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48-HOUR TRUCE HOLDS UP STRIKE

Mediation Board Credited With Postponement.

MEN ARE SAID TO HAVE WON

Brotherhood Officials Declare There Will Be No General Walkout.

PUBLIC OPINION IS FACTOR

Pact Hinges on Supreme Court Decision, Says Official of Railroad.

NEW YORK, March 17.—An official of the railroad brotherhoods, who would not permit the use of his name, made the declaration tonight that there would be no strike and that the brotherhoods had won a complete victory.

CLEVELAND, O., March 17.—From an authoritative source it has been learned that the four brotherhood chiefs in New York have been assured of a satisfactory settlement of the railroad labor controversy by Monday night.

NEW YORK, March 17.—After a 48-hour truce between the four railroad brotherhoods and the railroads had been declared here late today, thus averting the great "progressive" strike that was to have begun at 7 o'clock tonight, W. G. Lee, chief of the trainmen and spokesman for the brotherhood, asserted he believed an amicable settlement of all the differences would be reached by Monday.

This was taken to mean that the efforts of the President's committee of mediators representing the Council of National Defense not only had been successful in halting the strike, but with the resumption of conferences tomorrow and Monday the whole situation probably would be cleared and the country again assured of normal transportation conditions.

Managers Not Optimistic. The optimism of the brotherhood chiefs was not shared by the railroad managers. While no statement was forthcoming from them, it was asserted that the settlement of the differences was entirely contingent upon a decision Monday by the Supreme Court favorable to the Adamson law. In that event, it was understood, they agreed that they would accept the application of the law on the basis of 10 hours' pay for eight hours' work, with pro rata pay for overtime.

No other concessions were made and the question as to what turn the situation would take in the event of no decision Monday, or of a decision declaring the Adamson law unconstitutional, remained to be determined.

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POSTPONEMENT IS LATE; FEW STRIKE

MEN AT SEVERAL TERMINALS OBEY ORIGINAL ORDER.

Big Four, Baltimore & Ohio and Other Roads in East Are Affected by the Move.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., March 17.—Two hundred and fifty railway employes here walked out tonight, declaring that they had received no notice that the strike had been postponed. None of the employees of the Terminal Railway Association went on strike and early reports were that the movement was confined to employees of the Big Four and the Baltimore & Ohio.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 17.—Saying that no order rescinding the general strike order had been received, members of the four brotherhoods of the Monongahela River division yards of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad quit work tonight. It is estimated that the movement was confined to about 200 men here.

CONNELSVILLE, Pa., March 17.—More than 300 members of the four railroad brotherhoods, employees of the Baltimore & Ohio and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, quit work here at 7 o'clock tonight.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 17.—Adhering to orders previously issued by railroad brotherhood heads, about 300 employees of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad here went out on strike tonight.

NEWARK, Ohio, March 17.—Eight hundred engineers, firemen, trainmen and freight-train conductors employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad here struck at 6 o'clock. At 7 o'clock the engineers returned to work on receipt of an official word from the chief engineer of the brotherhood.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 17.—Receiving no official notification of the 48-hour postponement of the railroad strike, brotherhood members employed on the Nickel Plate Railroad here obeyed the original instructions.

SUFFRAGISTS PLAN 'DRIVE'

National Woman's Party Is to Invade the South.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Representatives of the National Woman's party will begin a "Dixie Drive" April 1 in a campaign designed to secure support from the Southern States for suffrage.

Every Southern Congressman will be interviewed in his home town by a delegation and his constituents exhorted to support suffrage.

FUNERAL WARSHIP NAMED

Mrs. Guthrie to Accompany Husband's Body on Japanese Cruiser.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Japan has assigned the armored cruiser Asama to bring home the body of Ambassador Guthrie.

DAY IS QUIET IN DUBLIN

Church Services Largely Attended; No Processions Held.

DUBLIN, March 17.—St. Patrick's day passed quietly in Dublin. Many country people came into town but there were no processions. The church services were largely attended.

PRESIDENT HAS SHAMROCK

All White House Employees Wear Sprigs Sent by John Redmond.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Wilson and all White House employes wore sprigs of shamrock today, sent to the White House by John Redmond, Irish Nationalist leader.

ROADS CAMPAIGN STARTS WITH RUSH

Meeting Is Marked by Enthusiasm.

COMMITTEEMEN OPEN FUND

Call Issued for Grand Rally in Portland, April 7.

LEGISLATORS HEAD MOVE

Clubs to Be Organized in Every County in State to Carry Gospel of Improvement and Provide Accurate Details.

