

SEVEN RAIL UNIONS THEY FOR STRIKE

95 Per Cent of Workers
Said to Favor Walkout.

OFFICIALS TO CONFER

Rail and Miners' Organizations Plan Co-Operative Action Against Pay Reductions.

CINCINNATI, O., June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Withdrawal of wage reductions ordered by the railroad labor board and the taking back by railroads of contracts farming out shop work is the only way the threatened strike of approximately 1,000,000 workers on July 1 can be averted, rail union executives said tonight.

The triple-barrel strike vote of seven unions so far returned was announced by union leaders as being 95 per cent in favor of a walkout. However, leaders said this percentage is high and they did not expect the final vote to reach more than 95 per cent.

Tuesday the rail and miners union officials will meet to discuss co-operative action between members of these organizations. John L. Lewis, president of the miners, formally announced today that the meeting would discuss the industrial situation affecting the strike of organizing mine workers and the outrageous action of the United States rail labor board in imposing unwarrantable and unjustifiable reductions upon the railway employees.

In accepting the invitation extended by B. M. Jewell of the railway employees for the meeting Mr. Lewis stated that the miners would seek to prescribe "a course of action which will afford that essential degree of justice which is necessary to the men working in these industries and at the same time give every proper consideration to the welfare of organized men and women."

MINORITY REPORT ATTACKED

Majority Members of Wage Body Retaliate to Critics.

CHICAGO, June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Majority members of the United States railroad labor board, who yesterday ordered another slash from the wages of the nation's railway workers, today retaliated to criticisms of minority members with the charge that the dissenting members presented "incendiary arguments in a strained and exaggerated effort to inflame the minds of the workers against the decision of the board."

The minority, constituting two of the three labor members, were accused of "sewing some of the tiny seeds that have germinated and blossomed into industrial anarchy in Russia."

Yesterday's decision, which lopped nearly \$27,000,000 from the wages of 325,000 railway clerks, signalmen and stationary firemen, brought total reductions effective July 1, under the board's orders, up to \$115,000,000. Approximately 1,200,000 railway employees are affected by the orders.

Accompanying yesterday's order, carrying reductions ranging from 2 to 6 cents an hour, was a lengthy supporting opinion from the members representing the railroads and the public, and the dissenting opinion by the labor members condemning the order.

In their prompt rejoinder today the majority members said:

It is not incumbent upon the six members of the board concurring in this decision to follow the minority into a partisan controversy which partakes more of the character of an impassioned advocacy than of calm adjustment.

Insofar as the dissenting opinion distorts the sentiments of the majority, misquotes their language and reflects upon their desire and disposition to do justice, we will refrain from comment.

We prefer to believe that these imprecise evasions, which are the product of a mind which is bent upon the task of attacking the decision which was drafted by the employees in the headquarters of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor and that they were overlooked by the dissenting members.

There is one feature of the dissenting argument, however, which is so unusual that it should not be passed over without notice, and that is the portion wherein the two dissenting members advise the employees to strike against the decision of the board.

It is something new for labor members of the board to issue incendiary arguments to employees in favor of striking against a decision of the board. The giving of advice of this kind heretofore has been left to outsiders, who were not under the official obligations imposed by the transportation act. The main purpose of which is to prevent railway strikes and protect the public from their dire effects.

One of the passages referred to is as follows: "The transportation act is intended to substitute for the strike such just and reasonable wages as would render resort to a strike unnecessary. If this tribunal, created to determine such wages, admits that under existing circumstances it cannot do justice, obviously the employees must use such power as they have to influence the labor market, which is necessary to be the determining factor in their wages."

That is to say, if the board makes such admission the employees must strike.

Then the dissenting members proceed to remove the "if" and to assert that the board has no jurisdiction which renders a strike necessary.

Not only do the minority step down from the judicial position, which they occupy, to advise a strike, but they obviously distort and misconstrue the language of the majority in order to provide the condition which they pronounce a justification.

This is not the only place in the dissenting opinion where the suggestion is made to the employees to strike. As a matter of fact, the entire dissenting opinion constitutes a strained and exaggerated effort to inflame the employees by the belief that they have been grossly outraged by this decision.

A fair statement of the facts will convince any disinterested man that no injustice has been done to these employees by the present decision, and the decrease in their wages is conservative and is based upon the law and the evidence.

Declaring that the minority savagely attacked statements quoted from former decisions by the board in which "relevant circumstances" referred to in the transportation act were considered in wage increases, the majority members asserted that "it would appear that the relevant circumstances" were to be considered by the present dissenting members in relation only to wage increases, but not decreases.

The statement then went into the controversy over theoretical living standards and the minority's charges that the year 1917 was an unfair year to adopt as a basis or a starting point in the consideration of wages of railway labor.

"The dissenters are well aware that the wage reports of this board have begun with the year 1917 and both of them have twice concurred in this arrangement," the statement continued.

Statistics from the bureau of labor and the interstate commerce com-

mission on living costs and standards in 1915, a year which the dissenters said was a fair basis, were quoted by the majority members, who, after a lengthy presentation, said the standard of living for clerks under the rates prescribed by the decision is 12.1 per cent above 1915.

"It certainly affords grounds for satisfaction and encouragement rather than for inflammatory appeals for strikes," the statement said.

Recognition of budgets proposed by the minority would result in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars to the railroads each year, the majority members continued.

"This shortage would have had to be paid by some form of taxation on the public, presumably freight rates, which would have added to the burdens of every individual in the country, rich and poor," they said.

"It is well to remember," the statement continued, "that the time will never come in this or any other country when the ordinary rules of common sense and business, call them economic laws if you wish, can be absolutely ignored in the conduct of any industry. The latest instance in which these laws have been thrown overboard and replaced by fine-spin socialistic theories, both in railway and other industries as found in Russia, and the result there is not one that this country desires to emulate."

