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## HARDING ORDERS END TO VIOLENCE

### Official Strike Proclamation Is Issued.

## QUIET SETTLEMENT URGED

### All Citizens Are Asked to Help Move Trains.

## RIGHT TO WORK CITED

### President Takes Position That Men Can Accept Jobs as Well as Refuse Them.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—President Harding, in a proclamation issued at the White House late tonight, directed "all persons to refrain from all interference with the lawful efforts to maintain interstate transportation and the carrying of the United States mail."

In the proclamation, which was issued after a day in which reported reports had reached the post-office department of interference by railroad strikers with mail trains, the president invited the cooperation of all public authorities, state and municipal, and the aid of "all good citizens" to uphold the laws and to "facilitate those operations in safety which are essential to life and liberty, and the security of property and our common public welfare."

### Peaceful Settlement Asked.

The peaceful settlement of controversies between shipboard employees and carriers was requested "in accordance with law and due respect for the established agency for such settlement as essential to the security and well-being of our people."

The president took the position that men willing to maintain the operation of railroad trains in order to transport mail have the "same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work."

### Labor Board U. S. Agency.

The text of the proclamation follows: "A proclamation: Whereas, the United States railroad labor board is an agency of the government, created by law and charged with the duty of adjusting disputes between railroad operators and employees engaged in interstate commerce; and

"Whereas, the United States railroad labor board has recently handed down decisions, one affecting the wage of the shop crafts employed, the other declaring the contract system of operation to be contrary to the intent of the transportation act and therefore that such practice must be discontinued; and

### Right to Work Is Cited.

"Whereas, the maintenance and operation of railroads in interstate commerce and the transportation of United States mails have necessitated the employment of men who choose to accept employment under the terms of the decision and who have the same indisputable right to work that others have to decline to work; and

"Whereas, the peaceful settlement of controversies in accordance with law and due respect for the established agencies of such settlement are essential to the security and well-being of our people.

### Supremacy of Law Urged.

"These activities and the maintained supremacy of the law are the first obligation of the government and all the citizenship of our country. Therefore, I invite the cooperation of all public authorities, state and municipal, and the aid of all good citizens to uphold the laws and to preserve the public peace and to facilitate those operations in safety which are essential to life and liberty and the security of property and our common public welfare."

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO BE INDEPENDENT

### AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

### State Department at Washington Lays Plans for Provisional Government as First Step.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The state department announced today that a tentative programme for evacuation of Santo Domingo by American military forces had been agreed upon with a group of Dominican leaders who have been in Washington some months on their own initiative in conference with department officials. The programme will be carried out, the statement said, "as soon as it can be ascertained whether it meets with the approval of a majority of the Dominican people."

A summary of the programme provides, first, for establishment of a provisional government composed of Dominican citizens, which will conduct general elections "without the intervention" of American authorities for installation of a subsequent permanent government. The present American military government will delegate to the provisional government necessary administrative powers to carry out its purposes.

Under the plan executive departments of the Dominican republic will be turned over to the cabinet ministers to be appointed by the provisional president, and officials now in charge of such departments will aid the provisional secretary.

"No payment will be made by the department of finance except in accordance with the provisions of the budget, but any necessary item of expenditure not provided for in the budget will be appropriated by the provisional government in agreement with the military government," the statement said.

After installation of the provisional government the American military forces will be concentrated in two or three centers, leaving the task of maintaining order to the Dominican national police, except where the police may be unable to cope with the situation.

## GORKY APPEAL INDORSED

### Anatole France Joins in Plea for Russian Socialists.

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PARIS, July 11.—(Special Cable.)—Anatole France has replied to Maxim Gorky's appeal to him to intercede in behalf of the Russian socialists imprisoned in Moscow with the following letter:

"I regret I am insufficiently informed on the affair about which you write and have been unable to follow the trial of the revolutionary socialists, now proceeding at Moscow.

"Like you, however, I believe the men in question have in their time faithfully served the cause of liberation for the Russian people. Like you, I believe their condemnation will weigh heavily on the destiny of the soviet republic. With all my heart, dear Gorky, I join in the appeal which you make to the soviet government."