A rousing start was made yesterday in a state-wide campaign to carry the \$6,000,000 road bond issue.

At the head of the movement is a body thoroughly representative of all sections of the state—the joint committee of three Senators and five Representatives appointed to represent the State Legislature in preparing the argument for the bond measure in the official voters' pamphlet.

In response to many and pressing requests from commercial bodies and road organizations in many communities, the joint committee, at a meeting in the Imperial Hotel yesterday, constituted itself a temporary organization to direct the campaign until a permanent organization can be formed.

Conference Is Called.

The committee issued a formal call for a good roads conference to be held in Portland Saturday, April 7, at which a permanent organization is to be formed.

Delegates from every commercial and civic organization, every road association and good roads workers generally are expected to attend this conference. Arrangements will be made to obtain one and one-third round-trip rates from the railroads.

In the meantime the joint legislative committee, as a temporary organization, will go to work immediately to establish an information headquarters from which needed data, statistics and other information can be sent out for the campaign.

Enthusiasm Marks Meeting.

The meeting yesterday was enthusiastic and full of interest. To show their faith in the road bond measure and to start the needed campaign fund, every member of the committee subscribed and paid in cash on the spot a subscription of \$10 each.

Senator W. D. Wood, of Washington County, senior member and chairman of the joint committee, made the suggestion that each of the eight members of the committee give \$10. He started it himself.

The example was catching. While the legislators were digging into their pockets and bringing out the money, spectators at the meeting insisted on being permitted to subscribe, too.

Faving Concerns Barred.

"Anybody may subscribe from \$1 up provided he is not connected with a paving company," announced Senator Wood, and the \$10 pieces, bills and checks piled up on the table in front of him until they totaled \$130.

Previously, the committee had adopted a resolution proposed by Representative Ritter to the effect that the committee should not solicit or accept any contributions from any paving concern, or any person connected therewith.

Every member of the committee was present at yesterday's meeting, and the decision to form a temporary organization to set the state-wide move-

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BAPAUME FALLS AFTER LONG SIEGE

Allies Take 31 Miles of German Trenches.

GOAL OF MONTHS ACHIEVED

Teuton Retreat Grows Hurried Before Sweeping Drive.

MANY VILLAGES CAPTURED

Kaiser's Forces Yield Positions Held for Two Years—Bapaume Is Left Afire by Foe, Who Find Salient in Peril.

LONDON, March 17.—The British and French troops are sweeping forward in the Somme and Oise sectors in France and the German retreat, which at first was slow and on narrow fronts, seems to be gaining momentum.

The latest advance by the British was made on a front of 16 miles and by the French along a front of about 15 miles, and the entente allies have penetrated German positions in this operation to a depth of from two to four miles.

Goal of Months Achieved.

Bapaume, for many months described as a German stronghold, now is in the hands of the British, having been wrested from the Germans after what the British War Office describes as stiff fighting. It is a mass of ruins.

From Bapaume the fortified lines newly acquired by the British extend to the western outskirts of Monchy-au-Bois. From south of Peronne the British have drawn a new line as far as Fresnois. In all, they have taken possession of 14 villages in their new advance.

Civilians Welcome French.

The French have taken up a new line between Andeuzy and the Oise and have occupied the important town of Roye, where they were enthusiastically greeted by the remaining civil population, whom the Germans left behind in their withdrawal, and have reached certain points along the famous Roye-Noyon road.

The forces of Emperor William apparently have been compelled to give up positions that they have occupied for more than two years, because of the terrific bombardments to which they have been subjected. The British forward movement on the Somme front began February 25 when Petit Miramont along the Ancre was occupied and the French began pressing forward from the Andeuzy-Laasigny line on March 12.

Retreat Is Accelerated.

In the early operations, one by one, small villages were evacuated by the Germans, whose withdrawal was slow and watchfully followed by the British, consolidation of the new position and preparations for a further forward movement being most carefully made. In the last few days both the retreat and advance respectively have been considerably accelerated.

The Germans evacuated more than a score of villages in the Somme area before retreating to Bapaume line, and they now have given up that town and villages to the north and south of it, from Essarts to Le Transloye.

Wide Territory Yielded.

From Petit Miramont eastward to Bapaume is six miles, and from Gomsecourt, north of the Ancre, eastward to Abainsville is four and a half miles.

The Germans also have given up villages south of the Somme and south of Peronne, which now is invested from

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FRENCH CABINET MEMBERS RESIGN

BRAND MINISTRY QUITS WHEN UNDER FIRE.

