

CARRIERS REJECT RAIL BOARD PLEA

Delay in Asking for New Wage Cut Is Refused.

ROAD CHIEFS STAND PAT

Lines Declare That They Are "Powerless to Take Any Other Position."

CROWDED DOCKET IGNORED

Action on Rules and Working Conditions Put Before Everything Else.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The railroad labor board today turned to the railroads in its attempt to avert the rail strike scheduled for October 30, suggesting that the roads temporarily postpone seeking further wage reductions because the board's docket was so crowded wage decisions for all classes of employes could not be rendered before July, 1922.

The carriers, however, informed the board that they were "powerless to take any other position" than their present one.

In a statement the board informed the carriers that it would not consider any petitions for wage cuts until the question of rules and working conditions, now before it, were settled.

Rail Executives Stand Pat.

The board then officially let the carriers know, it was learned, that since its docket was so crowded a ruling on wages for all classes could not be handed down before July, 1922, and it would like the roads to announce postponement of their plans to seek further pay cuts, taking the attitude that such an announcement might avert a walkout.

The committee of the Association of Railway Executives, which conferred with the board, announced, however, that the carriers would stand pat on their plans to seek new pay cuts on the ground that wages must be reduced before freight rates could be lowered, and that since the strike was called technically in protest of wage cuts already authorized, there was no necessity for the roads to take other than an inactive part in the strike controversy between the board and the unions.

New Procedure Possible.

Tonight board members, in discussing the statement, said that the board might take a new procedure in rendering decisions, handing down individual rulings for individual groups of employes instead of one decision covering all.

Ultimatum to Roads Denied.

In this connection a union leader declared that there were several organizations, notably the conductors, which had no rules questions before the board, and that consequently a petition for lower wages for them might be taken up by the board immediately without the board going back on its statement.

The statement was not to be looked on as an ultimatum to the railroads, board members said, but was presented in the hope that it might bring action from the roads which would tend toward averting the threatened walkout.

Strike Cause Held Lacking Now.

In its communication to the roads the board declared that if both sides would consider the delay necessary before wages again could be reduced, they would realize that there was no cause for an immediate strike between them over this point.

The unions, not taking into consideration this delay, were crossing bridges before coming to them when they called a strike, the board's statement said.

It pointed out that the carriers

DISASTROUS STORM HITS FLORIDA COAST

TAMPA PRACTICALLY FLOODED UNDER 3 FEET OF WATER.

City Without Lights, Telegraph, Telephone or Street Car Service, Say Advisers.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 25.—The business section of Tampa is practically flooded under three feet of water as a result of the gulf storm, according to advices tonight over crippled transmission lines. No loss of life has been reported, but industry is at a standstill. The entire west coast of Florida is feeling the effects of the storm and is virtually isolated insofar as communication is concerned.

Tampa without lights, telegraph, telephone or street-car service, according to advices.

Forty miles inland from Tampa, in the sections around Lakeland and Plant City, the truck crops have suffered serious damage. Highways are virtually impassable. The maximum velocity of the wind was given as 56 miles an hour and the barometer at Tampa at noon read 29.94.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 25.

The St. Petersburg wireless station went out of commission this afternoon, according to report from the Jupiter wireless station, 18 miles north of here, and the St. Augustine wireless station is also said to be out of commission. Center of the tropical storm early this afternoon was a short distance west of Tampa and moving north-northwest. The maximum velocity of the wind was given as 56 miles an hour and the barometer at Tampa at noon read 29.94.

\$500,000 AWAITS WOMAN

Mrs. Jack Gould, Missing 10 Years, Asked to Come Home.

MISSOULA, Mont., Oct. 25.—One-half million dollars awaits Mrs. Jack Gould, missing for ten years from her Texas home, according to a letter received here today from Rufus Hayes, a brother, at Fort Worth, Texas.

"The old welcome await you," the letter said. "Father's last thoughts were of you. A half million dollars—your share of oil and cattle and the old ranch—is yours if you only come home."

The letter described Mrs. Gould.

Formerly Alice Hayes, as a "great relay rider all over the United States." She was last heard from, the letter said, in Wyoming.