"The minority are sowing some of the tiny seeds that have germinated and blossomed into industrial anarchy in Russia when they make such statements as this: 'The economic laws are simply a description of the way in which business and industry has worked to date, and it has worked out very badly for humanity as a whole. It will be readily conceded that our social and industrial system has not invariably produced perfect results, but upon the whole, it has demonstrated its superiority to every experimental substitute that has been offered. And the fact must not be overlooked that this great industrial republic has rewarded labor with its largest degree of liberty, prosperity and happiness. It is not to be overlooked that the deficiencies too close to the eye as to obscure its benefits."

The minority report to which today's reply was made, was signed by Arthur O. Wharton and Albert Phillips. The third labor member of the board, W. L. McMenimen, was in the east on an investigation trip when the minority report was issued.

STRIKE BALLOTS MAILED

Firemen and Oilers to Decide Whether to Take Vote.

CINCINNATI, O., June 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Strike ballots to stationery and oilers and instructions to general committees of signal men to decide whether to take a strike vote were placed in the mails tonight following the decision of the railroad labor board last night cutting wages of members of these unions.

Clerks and station employees will not take a general strike ballot, E. H. Fitzgerald, grand president of the brotherhood, announced. He said the general committee on each railroad system or road would determine whether or not a strike ballot would issue and added that where such votes were taken the men would be bound by the result. There will be no walkout on a number of roads which have made agreements with the men which bound them to accept any wage slashes made by the labor board.

FAIR PETITION IS FILED

94 Per Cent of Names Certified by Unattila Clerk

PENDLETON, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Ninety-four per cent certified, the first petition filed with the clerk of Unattila county initiating the exposition tax measure proposing state endorsement of action of the voters of the city of Portland if they authorize a tax of \$3,000,000 for the staging of the 1925 exposition was filed yesterday by W. W. Harrah, member of the managing committee of the fair board.

More petitions circulated in Unattila county and freely signed will be filed in a few days. Several petitions completely signed have been forwarded to the secretary of state without certification, and these will have to be returned to the county clerk and certified before they can be counted.

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NOAH'S ARK HELD EXTANT IN EGYPT

Ancient Structure Thought
to Be Pyramids.

NICHE IS CUT BY FLOOD

Spiritualism of 30,000 Years Ago Gradually Lost to Race, Says Egyptologist.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 17.—Noah's ark, built to save human and animal life from the flood of ancient biblical times, is still extant, for to see 80,000 years after its construction. This is the belief of Dr. E. C. Getzinger, Egyptologist, now visiting here. His conclusion is based on recent discoveries, following 35 years of research work, some of the results of which he described in an address at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Getzinger is convinced that the ark of Noah was not a ship; that it was the great pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. Recent discoveries prove that the pyramids—"Noah's ark," and the others were under the sea for thousands of years. Dr. Getzinger said. Near the top of each of the pyramids, at the same level, is a high water line where a deep niche has been cut into the rock by the lashing of a long-forgotten surf—the surf of that flood which inundated the ancient biblical world, he declared. Dr. Getzinger said research showed the inner passages of the pyramids to be thickly crusted with salt, which, chemical analysis proved, is sea salt.

ONE MAN KILLED IN RIOT

Three Probably Fatally Injured In Fight Incited by I. W. W.

CHEROKEE, Okla., June 17.—One man was killed and three others probably injured fatally here last night in a fight between about 60 harvest hands assembled in the city park, just outside the city limits. The fight, which assumed the proportions of a riot, is thought by officers to have been incited by the I. W. W. The man killed was known as Paul Bernack of Ardmore. He was about 40 years old.

Later 12 reputed members of the I. W. W., who are charged with participation in the shooting affray, were arrested.

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comprehension of what we call telepathy and an language were bore into the world for the use of human beings, this spirituality was gradually lost to us."

"In like manner," Dr. Getzinger continued, "they understood the power of light to lessen the weight of mass objects—a fact which modern experiments are even now making widely known."

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Three Chambers Found

Going further into detail about his research work in the pyramids, the Egyptologist stated there are three chambers within the Great pyramid to Noah for the building of the ark, and these three chambers, named for the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham and Japhet, represent the three strata of life and intelligence."

It is already known, Dr. Getzinger continued, that the flood of Noah's time did not submerge the whole of the present known world, but included only the present low continent of Atlantis and Egypt. Atlantis has never reappeared, he said, but Egypt, after 12,000 years under the sea, proved. Dr. Getzinger said. Near the top of each of the pyramids, at the same level, is a high water line where a deep niche has been cut into the rock by the lashing of a long-forgotten surf—the surf of that flood which inundated the ancient biblical world, he declared. Dr. Getzinger said research showed the inner passages of the pyramids to be thickly crusted with salt, which, chemical analysis proved, is sea salt.

Noble Philosophy Represented

Dr. Getzinger is convinced the pyramids were built thousands of years before the reign of the Pharaohs. The latter, to whom they have been accredited, merely repaired them and caused a casing of stones to be built over them, he said.

And he is also convinced that the pyramids stand today a living monument to an old and noble philosophy, a civilization greater than that of the human race has since attained.

Obviously, since modern science cannot account for the means used to transport and place the great stone slabs used in the construction of the pyramids, that ancient race must have possessed knowledge and power far in advance of the present day, Dr. Getzinger argued. His explanation of the feat performed by those ancient engineers is that they were of a race infinitely more spiritual than modern man, that their power lay in a greater understanding of the universe and its laws.

Spirituality Gradually Lost.
For instance, Dr. Getzinger said, his researches indicate that those ancients, prior to 30,000 years ago, had no language, needed no language. They had the gift of transference of thought, a higher, finer,

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