## AUTOIST, ASLEEP, KILLED

F. M. Bethune, Reported as Portland Man, Victim of Accident.

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—F. M. Bethune of Portland, Ore., fell asleep at the wheel of his automobile today and was crushed to death beneath the car when it plunged over a 15-foot cliff on the Ridge Route, near National Forest inn, according to word received at the sheriff's office here tonight. Two youths riding with him were only slightly injured.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN SEES PORT NEEDS

### Others Holding Hearing Also Believed Won.

## SHIPPERS EXPECT RELIEF

### U. S. Sub-Committee Members Leave City.

## TERMINAL 4 IS VISITED

### More Data Presented Later at Banquet Tendered to Board Officials.

Portland's emphatic stand for the allocation of more shipping board fleet vessels with which to carry on its trade with the far eastern countries, as announced at the hearing conducted by a subcommittee of the board Monday, is believed to have had an appreciable effect, and shippers believe relief will be afforded.

It is regarded as certain that a strong impression was made on the committee. In fact George E. Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, said yesterday that he thought the need for additional tonnage, as presented at the session, had also impressed his associates, Admiral W. S. Benson and Meyer Lissner.

### More Data Gathered.

During the day more information was gathered by the committee on the port situation. In the morning terminal No. 4 was visited by the party, which was accompanied by Frank M. Warren, president of the Port of Portland commission, and Phil Metzchan, of the commission; G. B. Hogardt, chief of engineers of the commission of public docks; J. N. Teal, who represented the chamber of commerce at the hearing; H. L. Hudson, manager of the port's joint traffic bureau, and Charles Gerry, attorney-examiner for the interstate commerce commission.

Later the shipping board members were guests of shipping interests at lunch, where much that had a bearing on section 23 of the merchant marine act was discussed, as well as the present tonnage situation at Portland.

### Party Leaves for Seattle.

Members of the committee with Mr. Gerry, also Clifford W. Smith, secretary of the shipping board; Mr. Hudson and Mr. Teal, left for Seattle last night, as a hearing on section 23 is to be conducted there today. The Portlanders are interested in the presentation Seattle and Puget (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

## MRS. STOKES WINS FIGHT FOR MILLIONS

### DOWER RIGHTS TO ESTATE ALLOWED BY COURT.

### Woman Separated From Husband Last Fall Gets Property Worth \$2,500,000.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes today won her fight to have her dower rights to property valued at more than \$2,500,000 restored when Supreme Court Justice Cohan handed down a decision in the suit she had brought against her husband, W. E. B. Stokes, wealthy hotel man and real estate operator.

Mrs. Stokes alleged that she had signed away her dower rights to the property under a misapprehension that it was necessary for her to do so at once. The defendant alleged that she had signed over her dower rights as part of an ante-nuptial pact.

Mrs. Stokes, who obtained a separation from her husband and \$18,000 a year temporary alimony last fall, will have an interest amounting to about \$2,500,000 in the Stokes property, it was said, if Justice Cohan's decision is upheld by the high court, to which appeal will be taken.

## STREET CAR WAR BEGUN

### Passenger Buses Will Be Run in Tacoma for 5-Cent Fare.

TACOMA, Wash., July 11.—The city council this morning granted a franchise for the operation of 12 15-passenger buses in competition with two lines of the Tacoma Railway & Power company. The buses will operate on regular schedules and charge 5-cent fares in competition with the 10-cent single trolley fares or 12 tickets for \$1.

Granting of the bus franchises is the latest development in the fight of Mayor Fawcett to induce the local traction company to sell 20 tickets for \$1 without transfer rights, or 16 tickets for \$1 with transfer rights.

## OBENCHAIN TRIAL HALTS

### Judge Orders Adjournment When Defendant Becomes Ill.

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—The trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for the murder of J. Belmont Kennedy was suddenly halted today when it became apparent that the defendant was too ill to remain in the courtroom. Judge Shenk ordered an adjournment until tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Obenchain fainted in her cell in the county jail during the noon recess, it became known after adjournment.

## 10,000,000 TO BE FED

### Reduction of Rationing in Russia Is to Be Started.

MOSCOW, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American relief administration this week expects to reach the maximum of its famine relief programme, supplying meals to 19,000,000 persons.

The rationing will be gradually reduced as the harvest comes in, regardless of whether it is decided definitely to abandon the work in Russia after September.

