

25 STRIKE CHIEFS ARRESTED IN RAID

Warrants Are Out for 30 More; 200 to Follow.

PRISONERS INCLUDE GRUNAU

President of Chicago Yardmen's Association Held.

ACTION IS UNEXPECTED

Men Taken by Federal Agents at Meetings Progress—Resistance Evidenced.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Twenty-five leaders in the insurgent strike of railroad switchmen were under arrest in Chicago tonight charged with violating the Lever act.

Among the arrested was John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association. The men were taken by federal agents at meetings of strikers and the action was unexpected by the men.

The prisoners, who also included H. E. Reading, chairman of the United Engineering's association, were released for a hearing April 24 on \$10,000 bonds each by Commissioner Mason.

The raids had been under preparation for a week. District Attorney Cline said. The arrests followed a telephonic communication with Attorney-General Palmer at Washington. The section in the Lever act under which today's action was taken provides a penalty of not more than a \$5000 fine or imprisonment for not more than two years or both. It is charged that the men conspired to interfere with shipments of food and the necessities of life.

Resistance is shown. The men, it was declared, generally showed resentment against the government action and declared they would continue the strike. After the arrests 300 switchmen voted to stay out.

Reports from western state centers showed continued improvement in the situation, with more men going back to work. Brotherhood leaders declared that since the peak of the walkout was passed several days ago, almost normal conditions had been brought about.

In Chicago, a statement by the roads declared that the continued return of men in the Chicago district had resulted in additional improvement in freight traffic. "There were 437 switch engine crews working today as compared with 408 yesterday," the statement continued. "The normal number is 705, a total of 538 cars of livestock, or 80 per cent. of normal, were brought into the stockyards. This is an increase of 287 cars over yesterday. There were also 176 cars of fresh meat moved out of the stock yards, or 56 per cent. of normal. The movement of inbound coal continues to improve."

Other men arrested in today's raids in Chicago include: R. Murphy, publicly representative of the yardmen's association, who declared in a statement for the men that no law had been violated and said the "whole matter had been a mistake on the part of the federal officials," and Elmer B. Bidwell, who was named yesterday by Attorney-General Palmer as Grunau's successor, and Joseph Scott, M. J. Kenney, Shannon Jones, F. C. Lockwood, H. J. Craig, J. H. Dodge, H. L. Dabby, Michael Platte, Hugo W. Radke, F. F. Schultz, M. L. Elligass, O. W. Casaday, William Larrabee, W. L. Bond, R. V. Miller, J. J. Cunningham, E. D. Devoy, A. A. Feltner, C. Logan, James Shannon and Alfred Prouthall.

Grunau and Reading, in a statement tonight, declared the walkout was not a strike and said no demands were sent to railroad managers until the men had left their work. "They were not called out," the statement said. "We realize that these arrests are the work of the brotherhood officials in an attempt to force us back to work. They will fall in their attempt. We still deny that we have violated any law or committed any overt act. We are not I. W. W. or Reds."

NO IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED

Operatives Investigate Rafi Tieup at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 15.—No improvement could be seen early tonight by railroad officials here in the situation created by the strike of switchmen.

Operatives of the department of justice were reported investigating the alleged connection of radicals with the tie-up here.

Southern Pacific freight brakemen and conductors declined to respond to calls.

Strikers at Winslow, Ariz., after resuming work for a time, again quit, and again tied up traffic on the main line of the Santa Fe.

It was stated that members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who voted last night to remain on

ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN RAIL BROTHERHOODS

"BIG FOUR" GETS UNTIL SATURDAY TO RESUME WORK.

Right Is Retained to Refuse to Reinstated Employees Who Have Showed Violence.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The railroad general managers' association of New York tonight delivered an ultimatum to the "big four" railroad brotherhoods, giving them until noon Saturday to have their men report for work.

"After that time, it stated, the railroads 'will themselves open their books for a period of 24 hours ending at noon Sunday, for such men as register during that period and who are acceptable, who will be taken back into the service, retaining their senior rights."

"In any event," the ultimatum added, "the railroads will refuse to renege or re-employ certain employees who have shown themselves in the brotherhood of railroad men to be violent by violence, seditious utterances, intimidation or other well defined means, an unfitnes for further railroad service."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—An ultimatum to striking switchmen here today demands their return to work by Saturday morning, April 17, on penalty of forfeiture of their membership in the brotherhood of railroad trainmen if they fail to report.