It was reported here tonight that Mrs. Gould had gone to Roseman, Mont., where her husband, a wounded war veteran, is said to be taking vocational training.

BAD GALE ALONG COAST

Oregon and Washington Swept by Wind of 72-Mile Velocity.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—The worst gale of the season has been sweeping along the Oregon and Washington coasts this afternoon and evening. At noon today the wind at North Head was blowing at a 72-mile rate from the south. The barometer dropped to 29.45 this evening and was still falling. Aside from delaying the departure of the steamer Rotarian, en route from Portland to the sea, no damage has been reported.

Warning of an approaching storm

on the Oregon and Washington coasts had been issued for several days in succession by the weather bureau and storm signals were still flying last night at all coast points.

Several vessels bound to and from Portland were off the coast last night.

BABE RUTH OUT OF LUCK

Ball Player Is Wearing Bandages on Both Arms Now.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Babe Ruth is wearing bandages on both arms now. His latest physical disability is a carbuncle on his right hand. He scratched his hand while on a hunting trip and the resulting carbuncle gave him so much trouble that he returned here today to have it lanced.

Ruth declared he was going to try to keep out of more harm until the time comes for him to go to Chicago to have a talk with Commissioner Landis regarding his barnstorming tour made in violation of the rules of organized baseball. He said his list of injuries to date included a bad right knee, an infected left arm, a skinned thigh and now the carbuncle.

"I guess I'm out of luck this year," he said.

ALIMONY GIVEN HUSBAND

Hajane Adams to Receive Sum of \$15 Weekly.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Hajane Adams, defendant in a divorce action brought by Mary A. Adams, this morning was allowed \$15 a week alimony by Judge Dykeman. This is the first case recently in which a husband may collect alimony from his wife.

In her suit for divorce Mrs. Adams charged her husband with drunkenness and cruelty. While Adams was out of the city his wife obtained a restraining order which prevented him from entering the couple's grocery at 1429 Barton street. Adams asked for a dismissal of the restraining order and the court awarded him the alimony instead.

EX-KING CHARLES RESIGNED TO FATE

Regent's Terms Accepted Unconditionally.

FORMER EMPEROR PRISONER

Confinement in Benedictine Abbey Is Decreed.

PAROLE RELEASE REFUSED

Italy Reported to Have Offered Exile Asylum—Zita Free to Go Where She Pleases.

VIENNA, Oct. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is reported that former King Charles today accepted unconditionally the terms offered him by Admiral Horthy, the regent, and that he has been assigned to the Benedictine abbey of Tihany, on Platten lake, where he will live until further orders.

The abbey of Tihany was founded in 1054. It is situated about 50 miles southwest of Budapest. Platten lake is the largest body of water in Hungary.

Karlists under Stephen Friederich, former Hungarian premier, today occupied Oedenburg, in West Hungary, and an escort of seven French destroyers accompanied the Olympia to the three-mile line. Airplanes waited to fly over the Olympia as she passed out to sea.

The French marines stood at attention until Admiral Dewey's old flagship became a speck on the horizon.

Three thousand school children were among the throng which met the funeral train today when it arrived from Paris. The children threw hundreds of flowers before the cortege. Then they formed on each side of the gun carriage and escorted the unknown warrior to the pier. American officers, including Major-General Henry T. Allen, many French officers and citizens walked behind the gun carriage through two miles of crowded streets, decorated with American and French flags.

Major-General Allen expressed the appreciation of America for the touching manner in which France bade farewell to the unidentified hero. He said:

"The great republic which is rendering you homage is likewise paying tribute to your comrade in blue who fell with you and who lives in the hearts of his countrymen as you live enshrined in the loving memory of yours. Your gallant deeds are indelibly inscribed in the pages of history to the glory of your nation."

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AMERICA'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER HOME-BOUND

FRANCE PAYS FINAL AND REVERENT TRIBUTE.

Symbol of Lost American Dead Will Rest on French Soil in Cemetery at Arlington.

HAVRE, Oct. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—America's unknown soldier is coming home.

After resting nearly three years in France, he began his last homeward journey on the United States cruiser Olympia today.

