

UNION COALITION PHASE OF STRIKE

Switchmen of Eastern Roads Will Discuss Increase With Managers Today.

ARBITRATION IS ASKED FOR

Governor Eberhart Appealed To In Minnesota—Closer Bond of Men Employed by Eastern Roads Is Sought, Linking 500,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(Special).—A committee of railroad managers headed by F. O. Melcher, of the Rock Island Railroad, will meet representatives of the Switchmen's Union tomorrow to discuss the local demands for a wage increase and improved working conditions.

The local switchmen filed demands for 5 cents an hour increase in wages November 14, giving the companies the customary 30 days in which to give a reply. It is believed that the managers will delay the negotiations until the nation in the Northwest, where the switchmen are on strike, has cleared up.

The executive council of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor held a session in St. Paul today and appealed to Governor Eberhart to use his influence to bring about arbitration of the strike. The railroads asserted they were moving freight satisfactorily and steadily improving the service.

Unions to Amalgamate. Representatives from several points throughout the Northwest brought tidings that a shortage of coal due to the switchmen's strike had created a serious condition. Important action was taken in Chicago toward an amalgamation of union employees on ten Eastern lines having connections in this city.

More than 100 delegates from various unions whose members are employed on these railroads met in Chicago today to obtain from the American Federation of Labor charters for ten branches of the railroad employees' department of the central labor organization of the country.

President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union of North America, leader of the strike in the Northwest, was present and informed the delegates that coal in the Northwest territory was "beaten beyond doubt."

While the coalition of the unions of the different railroads is usually tactically effected does not mean, according to the delegates present, that sympathetic strikes are contemplated or that all unions will combine. The strike affected by the switchmen's strike will quit their posts, the gathering of union representatives was regarded as a most significant step toward a stronger combination of all union railroad workers.

Strike Declared Shaky. The meeting is one of a series to be held in various cities, and when all of the federations contemplated have been formed, it is estimated that more than 500,000 railway employees will be allied more closely than ever. Among the delegates at the meeting were representatives of the American Federation of Labor, the Nickel Plate, Michigan Central, Pere Marquette, Wabash and Lake Shore roads.

Advices from the Northwest indicate that the strike is very shaky. Since the American Federation of Labor promised financial aid, the strikers have taken new courage, but the railroad managers say they are finding plenty of men to fill all positions and that but for a few extra trains would be moving as usual.

WULLNER RIVALS CARUSO. Lied Singer Applauded as Much as Famous Tenor.

"Dr. Ludwig Wullner, the sensation of the last musical season throughout the country, has made classical German songs 'catch on' like musical comedy 'hits,'" says Henry T. Pinck, dean of American music critics, in the New York Evening Post.

"He affected audiences like a religious revivalist, like an orator at a fervent political meeting. He got as much applause as Caruso," he said to give a score of concerts and gave four scores. There can be no doubt that his success will continue to grow here as it does in European countries."

This dictum coming from the leading American critic sums up in a few words the effect that Wullner is creating wherever he is heard. Music is to him as religion. The noblest and loftiest thoughts are given flesh in his beautiful, beautiful, beautiful voice, conveyed from composer to hearer through the medium of his wonderful voice and presence.

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Off the coast of Florida, a series of expert men have proved that we can produce our own sponges. At Afognak, Alaska, a new salmon station has liberated more than 2,000,000 young red salmon to the rivers, and during the year the Government deposited in various waters of the United States more than three million fish.

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Only 10 More Shopping Days Before Happy Christmas Olds, Wortman & King

Valuable Hints for Monday Shopping Come Early

First of importance, big Half Price sale of Tailored Suits, Gowns and Opera Capes—Phenomenal reduction in big Sample Lot of Men's Slippers—Christmas Pictures for 98 Cents—Amazing reductions in Libbey Cut Glass—Furs, selected lot, One-fourth Off—Holiday linens way down—Muslin Department crowded with special values—Toys Lower Than Ever—Greatest values in Millinery ever shown—Men's Outing Flannel Night-shirts from 79 Cents to 98 Cents—Specials in Ladies' Neckwear, Handkerchiefs and Alexandre Kid Gloves unprecedented—Biggest shopping week of the year.

Fancy Gowns, Opera Coats & Tail'd Suits One-Half Off

Every fancy gown in stock, priced at \$75.00 and over; all opera wraps and coats, regularly sold for \$50.00 and up; our entire stock of tailored suits, sold for \$60.00 and above. These three lines comprise the very best we carry and will be uniformly reduced to HALF PRICE



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Nothing ever has appealed so strongly in Christmas giving as silverware of different kinds. Values shown here are unusual.

- 1.00 Flower Vases for 59c
1.15 Hat Pin Holders. 75c
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3.50 Jewel Case. 2.75
6.00 Bread Trays. 4.75
7.35 Water Pitcher. 5.85
8.50 4-pc. Tea Sets. 6.25
9.00 Casserole. 7.10
10.50 do., silver cover. 8.35

Carving Sets for Christmas Priced at \$2.35 to \$11.75

Here is a variety of guaranteed carving sets, making one of the most acceptable Christmas remembrances imaginable. They are listed at money-saving prices. See them—Third Floor.

