### REPORT ON STRIKE MADE TO HARDING

NOTHING ELSE IS DONE

Postal Chief's Statement Is Only One Issued in Washington: Daugherty Meets President.

night. An attitude of watchful preparaassumed a more concrete status.

Evidence was still lacking as to a asis for the expressed expectation y labor leaders that a petition for injunction would be the next move-

of meeting any attempted interfer-ence with the mails. By telephone he conferred with heads of important postal districts as to the emergency

"The mails will be moved." he said later, but he refused to make any

Statistics Are Studied. At the conference between mem-bers of the labor board and the commerce commission, voluminous statis-

The conferees saw Attorney-General Daugherty at noon and Mr. Daugherty lunched with the president. Later he

not take any action at present. It would be impossible, he said, for the legislative branch to move until the executive had exhausted every effort to avert a strike.

for a solution of the problem. The public group of the board proposed that the railroads immediately put into effect freight reductions equivalent to the wage decreases authorized by the board last July, that the rail-

#### 9,000,000 AUTOS AND TRUCKS READY FOR EMERGENCY USE

General Manager of National Automobile Chamber of Commerce Declares Freight, Needed Most, Can Be Handled,

if the railroad strike called for October 30 goes into effect, Alfred Reeves, general manager of the Na-tional Automobile chamber of commerce, declared in a statment today. He said the motor trucks of the country could easily handle freight necessary to relieve emergencies and added that in cities commuting passenger traffic could be taken care of by notor buses.

Farmers, Mr. Reeves said, own 139,-

"Anything regarding our report ust come from the president," he id. At the White House it was id there would be no statement to-diff.

An attitude of watchful prepara-An attitude of watchful preparation characterized activities of other
governmental agencies. The department of justice completed a survey of
statutes and precedents to determine
the scope of federal authority, but
the impression given by most officials was that the government could

attack on the people and govern-ment," by J. H. Defrees, president of the chamber of commerce of the

United tSates.
Similar action by the labor groups in 1916 was avoided, he said, by passage of the Adamson law and labor leaders at that time could offer in their defense the fact that there was legally constituted body to render decision in the controversy. "Congress has now constituted such

a tribunal in creation of the railroad labor board," the statement said. "If any one is dissatisfied with the board, there is open the orderly method of democracy for obtaining changes."

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17 .- The railroad executives at their meeting in Chicago last Friday decided that they would welcome a strike if the em-ployes refused to accept the proposed 10 per cent wase reduction, B. M. Rob-inson, president of the American inson, president of the American Short Line Railroad association, said at a regional meeting of the organi-

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 - (By the Associated Press.) - Necessary steps to con-tinue public service in any emergency will be taken by the Southern Pacific

line, according to a telegram sent to the New York Herald today from New Canaan, Conn., by Julius Kruttschnitt,

"The three presidents of the South-ern Pacific lines charged with their operation may be relied on to take all Farmers, Mr. Reeves said, own 18-2.
696 trucks, and these, with those in occassary steps to continue public strikes, could be utilized in delivering service in any emergency that may arise. The labor leaders have raised people shall govern our country and make its laws Railroad officers understand the nature of their obligations to the public and the sooner all organized and unorganized employes also recognize the public nature of their recognizes the public nature of their recognizes. their service the sooner we shall have industrial peace."

NEW YORK, Oct. 17 -- (By the Associated Press.)—A general railroad strike would have an immediate and

serious effect on steamship lines, according to W. L. Marvin, general manager of the American Steamship Owners' association.

Curtailment of train service, he said today, would interfere with the flow of exports to seaboard and a few days would see piers and warehouses congested with imports.

Coastwise lines, it was said, might be compelled greatly to increase present sailings to care for freight and passengers. The same will apply to

coast-to-coast traffic, via the Panama

OTTAWA. Ont. Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—A. R. Mosher, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Employes, said today that the projected railroad strike in the United States would not affect Canadian lines. In several cases in Canada boards of conciliation are functioning.

