

SAN FRANCISCO SWITCHMEN OUT

Official Staff Moves Passenger Trains.

UNION CHIEFS SEE BREAK

Crest to Pass in Two Days, Predict Workers.

CHICAGO TIE-UP RELAXES

Congress Takes Action for Probe by Considering Resolution of Senator McCormick.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The Southern Pacific railway late tonight announced that all switchmen, yard engineers and yard firemen in the San Francisco and Oakland yards, 450 in all, had walked out and that railroad officials and clerks were doing necessary switching of passenger trains.

CHICAGO, April 8.—While leaders of the insurgent strike of switchmen and engineers tonight contended that their strike had returned to coast to coast and involved some 35,000 men, officers of the unions who have condemned the walkout after taking stock of the situation said that the peak of the trouble had passed.

Reports from nearly a score of cities where the insurgents struck, union officers said, indicated that about 15,000 men had been affected directly or indirectly, including 8000 in Chicago.

Union leaders today failed in their efforts to win over any considerable number of the strikers, but tonight said various groups had returned to work and that they saw signs of weakening among the men, who, they said, would be back at work in a few days for lack of funds.

Early End Predicted. Vice-President A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and International President S. E. Heberling of the Switchmen's Union of North America, in predicting that the strike would be broken within the next two days, said that the spread of the insurgent uprising in other cities was only natural.

John Grunau, leader of the rebel yardmen's association, avowed that the walkout was growing hourly and that the men would not return to the fold of the parent union.

The strike is spreading from coast to coast. Reports tonight summarized the situation as follows:

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BRITONS APPRECIATE U. S. NAVY'S SERVICE

FUND SUBSCRIBED FOR MEMORIAL TO FIGHTERS. Monument Suggested Is Replica of Those Erected in Tribute to Work of Other Fleets.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The sum of £6000, subscribed in England for the erection of a memorial to the American navy for its assistance in sweeping the English channel of mines and patrolling it against submarines, was brought to New York today on the steamship Carmania by Major Evelyn Wrench. He said he would ask Secretary Daniels to accept this tribute to the 375 American ships which helped keep the Straits of Dover open for allied operations during the war.

The monument suggested is a replica of those erected in England and France in tribute to the work of the English and French navies in the same operations.

Another passenger was Sir William Wiseman, who expects to spend two months in the United States and Canada settling war claims against the British government.

The Carmania brought £2,000,000 sterling in gold for New York bankers.

MINER'S BODY PRESERVED

Curious Phenomenon Reported by Ship Captain at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—After being in a mine for 16 years, the body of a Chinese miner was taken out in a perfect state of preservation recently, according to Captain Hanson of the steamer Lake Fitch, which is discharging cargo in Tacoma after a voyage from Coquimbo and other ports of Chile and Peru.

The mine in which the body was found had been shut down for 16 years and the miner was killed on the day the pit was closed. No attempt at that time was made to recover the body. On account of the rising price of minerals, the mine was reopened and the first ore taken out formed part of the Lake Fitch cargo.

ALLIES OPPOSE FRANCE

Official Statement Issued Bearing on Rhine Occupation.

LONDON, April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—After a long conference which the French ambassador, Paul Cambon, had with Premier Lloyd George today, a full discussion of the Franco-German incident by the cabinet council, at which the French view was fully explained to the British ministers, an authoritative statement was issued.

In the statement it is stated that France acted entirely on her own initiative in deciding to occupy German towns; that Great Britain, the United States, Italy and Belgium were all opposed to the plan and that France's action has caused a delicate situation.

PHONE SALE IS UNDER WAY

Unknown Company Gets Option on Granger System.

KELSO, Wash., April 8.—(Special.)—The sale of the Granger Telephone & Telegraph Co., a full discussion of the company's assets, franchises and franchises, to one of the large telephone companies of the northwest is under way. F. L. Stewart of this city, as agent for representatives of the purchasing company, today option on the Granger company properties several months ago. The sale has been authorized.

The identity of the purchasing company has not been announced.

MEDFORD GIRL IS SAVED

Miss Marion B. Towne Loses All Personal Effects in Blaze.

MEDFORD, Or., April 8.—(Special.)—Miss Marion B. Towne of Phoenix, one of Jackson county's best known young women, was rescued from the Lincoln hotel fire at Seattle early Wednesday morning, but lost all her personal effects, according to a message received here early today.

Miss Towne served during the war in the army reserves, being stationed at the Bremerton navy yard, and since her discharge had been residing in Seattle at the Lincoln hotel.

CAMPAIGN CURB PROPOSED

Colorado Senator Urges Heavy Tax on Political Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—A tax of 100 per cent on political campaign contributions or expenditures exceeding \$1000 was proposed today by Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, in an amendment to the pending tariff bill.

Publicity of campaign finances by requiring statements of expenditures in all income tax returns also was proposed.

TRANSPORT IS DETAINED

Seven Deaths Result From Outbreak of Disease on Board.

HONOLULU, T. H., April 8.—The United States army transport Logan, bound from the far east to San Francisco, is quarantined here today owing to measles, mumps and influenza aboard, which have resulted in seven deaths.

