

SENIORITY IN SHOPS HELD TRIVIAL POINT

Matter Considered Easy
One to Solve.

FEW MEN ARE INVOLVED

Nothing Needed for Solution But
Good-Will of All Parties,
Says Mark Sullivan.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—It is felt here that the public needs more clarification of the facts of the railroad strike and especially the facts about seniority. This is a technical term difficult for the public to understand adequately in its application to the railroads.

The railroad executives have treated the subject of seniority in such a way as to make it seem to have very great importance. In taking the position that they cannot go back on promises of preferred seniority made to the men who remained loyal to the railroads, the executives seem to be on strong ground. It is especially strong because it involves the moral element of keeping or breaking a promise.

But what the administration believes, and what some of the railroad men admitted last week when they were in a less recalcitrant mood, is that these promises cannot be taken of, and are not in any black and white sense absolutely inconsistent with what President Harding proposed.

Problem Not Insoluble.

If the railroad executives had the wish to be helpful, as some of them seemed to have last week, their promises of preferred seniority to the workers now with them need not stand in the way. These promises are a thing which can be put forward as an insuperable handicap, or which can readily be handled, according to whether the executives are disposed to be helpful or to be recalcitrant. The thing the administration has steadily insisted on and will continue to insist on is the supremacy of the railroad labor board.

A controversy is not made impossible of solution merely because an additional party to it has been added in the shape of the body of loyal workers and of the new men who took the places of the strikers.

The seniority question as it stands today is not a bit more complex than many of the questions which the railroad labor board has already handled. In fact, this question of seniority as it applies to shop men—and shop men are the only ones now striking—is much less formidable than it has been made to appear in the atmosphere of the last strike.

Shop Men Little Concerned.
To certain classes of railroad labor, like conductors, firemen and engineers, seniority means a great deal. It is a matter of choice of agreeable "trunk" and in other ways, but few of the shop men ever think much about seniority. The number of preferred jobs among the shop men is very small. This question of seniority has always arisen at the termination of railroad strikes, and has always been settled somehow and it is less difficult in the present case than in past cases.

If there is the will to be helpful and to end the strike, there need be no difficulty about liquidating the obligations which the railroad executives are undoubtedly under to those of their employees who remained loyal and to their new men.

Many Men Needed.
The question of the dismissal of any of the new men being involved in taking back the strikers amounts to nothing. The railroads are confessedly lacking in the uppers of their equipment. For months to come the railroads will need all the men they can get, both strikers as well as new men. The matter of laying off anybody whatever need not arise from this, and so far as that goes, only a small portion of the new men taken on really care to continue in railroad work.

The sum of it is that if there is a wish to be helpful and the willingness to submit to the authority of the railroad labor board on the part of the parties to the controversy, then there is no element of the controversy too difficult to be settled. The atmosphere of Washington is decidedly not one of alarm. There is a certain amount of criticism of the course of the administration, both of its course as a whole and of certain steps taken. The school of thought, however, which believes the administration would have ignored or ought to have ignored either or both of the strikes is comparatively small.