FARGO, N. D., Oct. 17.—(By the As-ociated Press.)—That the threatened milroad strike will not last more than a week, because, he said, the sufferings of the public will force the government to take possession of the roads and operate them, was the prediction made tonight by Glenn E. Plumb, originator of the Plumb plan.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Oct. 17 - (By time for the strike to begin). the Associated Press.)—L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Rail:
way Conductors, said today there would be a railroad strike and was making preparations for one, and while no one wanted to see a strike, there comes a time when patterns.

ation here today.

He advised that if the reduction be when the strike comes.

Not Desire to Strike.

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### ROAD OFFICERS PREPARE

STRIKE OF ORGANIZED WORK-ERS FULLY EXPECTED.

Public Sentiment Wholly Against Walkout, Says Charles Dillon,

wages of July 1 last siresdy has been absorbed in hundreds of lowered freight rates, mostly commodity rates. Any further reduction in wages will be reflected instantly in lower rates for the benefit of the people.

"The preposed strike will bring out whether one class shall rule and 40.

by the board last July, that the railroads withdraw further requests for
wage reductions, and that the employes rescind the strike order pending action by the board on proposals
of the carriers for further pay cuts.

Whether one class shall rule and dicContinued From First Page.)

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There was some discussion today of bringing up the anti-strike bill spon-sored by Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington, but it was said there would be no immediate action by congress.

MORE LABOR CHIEFS ASSIGNED

Big Five Executives to Be Kept
Advised of Situation.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—Additional assignments of grand officers in 122 brincipal cities who will keep the executives of the situation of the stream of the situation of many sees and transportation organizations advised of the situation in their districts were \$1.365.100.61 to 120 the lands of the situation in their districts were \$1.365.100.61 to 120 the lands of the situation in their districts were \$1.365.100.61 to 120 the lands of the situation in their districts were \$1.365.100.61 to 120 the lands of the situation in their districts were shall be nor how the work shall be amounced at Chicago Saturday night, include the following:

Denver—A. J. Leveli, W. J. Babe.

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the railroads are. They cannot say high wages received by conductors and engineers. No thought was given to the wages received by the section handled. They must get permission to do these things. They are not to do these things. They are not permitted to say what part of the money shall be kept after it is earned. "If the railroads get a return of 5 per cent or more the interstate commerce commission takes one-half the wares not to the wages received by the section hands.

The maintenance of way men today to the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the money shall be kept after it is earned. "If the railroads get a return of 5 per cent or more the interstate commerce commission takes one-half the walk out find the surplus and may say what shall. But after may be."

In wages, the labor brotherhoods now propose to defy the law and strike developed every rather than accept a much smaller reduction in wages. The course of the workers were constituted of the law and strike developed every to the wages made which indicated that post.

Cincinnati Lay-Off Announced.

CINCINNATI. Oct. 17.—The South-plain provisions of the law is clearly adopted to nullify these provisions of the law.

Such a condition was never known before in this sort in wages. The course of the workers were constituted of the vote was made which indicated the vote was made which indicated in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the decision of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the labor unions in ordering a strike in violation of the labor unions in ordering a

Decision Is Officially Announced in Circular.

CODE GIVEN TO CHIEFS

Scaled Envelopes to Be Opened if Any Message Is Not Understood: Circular Is Dated Chicago.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17 .- (By the Associated Press.)—Official permission for the rallway workers included in the "big five" transportation organithe heads of the organizations, as made public tonight by Warren Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The order

in Chicago for the purpose of canvassing the referendum vote of their
respective memberships on the question of wage reduction authorized by
the railroad labor board made effertive July 1, 1921, and to deter-

above-named organizations being overwhelmingly in favor of a strike in each of the associations represented, the chief executives and the general chairmen have no alternative except to carry out the wishes of the membership as expressed by their ballot, therefore said employes and other of our class will be permitted to withdraw from the service of their respective companies at

the "there comes a time when patiences are to be a strike, and that time ceases to be a virtue and that time ceases to be a virtue and that time interesting.