The ultimatum was signed by brotherhood chairman of the roads affected by the strike. Attacking the action of John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, at whose order the strike at Chicago was inaugurated, the chairman point to the provisions of the transportation act, under which the railroad industry has been treated as showing that neither Grunau nor a new organization can avail the strikers anything.

"It seems inconsistent," the ultimatum says, "for our members to remain out of the service in violation of their agreements and at the same time crippling the railroad industry and greatly embarrassing the public, who are helpless in the matter."

SALE LAKE CITY, April 15.—Notices stating that unless employees returned to work tomorrow their connections with the company would automatically be severed were posted and published here today by the Oregon Short Line railroad, over the signature of H. V. Platt, general manager.

GAS FLOWS IN QUANTITY

Genuine Oil Sand Penetrated by Drills in Washington.

PROSSER, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—What is pronounced by experts to be genuine oil sand has been penetrated by the oil drills on the north side of the hills 18 miles northeast of Prosser. This accords with the predictions of geologists of national repute who examined the field. Thus far oil has not materialized, although the signs are steadily improving.

Gas in sufficient quantity to supply Spokane, Portland, Walla Walla, Yakima and the Puget Sound district has been flowing from at least two wells and plans are under discussion for piping this gas to the principal cities.

The Washington-Texas Oil company, composed of capitalists who have achieved notable success in the Texas field, is energetically preparing for the drilling of wells and has a number of standard rigs in the field. The Walla Walla company, which was the first to take up the oil exploration, is drilling the well that gives promise of early results.

SENATE CONSIDERS PEACE

Joint Resolution Taken Up by Foreign Relations Body.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The republican joint peace resolution and other bills were considered today by the senate foreign relations committee, but no decision was reached. It was said the committee was "far from an agreement."

Democrats were said to have criticized the house measure as an alleged invasion of executive prerogatives. Some of the republicans favored a simple resolution confined to a statement terminating the war, discontinuing the house provisions regarding the treaty of Versailles and repealing wartime legislation.

TACOMA RAISES SALARIES

Increase of \$420 Annually Granted With \$1200 Minimum.

TACOMA, April 15.—School teachers and school supervisors of Tacoma last night were granted a wage increase of \$420 a year by the school board. The new wage schedule will go into effect at the beginning of the next school term in September.

The school board fixed a new minimum wage for grade teachers at \$1200 a year, which will be paid bi-monthly, and \$1500 for high school teachers.

CONVICTED I. W. W. APPEAL

Four Drawing 10 Years on Syndicalism Charge Take Action.

MONTESSANO, Wash., April 15.—Notice of appeal to the supreme court of the cases of four I. W. W. recently convicted of criminal syndicalism and sentenced to one to ten years in prison, was filed today by Ralph S. Pierce, attorney for the prisoners. No appeal was made in the cases of the 15 other prisoners, who were fined \$300 each and costs.

PRESIDENT CALLS NEW LABOR BOARD

Body to Organize to Fight "Outlaw" Strike.

SENATE CONFIRMS MEMBERS

Walkout Condition Improving, Says Attorney-General.

60,000 RADICALS LISTED

Administration Officials Expect Results From Newly-Created Commission.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Members of the railway labor board whose nominations were confirmed today by the senate, were called tonight by President Wilson to meet tomorrow and organize. Some of them are already in the city and provision has been made for their assembly at the headquarters of the railway administration.

The president's call was issued as soon as word of the senate's action in confirming the members reached him. Administration officials have felt that the board would prove an effective agency toward ending the "outlaw" strike of railway men.

The senate apparently shared this view. While sharp criticism of some of the nominations was expressed, final action was taken in an unusually brief time, considering the importance of this new government agency of the immediate task that faces the country.

The action of the senate's confirmation of members of the labor board will permit an early test of the theory that the board's consideration of railroad labor's wage demands would improve the situation of the workers generally to alleviate unrest in that class of workers.

Attorney-General Palmer said today he believed that the chaotic condition created by the walkout was improving, but he declared that the department of justice was not relaxing its efforts in any direction. United States district attorneys in every strike area have made local arrests of agitators and strikers, but these, he said, were cases where specific law violations have occurred.

Mr. Palmer declared such matters were not for "headquarters" consideration, regarding that the government extended the staff of district attorneys to act on their own initiative with respect to prosecution of violators of laws.

