

STRIKE VOTE TO END IN 2 WEEKS

of Telegraph in Forwarding
Returns Will Assist in Early
Results.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—What the next move of the government will be in the event that a \$600,000 railroad shippers of the strike vote to strike for an increase in wages is being asked by question for speculation in local circles today.

It was the consensus of opinion, however, that the government's action in an eventuality has not yet been decided and there were indications that for the time being the attitude of officials would be to "cross that bridge when they came to it."

Ordinarily, labor leaders pointed out, would require about three weeks to a strike vote among the half million workers involved. But in this instance orders have been given that the voting be expedited and the returns made by wire, with the possibility that a result would be known at the end of two weeks.

Bert M. Jewell, head of the railroad employees' division of the American Federation of Labor, with which the shippers are affiliated, refused today to predict what the outcome of the ballot would be—whether the men would vote to strike or not.

The letter sent to the shippers calling for the strike vote was, in the opinion of Mr. Jewell, a "very conservative one."

He pointed out today that the communication laid special stress upon the fact that if there is to be any wage increase for railroad employees, the shippers would be given ample consideration and that it was impressed upon the shippers that if they struck at this time, they would strike alone.

It is in living cost is a solution, asserts Stone. Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—No matter how high you make wages, rising costs have demonstrated that they in climb as fast, in fact, take delight

in so doing. This declaration was made here today by Wm. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"The solution of the wage problem, not only on railroads, but in all other lines of business, lies in a reduction of living costs—not effectively in increased wages," Stone said.

Mass Meeting Sunday
Chicago, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—A call for a mass meeting Sunday of Chicago railroad shippers to take action on the offer of a 4 cents an hour wage increase made by President Wilson was sent out today.

Reply of Managers
To Gompers Expected;
Actors Are Jubilant

New York, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—A quick reply from the strike-bound theatrical managers to Samuel Gompers' endorsement of the Actors' Equity association and the principles for which it is fighting is expected today.

"Mr. Gompers did not consult the managers at all," was all one manager would say in advance of a formal announcement from the Producing Managers' association.

Up and down the Rialto the actors and their sympathizers are jubilant as a result of the American labor leader's statement that "whatever power and influence there may be in the American Federation of Labor will be heartily accorded you."

The membership of the Actors' Equity league, which is running in opposition to the Actors' Equity association, has increased to 1619.

Producer Friendly
To Packers; Fears
Harm to Industry

Washington, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Charging that the federal trade commission conducted an unfair investigation of the packing industry, I. C. Thurmond of Oklahoma City, and vice president of the Oklahoma Livestock Producers' association, told the senate agricultural committee that cattle producers of the Southwest are unanimously opposed to the Kenyon and Kendrick bills to license the packers.

"The proposed legislation is going to crush the producer," Thurmond said. "Bankers don't want to lend money to livestock growers now with all of this unrest staring them in the face."

"There is a very pronounced feeling in my country that the packers are being jobbed and we are going to get the worst of it."

Expert butter tasters in France claim they can detect the flavor of the soil from which cattle from which butter is produced have fed.

Special Trains for
Hop Pickers Not So
Numerous This Year

Special trains for hop pickers will not move in nearly as large numbers as in former years, according to arrangements being made by local railroad offices.

The Oregon Electric railroad is the first to announce its complete schedule on these districts by second sections of regular train No. 7 on September 3, 4 and 5.

MEAT PRICES TOPIC
AT TONIGHT'S MEETING

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confidence. "I regret that I have to read this," said Farrell.

"If we are not permitted to make things public, where is our influence?" asked Spence, and Mrs. Williams suggested that it was perhaps unethical for the committee to accept secret information.

REFUSED TO BE FRIGHTENED
"They refer to my statement about salmon," said Mrs. George W. McMath, who has been representing public interests on the committee, "I told it, and I don't regret it for one minute."

When the working man is being squeezed out of his dollar by companies that say they are nearly broke and pay exorbitant wages of management, it is time the public knew about it. Let them take exception; it doesn't worry me. I've kept still about enough of their evidence that the public ought to know. They thought they could bring attorneys here and scare us into letting them boost the price of bread. Well, we didn't scare worth a cent."

