago and will be instructed to vote for Vice-President Fairbanks for President. The nominations will be made Thursday.

Times Praises Roosevelt.

LONDON, March 30.—The Times this morning, commenting editorially upon what it describes as the remarkable change which has occurred in the attitude of the political parties in the United States toward President Roosevelt and his policy, says that his reward for holding to that policy against all opposition is one of the most remarkable personal victories ever won in public life. There is no policy before the people of the United States, says the Times, except his policy. Party lines have been obliterated and the three candidates now before the country are practically indistinguishable. The programmes are all of one color, and that color is new in American politics.

Almost Unanimous for Watson.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—In response to a call issued on December 2 by Chairman James H. Ferris, of the People's Party National Committee, the Populist Convention will be held here on April 2, in the Olympic Theater.

Chairman Jay W. Forrest, of the National Provisional Committee, said yesterday:

"There will be 1000 delegates in the convention, all of whom are instructed to vote for Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, for President, except the Nebraska delegation of 37, who are instructed for Bryan, and the Alabama delegation who favor former Congressman M. W. Howard."

Suicide Without Cause.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Leonard R. Tuttle, president of the A. A. Young Machine Company, of this city, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart last night. His wife and daughter can offer no explanation of his act. He was the owner of a beautiful country residence and his business assistants say that he was not in financial trouble.

Nominated for Sixth Term.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., March 30.—The Republican convention of the Tenth Indiana district for the sixth time nominated Edgar D. Crumpacker for Congress.

Schaefer in Poor Condition.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—Willie Hoppe got a lead of more than 300 over Jacob Schaefer in two games of 400 points each played here today in a 2400-point exhibition match at 18.2 balkline billiards. Schaefer is in poor condition.

Perfect fitting glasses $1 at Metzger's.

BODIES MUST WAIT

Hanna Mine Not to Be Opened Till Thursday.

COMPANY'S LIST IS 62

Number of Dead Positively Known, Though, Is 59, With Five Bodies Recovered—Wreckage Being Cleared Rapidly Away.

HANNA, Wyo., March 30.—Not until Thursday at least will the full extent of the disaster resulting in two explosions in mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific Coal Company, be known, for an official order went forth tonight directing that no attempt be made to reopen the mine until that day. During the continuance of this order the estimate of dead must stand at 59.

In the meantime the east stope of the mine, through which entrance will be attempted when ready, is being cleared of wreckage and practically reconstructed by men working in half-hour shifts. They are protected by a powerful air fan which not only guarantees them from the effects of insidious gases, but will drive out the gas which fills the portion of the mine where the victims of Saturday's explosions are lying dead. It is expected the mine can be cleared of deadly gas by Thursday and the work of rescue begun.

Bodies Expected to Be Mangled.

Today an arm of one of the victims of the disaster was found about 20 feet from the mouth of the east stope entranceway and it is feared that the dismembered and mangled condition of the bodies when located will be such as to make identification and the securing of a list impossible.

Superintendent Clark, general superintendent of the Pacific Coal Company, arrived tonight from Omaha and assumed charge of the affairs of the camp. He was accompanied by a force of claim adjusters and clerks. If competent gasmen, bosses and other experts can be secured, mines Nos. 2 and 3 will be opened Tuesday, it is announced.

Coroner Bennett has viewed the three bodies recovered before the second explosion and the two blown out by the second explosion. He will begin an inquest when it is known whether or not the remaining bodies can be recovered and will attempt to get at the cause of the explosion. Men who came from the mine a few minutes before the first explosion say there was much gas present. The second explosion undoubtedly was also caused by gas.

Official List Numbers 62.

The condition of the bodies recovered precludes the possibility that any of the men in the mines survived the second explosion.

An official list of the known victims of the disaster given out today by the Union Pacific Coal Company contains 62 names, and it is believed eight or ten others also met death in the mine.

A carload of coffins shipped from Denver arrived this afternoon. Many suits for damages will be brought at once against the coal company by relatives of the victims. It is announced now that this mine will be abandoned and sealed as soon as the bodies are recovered.

There is a rumor of appealing to the Governor to appoint a committee to probe the disaster, and if the rumors afloat as to the unsafe condition of the colliery are verified, efforts will be made to close it through process of law.

