

FIREMEN'S STRIKE SEEMS TO IMPEND

Only Arbitration Will Keep 25,000 Men From Quitting, Is Ultimatum.

MANAGERS BELITTLE CRISIS

Spokesman Says No Apprehension Is Felt—Railroads Are Willing to Arbitrate Wage Demands, but Not Other Points at Issue.

CHICAGO, March 13.—W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, notified the railroad managers today that if the controversy with the firemen is not submitted to arbitration a strike is inevitable. Twenty-five thousand firemen on railroads west of Chicago are involved. Mr. Carter's letter of notification was endorsed by the Brotherhood's committee, which represents the firemen of about 47 railroads west, north-west and southwest of Chicago. The letter was sent to W. C. Nixon, general manager of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, and chairman of the railroad general manager's committee, and reads:

Text of Ultimatum Given.
"Your letter of this date (March 13) wherein you state that the managers' committee declines further to consider the matter in controversy, has been received, and in reply our committee instructs me to say:

"If there is to be a great railway strike, responsibility must and will rest on the managers' committee. That there may be no misunderstanding concerning this responsibility, our committee hereby proposes the submission of all matters in dispute to an adjustment by arbitration.

Arbitration Alleged Possible.
"The public has been informed, through the press, that matters in controversy cannot be arbitrated, because they involve the authority of railway officials and the discipline of employees. This statement our committee emphatically denies.

"The officials of many railways, represented by the managers' committee, do not hesitate to confess the gross injustice perpetrated under present practices.

"Our committee directs me to request the managers' committee, through you, if this proposition to arbitrate is not accepted by the managers' committee, that you notify us at your earliest convenience."

Discipline Cannot Be Arbitrated.

The railroads previously announced their willingness to arbitrate the increased wage demands, which the firemen say would amount to about 12 1/2 per cent. Two other demands involved, the managers say, concern discipline, and are not open to arbitration. These points have to do with the promotion of firemen and whether, when they become engineers, they are still under the jurisdiction of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

"Does your letter mean that if a satisfactory reply is not received, a strike will be called?" Mr. Carter was asked.

Situation Admitted Grave.

"It looks pretty grave," he said. "We are nearer a disagreement than we have ever been during the whole six weeks of conference. We do not want a strike. We want the public to understand that. As to our authority to strike, we have the vote of more than 80 per cent of the men in favor of it. All the answers we have received from the managers heretofore have been evasive. I hope their next reply will not be so.

It was learned that the managers have agreed to "stand pat" and while refusing any concessions, probably will invite the Brotherhood's committee to another conference tomorrow.

Strike Possibility Belittled.

After conferring with Mr. Nixon, O. L. Dickson, assistant to the president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, gave out the following statement: "We have received Mr. Carter's letter, which to the layman is not thoroughly familiar with the methods of labor organizations, would appear to be somewhat serious and point to a strike.

"I wish to say that this is merely one of the methods unfortunately involved in conducting such negotiations, and it is not likely that the men would sanction the action of their leaders in calling a strike over one or two technical points. We do not feel the slightest apprehension over the difficulty. The managers in time, probably tomorrow, will make definite answer to the firemen's committee and we hope for a peaceful adjustment."

TAFT ATTENDS FUNERAL

(Continued From First Page.)
Herron, of Cincinnati, father of Mrs. Laughlin and Mrs. Taft, was unable to be present because of serious illness. Irwin B. Laughlin, brother of Thomas Laughlin, secretary of the American Embassy at Berlin, cables a message of condolence.