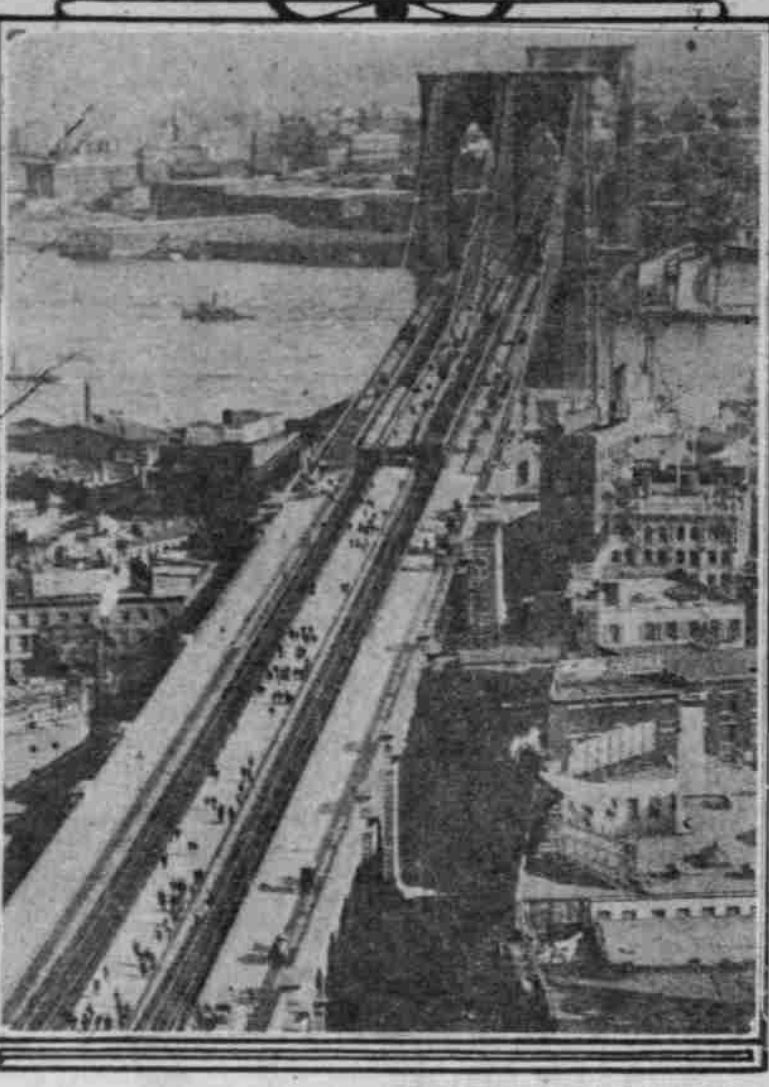
Old School Critics.
This school of thought is composed partly of old-school democrats who think it is no part of the business of the government to be settling strikes, and partly of extremely conservative business men who think that if the government had kept its hands off, the unions could have been, as they say, "busted."

The number of persons who hold either of the views is extremely small. There is a somewhat larger group which believes that certain details of the administration's management of the strike have been in error. On this point it is believed that no sound judgment can be passed without complete knowledge of everything that attended each step, and it can be taken for granted with much confidence that some things which have happened have not yet been made known. The atmosphere of Washington broadly is one of confidence, and there is no prospect of any drastic step in the immediate future. The probability is rather in the direction of continued negotiations with all the parties concerned coming closer together.

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FAMOUS SPAN AS IT APPEARS TODAY.
The discovery that two of the giant main cables supporting the old Brooklyn bridge had slipped in their saddles atop of the bridge tower on the Manhattan side caused Superintendent of Department of Plant and Structures Whalen to move formally last week for the reconstruction of the old structure and also for the building of an additional bridge across the East river.

According to Gustav Lindenthal, engineer of the Hell Gate bridge and other famous spans, and regarded as one of the best bridge authorities in the country, the old Brooklyn structure is good for several hundred years.

In May, 1923, the bridge will be 40 years old. Colonel Washington A. Roebling, now 85 years old, who built the Brooklyn bridge on plans made by his father, also says that the structure was due for a life of 100 to 200 years and that there was absolutely no danger of collapse or breaking of cables.

The fact that the cable slipped, according to Colonel Roebling, is just what the designers and constructors intended it should do. If the big cable had not slipped one end of the bridge would have fallen down. The bridge is now closed to motor vehicles—only horse-drawn wagons and trucks are allowed.

RAIL WAGE HEARING SET

**LABOR BOARD TO CONSIDER
DISPUTE AUGUST 28.**

Cases Involving 43 Railroads
Submitted; Overtime Is
Principal Issue.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—The United States railroad labor board today adopted a resolution to begin the hearing of wage and rule disputes involving the maintenance of way union on August 28.

The board's action is in line with promises made to E. Grable, head of the maintenance of way organization when the union's strike plans were abandoned on July 4. An agreement was reached by which Mr. Grable instructed his general chairman to take up with the individual roads the matter of wages. It was provided that if an agreement could not be reached the matter would be submitted to the labor board for an early hearing.

Labor board members said that the board made no concession in granting a rehearing of cases which resulted in raising the wages of maintenance of way men effective July 1 as any organization was privileged to ask for reconsideration on the ground that living prices had advanced since the decision was rendered. The principal rule involved is that concerning overtime.

Cases involving 43 roads have now been submitted to the board, these railroads waiving their right to a 30-day notice before submission of the cases. Other roads are said to have pursued a similar policy. Mr. Grable and several of his vice-presidents appeared before the board today and agreed to the date fixed. Most of the cases are on joint submissions, the questions involved being identical.

