



STRIKE NOTE, WAGE CUT COME TODAY

Packers, Laborers Expect Mediation to Fail.

NATIONAL WALKOUT LOOMING

Union Leaders Say Industry Wants Them to Act First.

ISSUE WITHHELD, CHARGE

Stand That Pay and Hours Are Not Involved in Arbitration Blocks Settlement, Declare Laborites.

CHICAGO, March 13.—With more than 100,000 employees in the packing industry balloting on a proposed strike, wage decreases amounting to 1 1/2 and 15 per cent, together with a readjustment of working hours, will go into effect tomorrow.

Both the packers and union officials yesterday agreed to meet Secretary of Labor Davis, who offered his services as mediator in the hope of averting a strike. Tonight representatives of both sides said there was little prospect of agreement.

Union leaders pointed out that the packers, in agreeing to send two representatives to Washington, had said: "We assume that the justice and necessity of wage cuts will not be in issue; nor can there justly be an issue on the matter of hours."

Nothing held at issue.

According to representatives of the men, this left nothing to be discussed.

"We know the packers are hoping some of our men will engage in a runaway strike tomorrow," said Dennis Lane of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, "and in fact we have evidence that they are aggravating them."

"However, the international officers have warned our membership to remain on the job until after the vote has been taken and until the international executive board has issued strike instructions."

Strike to Be National.

"When the strike occurs, it will be national and will have occurred because of the packers repudiating an agreement with the government and because of their desire for a strike to accomplish the purpose of destroying the workers' organization, and unloading at profiteering prices the enormous quantities of meat now in cold storage, which they bought at the lowest price paid for livestock since 1917."

A meeting of the union leaders to take action on the proposed strike will be held here Wednesday. By that time the result of the strike balloting will be known, it was expected.

BRITISH IN IRELAND TO HANG SIX TODAY

PRISONERS ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN AMBUSHES.

Women, Children and Volunteers, in Defiance of Military, Hold Big Demonstration at Prison.

DUBLIN, March 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The lord mayor was officially informed tonight that the government had decided that the law should take its course in the case of the six prisoners in Mountjoy prison, and the executions will be carried out tomorrow.

GREAT INDUSTRIAL CONFLICT BREWING

Railroads and Employes Riding to Waterloo.

FEDERAL OPERATION ISSUE

Dead Hand of War-time Prosperity Guides Labor.

ROADS FIGHT FOR LIFE

Harden Colfax Wonders What Action Will Follow Decision of Issue by U. S. Board.

BY HARDEN COLFAX. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—(Special.)—The greatest industrial conflict the United States has ever known looms ahead. The railroads and their employes are riding fast toward Waterloo. The dead hand of war-time prosperity holds the reins down, with earning power and individuality lost, under the waves of government operation?

Through the dust of a dozen related issues there appears the main objective: Shall the railroads continue under private control, and like other previously controlled industries, set their own wage scales or shall they relinquish all grip on wages and go down, with earning power and individuality lost, under the waves of government operation?

Earnings in Red Ink.

For the first time in many months the railroads have written their earnings in red ink. During January the \$13,000,000 transportation system of the United States, taken as a unit, failed to make a penny. Lumped earnings of 123 roads, operating 160,000 miles of line (nearly two-thirds of the total), showed a deficit of more than \$1,000,000.

Returns are still coming in—the same sort of returns. How big the deficit will be, how big it will be for February—admittedly larger than for January—only time will show.

All over the United States the railroads have announced cuts in wages. Here in Washington railroad men, members of congress, departmental and other officials are not unmindful of the consequences.

Titanic Struggle Expected.

They are looking forward to a titanic struggle with labor, peaceable maybe, but with the chances favoring local walkouts and with the grim specter of a national strike taking form in the background.

Labor has announced that it will resist the downward wage revision. How far it will go in its resistance rests only with labor, but railroad officials and others fully anticipate that there will be strikes on the part of some of the railroad labor organizations.

The railroads plan to observe the (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

BRITAIN'S BULWARK TO BE BIG WARSHIPS

OUTLAY FOR 1921-22 PUT AT 10,000,000 POUNDS LESS.

Main Fleet Is Said to Consist of 38 Capital Craft, of Which 8 Are Called Obsolescent.

LONDON, March 13.—Navy estimates for 1921-22, to be announced tomorrow, will show a reduction of possibly 10,000,000 on the net estimate for the last financial year, which was \$4,372,400 according to the forecast of the political correspondent of the London Times. He declared that the government had decided in principle that the capital ship must continue to be the main unit of the fleet.

EX-KAISER DECLARES HE WAS PEACEMAKER

WILHELM PROPOSED LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN 1905.

Fugitive Hohenzollern's Book Is Interesting Because Notes Tell of Past Intrigue.

THE HAGUE, March 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the book he has written for private distribution in an attempt to show Great Britain was responsible for the war, the former kaiser paints William II as a man who tried for 30 years to maintain peace in Europe, but who says he was felled by Great Britain, France and Russia.

TAR OWN BODIES AT MOB'S BIDDING

Details of Non-Partisan Attack Are Bared.

VICTIMS NOT SEEN SINCE

Ex-Senator Burton Is Not Yet Heard From.

MEN STRIP AT ORDER

All Forced to Roll in Grass in Lieu of Feathers and Don Clothes as Party Departs.