There have been extensive reductions, most of them voluntary, in rail-tooks "want a strike," and that a further reduction in wages is much lies desirable to the railroads satisfied to the railroad executives can settle signature of their chief executive in reduction of wages made on July 1 was put into effect only after many freight reductions and been reduction of wages made on July 1 was put into effect only after many freight reductions had been reduction of wages made on July 1 was put into effect only after many freight reductions had been reliced as the most effective way in Springling about a large took a virtue and that time bership.

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W. G. LEE.
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International President, S. U. of

disputes which may interrupt trans- Special'

reduction in wages and to give the public in the form of reductions in rates all benefits of any further re-duction in wages that were granted. This, however, afforded the brotherng the wage reduction already au-horized by the labor board and not on a future reduction. The extives, at the Chicago meeting, did make any reduction in wages, but decided simply to seek a further re-duction in accordance with the law, so that rates might be reduced.

Legal Right to Strike Denied. "The railway employes have no more legal right to strike against it than the railroads would have had to refuse to grant the advance in wages authorized in 1920 by the

labor board. Concerning the labor board public group proposal to cut rates immediately, the statement also said:
"In asking for a further reduction in wages in order that they may be able to grant the public reductions in rates, the railways are acting only in accordance with the laws and in obedience to an insistent public de-mand that they shall create conditions which will enable them to re-duce rates. The suggestion has been made in a statement issued by the public members of the labor board that the railways, to prevent a strike. zations to begin the progressive shall make a reduction in rates equal strike at 6 A. M. October 30, signed to the reduction in wages made July 1, and shall postpone seeking a fur-ther reduction in wages.

Ruin Is Declared Faced. of Locomotive Engineers. The order from the five cause sent to the general chairmen.

The circular containing the permission is under Chicago date of October 14 and follows:

To General Chairmen Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors

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reduced freight rates, "bringing action the proposition had not been formally brought to his attention,

road-making materials, export iron and steel products and scores of other commedities; that on some "railroads to more commedities; that on some "railroads the reductions have amounted to more than the reductions in wages and on the reduction."

The railroad labor board and in other ways. The railroads can settle the conditions and withdrawal of their request for a further 10 per cent wage reduction."

Employees' Hope Is Cited. gested in several queriers, but the White House was silent. Government to the unprepared. Willing House was silent. Government to the unprepared with silent to be unprepared. Willing the mast has been controlled in the silent to the unprepared will be the controlled and the proposed strike of the railroad steel to a speed, colored attention to public opposition. It is some quarters the opinion was extracted to the effect that the strike or in some quarters the opinion was extracted to the effect that the strike or in some quarters the opinion was extracted to the effect of the correction of the country, outside the country, outside the country of the country

discipline not so sharp.'

"We are back at the old junction.

Are a minority to starve and inconvenience their paymasters, the public, for the reason that a board of umpires, on which they (the men) were less than the facts as evidenced by the testimony.

Atterbury's Demand Recalled. represented, fails to suit their views?" Mr. Underwood said there need be no fear that the mails would not be carried.

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# DECLARED POSSIBLE

Peace Put Up to Railways or to Government.

ENGINEER CHIEF TALKS

Warren S. Stone Says Plan for New Cut in Wages Is Directly Responsible for Walkout.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 17 .- (By the Associated Press.)-The progressive railroad strike scheduled to be gin October 30 can be settled by the railroads or prevented by the government, Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive En-gineers, said tonight when asked his opinion.

Mr. Stone said the cause of the

hood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. Order of Railway Confusion further reduction of rates without a further reduction in wa\_es would put the railways back in a precarious position financially."