The transport will depart tomorrow.

FACTIONS BATTLE OVER PEACE PLAN

Resolution Raises Storm of Oratory.

ADOPTION TODAY EXPECTED

Bitter Partisanship Charges Made by Democrats.

OTHER ISSUES BROUGHT IN

November Elections, International Situation and Wartime Legislation Figure in Fray.

WILSON PLAN IS FOUGHT

Flat Rejection of Industrial Conference Report Urged.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Flat rejection of the plan proposed by President Wilson's second industrial conference for the settling of labor unrest was urged before the senate labor committee today by W. Jett Lauck, secretary of the old war labor board. Mr. Lauck was the first witness at hearings on the conference plan preliminary to the drafting of legislation to carry into effect such of it as the committee may deem advisable.

The principles of the war labor board, Mr. Lauck said, should be taken as a basis for legislation instead of the industrial conference report.

PINEAPPLE MARKET EASY

Honolulu Packers Say Price Reduction Is Coming.

HONOLULU, March 31.—(By Mail.)—Hawaii's famed pineapple is to abandon the ranks of commodities responsible for the high cost of living, packers here announce. New prices in April will show substantial reductions.

HOG SELLS FOR \$40,000

Poland China Bought for \$265 15 Months Ago Brings Record.

VILLISCA, Ia., April 8.—A thoroughbred Poland China hog which the Williams brothers, breeders of this place, bought 15 months ago from L. R. McClarnon of Bradsville, Ia., for \$265 has been sold by them at private sale to W. H. Ellsworth of Goldfield, Ia. for the record price of \$40,000.

Anti-Saloon League Leader Will Return Soon From England.

WESTERVILLE, O., April 8.—William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, Anti-Saloon league leader, who "gave an eye to make England dry," is coming back to the United States this month.

CONGRESS' POWER QUESTIONED.

On the technical side of the discussion the democrats repeatedly challenged the constitutional right of congress to pass such legislation, in (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

TRANSPORT BRINGS 87 SOLDIER-DEAD HOME

VESSEL LIES AT NEW YORK WITH FLAG AT HALF MAST.

NEW YORK, April 8.—From Southampton, England, the bodies of 87 American soldiers who died in the service of their country on foreign soil, were brought by the army transport Stanmond which docked here today, her flag at half mast.

The bodies were those of enlisted men, most of whom died during the war at aviation and base camps in Great Britain.

From this port they will be shipped within a few days to virtually every state in the union. Each body, encased in a metal lined, flag draped casket, will be accompanied by a soldier guard made up as far as possible of men who served in the same organization as the deceased.

These guards of honor will remain with the bodies until the earth finally closes over their former comrades.

Relatives and friends of the dead assembled at the dock to receive the flag-draped coffins.

CRUISER WITH PRINCE SAILS FOR HONOLULU

ROYAL PARTY'S LAST DAY AT SAN DIEGO IS QUIET.

RECEPTION ON RENOWN BRINGS VISIT TO CLOSE—YOUTHFULNESS OF PARTY CAUSES COMMENT.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 8.—The British cruiser Renown steamed away from its berth off Coronado shortly after 6 o'clock tonight, carrying westward the Prince of Wales toward Honolulu on the next leg on his trip from England to Australia via the Panama Canal.

The prince devoted most of today to rest and recreation. This morning he went ashore on the Renown at Coronado and visited the golf links, where he played a round with some officers from his ship.

He then returned to the vessel for luncheon and remained there until the guests were taken to the Renown aboard two United States navy mine sweepers, placed at the disposal of the guests by Vice-Admiral Williams, commanding the Pacific fleet.

A reception, which lasted an hour, was the closing event of the prince's stay.

A feature of interest to Americans was the predominance of young officers of rank in the prince's party.

While there are a few middle-aged men in responsible positions, the aides and many of the higher officers are almost as young in looks as the prince himself, who has the appearance of a lad of 18.

The enlisted personnel of the Renown was also of youthful appearance. A liberty party of 400 men came ashore late yesterday and its members all averaged less than 25 years of age, while many were under 20, in the opinion of observers.

BARROWS CALM IN LEGION STORM

California Chief Silent on Ousting Move.

BONUS VIEWS RE-STATE

Issue One for Frankness, Is Standpoint.

FARM LAND PLAN URGED

No Indication Given in Statement as to Plan of Action to Be Taken in Case.

Report from San Francisco that San Francisco post No. 1 of the American Legion in California had adopted a resolution asking for his resignation of the office of state commander or a retraction of his position on the question of the form a bonus for service men should take, did not seem to disturb Dr. David P. Barrows, although he did not indicate what action he proposed to take.

It was to be inferred, however, from the views he voiced, that he firmly believes the issue is one open to frank expression of individual members of the legion, and that there is considerable difference of opinion at present.

In the first number of the California legion magazine, which bears date of the present month, Commander Barrows, who was a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry while in military service and was head of the intelligence service of the American expeditionary force in Siberia under Major General Graves, had an article in which he disagreed with the bonus plan as now proposed by the legion.