SULZER MAKES THREATS

Declares He Will Begin Filibuster Campaign in House.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Representative Sulzer, of New York, today introduced a bill to place wood pulp and print paper on the free list. He said he proposed to make an individual filibuster against all Republican legislation until the Republican leaders declared willingness to pass such a measure.

"At the commencement of the session the ways and means committee determined that there should be no tariff revision at this session. Nothing has occurred to change the decision," said Representative Dalzell.

RUSSIA IS WITH ITALY

Will Support All Proposed Reforms in Macedonia.

ROME, March 30.—Signor Tittoni, the Foreign Minister, has sent an answer to the Russian note regarding reforms in Macedonia, stating that Italy accepts and will support all the propositions contained in it.

Santa Fe Will Spend No Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—A. G. Wells, general manager of the Santa Fe Railroad, who is here with other officials on an inspection, said today:

"The Santa Fe is contemplating no immediate new work; on the contrary, we are lopping off all the superfluous branches we can find. The present is not a favorable time for railroad extension. The westbound freight traffic of the Santa Fe has shown a falling off of 50 per cent during the last year.

"Our passenger business to California, on the other hand, has been the heaviest in the road's history. That is an evidence of the interest the East is taking in this state."

San Francisco-Alaska Steamers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The Chamber of Commerce has sent letters to its members advising them that an arrangement has been made whereby San Francisco is to have a first-class passenger and freight service direct to Nome and St. Michael, connecting at the latter point with river steamers for Fairbanks and other points in Alaska. The owners of the steamers have agreed to give San Francisco one year's experimental service. Rates are to be the same as from Seattle.

Des Moines Elects Democrat.

DES MOINES, March 30.—Des Moines held its first municipal election under the commission form of government and elected A. J. Mathies (Dem.), Mayor. The result was an overwhelming defeat for the candidate who had been nominated in the primary by friends of the new form of government. The union labor vote was a large factor in the opposition victory.

60-Yard Record Broken.

MONTREAL, March 30.—A world's record was broken at the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association indoor races tonight, when L. F. Lukeman, of the M. A. A. A., won the 60-yard dash in 6 1-5 seconds. Previous record was 6 2-5 seconds.

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The style features in both the $28.50 and the $35.00 suits are those that are most esteemed by the leading designers this season, with smart touches of originality that are decidedly distinctive

There is a splendid variety of new Spring fabrics, made into highest-class tailor-made and fancy Suits—black and colors. Jackets lined with silks; new plaited and flare skirts. Very smartest styles.

Lot 1 contains about 15 different style effects, each possessing some distinctive difference—something that is exclusive here. Values up to $43.00 at

$28.50

The modified Prince Chap styles with new French dip front and back are unusually smart; the tight-fitting strictly tailored models with long graceful lines are very attractive.

An assortment of highest class novelty and tailor Suits, or finest imported materials in all the newest effects, including the Butterfly sleeves; also in plain tailored styles. Colors, black, brown, navy, Copenhagen and tans.

Lot 2. In this collection are several styles to choose from—somewhat finer in material or finish and tone. Values to $48.50 now at

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$1.75 Gowns, $1.18

Fine Nainsook Gowns, extra quality, daintily trimmed, various styles; values to $1.75, at. **$1.18**

$1.75 Drawers $1.18

Cambric and nainsook Drawers, deep flounces of fine embroidery and lace; vals. to $1.75. **$1.18**

QUIT, NO STRIKE

Almost 250,000 Miners to Stop Work Today.

OPERATORS WON'T CONFER

For This Reason Men Lay Down Tools, Although Technical Strike Is Not Declared—Many States Are Affetced.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—The Union mine of the Fields Company will lay down picks and shovels tomorrow night. Almost 250,000 of them will stop work in Western Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas and probably Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky. The conditions under which they are working expire tomorrow night and, except in Central Pennsylvania and Indiana block district, no conditions have been made, nor have the miners entered into district agreements providing for the operation pending the April 1 agreement.

Technically the miners will not go out on strike, but in reality they stop work because the operators, except in Indiana and Illinois, show no real intention of meeting and treating with them, though no question of wages or principle is at stake.