## BRITAIN'S WAR DEBT MAY BE PAID SOON

### PLANS ON FOR SETTLEMENT WITH UNCLE SAM.

FRANCE WILL PAY, BUT MUCH DEPENDS ON GERMANY, ASSERTS AGENT OF GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Evening News today says arrangements for repayment of the British loan to America in a lump sum in the near future are in an advanced stage. It declares payment will be made by means of a loan to be raised jointly in England and America.

NEW YORK, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bringing the message that France will pay her debts, but adding that "a lot depends on Germany," Jean K. Parneter, official representative of the French government, arrived today on the steamer La Sovie on his way to Washington, as an adviser at the coming sessions of the inter-allied debt funding commission.

"If the German people were taxed by their government as are the people of France," he said, "Germany could probably come close to paying the full reparations demanded from her."

"The debt of France to America," he added, "we must consider as part of the interallied debt, in which France also owes Britain and Britain is indebted to the United States."

"If Great Britain and the United States press France for payment of her debts to them, the franc will drop and create a situation so bad that I would not dare talk about it now."

## MRS. SPRECKELS NAMED

### San Francisco Society Leader to Be U. S. Agent in Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—Mrs. A. B. Spreckels of San Francisco, it was announced today, has been appointed a special representative of the department of labor, and will investigate conditions among women in industry in Europe. The appointment, it was explained, is similar to that recently of the late Lillian Russell-Moore of Pittsburg, who investigated immigration conditions in Europe for the department.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Mrs. A. B. Spreckels is the wife of a sugar magnate and is prominent as a social leader here. During the war she was active in Belgian relief. She assisted in the entertainment of Marshal Joffre of France during his recent visit to the city.

Mrs. Spreckels is a patron of art and is having built in a public park here a structure modeled after the palace of the legion of honor, Paris, to house pictures and other objects of art.

## FLIER LEAVES RAMLEH

### Major Blake Off for Bagdad in Attempted World Flight.

LONDON, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The air ministry today received a wireless message from Major W. T. Blake, saying that he started his attempt today from Ramleth, 29 miles northwest of Jerusalem, for Bagdad.

Major Blake is attempting an airplane flight around the world.

## DIVA SMILINGLY DENIES HER DEATH

### May Peterson Found Safe in Portland.

## NOTED SINGER MOWING LAWN

### Rumors From Far Away New York Run Down.

## WEDDING HERE ATTENDED

### "I Almost Died Laughing, but Came No Nearer Pine Box," Is Soprano's Declaration.

"I almost died laughing, but that is as close as I came to the little pine box and six feet of freshly turned sod," vouchsafed May Peterson, nationally renowned grand opera soprano, who smilingly and cheerfully denied reports of her death yesterday.

"Does this look much like I am a dead one?" she queried, as she braced her shoulders against a lawn mower and began to trim the lawn at the home of her brother, Guy H. Peterson, 1513 East Thirtieth street.

From far New York came telegraphic reports in the form of vague rumors that Miss Peterson had died yesterday morning in Portland. These reports gained currency throughout the day and caused considerable alarm among her Portland friends and admirers.

But through it all Miss Peterson went blithely along on a shopping tour during the afternoon, unmindful of the fact that many admirers were wondering whether it should be white carnations or lilies of the valley.

### Star Hurt in Accident.

Between mowing the lawn and staging a losing defensive battle against a swarm of mosquitoes that persisted in lighting upon her bare arms, Miss Peterson didn't have time to think of a fitting epitaph for the headline.

"When I decided recently to come to the coast and take a needed rest, one of the musical journals wrote a little story and headed it: 'Miss Peterson Dead.' But this idea of being dead is really a new sensation and I can't quite decide that I like it."

Several months ago Miss Peterson was badly injured in a taxicab collision in Chicago, but has practically recovered from her injuries. Her physician in Portland has suggested a little hard work to take the kinks out of her injured right shoulder, and the lawn mowing operations last night were just the start of her working programme for the summer. Within a short time she expects to go to the mountains where real exercise and hard work can be had for the asking.

Miss Peterson, accompanied by her mother, came to Portland unheralded to attend the wedding of her brother, Frank S. Peterson of Sumpter.

### Pastor Is Good Sleuth.

Rev. E. Earle Parker, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated at the wedding, and it was to him that reporters went yesterday for information which might lead to the discovery of the Portland abode of Miss Peterson.

Rev. Mr. Parker proved to be a good sleuth and helped to find the Peterson home.

"Well, well," he chuckled, as he spied Miss Peterson at work with the lawn mower. "Having officiated at the wedding, I knew I would not be slighted if you had to choose somebody to reside at the funeral."