Department officials practically have decided to canvass the lists of all strikers and was expected to ask officials of all railroad lines affected by the strike to furnish the same information as was requested of the Pennsylvania and New York Central companies Tuesday. Assistant Attorney-General Garvan said he expected these lists of names to divulge the identity of the "borers from within" in the recognized labor organizations.

The department has card indexed the records of more than 60,000 radicals, and the names of strike leaders and agitators will be traced through these records in an effort to establish connections with previous activities.

Mr. Garvan said a staff of clerks already had begun the work of eliminating the "misled from the agitators" through the process of comparison of records. This work will go on, even though the strike collapses completely, he said.

SPUD BOYCOTT DUE IN NEXT FIVE DAYS

HOUSES' ACTION LIKELY TO BECOME GENERAL.

Hotel and Caterers Favor Doom of Potato and Asks Hotelmen's Aid in Fight on Profiteers.

Should the Hotelmen's association be of the same opinion as the Portland caterers a boycott on potatoes in public eating places may be declared within the next five days.

At a meeting of the latter yesterday advocated action such as taken in Seattle and Denver. It was explained that so far as the caterers are concerned, their motives are purely patriotic, many having supplies stored to last many months. A committee has been appointed to go before the hotel men and ask their cooperation in carrying out such a protest against potato profiteers.

R. W. Price, president of the Hotelmen's association, yesterday declined to make any prediction as to the sentiment which might be expressed at the coming meeting. Personally, he said, he felt people could not be interested, because they seem to be willing to pay any price for the potatoes.

Last Tuesday the Housewives' council voted to initiate a potato boycott. At a luncheon to be held by the chairmen of committees of the Portland Women's club this noon boycott recommendations will probably be made.

Mrs. Harry Chipman, chairman of the program arrangements, has already expressed herself highly in favor of decisive action.

NEW FUEL DISCOVERED

Chemist Tells Association of Fluid Exceeding Coal or Oil.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—Discovery of a new fuel fluid, greater in heat value than either coal or present fuel oils, was related here today at the closing session of the convention of the American Chemical Society.

A paper prepared by Jerome Alexander of New York asserted the fluid would prove valuable to navigation, permitting a wider cruising radius and that it could be used for smokeless power.

The new fuel utilizes coal waste and cheap tars, it was explained, and mixed with a secret process combines the heating qualities of coal and oil.

SOLDIER'S WIFE KIDNAPED

Mrs. R. L. Sanford Relates Capture and Abuse by Mexicans.

EL PASO, Tex., April 15.—Mrs. R. L. Sanford, 35 years old, wife of a horseherd of the 8th cavalry, United States army, Fort Bliss, was kidnapped by two Mexicans near an El Paso park entrance yesterday and taken to Juarez, where, according to her story, told in a nervous way today, she was mistreated by 15 Mexicans.

Mrs. Sanford said she was abandoned in the street late at night, where, being discovered by police, she was seized and taken to jail. She was released today and crossed the Rio Grande and told her story, which is being investigated.

TIMBER HOLDERS ACTIVE

Extensive Operations by Companies Predicted in Near Future.

QUINCY, Cal., April 15.—(Special.)—C. L. Starr, an attorney of Portland, Or., who represents clients having large lumber holdings in northern California, has been in Quincy on business connected therewith.

Three companies represented by Starr, Curtis, Collins and Holbrook, the Soper-Wheeler company and the Wolf Creek Timber company own an aggregate of 80,000 acres of timber in Plumas county.

Predictions are made that these companies will engage in extensive operations here in the near future.

VACCINATION ORDER PRECIPITATES STORM

BOARD OF HEALTH CRITICISED FOR ACTION AT LINCOLN.

Dr. Parrish Declares Delay of Day Makes No Difference in Spread of Contagion.

Vaccination orders issued by the city health department this week at Lincoln high school have brought forth a storm of protest from parents in the district, and it was estimated that fully one-fourth of the student body was absent yesterday on this account.

Small pox contracted by Richard Gordon, one of the students, was responsible for issuance of the orders, which have given the school an epidemic scare.

Objections were carried to the clerk and to Dr. A. C. Newhall. Dr. E. A. Sommer, another of the directors, was much aroused and declared the health bureau's methods all wrong, objecting particularly to the children being permitted to attend school an entire day before being ordered to be vaccinated.