He said that he was not fully advised, but presumed it was upon that statement that the members of the San Francisco post had taken their action.

While he had no statement as to his answer thereto, he did express very candidly his views.

WORKERS IN FIUME QUIT

General Strike Declared as Result of Food Situation.

TRIESTE, April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—A general strike was declared in Fiume this morning. The city is without water or lights. The workmen demand restoration of the food situation to a normal basis.

The national council has promised to secure an improvement in conditions.

"DUMPING" TO BE FOUGHT

Senate Committee Starts War on Cheap Foreign Goods.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Legislation to prevent "dumping" in this country of foreign merchandise at less than its cost or real market value, was reported today by the senate finance committee.

Democrats gave notice of their intention to oppose the measure and Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, will file a minority report.

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AUSTRIA SEEKS COMMERCE

Trade and Cordial Relations With Italy and U. S. Sought.

ROME, April 7.—Means of meeting grave needs of the Austrian republic and establishment of rapid communication with the United States through Trieste are objects which have brought Dr. Karl Renner, Austrian chancellor, to Chicago.

He told the Associated Press today he hoped to arrange important commercial relations with America and that Austria desires to resume cordial intercourse with Italy.

PROLETARIAN JURY ASKED

James Larkin, Irish Labor Leader, Would Bar "Bourgeoisie."

NEW YORK, April 8.—Attempts on the part of James Larkin, Irish labor leader, to bar "bourgeoisie" from the supreme court jury which is to try him for criminal anarchy, and obtain the selection only of "proletarian" talesmen today again delayed progress of the trial.

Larkin is acting as his own attorney.

MILK SHIPPERS PLAN TO CUT OFF SEATTLE

RISE IN PRICE BY DISTRIBUTORS IS DEMANDED.

WASHINGTON SEES STORM IN OFFING

Fact That Nation Faces Crisis Realized.

SWITCHMEN'S MOVE OMINOUS

Seeming White House Unconcern Increases Fear.

RAILWAY TROUBLE GROWS

Union Labor Leaders Fighting to Retain Control of Men, but Spirit of Revolt Is Gaining.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, April 8.—Washington is waking up to the fact that the nation is facing an industrial crisis.

The switchmen's strike, which is spreading in spite of the efforts of the heads of the railway organizations to head it off, is causing grave concern.

This is especially true in view of the fact that the White House might have no evidence of concern over the matter and the railway labor boss provided for under the railway bill has not been named.

Neither have the vacancies in the interstate commerce commission been filled. The feeling exists here that the government is watching the development of the industrial situation with the same unconcern with which it is observing the developments in the international field.

LABOR LEADERS ALARMED.

The switchmen's strike is raising many complicated questions that are difficult to analyze. Aside from the lack of evidence of concern on the part of the government regarding the situation, the outstanding feature of the developments is that the railway organizations are fighting for their lives to retain control of their men.

The realization is keen among union labor leaders that if labor organizations cannot or will not carry out their contracts, the efficiency and effectiveness of the labor organizations is lost. It is for this reason that the leaders of the railway organizations are endeavoring to have the striking switchmen return to work and are vigorously calling attention to the fact that the strike is illegal.

REVOILT SPIRIT DISCLOSED.

The strike indicates a spirit of revolt in labor organizations against what is termed conservative leadership, a revolt that may grow to unknown proportions.

At the time of the steel strike the revolt was against Samuel Gompers, who was regarded by the railway organizations as well as by the steel workers as too conservative. It was alleged at that time that Warren S. Stone of the engineers was not able to have his "mind go along with that of Gompers" and Stone was regarded as an arch radical. Now the switchmen apparently regard Stone as too conservative and are prepared to go it alone.

It is feared here that unless the government takes steps to control the situation in Chicago, a serious situation will develop there, which may extend much further.

BIG INTERESTS MENACED.

Indicating the possibility that the time has arrived when a general showdown will be demanded, the old Dominion line, whose vessels ply between Norfolk and New York, has tied its vessels in dock. It is asserted by the old Dominion line that it lost \$2,000,000 last year and that it is now confronted with a demand for an increase of 50 to 80 per cent. It says it cannot do business on these lines and has closed shop. The Mallory line and the Merchants' and Miners' line is contemplating similar action.

Another indication of what is in the minds of men conversant with the situation is the fact that Henry M. Robinson, who was the head of the industrial conference which recently completed its work here, left at once for his home in California, where he has large interests.

Mr. Robinson is quoted as saying he was anxious to get home and "put his house in order."

CAPTAIN TRIES SUICIDE

Commander of Steamer Santa Tecla in Ancon Hospital.

PANAMA, April 8.—Captain McKennie of the American steamer Santa Tecla is in the Ancon hospital following an alleged attempt to commit suicide.

The Santa Tecla will be navigated to New York by a Panama canal pilot.

SPUDS UP ANOTHER NOTCH

Kansas City Reports Advance of 45 to 75 Cents.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 8.—Wholesalers announced an increase of 45 to 75 cents a hundred pounds for potatoes here today. The new price is \$7.25 to \$7.65.

The railroad situation was given cause.



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