WILL MAKE 77,000 MEN IDLE

Suspension at Indiana and Southwestern Coal-Mines.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—The joint conference of Indiana coal miners and operators called for today at Terre Haute was adjourned until tomorrow. Both operators and miners believe that as soon as Vice-President Lewis assumes the presidency of the United Mineworkers that day he will issue a call for an interstate conference to rehabilitate the interstate agreement. Mr. Lewis, asked today about the general situation, said:

"On April 1, 42,000 miners in all Ohio will drop their tools and go out on strike. This may last 60 days and perhaps longer. At any rate they will not go back to work until a wage schedule has been drawn up. On the same date 35,000 miners in the Southwestern, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas districts will go out. Western Pennsylvania miners, having failed to come to an agreement with the operators regarding a separate wage conference, will also cease work on that date.

Cut in 60,000 Millhands' Wages.

BOSTON, March 30.—The general reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of New England cotton mill operatives which was recently decided upon, became effective today in mills employing 60,000 persons. Next Monday the movement will apply to the pay of many more.

Reduction in Wages.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 30.—Notice of an average reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of the 6000 operatives of the Pacific Mills, effective April 13, was posted today.

$10,000 Offered for Dynamiter.

TELLURIDE, Colo., March 30.—Rewards offered for the capture of the person or persons who dynamited General Bulkley Wells' house, Saturday, in an effort to kill him, aggregate $10,000.

Sheriff Fitzpatrick said today that sufficient evidence to warrant arrests had not yet been obtained. Henry Anker, a waiter, arrested for using incendiary language, has been found to have had no connection with the crime.

General Wells is suffering greatly from the shock to his nerves, due to the explosion, and has joined his family at Colorado Springs for a rest.

RIDGELY OPENS HIS BANK

National Bank of Commerce Again on Sound Basis.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 30.—The reorganized National Bank of Commerce, with William B. Ridgely, former Controller of the Currency, as its president, reopened this morning. Faith in this, one of the largest banking institutions in this country, was evidenced by the fact that long before the receiving teller's windows opened many persons stood in line, waiting to deposit their money. President Ridgely in a statement to the Associated Press said:

"The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City opened this morning under the most favorable auspices, with a capital of $2,000,000, surplus $200,000, assets all clean, liquid and unimpaired.

"This has been brought about by the payment into the bank by the oldest shareholders and those interested in the reorganization of the bank the sum of $2,870,000, removing questionable assets and putting the bank in an absolutely sound condition.

AWAITS STEVENS' SISTER

Removal of Body to Be Made When She Is Recovered.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The remains of Durham White Stevens, American diplomat and adviser of the Corean Council of State, will be taken to Washington just as soon as his sister, Miss Kate Stevens sufficiently recovers to make the journey possible.

Last night she visited the undertaking parlors where the body lies but was so overcome by emotion that she was unable to approach the casket and was taken back to the hotel where she is stopping.

Decorates Stevens After Death.

TOKIO, March 30.—The Emperor has bestowed upon the late Durham White Stevens, who was assassinated in San Francisco by a Corean, the decoration of the Grand Rising Sun, the highest order in Japan. The Japanese Government will give 150,000 yen, about $75,000, to the family of the murdered diplomat, and the Corean government will give them 50,000 yen, or in all about $100,000.

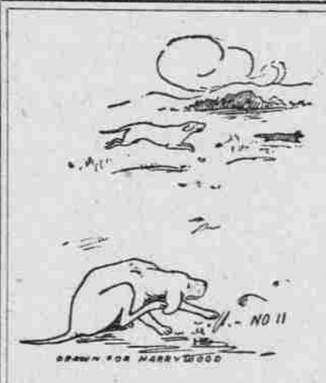
FORM MINING BUREAU

Expected Accomplishment in Interior Department.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The proposed establishment in the Department of the Interior of a bureau of mines and mining, was unanimously but unofficially concurred in today by the House committee on mines, and it is thought within a week or two the subcommittee will draft a bill to accomplish that purpose and report it favorably. The full committee was addressed on the subject today by ex-Senator Stewart of Nevada, who favored the creation of the bureau in the Interior Department, rather than in the Department of Commerce and Labor, because of the natural and necessary connection it would have with the Geological Survey.

Salem, Or.—F. E. Brown, of Medford, died at the Salem Hospital last night as the result of injuries received in a Southern Pacific wreck two years ago.

Metzger, jeweler, optician, 342 Wash.



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