

RAIL TRACK UNION CONSIDERS STRIKE

Chiefs of Maintenance of
Way Employees to Meet.

SESSION SET FOR TODAY

Leaders to Decide Now Whether
500,000 Men Will Oppose
Wage Reductions.

DETROIT, Mich., July 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers will meet here tomorrow and decide whether the 500,000 members of the craft in the United States will be called out on strike in protest against the wage cut instituted by the United States railroad labor board. It was announced here tonight by E. F. Grable, president of the organization.

It previously had been announced that the meeting would be held in Chicago.

The executive committee, composed of the international officers of the brotherhood, will canvass the strike vote recently cast by members of the organization and decide definitely whether the strike for which the membership is said to have voted overwhelmingly will take place.

Mr. Grable withheld a strike order last Saturday pending the meeting tomorrow of the executive board, yielding to the request of the labor board to hold the strike in abeyance.

After being promised by the board that if living costs increased the wages of maintenance men would be adjusted.

Trains Run on Schedule
Strike Will Not Affect Service for
Months, Say Operators.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Railway executives, union leaders and the United States labor board marked time today in the country-wide strike of shop men while train service continued uninterrupted by Saturday's walkout.

B. M. Jewell, head of the shopmen, who ignored the orders of the labor board to appear before it and explain his strike action, spent the day at union headquarters receiving reports from all sections of the country.

While he refused to give any figures, he asserted that the walk out was "practically 100 per cent."

Railway executives, however, said that probably less than 50 per cent of the 401,000 repair men had joined the walkout, which began at 10 A. M. yesterday.

Because of the Sunday holiday, they said that they had been unable to make a complete check of their shop men, but that train service would continue regardless of how many laid down their tools.

With the union leaders refusing to treat with the labor board, the railway executives asserted that the dispute was entirely between their ex-employees and the government, and the labor board assuring full protection of the carriers in upholding its wage reduction decisions, interest in railway circles was centered on Detroit, where the executive committee of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees will meet tomorrow to canvass the strike ballot of the trackmen.

Hope was expressed by the rail executives that the maintenance of way men would not join the walkout.

Mr. Jewell today explained his ignoring of the labor board was due to the failure of the board to exclude from wage reduction hearings almost 80 roads that had in part or wholly violated the ruling of the governmental tribunal, which, he said, had caused railroad employees to regard the board with no slight misgivings.

Practically all of these 80 roads violated decisions of the labor board, Mr. Jewell said. Yet they were included in the wage reduction hearings. If the board had ruled that these roads were not entitled to participate in these hearings, the response of railroad employees for the tribunal would have increased materially.

Mr. Jewell said that announcement of the results of the shopmen's strike ballot would probably be made public tomorrow. Strike instructions have been mailed to all shop crafts locally, Mr. Jewell said.

The strikers have been requested to obtain a meeting hall, elect a presiding chairman and arrange for necessary picketing.

Railway executives meanwhile reiterated that the strike had not affected in the slightest degree their movement of freight or passenger trains. They said that the number of pre-holiday travelers. It would be a matter of weeks, they said, or months, before the walkout could impair seriously the efficiency of their service.

Effect of Strike Disputed
Union and Operators Differ as to
Number That Quit Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—The Southern Pacific railroad headquarters asserted today that 24.1 per cent of the company's shop men in California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico were at work today, the second day of the strike. The statement was flatly contradicted by union headquarters for the system, which declared that at the majority of the points the strike had been 100 per cent effective, and at no place less than 55 per cent.

"Transportation will be affected immediately, through lack of inspection and repairs," said L. S. Gordon, secretary of the Federation of Railway Employees of the Southern Pacific system. "Instructions have been issued to engineers and firemen by W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, not to make any repairs. We assume this to mean that only such repairs to rolling stock could be made as would permit trains to get off the main line into a siding and not to the next station."

"The equipment has not been kept in first-class condition and we expect that within 30 days the railroad will experience great difficulty in moving their trains."

Traffic Reported Moving
Shopmen's Strike Harmless, Say
Rail Officials.

BILLINGS, Mont., July 2.—Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy officials here today reported traffic on those three roads practically unaffected

FAMOUS WAR GENERAL IN "CIVIES."



General Pershing strolling along board walk of Atlantic City with his sister, Miss Mary Pershing.

by the shopmen's strike. They stated a few passenger trains had been slightly delayed at terminals during the last 24 hours, but that the time had, without exception, been made up.

One hundred and fifty Billings shopmen and approximately 400 at Laurel, west of here, answered the strike call Saturday morning. No disorders have been reported.

Dividend Is Declared
Firestone Tire & Rubber Company Pays 1 1/2 Per Cent.

The Firestone Tire & Rubber company of Akron, O., has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on its 8 per cent preferred stock, payable July 15, and the regular quarterly dividend on the 7 per cent preferred stock, payable August 15, according to advices received here last night.

Executives of the company were said to have declared that June has proved the biggest month in actual number of tire sales since the founding of the concern 22 years ago. More than 500 cars, a total of 700,000 tires shipped in June and there is no indication of a slackening demand.

Russians Flood East
Refugees Serious Problem Now in
Border Countries.

GENEVA, July 2.—Russian refugees are present in such large numbers in the countries of eastern Europe that they have become a serious and threatening problem. Millions of them are scattered over the country, labor markets are depressed, and they are in want.