KLAN PROBER IS THANKED

Mr. Daugherty Grateful to Prosecutor for Aid Given Bureau.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 2.—Thomas Woolwine, district attorney, today received a letter from Attorney-General Daugherty acknowledging "exceptional assistance and hearty co-operation" given to the United States bureau of investigation in recent investigations of Ku Klux Klan activities.

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IOWA REPUBLICANS SPEAK OUT PLAINLY

Convention Platform Makes
Party Position Plain.

MR. BROOKHART IGNORED

Candidate, However, Pledges
Support of Party's Statement
Following Convention.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The republican party of Iowa, state convention today, reaffirmed its position in favor of the short ballot primary and instructed the assembling of a state convention prior to the next primary to endorse party candidates for United States senator and state officers; endorsed the principle of the federal reserve system; got back of President Harding's position on federal soldier bonus legislation; endorsed the pending state bonus proposal and heavily endorsed the legislative record of Senator Cummins, while neglecting to mention Smith W. Brookhart, the party candidate to be Cummins' senatorial colleague.

The republican platform, which was adopted by unanimous action, contained one of the most outspoken pronouncements upon public rights in fight between labor and capital that ever has been made in Iowa. It urged the defense of juries and courts against attacks from either "socialists or demagogues," seeking to destroy the right of property and of definite legislation in behalf of agriculture.

Indorsement of the Each-Cummins bill, the rock upon which it was predicted the convention might be split if it ever became an issue, missed indorsement by the convention resolutions committee by the narrow margin of one vote.

Brookhart on Platform.
Despite the fact that the platform trod them roughly on Mr. Brookhart's toes in at least two places, Brookhart made the following statement at adjournment:

"The platform does not repudiate any pledges I have made to the common people during the primary campaign and I will keep every one of them to the utmost of my ability."

"We recognize," the platform states, "the right of labor to organize for its own protection and its right to act collectively in a lawful manner. The constitution of the United States guarantees to every citizen the right of life, liberty, property and the pursuit of happiness, and every individual who wants to engage in legitimate employment, whether he be a member of a labor organization or not, has the right to do so without being intimidated or coerced."

There must be recognition of the fact that our complex modern life has created conditions which make it intolerable for any man or group of men to disregard the general interests of the community."

Reform Is Demanded.
After repeating the declaration of the platform of 1912 to the primary, the document adopted states:

"In the event the general assembly shall not comply with this demand for a substantial revision of our nominating system, then we instruct the republican state committee in calling the state convention for electing delegates to the next republican national convention to call such state convention for a date not later than February, 1924, and to include in the call thereof, as a part of the business of that convention, the duty of endorsing candidates for senator, governor and other state officers to be supported by the party in the coming campaign; and the state committee shall at the same time prescribe suitable rules for the fair and free choice of delegates to such state convention under republican auspices and by republicans only."

DEMOCRATS DELIGHTED
Rival Convention Stirred by Supposed Republican Breach.

DES MOINES, Aug. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Exhilarated by reports which filtered into the auditorium today that Smith W. Brookhart, republican candidate for United States senator, had been ignored by his own party convention, the Iowa democratic convention turned its attention to the supposed breach between Senator Cummins and the Brookhart faction.

Clyde L. Herring of Des Moines, democratic candidate against Brookhart, said to the democratic delegates a moment after word came that Brookhart had not addressed the republican convention:

"I am fortunate this year to be a democratic candidate without any opposition on the republican ticket." It was a Woodrow Wilson convention, which cheered itself hoarse at ever mention of the "invalid" in his wheel chair.

It was reported from the meeting room of the convention resolutions committee that an effort had been made to introduce into the state party platform a plank endorsing light wines and beer. This effort, however, never reached the committee floor, resolutions reported by the committee failing to mention the issue in any way.

The democratic platform declared unqualifiedly for both national and state soldier bonuses.

Cordell Hull of Tennessee, chairman of the democratic national committee, was here and addressed the Iowa democrats, attacking numerous acts of the Harding administration.

BIG GLASS BEING MADE
Spokane May Get Largest Telescope in World.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 2.—A \$1,000,000 telescope, said to be the largest in the world, will be placed in Spokane by C. H. Frye of Seattle. If the city of Spokane will provide a site and a concrete foundation for it, according to an announcement made here today by E. H. Stanton, a friend of Mr. Frye.

The telescope is now being built in Switzerland and will be ready for shipment in about six months, according to Mr. Stanton.

The Spokane chamber of commerce has appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Frye. Members of the committee have expressed the belief that \$100,000 will be necessary to provide a proper site and foundation.

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