The railroads can settle the strike by the climination of these conditions, he said. "By the time out." Mr. Stone said. "By the ti

Groups Are Made Public. Mr. Stone made public the four groups of roads on which the strike the railroad labor board made effective July 1, 1921, and to determine procedure.

Wishes of Men Carried Out.

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reduced freight rates, "Bringing about a large loss in earninga". Thomas Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, replied to the proposition of the public group of the railroad labor board that the 12 per cent wage reduction recently authorized be translated in lower freight rates before asking for further wage reductions. Mr. Cuyler announced that the proposition had not been for-It also was explained that all the organizations in some of the roads in group four are not officially authorized to strike, some organizations out, being influenced to join the strike by seeing their brothers quit. Strike Declared Desired.

general railroad strike.

"Later Mr. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania railroad in a spectacular presentation, demanded an immediate reduction of the wages of all railroad employes notwithstanding the carriers had been granted a material increase in freight and passenger rates to meet the increased wages. This was devised on technical grounds because

notice on thir employes that they would revise a schedule and take from them rules governing their service that had been in effect for from ten to 30 years. The majority of such rules were the result of negotiations with representatives of the organizations and the managers of the individual railroads and acknowledged to the feet October 34.

in Chicago. The result was to in-struct executives of the organizations to meet executives of the railroads prior to September 1 for the purpose of trying to bring about an amicable Again in Case of Strike.

MORRISTOWN, N. J. Oct. 17.—The volunteer crew of wealthy business men who operated the "Millionaires' special" on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, bringing commuters to New York during the 1920 railroad. wanna & Western rallroad, bringing to enter into any agreement with the executives of the organizations, 1920 railroad strike, are ready again there was nothing left to do but refer 1920 railroad strike, are ready again for service.

Their spokesman, Murray Coggahall, banker, said today that if the threatened strike developed every man would be found at his post.

Their spokesman, Murray Coggahall, banker, said today that if the workers. In October the representatives of the workers were continued in Chicago and a canvass of the vote was made which indicated that 94 per cent plus were in favor that 94 per cent plus were in favor withdrawing from the service.

the chairmen of the railroad owners association was notified by wire of the result and the request for a conference committee was made. The 150 railroad presidents meeting in Chicago named a committee of five railroad presidents to meet executive officers of the transportation brotherhoods. They declined to make any concession or offer any solution providing for a settlement, but instead nutified for a settlement, but instead notified us that a resolution would be adopted by the railroad presidents asking the labor board for a further wage re-duction. Then, and not until then, was permission given for men to leave

he service.

(Signed) "WARREN S. STONE."

The "big five" chiefs or their rep (Signed) "WARREN S. STONE"
The "big five" chiefs or their representatives will convene tomorrow
to consider strike matters.
The strike will not affect the socalled short-line roads, it was explained by W. G. Lee, president of
the Broth-rhood of Railroad Trainmen, inasmuch as they were not affected by the wage increases and reductions in which the large roads
figured.

Chairman Barton of the railroad lapected to leave Washington tonight for Chicago. Reports that they would take with them definite instructions

LABOR ALSO DOUBTS PLAN

Leaders Declare Rate Cut Would Not Prove Feasible.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, would make no direct statement today on the feasibility of the new toget down on its knees and the convention.

"The speakers scheduled to the new together the convention." would make no direct statement today on the feasibility of the plan. "The speakers scheduled to speak today on the feasibility of the plan. will be there and the delegates will be there. The American legion will that of the public also, was that the that of the public also, was that the 13 per cent wage reduction of last July would be passed on to the public." Mr. Lee said.

Neither Canadian roads nor the Southern Paofic lines in Mexico will be affected by the strike, Mr. Lee said. The lines in Mexico are not organized, he said.

STATION MEN ALSO MAY QUIT

Counting of Ballots in Strike Is Proceeding.