GREAT BEND, Kas., March 13.—Details of the anti-non-partisan league demonstration in Barton county last night, which reached a climax in the escorting from Great Bend of J. R. Burton, ex-senator from Kansas, and the tarring of J. O. Stevic and A. A. Parsons, revealed that Stevic and Parsons were compelled to apply a coating of tar to themselves while undressed. After they had been forced by several hundred men to roll on the ground, their clothing was returned and they were told to leave.

ROUMANIA'S QUEEN WILL VISIT COAST

WISH TOLD TO SEE INDIANS AND MOVING PICTURE LABORATORIES.

ATHENS, March 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Queen Marie of Roumania intends to visit America soon and she declared yesterday she believed King Ferdinand would accompany her as far as New York. She contemplates a survey of America.

PLEBISCITE RIOTS LOOM IN SILESIA

Germans More Confident Than Poles of Result.

RIVAL COMMISSIONS GUARDED

Native Voters of Territory at Issue Mobilized.

QUESTION IS ECONOMIC

People of Country Declared to Be of Neither Race Now Seeking to Obtain Control.

BY ARNO DOSCH FLEUROT. (Copyright by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.) KATOWITZ, Upper Silesia, March 13.—(Special by wireless.)—Barricaded behind iron grills that blocked the staircases and with other bars protecting the windows to prevent hand grenades being thrown in upon them, the chiefs of the rival plebiscite commissions, German and Polish, gave me interviews.

GIRL, 18, HURT IN CRASH

Stolen Auto Smashes Into Another; Unidentified Driver Escapes.

MISS VAUNITA Noble, 18 years old, 6417 East Sixty-third street, was seriously injured last night when a stolen automobile crashed into the car in which she was riding and which was driven by R. J. Weile, 1708 East Seventeenth street South.

OLCOTT PARDONS YOUTH

Ex-Service Man at Eugene Who Set Fire to Jail Is Free.

EUGENE, Or., March 13.—(Special.)—Fred Worthington, who a few days ago was sentenced by Judge Skipworth in circuit court to serve 90 days in the county jail for malicious injury to a building, yesterday was pardoned by Governor O'Leary.

AIRPLANE KILLS WOMAN

Spectator Is Struck as Aviator Makes Landing.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 13.—Mrs. A. Woolenkoff, 70, of Van Wert, Ohio, was killed today at Pablo Beach when struck by an airplane driven by Monte Rolfe of Augusta, Georgia.

FEELING RUNNING STRONG

Sheriff Hill Said Tonight that He Had Been Unable to Obtain Evidence that There Had Been a "Tarring Party."

Feeling has been strong against the league here and at Ellinwood since the meeting of the league here last summer, at which Mills, a national organizer, was egged. A meeting at Ellinwood was broken up. Stevic protested this action to Governor Allen and asked the removal of Sheriff Yancy, now a deputy.

STRIKE END HELD NEAR

Mexican President Makes Public Letters to Leaders.

MEXICO CITY, March 13.—President Obregon today made public letters to leaders in the railway strike which express the hope that an amicable settlement would soon be reached.

SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 17

Students at State Normal Will Get Diplomas March 24.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 13.—The normal school will graduate the following persons from the standard course on March 24:



NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB

Prisoner Hanged After Jury Fails to Agree in Murder Trial.

VERSAILLES, Ky., March 13.—Richard James, negro, charged with the murder of B. T. Rogers and Homer Nave at Midway, October 8, was taken from the Woodford county jail by a mob early today and hanged from a tree, two miles from this city.

AUTO UPSETS; 1 MAY DIE

E. W. Radke Seriously Injured; Ray Owen, Leo McKay Hurt.

An automobile driven by Leo McKay, 178 East Third-fifth street, skidded from the road at a curve about seven miles below Rainier at 6 o'clock last night and turned turtle, pinning McKay and two passengers, Ray Owen and E. W. Radke, beneath it. Radke was the only member of the trio who was seriously hurt, probably fatally.

TRAVELER IS STABBED

Mexican Attacks G. S. Ackerman in Twin Falls, Idaho.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, March 13.—(Special.)—G. S. Ackerman, traveling representative of Sheurman Brothers, Des Moines suit and coat house, was in a local hospital tonight as a result of a stabbing affray here this afternoon.

FIVE ARE KILLED IN FIRE

Two Missing and More Than Score Injured in \$350,000 Blaze.

RICHMOND, Va., March 13.—Five persons, four of them firemen, are known to be dead, two are missing and more than a score are injured as the result of a fire here today which caused damage of more than \$350,000 to a six-story furniture establishment.

THOUSANDS HOLD PARADE

A parade in which thousands of stockyard workers took part was held in the district known as "back o' the yards" today.

EARLY CONFERENCE WANTED

Experts' Data on Packing Industry Placed Before Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Secretary of Labor Davis was tonight awaiting replies from four of the five leading packers and from packing house employes to his offer of mediation in the controversy arising from the proposed wage cut.

EAST ST. LOUIS WILL VOTE

Meat Cutters and Butchers to Decide Action on Pay Cut.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 13.—East St. Louis union locals of the Amalgamated Association of Meat Cutters and Butchers of North America will hold a meeting tomorrow night to determine what action to take on the reduction of wages and extension of the working day, as announced by the large packers to take effect Monday.