The symbol of the lost American dead will rest on French soil in the American national cemetery at Arlington, for the Olympia carries a large box of the soil of France, enough to cover the bottom of the grave.

Simple sincerity marked the departure of the unknown warrior, as did his selection yesterday at Chalons-sur-Marne. Just before placing a medal of the legion of honor on the casket, Minister of Pensions Maginot, speaking for the people of France, declared:

"American brother, they are taking you back. We, however, will piously preserve your memory and the land of France will never forget you confided to her your last dream."

The departing ceremony was held on the pier. Six army pallbearers carried the body to the gangway and placed it on the pier. Afterward six American sailors and six French "palliers" carried the floral tributes aboard as the American band played Chopin's funeral march and the American national anthem.

As the order to cast off was given the American flag was half-masted and an escort of seven French destroyers accompanied the Olympia to the three-mile line. Airplanes waited to fly over the Olympia as she passed out to sea.

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FARMER'S LOAD OF HAY CRIPPLES POWER SERVICE.

Telephone Wire Is Whipped Against High Voltage Line and Short-Circuit Is Result.

Due to one of the most freakish accidents in the history of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company Portland street cars, the lighting system and plants operating on electrical power were without electricity in many parts of the city yesterday morning for a period ranging from 15 to 30 minutes.

One of the main 60,000 volt lines from the Cazadero waterpower plant suddenly was short circuited about 11 o'clock, the time of the morning when electrical service is most needed. A short circuit opens all switches controlling service to the city system from waterpower plants, leaving two steam plants in the city to carry the load. The load is too heavy for these steam plants.

After throwing all reserve service into the city lines officials of the company sent out trouble men to learn what had happened. This was not learned until late yesterday afternoon. When the cause was found the trouble men threw up their hands in honor of the "quickest" accident. This is what they discovered.

A farmer was driving along the Foster road the other side of the Sycamore station about 10 miles out from Portland. His conveyance carried a high load of hay.

Across the road, 20 feet from the ground, swung a telephone wire. This caught on the top of the hay and was pulled taut. Twenty feet above the telephone wire hung the big voltage line. When the telephone wire was released it jumped high, touching the high voltage line. The result was instantaneous. There was a short circuit.

\$100,000 LIBEL SUIT LOST

Court Declares Paper Has Right to Print Police Reports.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 25.—A verdict in favor of the St. Louis Star was returned by a jury in circuit court here yesterday in a \$100,000 libel suit brought by Alexander P. MacAuley of Toronto, Ont.

The suit was based on news articles printed on MacAuley's arrest here in January of 1917. Suspected of passing forged checks, MacAuley later was exonerated.

In instructing the jury, Judge Grimm stated a newspaper had a right to print official police reports.

Law Over Buses Upheld

Arbitrary Power Granted City Councils of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Oct. 25.—The Iowa supreme court today held constitutional the provision of the bus exclusion law passed by the last legislature, which allows city councils to grant or refuse bus licenses at the council's discretion.

The effect of the decision, unless a new test case is made, is to give city councils absolute and arbitrary power over buses in Iowa cities. Councils may license them or not, as they may seem fit and buses will have no recourse except to obey.

PROFITS SURTAX DUE FOR REPEAL

Retention Indefinitely Is Voted Down 39-28.

INCOME EXEMPTION RAISED

Heads of Families Will Be Allowed \$2500 Clear.

SENATE IN NIGHT SESSION

Recess Taken at 8 P. M. on Agreement to Vote on Amendment at 4 P. M. Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Final repeal of the excess profits tax on January 1 was forecast tonight with the defeat by the senate of an amendment to the tax revision bill proposing indefinite retention of this tax at the present rates. The vote was 39 to 28, with four republicans joining the solid democratic minority in supporting the amendment.

Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, author of the defeated amendment, immediately proposed another for continuation of the profits taxes at about half of the present rates. This was under debate when the senate recessed at 8 P. M. until 11 A. M. tomorrow under agreement to have a final vote on the repeal of the profits tax at 4 P. M. tomorrow.

Tonight's session was the first of the long threatened night ones to expedite passage of the tax bill, but it ended more than two hours before the time originally agreed upon.