Explanation of the situation was made last night by City Health Officer Parrish thus: "For the past six months we have been under a regulation from the state board of health requiring us to vaccinate or have the children remain at home three weeks whenever a case is found."

"The school was ordered closed Wednesday night and the children were told to be vaccinated if they returned today. Many of them are flocking into our office for this purpose, and I do not think the absent list is going to continue as heavy. One day would not have made any difference in the spread of smallpox, because it requires from seven to 21 days to develop after exposure."

FARMERS HIT 8-HOUR DAY

Nova Scotians Protest Short Hours Will Boost Costs.

TRURO, N. S., April 15.—The increased cost of living affects farmers as well as everybody else, maintain delegates at the Nova Scotia farmers' convention.

A resolution was adopted today protesting "in the strongest manner against an eight-hour day, as it would at once increase the cost of everything grown, manufactured, sold or in any way produced."

JOHN REED NOT EXECUTED

American Magazine Writer Reported Alive and Well.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—John Reed, an American magazine writer, reported recently to have been executed in Finland, is alive and well, according to an official report received at the state department today.

Reed is under indictment at Chicago charged with conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

HOUSE PLANS RECESSES

"Gentlemen's Agreement" Against Transaction of Business Favored.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—House leaders here indicated today are planning three-day recesses, beginning about May 15, under "gentlemen's agreement" that no business will be transacted until the senate is ready to recess for the summer.

This is expected to be early in June and under present plans the recess will continue until September 1.

BLIZZARD HITS CANADA

Snow Drifts at Moosejaw Reported Many Feet Deep.

MOOSEJAW, Sask., April 15.—The worst blizzard of the season struck this district last night as a result of which traffic is almost at a standstill today.

Houses were snowed in and snow drifts were many feet deep in places.

L. F. POST FACED BY IMPEACHMENT

Acting Labor Secretary Hit in Resolution.

ALIEN CASES ARE CAUSE

Representative Hoch, Kansas, Leads Movement.

"HIGH CRIMES" CHARGED

Measure Referred to Rules Committee After Holdup by Majority Leader Mondell.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 15.—Resolution by Homer Hoch, representative of Kansas, looking to the impeachment of Louis F. Post, acting secretary of labor, temporarily held up in the House this afternoon by Majority Leader Mondell, was introduced late today and was referred to the rules committee.

The Hoch resolution grows out of the recent sensational disclosures regarding Post's handling of the cases of aliens arrested and held for deportation.

"If Mr. Post has handled these cases as charged," said Representative Hoch tonight, "he is guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors and should be impeached. In view of revelations made since the outbreak of the outlaw railroad strike, there is no doubt in my mind that impeachment proceedings should be instituted and that Mr. Post should be ousted with as little ceremony as possible."

Personal Element Denied. "There is nothing personal in my resolution. Two cases cited by Representative Albert Johnson of Washington, speaker of the immigration committee, in a speech in the house last Monday look to me like sufficient grounds for removing Mr. Post. I intend pressing my resolution."

"I know how the members of the immigration committee, who have been investigating the activities of alien radicals, feel. I also know how the attorney-general feels about this matter and think I know how every other good American citizen feels about the hold attempts of these aliens to overthrow this government."

It was explained by Mr. Hoch tonight that Leader Mondell only halted the resolution this afternoon to preserve the regular order of house procedure and not because of opposition to it. An informal caucus was held late this afternoon, attended by Mr. Hoch, speaker Gillett, Chairman Albert Johnson, of the immigration committee, Chairman Volstead of the judiciary committee, Majority Leader Mondell and two or three other members of the house at which it was agreed that the resolution should have early consideration.

Strike Enters Debate. Radicalism and the outlaw railroad strike got into the house debates again today when Representative Porter, democrat of Illinois, and Representative Cooper, republican of Ohio, assailed Representative John M. Baer, non-partisan league representative from North Dakota, because of a cartoon drawn by Baer and published in "Labor," the organ of the Plumb plan league, was charged by his two colleagues with having libeled 350 members of the house who supported the railroad bill.

The cartoon was accompanied by (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

COMMITTEE FAVORS SOLDIER LAND BILL

TOTAL APPROPRIATION CUT TO \$200,000,000.