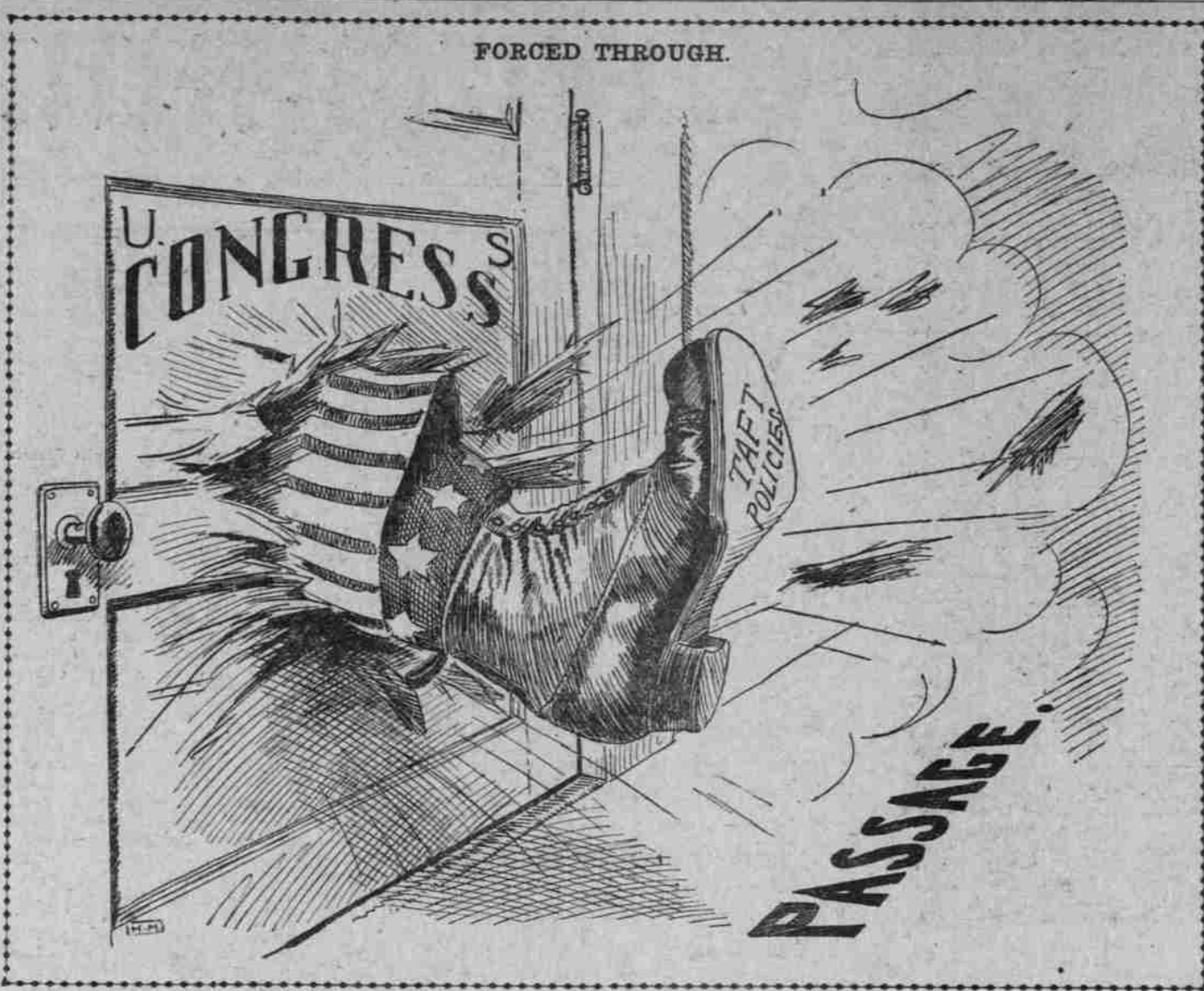
Mrs. Taft sent a wreath of flowers from the White House conservatories. Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Laughlin from various sections of the country sent flowers and messages of sympathy.

Presbyterian Preacher Officiates.

Rev. Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, conducted the ceremony at the house and at the grave. The mourning party was sheltered from the eye of curious onlookers by a white tent stretched above the family burial place.

Following the funeral, the President went for a long automobile ride.

The plain of Belian is traversed by ancient canals made by the Romans, so that irrigation involves no large expense. The River Jalous carries water enough to fertilize the whole plain. Several companies have been organized to secure portions of this fertile but, under present conditions, unhealthy land.