## IRISH CHANCELLOR'S MACE IS RECOVERED

### PRICELESS RELIC STOLEN RECENTLY IS FOUND.

ELABORATELY JEWELLED STAFF, SAY DUBLIN POLICE, WAS ABOUT TO BE SENT TO ENGLAND.

DUBLIN, July 11.—(Special Cable.) The story of the alleged theft of the lord chancellor's silver mace, an elaborately jeweled staff surmounted by a replica of a crown, was told today when William Holland of Arran Quay, near the Four Courts, was arrested.

The mace which is used only on state occasions, when it is borne before the lord chancellor of Ireland by the official mace-bearer, disappeared a few days ago. The Dublin police and the national army intelligence corps were assigned to the case.

Acting upon secret information they searched Holland's home and found it concealed in the flooring. Holland said he received it from an army officer, who told him to keep it as a souvenir.

The police doubt his story and are holding him for further investigation. They have information, they say, that the mace was about to be sent to England for disposal. Considered historically, the mace is priceless.

## ELEPHANTS PUT TO WORK

### Circus Force Shows Resourcefulness in Train Wreck.

MASON CITY, Ia., July 11.—A circus train was struck by a switching engine in a fog here this morning. Two animal cars were overturned and the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air were at large. Because of the showmen's strike a wrecking crew was not immediately available to clear the track.

Attaches of the circus rounded up the stragglers from neighboring cornfields and pressed them to valiant service. In less than 30 minutes the overturned cars had been pulled from the track and the right of way cleared.

## BERLIN STRIKE ENDED

### Printers Resume Work Today Under New Wage Agreement.

BERLIN, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike of Berlin printers, which has kept the German capital without most of its daily newspapers for several days, came to an end today.

Work will be resumed tomorrow under a new wage agreement, under which the printers will receive increases in salary ranging from 150 to 300 marks weekly.

## TOURIST RUSH IS RECORD

### 79,000 Americans Reach Paris Between March 1 and June 30.

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## GERMANY TO GET REPARATIONS CUT

### July Installment to Be 32,000,000 Marks.

## 50,000,000 AMOUNT DUE

### Credit for 106,000,000 Given for Dyes Delivered.

## CRISIS DISCUSSED FULLY

### Formal Request for Moratorium Is Expected Today, but Details Are Yet Secret.

PARIS, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The reparations commission decided today to relieve the German crisis to the extent of reducing the monthly installment of 50,000,000 gold marks, due next Saturday on the schedule of payment, to 32,000,000 gold marks. Germany had announced her willingness to pay the whole amount, but the commission ruled that in view of the crisis the smaller figure was all that would be required.

Credit to the amount of 106,000,000 gold marks was given Germany on her reparations account for deliveries of dyes during the last few months to the Textile Alliance of America for all the allies and also for deliveries of coal which had been made to Luxemburg at the request of the allied governments. These credits were due Germany for some time and the officials thought the time opportune to allow them in view of German difficulties.

### Crisis Is Discussed.

The members of the reparations commission spent all day discussing the German crisis. Dr. Fischer and Herr Schroeder conferred with the members this morning and had another talk with M. Dubois, president of the commission, in the course of which the German representatives reiterated the country's inability to meet cash payments after July.

The commission is expecting to receive a formal request from Germany for a moratorium in some form tomorrow, indicating that were that the German note would ask that Germany be relieved of all remaining payments this year.

Roland R. Boyden is keeping in close touch with the developments so as to be able to advise Washington. It was said tonight in certain reparations circles that there was a disposition to take no action on the German request for a moratorium, but rather await possible political developments in Germany.

### Value of Decision Doubtful.

Those who take this view say that the fall of the present German government would make any decision reached now of little or no value.

The French government is opposed to an immediate meeting of the allied powers to discuss the reparations situation, and it will only consent to such a meeting as a final step. This was made plain in official circles today after a conference between President Dubois of the commission and Premier Poincare.

## FRANCE, FRANCE CONFERS

### French Premier Expected to Be Invited to London.

LONDON, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare of France probably will be invited to London for discussions with Prime Minister Lloyd George on the reparations question as affected by present conditions in Germany, according to official circles here.

Great Britain and France are in close communication concerning Germany's financial position, which came before the British cabinet meeting today.



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