The commissioner here of the various societies engaged in Russian relief has issued an appeal to public opinion in "the great overseas immigration countries" to help solve this menacing problem by relaxing their immigration restrictions and taking in some of these unfortunates.

Radio Concert Pleases
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music of the trio promises to be a unique feature in radio entertainment, and the orchestra, composed entirely of boys and girls under 16 years of age, pleased a large audience in Laurelwood Saturday night when it was heard in concert.

J. C. Robertson, dulcimer player, is leader of the trio, which is familiarly known in Portland as the old timers' trio. The other two members are George Jessup, banjo, and J. N. Boney, bones. The three players will give a number of old-time tunes between selections by the orchestra.

The concert will begin with Sousa's famous march, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," played by the orchestra. Other orchestra numbers will be "Silver Bell," "The Sheik" and "Star of the Sea." There also

TRAINS OUT OF CITY OPERATE AS USUAL

Schedules Unaffected So
Far by Railway Strike.

MAINTENANCE MEN MEET

No Advices Received as to Walk-
out—Strikers Scheduled to
Meet Here Tonight.

No hindrance in the scheduled operation of trains radiating out of Portland has resulted from the strike of railroad shop employees. It was announced by road officials yesterday. The situation was said to be practically the same as when about 85 per cent of the men walked out Saturday and officials of the different lines said that little change was expected at least until after July 4.

E. L. King, superintendent of the Southern Pacific company, said that a few men who originally walked out had gone back to work. These were men, he said, who were apparently misinformed in the original walk-out and had been influenced by companions.

Mr. King said that two substitution operators on electric lines operated by his company had gone out, but that no trouble had been experienced in filling their places as they had received about 30 applications for work in that department.

Action Is Postponed.
Substitution operators employed on the Oregon Electric who met at Salem Saturday night to consider whether or not they would go out postponed definite action until a later date, according to advices received by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway.

Some of the railroad officials expressed the belief that many of the men who walked out would be back to work at least after July 4. They said that they did not expect any change before that time, however.

C. B. Knight, secretary of the strikers, said yesterday that they had received advices from Salem that all but one of the shopmen there had walked out. This, he said, was contrary to previous reports that the men there had remained at work.

Maintenance Men Waiting.
The maintenance-of-way men had not yet received advices to join in the strike, it was said yesterday.

Some of the men, however, were said to have joined the strike when the original walkout occurred Saturday and to be still out.

A general meeting of the strikers has been set for tonight at the Labor temple. Matters relating to the conduct of the strike will be brought up at that time and men for picket duty are expected to be assigned.

Contract Work Possible
Spokane Rail Officials Intimate
Repairs May Be Done in East.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 2.—Holliday occupations engaged the attention of the 1500 shop men of Spokane and vicinity today, the second day of their strike passing practically without incident. Trains continued to run on schedule, with traffic practically normal.

Equipment of the roads is in excellent condition, according to railroad officials. They intimated that necessary repair work during the strike may be contracted to eastern firms, independent of the carriers. It is said that several offers to do repair work have been made by Spokane firms, though none have been accepted.

The Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company are the principal lines here affected by the strike. The roads have made no application to Sheriff Long for additional protection for their properties, but have let it be known that they wish to engage extra guards themselves. Union leaders claim the strike is 100 per cent effective here.

Rail Help Held Plentiful
Train Service in Western Washington Is Not Interrupted.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 2.—Train service in western Washington continued without interruption today, the second day of the strike of shop craft employees, according to reports by the various railroad companies this afternoon. Railway officials

at a distance of 700 or 800 miles from Washington.

The other was felt this morning but was at a greater distance. The one this afternoon continued from 4:35 to 4:55 o'clock, but was not as pronounced as the one this morning.

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on all lines said they have plenty of help to handle the situation for the present, although practically all employees belonging to the unions participating in the nation-wide strike walked out.

At the King-street station of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, where 170 men laid down their tools yesterday, trains were dispatched with no delay despite unusually heavy holiday traffic.

No disorders have been reported from any of the western Washington points where the strike was effective. Railroad officials estimate the number on strike in the state of Washington at 6500.

ALL IS QUIET AT ROSEBURG
Striking Rail Workers Cause No
Disorder or Confusion.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 2.—(Special.)—All was quiet in the strike situation here today. Six locomotives have been withdrawn from use and laid up in the shops for repairs, but cannot be fixed until mechanics are procured. According to a statement from the office of Assistant Superintendent Weir there are men working at Eugene and Grants Pass on this division and more are expected to start work in the Roseburg shops tomorrow. The number of men now in the shops was not given out.

In Roseburg the men have caused no disorder or confusion. They opened their headquarters for only one hour today, but tomorrow and during the remainder of the week will have their committee at headquarters all day.

So far it is said the strike has not interfered with train schedules. More freight were handled out of Roseburg yesterday, according to the dispatcher's office, than any day last month.

TACOMA, Wash., July 2.—The second day of the shop workers' strike passed quietly in Tacoma. There was a meeting of the strikers in the afternoon at which time plans were taken for the selection of a publicity committee and to arrange for carrying on the strike. All trains have been moving on schedule.

Physical Director Hired.
EUGENE, Or., July 2.—(Special.)—E. E. Holdeman of Great Falls, Mont., has been selected as physical director of the Eugene Y. M. C. A. to succeed E. A. Britton, who resigned and is now manager of the McCredie Springs resort. He will

be here September 1. Mr. Holdeman has been engaged in similar work at Aurora, Ill., and Moline, Ill., besides Great Falls.

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