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Regular \$ 5.50 Carving Set, Special for. . . \$ 4.35
Regular \$ 6.00 Carving Set, Special for. . . \$ 4.75
Regular \$ 7.00 Carving Set, Special for. . . \$ 5.50
Regular \$ 8.50 Carving Set, Special for. . . \$ 6.75
Regular \$ 9.50 Carving Set, Special for. . . \$ 7.50
Regular \$10.50 Carving Set, Special for. . . \$ 8.35
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Christmas Pictures Only 98c

A large assortment of regular \$1.00 and \$2.00 Pictures, variety of selections and all well framed. Big range for unlimited choice. These go MONDAY, EACH, 98c

Outing Flannel Nightshirts 55c. Very practical gift for men. All long, warm and serviceable. Regular 75c for 55c. Regular \$1.00 for 79c. Regular \$1.25 for 98c. Complete line of pajamas at special prices for Monday. Regular \$1.50, Special for Monday. \$1.15 Regular \$2.00, Special for Monday. \$1.55

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The Hair Goods Department, formerly on the First Floor, has been removed to the Second Floor in front of Washington Street Elevator. Better prepared than ever to take care of the big business in this line.

Sample Stock 79c to \$2.50

TREMENDOUS VALUES

7000 Prs. Slippers

A wonderful purchase. Big sample stock. 2000 pairs. Sizes 6 to 8. Also several hundred pairs of other slippers and thousands from regular stock. All sizes and colors except in sample stock. Almost half price for more than 7000 pairs. Values From \$4.00 to \$1.19 Marked Down to From \$2.50 to 79c

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Italian Silk Vests
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TRUST BILLS WAIT

Congress Shows Disposition to Hurry Appropriations.

TAWNEY AND PAYNE PLAN House Leaders Outline Program to Hasten Action on Supply Bills—"White Slave" Measure Up This Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Appropriation legislation will be undertaken by Congress before the adjournment for the holidays. There has been a supposition that all measures of any character would be postponed until after January 1.

President's Messages Heeded. All recognize, however, that some effort probably will be made to carry into effect recommendations of the President, whether contained in his annual message or in special messages. He is laying out an extensive program and nobody believes that it will be possible to do all that he asks. His recommendations on railroad legislation are likely to give more trouble than anything else, and it is possible that the conservation, irrigation, postal savings, merchant marine and other questions will not attract so much attention and may be more easily put aside than the railroad question. There is antipathy to bond issues and any measure involving such a feature will be considered carefully.

Anti-Trust Bills to Wait. No one expects any anti-trust legislation until the Supreme Court passes on important cases involving the Sherman law now before that tribunal. So sensitive, however, is Congress to all suggestions on this subject that much concern is being expressed over the prospect of even a message, and it is possible that the message may be deferred until after the action of the court.

Aside from the consideration of appropriation bills there will be little attempt at legislation in either the Senate or House this week. Mr. Mann will report from the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce his bill prohibiting the "white slave" traffic, and will make an effort to obtain action upon it. Indications are that he will succeed.

Firemen Use Tub of Water. A small blaze broke out last evening in a barber shop at Sixteenth and Washington streets, but on a still alarm, was soon extinguished without much danger. The firemen from directly across the street rushed over

when the fire was discovered and finding a large tub of water in the room, quenched the flames by dashing the contents of the tub over the room. The damage is but slight. The fire was evidently caused by leaking gas and a slight explosion.

SPILLER STAYS IN PANAMA Charge of Inducing Canal Laborers to Leave Falls Flat. PANAMA, Dec. 12.—The Supreme Court decided today that the decree issued by President Obaldia, expelling W. D. Spiller from the country, was illegal, and rules that Spiller may remain in Panama. He was charged with inducing canal laborers to leave the isthmus, and Lieutenant-Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the canal, requested the Panamanian government to deport Spiller. To meet the case President Obaldia issued an executive decree declaring that the enticing of canal laborers from the country was a misdemeanor punishable by expulsion.

Even the honeymoon in the air is not a new idea. M. Flammarion, the distinguished French astronomer and aeronaut, took his bride for a honeymoon trip in a balloon on August 23, 1874.

ONE DOSE RELIEVES INDIGESTION, GAS ON STOMACH AND HEARTBURN

Take a Little Diapiesin Now and Your Stomach Will Feel Fine in Five Minutes.

Every family here ought to keep one of your Diapiesin in the house, as any one of you may have an attack of Indigestion or Stomach trouble at any time, day or night. This harmless preparation will digest anything you eat and overcome a distressed, out-of-order stomach five minutes afterwards.

If your meals don't tempt you, or what you do eat seems to do you over or lays like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of Indigestion. Ask your Pharmacist for a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapiesin and take a little just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.