BOSTON, Oct. 17.—The Brother-hood of Rallroad Station Employes, an independent organization, prob-ably will take action similar to that

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—Presidents of two railroads having general offices here today said that the railroads could not adopt the suggestion of the ain-railroad labor board that the roads put into effect rate reductions equiv-alent to wage reductions authorized of last July. Columbus Yardmasters Stay In. COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 17.-There will be no strike of the Railroad Tard-masters of America, whose headquar-ters are here, according to W. M. Brown, grand secretary-treasurer. "This organization is not a striking

Legion Offers Air Pilots. KANSAS CITY, Mo. Oct. 17 - The aviation committee of the American Legion executive committee today telegraphed Fostmaster-General Hays offering to recruit volunteer pilots for to the air mail service in the event of a

ETHICS URGED ON PRESS

Truth in News Will Contribute to World Peace, Says Speaker.

HONOLULU, T. H., Oct. 17.-Tru news and a lofty standard of journal news and a lotty standard of journal-istic ethics were urged as a means to better international understanding and permanent pence, in an address before the press congress of the world today by Ludwig Saxo, secretary of the Norwegian Press association. Decising falsehoods have generally been the cause of war. Mr. Saya exbeen the cause of war, Mr. Saxe ex-pressed the conviction that through a better understanding among jour-nalists and a determination to present only truth permanent peace can be accomplished. He declared the present international press congress an important factor in forming journal-

LEGION TO MEET ANYWAY

Commander Says Session Will Be Held Despite Strike.

Commander Emery counseled those in charge of the convention arrangements against further urging that the

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Cance", Fred Fisher
(b) Fox Trot, "Spread Yo"
Stuff", Levy-Crane Bernard
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6. Selection, "La Boheme", ....
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PUBLISHER PUT ON TRIAL

Man Who Attacked Wilson in Ar-

ticle Charged With Draft Evasion. NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Linn A. E. Cale, who during the war published a magazine in Mexico City, was put on trial before a court-martial on Vote Governor's island today charged with evading the draft, publishing articles attacking Woodrow Wilson when he ther- was president and printing articles encouraging resistance to the draft. After the charges had been outlined,

YEGGS GET \$25,000 LOOT

Des Moines Jeweler Bound and Gagged and Diamonds Stolen. DES MOINES, In., Oct. 17 .- Two hold-up men obtained diamonds val-ued at \$25,000 today, when they held up, bound and gagged Simon Kamen,

The robbery took place in the heart of Des Moines' business district.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—A sociated Press.)—Carl R. Gray, presi-report embodying the result of con-dent of the Union Pacific system, in report embodying the result of conferences between the public group of the railroad labor board and the interstate commerce commission on the threatened railroad strike was laid before President Harding today. The text of the report was not made public, but Chairman McChord of the commission announced that the conferences had been concluded.

"Anything regarding our report of the Union Pacific system, in an interview published in the Omnha World-Herald today expressed the opinion that the threatened railroad strike, should it materialize, would not last a great while. He added that it is hard for him to foresee any particular distress from a shortage of essentials due to a strike. "The railroads," he was quoted as saying, "are placed in a strange position. The wage decrease has been ordered by the same board that pre-

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Washington, D. C. Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The threatened rallroad strike was today denounced rallroad strike was today denounced as "a most cruel and unjustifiable as "a most cruel cials was that the government could

his assistants as to ways and means

"A time may come for action," he said. "I sincerely trust it will not. If it does, there will be action."

General Hays.

Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the association of railway executives, held conferences with Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee. Senator Cummins said that congress probably would not take any action at present. It

Conference Held Possible. Possibility of President Harding

Denver-A. J. Lovell, W. J. Habe. Duluth-E. A. Ball, Los Angeles-J. A. Phillips, J. A. Parharson.
Omaha—J. T. Hughes, E. H. Kruse,
St. Paul—S. N. Berry.
San Francisco—F. H. Nemits.
Seattle—M. E. Montgomery.