WATER BONDS DRAW

Irrigation Investments Now Attract Eastern Capital

OTHER ISSUES DRAGGING

Investors Timid Even in Face of High Rates—Foreign Bond Purchases Offset Unfavorable Balance of Trade.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A large aggregation of new bond issues offered for public subscription by syndicates of banks and other financial institutions, the supply of banking credits and tightened the interest rates for money. The influence was felt particularly in the rates for time loans.

Prices at which new railroad bond issues were offered showed the expensive conditions now controlling, and the offerings were not absorbed with such a rapidity as to indicate any keen appetite for investment on the part of capital. The condition is attributed to the influence of the general level of prices in all departments as the result of a large increase in the world's gold circulation. The large number of bonds offered by irrigation companies at high rates makes an effective competition for capital.

Europe Buys Bonds.

The fact that large amounts of the new bond issues have been placed with foreign subscribers afforded relief to the foreign exchange market and reduced rates there to below the level of profit of gold exports. In the stock market, however, foreigners continued to sell stocks in New York, attracted by advancing prices. The merchandise balance holds against the United States by reason of reduced exports. The stock market in New York was supported by the powerful banking interests engaged in the flotation of bonds. The speculative outlook, nevertheless, was felt to be mixed, although the rising stock market had an encouraging effect on sentiment. Demand for steel products was reported improving. The increase in New York central dividend rates gave rise to hopes of other increases. The advance in the stock market was interpreted as reflecting confidence of co-operation interests in the outcome of pending Government lawsuits.

Industrial Activity Renewed.

There was a fair volume of business in finished steel products and the prospect is favorable for greater activity. The railroads are developing larger orders for equipment and the slightly lower prices prevailing for plain structural material and fabricated steel is bringing out larger orders for railroads, equipment shops and contractors.

Orders for rails aggregated 85,000 tons. Inquiries in the market for 15,000 and 15,800 additional railroad cars are in a tentative state. The same is true of locomotives; new orders were placed for only 10, but there are inquiries for about 1200, about half of which are definitely in the market.

Contracts for fabricated steel for buildings and bridges aggregated 35,000 tons. Railroads and car shops placed additional orders for steel plates, shapes and bars aggregating about 40,000 tons for car underframes. Similar contracts are pending for larger tonnage, as well as for car wheels and axles.

W. E. DAVIS DIES AT SEA

Heart Disease Claims San Francisco Artist and Clubman.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Willis E. Davis, artist, millionaire and clubman, of San Francisco, died Friday on board the Atlantic liner Oceanic when two days out from Cherbourg, bound for New York.

The dispatch received here today by his brother-in-law, F. W. Van Schilken, says that Davis was a victim of heart disease. He went to Europe on the death of his wife last October.

NOSE CARVED IN FIGHT

Servians Dispute Merits of Rival Benefit Societies

A dispute over the respective merits of two beneficiary societies between two Servians in a cutting fray in which Mike Krainovich's nose was almost cut

ROOSEVELT IN GALE

Wife and Daughter Now on Way From Alexandria.

HEALTH IS REMARKABLE

Noteworthy Series of Receptions Arranged—People Hail Visitor as Man Who Has Accomplished Wonders in Africa.

TAXES COME WITH RUSH

ONLY TWO DAYS REMAIN FOR BENEFIT OF REBATE.

Sheriff Urges Taxpayers to Send Checks by Mail and Avoid Standing Long in Line.

With little more than half of the taxes in Multnomah County now paid, and only two more days in which the 3 per cent deduction on payments can be made, a material loss to many taxpayers is threatened through their tardy attention to this duty.

The total amount paid at the time the tax department closed Saturday night was \$2,297,792.15, and the total amount due, including the 3 per cent deduction that has been made on past payments, was originally \$2,944,537.23.

Until 10 o'clock Tuesday night, the 3 per cent deduction will be allowed on all tax payments, but after that time and until the first Monday in April, which will be three weeks from today, the full amount will be charged. Beginning April 1, the taxes will be delinquent, and a penalty of 10 per cent will be added to all taxes not paid by that time, in addition to 1 per cent interest on the deferred payments.