Debate Waxens Warm.

Debate on the second Reed amendment had waxed warm when Senator Penrose, in charge of the tax measure, said he was not disposed to keep the senate together longer if he could obtain agreement to vote at 4 P. M. tomorrow.

This agreement was the first reached between the democrats and republicans and followed all day conferences which resulted in a failure to come to any understanding as to a day for a final vote on the bill. Plans of republican leaders as to proceeding after the vote on the excess profits provision tomorrow, unless had somewhat in doubt, but as they had obtained the written consent of 60 of their party—more than a majority of the senate—to remain at the capitol or within call day and night, they still threatened to put through the plan for a continuous session, beginning tomorrow, unless an agreement to speed up votes on the tax provisions could be had.

Exemption Is Raised.

The committee amendment fixing the normal income tax at the present 4 and 8 per cent rates was adopted, as was the committee amendment increasing from \$2000 to \$2500 the normal exemption allowed heads of families having net incomes of \$5000 or less.

Without a record vote the senate adopted an amendment by Senator Trammell, democrat, Florida, providing that in case a taxpayer borrows money to purchase or carry federal securities he may deduct in computing his net income only the difference between the amount of the interest paid on the indebtedness and the amount received in interest from the securities.

Opening the attack on the proposal to repeal the excess profits tax, Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, declared this proposition was "the most monstrous ever put before the senate."

Hitchcock Defends Plan.

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Nebraska, told the senate that the excess profits tax had the same justification as the graduated income tax. He added that he could not see why corporations making profits above 8 per cent upon the capital invested could not pay a graduated tax just as individuals did.

NEGRO KILLED IN BATTLE

Baltimore Riot Is Precipitated by Attack on White Girl.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—A negro was killed in a battle with Baltimore police at Pumphrey station, a suburb of this city, late tonight, following a threatened race riot. The riot was the result of an assault yesterday upon a white girl by a negro. At a late hour a band of negroes was in a house, surrounded by police.

Later police forced an entrance into the house and found that the slain negro's companions were two negroes. The dead negro was identified as Robert Brown of Pumphrey. Feeling on the part of both white and negro residents has been running high since Monday.

BARGAIN RIDES LIKELY

Falling Off in Street-Car Revenue Prompts New Move.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—Bargain rides on the streetscars at certain hours are being considered by the public service commission.

The falling off in revenue prompts the move.

HARDING IS WELCOMED TO SOUTHERN CITIES

PRESIDENT ON WAY TO BIRMINGHAM CELEBRATION.

Crowds Turn Out to Greet Train at Larger Centers—Atlanta Also Is to Be Visited.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT HARDING'S SPECIAL TRAIN, Oct. 25.—President Harding, on his way to Alabama to speak tomorrow at the Birmingham semi-centennial, today got his first picture of the south since he became chief executive.

Most of the day as his train traveled from Washington, the president watched the big windows and made many comments on the accomplishments and needs of the southern states. At several places southern products, including fruits and specially cured tobaccos, were presented to him.

Some of the larger cities turned out crowds to greet the train. However, the train slipped through most of the towns without attracting unusual attention.

The train, which left Washington at 9 A. M., will reach Birmingham at 8 A. M. tomorrow. Mr. Harding will pass the day there. He then will leave for Camp Beuning, Ga., where he will make a two-hour visit on Thursday and will proceed to Atlanta to deliver an address at the Grady monument. He will return to Washington Friday.

At Charlottesville, Va., students from the University of Virginia serenaded the president with yells and he presented to them three of his guests, Secretary Weeks, Secretary Fall and Senator Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader of the senate.

Mr. Underwood, in a brief speech, praised Mr. Harding as "the greatest man in America."

There were several thousand people waiting to cheer the president at Charlotte, N. C. In a short talk he expressed appreciation of the welcome accorded him.

"I have never had opportunity before," he said, "to ride across your state in daylight, and I have come to think more of old North Carolina today than ever before. You are a fortunate people. It is a great achievement to have diversified productivity and we have noted how apparently well employed you are."

The president also referred to the conference on limitation of armaments which he asserted his hope that America would "play a big part" in the accomplishment of the conference. He declared this country would enter the conference in an unselfish attitude, prepared to do everything it can toward an agreement.