Attacks by Parliament as to Economic Policy Leads to Decision to Let President Act.

PARIS, March 15.—The French Cabinet, headed by Premier Briand, has resigned.

An official note given out after the Cabinet meeting says:

"The council of ministers met tonight (Saturday) at Elysee Palace. The Premier reported on various consultations he had had with a view to completing the Cabinet so it could present itself to the Chamber. After hearing him, the Cabinet decided that circumstances compelled it to leave to the President of the republic complete liberty to interpret the situation in the best interests of national defense. Consequently, the president of the council put into the hands of the President of the republic the resignation of the Cabinet."

The Briand ministry has been attacked in the French Parliament repeatedly during the last few weeks for its economic policy. It succeeded the Viviani Cabinet in October, 1916, and was reorganized last December 15, when the number of ministerial portfolios were decreased and a war council appointed. The war council included Premier Briand, M. Ribot, Minister of Finance; General Lyautey, Minister of War; Rear-Admiral Lacaze, Minister of Marine; and M. Thomas, Minister of National Manufactures.

Attacks by the opposition in Parliament resulted on Wednesday in the sudden resignation of General Lyautey as Minister of War.

SNOWSLIDE KILLS 2 MEN

Avalanche in Utah Extends Over Two Miles, Following Storm.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 17.—As an aftermath of the record-breaking snow storm that swept east over the intermountain district yesterday, two prospectors were killed in a two-mile snowslide in Big Cottonwood Canyon, near here, today.

Three trains from Eastern points are stalled in Nebraska today, according to advices received here by railway officials.

NAVY RECRUIT AGAIN HEAVY

Marked Increase Follows Break With Germany.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 17.—The marked increase in Navy recruiting since the diplomatic break with Germany was indicated at the naval training station here today.

There were 2785 enlisted men and apprentice seamen in barracks, the high mark since the station was established. There are accommodations only for 150 more men.

COOL WEATHER FORECAST

Middle of Week Probably Will Be Rainy in Northwest.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, are:

Pacific states, generally fair, except rains are probable on Northern Pacific Coast Tuesday, Wednesday and probably Thursday. Temperature somewhat below seasonal normal.

\$100,000 NECKLACE FOUND

Jewels Picked Up by Boy in Hotel and Returned to Owner.

LOS ANGELES, March 17.—The pearl necklace of Mrs. Frank Sullivan Smith, of New York, valued at approximately \$100,000, was found in the corridor of a hotel here today by a youth, who returned it to Mrs. Smith.

The necklace was reported stolen yesterday.

Committee Controls City.

Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, telegraphing under Friday's date, says:

"The city is now controlled by committees formed of garrison and civil-

REPUBLIC BEING FORMED BY DUMA

Varied Reports Given on Czar's Position.

LVOFF WILL BE PRESIDENT

Petrograd Controlled by Committee Composed of Army and Civilian Men.

MICHAEL WANTS ELECTION

Grand Duke Does Not Abdicate, but Does Not Accept Regency.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The Empress and Crown Prince are now safe in Finland and the Emperor is at the Snetogorsky monastery in Pskoff, according to a cablegram made public here today by the Russian-American Asiatic Corporation.

According to Ivan Norodny, head of the corporation, the cablegram was from their representatives in Petrograd and was transmitted through the Belgian Minister.

LVoff to Be President.

Mr. Norodny announced the receipt of dispatches also saying that the Duma is promulgating orders for the formation of a government to be known as the United States of Russia, with Prince Lvoff as President.

PETROGRAD, March 17, via London, March 18.—After his abdication, Emperor Nicholas returned to general staff headquarters.

Appointment Is Popular.

The attitude of the armies at the front in the face of the new development is not yet known in Petrograd. It is generally believed that the appointment of Grand Duke Nicholas as Commander-in-Chief will be received enthusiastically by the troops, with whom he is extremely popular.

LONDON, March 17.—The Russian constituent assembly, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, will be convened at the Winter Palace, which has been proclaimed national property.

Czar Prisoner, Is Report.

The Nya Daglight Allehan, of Stockholm, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from that city, says in a telegram from Haparanda the Emperor Nicholas is held a prisoner and that the Empress has been sent to Kiev. The Social Democrat, of Stockholm, says M. Goltzine, the deposed Russian Premier, has committed suicide in prison.

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TOPICS OF WAR IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS CLAIM THE ATTENTION OF CARTOONIST REYNOLDS.