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 15.—Approval was given by all of the republican members of the house ways and means committee today to a bill drawn by the sub-committee, of which Representative Hawley of Oregon is chairman, providing for soldier settlements on lands reclaimed by irrigation, drainage and other methods.

The only change made was the reduction of the total appropriation from \$500,000,000 to \$200,000,000. The amount to be available each year for ten years is correspondingly reduced from \$50,000,000 to \$20,000,000. This action by the majority members will mean the adoption of the Hawley bill, it was believed, and will assure the passage of the bill.

The bill was introduced in the house by the majority members within the next ten days as a part of a general bonus bill. Some opposition to the general scheme of bonus legislation is beginning to loom which has been further stimulated by some letters and telegrams received in the last few days by members of congress from individual veterans.

These letters and telegrams threaten the members of congress with political extermination if they fail to support energetically legislation to pay all soldiers, whether well, strong or able-bodied, cash bonuses amounting to \$5 a month for all time in the service.

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THE Northwest Steel company, which built 26 steel ships in an emergency fleet corporation and three for private interests, has gone out of business and its shipbuilding plant has been taken over and will be operated by the Northwest Bridge & Iron company, which was announced last night by J. R. Bowles, ex-president of the Northwest Steel company.

Neither J. R. Bowles nor Walter B. Beebe, formerly vice-president of the Northwest Steel company, will have any connection with the Northwest Bridge & Iron company, it was announced.

The directors of the Northwest Bridge & Iron company announced that W. H. Cutlers and L. R. Banks, it was announced in an official statement from that company yesterday, and it is that company instead of the Northwest Steel company which will build seven steel tank ships of 12,000 deadweight tons capacity each for the Swiftsure Oil Transport company, a subsidiary of the Canada & France Steamship company.

Work to Start This Month.

Actual construction work on the tankers will begin late this month or early in May, it was stated by a representative of the Northwest Bridge & Iron company yesterday, or as soon as the necessary changes can be completed in the plant. The shipbuilding ways must be widened and extended for at least 100 feet to accommodate the big tank ships.

Details of the mechanical arrangements of the yard have not yet been decided. Some of the ways of the Columbia River Shipbuilding company plant next door may be added to the yard, it was said, though there is no connection between the two companies, which will build the ships.

Only Citizens to Get Work. The plant will be operated for Americans only, it was stated, and no foreigner will be employed unless he can show his first papers. The general principle will prevail with no discrimination in favor of or against members of the various unions. About 4000 men will be employed in the plant.

The wage scale, according to company officials, will be 8 cents an hour higher than is being paid for similar work by government navy-yards and by private shipbuilding plants on the Atlantic coast. The scale, covering the principal classifications, was given as follows: Journeyman ship joiners, 94 cents an hour; pipefitters, machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, ship fitters and riggers, 85 cents an hour; helpers, 65 cents, and common labor 60 cents. Double rates will apply for all overtime.

Mr. Beebe in Washington.

J. R. Bowles, retiring head of the shipbuilding plant, decided last night to discuss his plans for the future. W. B. Beebe is still in Washington, where he negotiated the contracts for the seven tankers. It is stated that in his book placed the contracts for the Swiftsure Oil Transport company, Mr. Beebe acted under authorization from the Northwest Bridge & Iron company, which was previously connected with the Northwest Steel company.

W. R. Bowles, W. H. Cutlers and L. R. Banks, the directors of the new shipbuilding company, are all experienced executives in the shipbuilding field and were prominently identified with war-time shipbuilding here.

W. R. Bowles is the son of C. D. Bowles, head of the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation and a nephew of J. R. Bowles. He was formerly with the Dutlie Shipbuilding company at Seattle, and during the war-time activity here was connected with the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation.

Mr. Cutlers Civil Engineer.

Mr. Cutlers was for many years engaged with the Northwest Steel company as a civil engineer, and was head of the Northwest Bridge & Iron company during the Northwest Steel company's operations.

L. R. Banks was shop superintendent for the Northwest company, and was previously connected with the Canadian Northwest Steel company at Vancouver, B. C.

Though the contracts for the construction of the seven tankers were obtained by the Northwest Bridge & Iron company from the shipping board, the connection of the government with the ships ended there, it was stated yesterday. The future owners of the vessels will have their own representatives here to inspect the work, and the emergency fleet corporation will have no supervision over the yard.



ADAPTED FROM THE FAMOUS PAINTING 'BREAKING HOME TIES' BY REAR

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