Another crowd assembled about the presidential car at Danville, Va., and the president and Mrs. Harding alighted to shake hands. At Calverton, Va., they chatted several minutes with overalled railroad employees.

3 CREWS DIG FOR MINERS

Officials Hope to Reach Buried Men Before Death.

BRITANNIA BEACH, B. C., Oct. 25.—Another shift has been added to the rescue workers who are digging their way toward L. C. Craig and F. Tatena, miners entombed Thursday in the tunnel of a copper mine here.

Mine officials were confident the men would be taken out alive.

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\$1,500,000 BONDS FOR ROADS SOLD

\$49,650 Premium Paid, 43 Miles of Work Let.

BRIDGE JOBS ALSO AWARDED

Demand for Work Brings Record Low Bid.

MATERIALS ALSO CHEAP

Offers So Plentiful That Commission, Unable to Finish, Is to Continue Session Today.

DOINGS OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

Awarded contracts for 43.5 miles of road work, of which 6.9 miles are hard-surface pavement.

Contracts aggregating \$401,278 let for bridges and roads.

Sold \$1,500,000 bonds for \$49,650 premium, the best bid received in two years.

Committee being urged to settle up financial obligations and arrangements with the commission.

Strong demand for contracts, resulting in lowest prices the commission has received.

Bids to be opened this morning for 60 miles of road work.

Exceptionally low bids for contracts and the best bids for bonds received since 1919 were features of the opening session of the state highway commission yesterday. During the day the commission also took occasion to notify delegations of various counties that they would have to pay to the state financial obligations.

The commission is preparing to collect on the promises of the counties, as money is needed to push forward the road programme.

Contractors from Idaho and Washington, as well as from Oregon, were in competition yesterday for road work, and with a single exception the successful bidders were below the estimates.

Contractors Eager for Work.

The falling price of labor and material, together with the fact that most of the contractors have about cleaned up all their old work and are anxious to get their organizations again got into the field early next year, are responsible for the notably low offers.

A bid of 15 cents for "common" and 80 cents for rock was offered and accepted on a 15-mile grading job. No such low figure has been received by the commission since the highway bureau was organized. It is comparable with the prices on railroad work in the pre-war days. The figures are illuminating to those familiar with contracting work, showing how prices have dropped.

From Tacoma came a group of men who bid in the name of S. A. Moseri for five miles of concrete near Roseburg. They bid \$144,355 on seven-inch concrete, the low "black" bid being that of S. S. Schell for \$125,201.50. The Tacoma group received the award and they brought with them their own bondsmen.

Many Bids Are Offered.

So many bids were offered for the ten jobs opened that it took the time of the commission until 10 o'clock until nearly a dozen bids were offered and listing the bids. It was impossible for the commission to make all the awards by 6 o'clock last night, so they announced that awards for the Sherman county and Wasco county jobs would be made at 2:30 o'clock this morning. A total of 10 o'clock today the commission will receive bids on eight other road jobs.

Eleven competitors lined up for the \$1,500,000 of 5 1/2 per cent road bonds which were offered to the highest bidder. The award went for \$1,49,650, or a premium on the block of bonds amounting to \$49,650. The successful syndicate was composed of Stacy & Brann, Kissell, Kinnicut company, Eldredge & Co., Anglo & London Paris National bank, and Ralph Schneeloch company. The bidding closed the strongest bond market the highway commissioners have experienced in a couple of years.

Improvement District Asked.

Application was received for the approval of the commission for the creation of a highway improvement district for the paving of the Cornell road. The proposed district includes a couple of sections in Multnomah county and the remainder in Washington county.

The proposed district extends from the end of paving almost to Oregon. Council restores 30-minute parking in congested district, Page 12. Railroad trainmen's union claims 183,000 members, Page 8. One million five hundred thousand dollars bonds for roads are sold, Page 1. Wire-stay, begins testimony in defense, Page 13. Tax body attacks \$50,000 school item, Page 8. Frank accident ties up streetcars and puts out lights, Page 1. James B. Kerr named chairman of local disarmament committee, Page 6.

