

RAIL SIGNALMEN STRIKE IS HALTED

Labor Board Succeeds in Intervening.

SHOP PEACE EXPECTED

Strong Hopes Are Expressed for Quick Settlement of Walk-out Difficulties.

CHICAGO, July 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Threatened extension of the strike of railway signalmen was prevented today by members of the United States railroad labor board when D. W. Hill, head of the brotherhood of railroad signalmen, which has been taking a strike vote, promised to maintain the status quo pending further conferences.

It was the second time that intervention of the board members had averted an extension of the walk-out, a threatened strike of maintenance of way men having been prevented Tuesday through the efforts of Chairman Hooper and W. L. McMillen, labor member of the board. Meanwhile railway circles expressed strong hopes of a quick settlement of the signalmen's strike which began July 1.

R. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, directing the signalmen's strike, today reiterated that the signalmen were willing to consider a settlement proposition submitted by any authoritative body.

Situation is Improving.
The situation is improving so far as the strike is concerned, Mr. Jewell said, asserting that he had received reports from several points that "what few men that did remain at work last Saturday and Monday joined the walkout Wednesday."

Mr. Jewell said he had received a telegram from J. E. Valentine of Cincinnati, head of the international molders union, authorizing a walk-out of 2500 molders employed on railroads. He also exhibited telegrams from heads of the ladies' auxiliaries of the signalmen's organizations in which it was stated that the women were doing picket duty. One of these messages was from Mrs. W. R. Johnson of San Bernardino, Cal., and said "our children's future is not safe and we are going to win."

Hooper's Letter Studied.
Mr. Jewell did not reply today to the letter of Chairman Hooper of the labor board, which was considered conciliatory in some quarters, but said he expected to reply after studying it closely.

Mr. Hooper in his letter advised the signalmen to co-operate with the labor board.

While maintaining that the strike was "practically 100 per cent," Mr. Jewell admitted that he had no actual figures. He explained that it was almost impossible to obtain and compile them before another week. The sixth day of the signalmen's strike was marked by little violence except for a few sporadic outbreaks in widely scattered sections. The roads maintained that men were returning to work, and that the carriers annulled some trains and readjusted schedules. The union officials maintained that the ranks of the strikers remained unbroken.

STRIKE STATEMENTS CLASH
Southern Pacific Reports That Shopmen Are Returning.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—The wide discrepancy between the statements of the opposing interests stood out today as the principal feature of the railroad signalmen's strike in this region. The Southern Pacific company reported that in response to its ultimatum that the strikers return with the beginning at 7 o'clock this morning or lose all seniority, pass and pension privileges, a total of 434 returned on the first shift alone. Sacramento and Los Angeles, where the general shops of the system are located. The secretary of the federation of railroad employees of the Southern Pacific system, L. S. Gordon, answered this with the statement that there were but 28 men at work in the Sacramento shops all told and that the Southern Pacific figures included maintenance of way workers, who have not yet been called out on strike.

It was announced at the Southern Pacific headquarters here later that a total of 1298 striking signalmen returned to work this morning on the Southern Pacific system. Of these 336 returned at the general shops in Sacramento and 160 in Los Angeles. It was said. Southern Pacific officials are emphatic in their declarations that the strike is having absolutely no effect as regards tying up traffic and point out that the men who returned to work most were skilled mechanics, such as boilermakers, machinists, carmen and sheet metal workers.

Strike guards of the Santa Fe system at Richmond, on the east side of the bay opposite here, were reported to have fired six shots at supposed trespassers on the company's property. The Richmond police chief warned the guards that they would have to discontinue the use of firearms.

Other systems reported that men were being recruited to take the place of the strikers, while the strike officials countered with the statement that not only were new workers not appearing, but more of the union workers were quitting their jobs. According to Secretary Gordon, the sidings at Bakersfield and Dunsmuir were filling with "bad order" cars and the crews were beginning to complain that the locomotives were not "standing up."

I. W. W. DECLARED ACTIVE
Arch Foe of Wobblism Startles Hood River People.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 6.—(Special.)—Hood River folk were startled by reports that the crews of I. W. W. among the crews of the Phoenix utility company, engaged in constructing a new plant for the Pacific Power & Light company, when "Three-Fingered" Jack Godwin, arch-foe of wobblism, tonight at Chautauqua park began a series of lectures on destructive radicalism.

Hood River fruitgrowers, declared Mr. Godwin, suffered last winter when their fruit lost in reputation as a result of being by I. W. W. harvest help. He also declared the wobblies have used copper nails to kill fruit trees.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES CONFER AND VIEW LABOR WALKOUT WITH LITTLE ALARM.



Left to right—The railway executives who met yesterday: De Witt Cuyler, chairman of the railway executive committee; Samuel Ray, president of the Pennsylvania railroad; Mr. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad; and O. M. Spencer, general counsel of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, as they appeared in conference yesterday.

Railway executives met at a session of the United States labor board July 1, in which they are reported to have expressed a willingness to abolish the practice of "farming out" repair work, which had been one of the chief obstacles to a settlement. It is further believed that the railway officials who met in Chicago do not view the walkout with alarm, as they say their present equipment would be adequate for several months, and that they point out emergency repairs could be made in outside shops.

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The affidavits referred to in the letter were signed by D. A. Groul, superintendent, and R. H. Thomas, clerk of Portland schools. The affidavits substantiated the statements made by Mayor Baker. They were prepared by Frank S. Grant, city attorney.

Mr. Peters, an American citizen, is president of an ice cream manufacturing establishment at Sydney.

Delegates and alternates to the state convention to be held in the fall July 27-29 were elected by the Portland post of the American Legion at the meeting held Wednesday night. The post is entitled to a representation of 23 in the state gathering and has an equal number of alternates.

So heavy a vote was cast that it was impossible for the judges to complete the count until long after midnight.

The delegates chosen were as follows:

Stanley Myers 144, Kenneth L. Cooper 122, Judge W. A. Ekwall 110, J. Douglas McKay 109, Creed C. Hammond 107, Dr. Archie C. Van Cleave 103, Glenn H. Tice 100, Walter B. Gleason 99, Claude M. Bristol 95, James W. Bain 92, Arthur A. Murphy 92, James W. Morris 92, E. C. Meare 90, Harry Leonard 89, Wilbur Henderson 87, Miss Jane V. Doyle 87, Patrick H. Allen 85, Maurice E. Crumacker 85, Cassius R. Peck 84, Frank M. Moore 77, John A. Beckwith 76, Dr. Eugene W. Rooley 76, and Earl R. Goodwin 75.

The alternates follow:

Ben S. Morrow, E. T. Strecher, Dr. E. Rooley, Dr. De Montfort, Miss Martha Randall, M. B. Beldon, Thomas E. Huxton, L. A. Bowman, William H. Masters, William E. Beld, Dr. Alfred Schill, E. E. Withrow, A. T. Kurtz, Miss Marie MacEwan, William S. Murray, C. A. Bankhead, M. B. Beldon, Thomas E. Huxton, George E. Sand, E. A. Stoppelman, R. R. Brown and Mrs. Merle G. Campbell.

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