The tendency to delay the payment of taxes to the last minute, and then rush in when the office is so crowded that the clerks cannot attend to them, has caused the usual annoyance at the tax department, where lack of room prevents the use of more than two cashier windows. The large part of the work is done by the clerks, and the tax department is crowded by a crush of people at the windows of the cashiers, and Sheriff Stevens was compelled to leave his other business and personally aid the clerks.

Sheriff Stevens yesterday expressed satisfaction with the way his men have performed their work. For William McCann, his cashier, he expressed special appreciation, as without his constant effort and long hours of work the money would not have been handled with so much dispatch, he declared.

The tax department began accepting payments February 1, and the total amounts received daily from that time up to and including Saturday night, are as follows:

February.		Amount collected.		Amount collected.	
1	.....	\$1,234,567.89	.....	\$1,234,567.89	.....
2	.....	6,096,497.16	.....	26,112.10	.....
3	.....	27,988,937.17	.....	26,174.24	.....
4	.....	27,149,341.81	.....	38,429.80	.....
5	.....	11,794,981.19	.....	41,269.70	.....
6	.....	14,328,289.25	.....	19,922.48	.....
7	.....	14,384,892.53	.....	31,370.17	.....
8	.....	28,221,737.25	.....	59,346.42	.....
9	.....	31,144,882.26	.....	25,248.50	.....
10	.....	14,923,113.99	.....	61,190.71	.....
11	.....	61,355.70	.....		.....

March.		Amount collected.		Amount collected.	
1	.....	\$7,121.32	.....	44,427.53	.....
2	.....	14,224.54	.....	231,968.18	.....
3	.....	62,254.47	.....	68,720.37	.....
4	.....	70,950.14	.....	313,352.50	.....
5	.....	108,537.82	.....	312,066.81	.....
6	.....	79,440.02	.....		.....

To avoid crowding at the cashiers' windows, Sheriff Stevens has encouraged taxpayers this year to write to the office for their tax lists, and on receipt of these, checks have been forwarded to the office, accompanied by the tax statements. It was stated yesterday by Sheriff Stevens that all of these communications had been answered and that the work was well up to date.

Much annoyance can be prevented and money saved if taxpayers today and tomorrow will mail checks to the tax department, covering the amount of money due, as it is certain that the lines before the cashiers' windows will be blocked much of the time.

Castle Rock Girls Win.

CASTLE ROCK, March 13.—(Special.)—The Castle Rock High School girls again defeated the Kalamia girls at basketball Friday night 29 to 6. The Castle Rock High School boys also held the county championship.

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COMMERCIAL BILL DUE FOR ASSAULT

With Administration's Theories Shattered, Debate to Continue.

MESSAGE TO INSTILL LIFE

President May Be Called Upon to Demand Hurried Action by Congress on Features of Programme Outlined.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Although identical when introduced into the two Houses of Congress, it is now evident that the measure advocated in the House of Commerce and to amend the Interstate Commerce law, will bear no resemblance to each other when the deliberations of the two bodies are concluded.

In the House committee many of the Administration theories on the issuing of stocks and bonds and the merging of non-competing lines have been shattered and the end is not in sight, for assaults on the bill will continue on the floor.

Cummins to Open Battle.

While the opposition to the Administration bill was not strong enough to amend the bill in the Senate, it is conceded that several important changes will be forced on the floor. The debate will begin either today or Tuesday. Senator Cummins will open the discussion in support of certain changes advocated in the minority report of the Senate committee.

Practically all the "insurgents" Senators will speak on the railroad bill and there will be many speeches from the Democratic side. No one estimates that the debate will be finished in less than six weeks, and some Senators predict that much more time will be consumed.

An effort will be made by the House committee on Interstate Commerce to report the bill this week and it is probable debate on the same subject will proceed simultaneously at both ends of the Capitol.

