

RAILROAD STRIKE TRUCE HELD NEAR

Harding and Warring Factions Confer.

SENIORITY STILL OBSTACLE

Basis of Armistice Narrows to Rehearing Plan.

ACTION IS KEPT SECRET

President and Representatives of Shopmen and Railroads Are Non-Committal.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN STRIKE OF RAILROAD SHOPMEN.

A tentative proposal to terminate the shopmen's strike was drawn up at a conference between President Harding and B. M. Jewell, head of the shopmen, and other shopcraft officials.

Western railway executives reiterated their intention of protecting seniority rights of the shopmen who remained at work and those that have been hired since the strike started. Railroads centering in Chicago reported that transportation conditions were practically normal and that new employees were being hired in large numbers.

Shopmen of the Grand Trunk railroad in Montreal threatened to strike because they were asked to repair equipment of roads in the United States where shopmen were on strike.

BY ROBERT SMITH
(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—Peace or a truce in the rail strike was believed to be close at hand following a day of conferences, extending far into the night, at the White House between President Harding and representatives of the warring factions.

Although the utmost secrecy prevailed during the conference and the statements at the close were non-committal, there is growing belief that the end of the strike is not far off. In some optimistic quarters the impression prevailed that an order would go out to the striking shopmen tomorrow to return to work. B. M. Jewell declared tonight, however, that he had no intention of issuing such an order.

The attitude of the executives. It was understood, was unchanged concerning the seniority rule, the chief obstacle of peace, notwithstanding pressure brought to bear by the president to induce them to abandon this stand.

Rehearing Is Peace Basis.

The basis of an armistice, therefore, has about narrowed down to this: That the striking shopmen return to work with the assurance that the railroad labor board will grant them a rehearing of their grievances and assume jurisdiction over the much-disputed seniority question. It was pointed out that this plan might be followed without the acquiescence of the railway executives. The men would return to work and if their old places, under the seniority rule, were denied them, they could carry the dispute to the labor board, which would then proceed to deal with the seniority question.

Harding Opens Conference.

President Harding began his conferences early this morning beginning with T. Dewitt Cuyler, president of the American Association of Railway Executives. After Mr. Cuyler had left the White House Mr. Jewell, the shopmen's chief, and the presidents of the various shopcraft unions, arrived from Chicago and went at once into conference with Mr. Harding. They remained in session for a short while and then left the White House, but returned in the afternoon and spent more than three hours with the president. Mr. Cuyler also returned to the White House later in the evening.

Only the most non-committal statements were given out by the shopmen and Mr. Cuyler after the conference and nothing was forthcoming from the White House.

Mr. Jewell made this statement: "Our conference this afternoon was a continuation of our conference this morning at which we continued our statements of our views of the situation. There can be no statement now as to what has been said at the conference."

Executives' Viewpoint Presented.

Mr. Cuyler made a similar statement, merely saying that he had presented the viewpoint of the executives. Both Mr. Cuyler and Mr. Jewell said they would remain in conference.

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TOT HELD FOR DEBT IS SOLD AT AUCTION

CHILD IS "KNOCKED DOWN" WHEN \$30 OFFERED.

EX-CAPTAIN FOUND DEAD

Circumstances Point to Murder of Harry C. Lott.

FRENCH WRITER IS DEAD

Author of 50 Novels Succumbs in Paris.

AYALA GOES TO FRONT

Successful Advance Reported of Regular Paraguayan Troops.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, July 27.—Held for ransom to be secured by a \$405 board and doctor's bill incurred by her father, now serving a term in the house of correction, Marie Baker, aged 5, today was sold at auction by Judge Adams in the court of domestic relations to the highest and best bidder.

The child was "knocked down" to Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney, wealthy residents of Rentville, Minn., who had journeyed to Chicago to attend the sale. Their bid was \$30.

When Marie's mother died a year ago her father took her and himself to board at the home of Mrs. A. Stolman. He fell behind in his payments and Mrs. Stolman brought him into court. When he could not pay the judge sent him to the house of correction.

Mrs. Kinney, sister of the child's dead mother, heard of these conditions and sought to have the child added to her flock of eight, but the Stolmans blocked her efforts. They finally agreed that the Kennys might take Marie if they would pay up all back indebtedness. Judge Adams arbitrated the claims and allowed them but \$30, the board of the child since her father went to jail.

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BUENOS AIRES, July 27.—A successful advance of the regular Paraguayan troops was reported today in a government communique, according to La Nacion's Asuncion correspondent.

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GIRL, HAIR BOBBED, SUICIDE IN REMORSE

LOSS OF PRETTY LOCKS IS CAUSE OF DESPONDENCY.

NEWS GRATIFIES WILSON

Augustus Thomas Felicitated on Recent Appointment.

HEROIC NURSE INJURED

Mrs. R. W. Moyer Breaks Back in Leap From Burning Hospital.

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(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, July 27.—Two weeks ago Miss Ruth Evans, attractive private stenographer for an executive of the American Telephone & Telegraph company at 105 Broadway "bobbed" her hair in the prevailing mode.

Almost immediately, according to Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, with whom she lived, she regretted the act and grew increasingly depressed over the loss.

Today she failed to appear at the table for breakfast or lunch. Brown tried the door of her room, smelled gas and summoned a policeman. They broke in the door. The girl's body, fully clothed, was found stretched out on the bed in a gas-filled room. Three letters left no doubt of her suicidal intention.

One addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Brown gave no hint of her reasons, but the Browns said that Miss Evans had seemed to go from regret to depression, to despondency in the two weeks since she had her hair cut. She had, they said, beautiful blonde hair reaching to her waist.

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EX-OREGON WOMAN IS FRENCH COUNTESS

MRS. TARTOUX TO MEET ROYALTY OF EUROPE.

LEONARD RETAINS CROWN BY SHADE

Tender and Champion Fight Bitter Battle.

CHALLENGER ROCKS BENNY

Quaker Lad Nearly Stows New Yorker Away in 8th.

TITLEHOLDER IS KIDDED

Taunts of Southpaw Have Champion in Frenzy, Causing Many Swings to Go Wild.

PRODUCERS SEEK LOANS

Grain Growers' Representatives to Visit Capital Soon.

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Barricaded Maniac Throws Up Hands and Asks for Water.

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