Statehood legislation, which has passed the House, and postal savings bank legislation, which has passed the Senate, have been sidetracked for the Administration railroad bill. The postal bank bill, as hearings have been ordered by the House committee on postoffices and post roads, will reach the floor for several weeks, and in all probability not until the session nears its close.

Presidential Message Probable.

Regardless of the fact that the postal bill, the anti-injunction measure, statehood legislation and the Administration conservation measures are all a part of the Administration programme, there is not apparent anywhere a positive force pushing them for consideration. If the debate on the railroad bill lasts, it will require a Presidential message to instill life in the other features of the programme.

In the House, many matters are pending that will call out sharp debate and there is a disposition to let some of them go by the board. These include the Connell bill, to permit the homestead entry of the surface of coal lands, which would involve 30,000,000 acres. Ship subsidy; the construction of two battleships which may be a feature of the naval bill, and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness or bonds to the amount of \$30,000,000 to complete reclamation projects.

Polls are being taken on the question of making appropriations to construct battleships and the question of anti-injunction legislation. The line of the Moon bill. The preliminary count is said to be opposed to the battleship bill, but the attitude of the House on the Moon bill has not been disclosed.

Concern Shown for Others.

Colonel Roosevelt immediately insisted that Dr. Moore take the case in hand, and when the doctor decided that an operation was necessary, the ex-President volunteered to assist. This was not necessary, however, but the Colonel nevertheless stood by. At one of the stations in Uganda a native contingent, with two bands, one a life and drum, the other composed of brasses, marched to a private house, where Mr. Roosevelt was a guest at lunch and drew up for the natives. Each of the bands was conducted by a mission father, and the distinguished American's surprise and delight they enthusiastically played the American National anthem with only a false note here and there.

Natives Use Morse Code.

The manner in which the training of the natives is carried out interested Colonel Roosevelt greatly. Among other curious things, he saw uneducated natives talking and sending messages by Morse code and by semaphore with flags, by lamp and heliograph. Although the signalmen do not know what the messages mean, yet they never make a mistake in sending or receiving. Their method of checking is by counting the letters in a group. The natives display a curious instinct in following their instructions to the letter.

The ex-President made the most of everything, enjoying the successes of the expedition as keenly as the others, and sharing as fully as the others in its burdens.

LIEUTENANT KILLS SELF

C. M. Janney, Twelfth Infantry, Mysteriously Shot in Manila.

MANILA, March 13.—Second Lieutenant Clarence M. Janney, twelfth Infantry, killed himself yesterday at Fort William McKinley. It is not known whether the killing was intentional or by accident. Army inspectors are investigating.

Lieutenant Janney, accompanied by his wife, attended a dinner party at the house of Lieutenant-Colonel Robert E. Ames. Later Janney left the party and went to his quarters. He secured a revolver and returned to the house of Lieutenant-Colonel Ames on the way to which he fired one shot, presumably in the air. He entered the house and flourished the revolver. There was an explosion, and Janney fell with a bullet in his head. He died instantly.

It was first reported that Lieutenant-Colonel Ames had shot Janney and guards placed him under arrest, but he was released subsequently. Lieutenant Janney was born in Virginia in 1881. He was a member of the Twelfth Infantry, but was appointed second lieutenant on February 11, 1907.

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Geological Survey are not operating in sympathy and this makes the work of the committee more difficult. It is the opinion of the members that if the classification and the withdrawal bill can be passed, the way will be easy for other measures, which look to the disposal of the lands under the classification bill. The principal obstacles in the way of an agreement on the classification bill are found in the provisions relating to oil lands and waterpower sites. This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to classify all public lands.

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Seeing better sideways than straight ahead.
Seeing better in the evening or early morning than at midday.
Seeing objects double or multiplied.
Seeing a halo or circle about a light.
Pain in or about the eyes.
Constant or periodic headaches.

THE NEAR-SIGHTED EYE

Note how the rays focus before reaching the retina, causing myopia or near sight.

Shows the correction of defect with proper glasses, allowing the rays to focus on the retina.

THE FAR-SIGHTED EYE

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