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
Nine resolutions presented by Mrs. F. C. Northrup at the housewives' mass meeting on food prices Tuesday afternoon were adopted as follows:

That the stuff at the market be sold only by producers themselves, thus eliminating agents.

That the maximum prices as regulated at present are unfair to the consumer and should be recommended that they be discontinued.

That a method of rotation be employed in the markets whereby all producers can have advantage of favorable places, thus preventing monopoly of favorable locations.

That a penalty be imposed for short weight and refusal to refund money.

That in the interest of health and sanitation, one of the city comfort stations be built in the market section.

That food be prohibited from being stored in basements where it often becomes infested by rot.

WANT MASTER DISCHARGED
That the present market master be discharged on the ground that he has not attended to his duties, but said, "Let it go this time," when informed of the misuse of the market, and that a committee of three persons, one man and two women, be appointed in his place.

That the present ordinance is insufficient and that a new ordinance, which is now being drafted, be substituted.

This ordinance will be submitted to the commissioners as soon as it can be drafted in legal form.

The meeting considered the clauses of the ordinance one by one. More than 500 housewives, husbands of farmers, market stall renters, farmers—yes, there were even an army lieutenant and a school teacher—crowded Liberty hall and told what they thought of the present and the proposed ordinance.

SOME WARM DISCUSSIONS
Warm discussion started at the very beginning over what was meant by "in or near Portland." Did this include Washington? some one asked.

"You don't have to have any intelligence to see that," said Mrs. Northrup, who defended somewhat ardently the document her committee presented. "The new ordinance bars agents. If the farmer must come himself he can't come from very far."

Words flew about the hall until Mrs. J. P. Chapman, chairman of the meeting, had to pound for order. The words "in or near Portland" were kept in the ordinance.

The question of allowing agents produced much discussion. "Suppose housewife," "How can he come to market?"

"That is not to the point," said Mrs. Northrup. "No law ever made but will except a poor, sick man."

ROTATION CLAUSE REJECTED
The clause in the ordinance providing for rotation of market producers was finally rejected, although accepted in the general vote on the committee's report. Farmers from various stalls in different parts of the market professed absolute satisfaction with the present agreement.

It was proposed to have the commission of three paid not less than \$150 a month for the man and not less than \$100 a month for the women.

A clause in the proposed ordinance fixing a closing time of 2:30 o'clock for the public market failed to pass the assembly. A limit of 6 o'clock was proposed instead. The early limit was discrimination in favor of the leisure class, it was asserted.

The committee of five was empowered to carry the ordinance before the commissioners. The public meeting of the housewives was a very successful one. A resolution was passed thanking the newspapers for cooperation.

PETTY GRAFTING
SCORED BY PIKE

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whom we have seen during the past few weeks, perhaps with no intent of deliberate dishonesty, appropriate things belonging not to them but to the public.

"Men have no right to appropriate the public's property because they happen to have the opportunity to do so through holding public office."

"It is as irregular for a man to dip his hand into the public till and take \$500 or \$600 for a junketing trip as it is for him to break into my store and take the goods from it. If, when he sought public office, he had anything of this sort in mind, he was either a hypocrite or else he failed to understand the seriousness of his oath of office, or otherwise he would not take for his own use funds belonging to the public. He should seek or accept no more than the office offered him. If his service is

gratuitous, then it should be absolutely without compensation. If he didn't believe he could work under this condition he should not have sought or accepted the office."

TOO MUCH GRAFT SEEN
"A man to save \$8 in the purchase of a tire has no right to buy through a public office. The office wasn't created for that and the incumbent did not expect to do it when he sought the office. We do not believe he expected then to use any of the city's or county's equipment, its gasoline or the labor of its mechanics for his personal benefit."

"The very best men or women ever born to any age have been giving their best efforts to select the evil of selfishness wherein a man wishes to profit at the expense of some individual or institution and yet they are met at every turn by the spectacle of petty grafting of persons in places of public trust. We men here today by our silence condone this sort of thing and we ought to use the recourse at our hand to make it unpopular and disgraceful."

"The thing we have paid the least attention to at this particular time is the human element that enters into every one of these conditions. If greed could be abolished and selfishness substituted, and the man's first desire be to serve his fellow man, his city or his country faithfully, we believe there would soon be a very wholesome effect and that peace, contentment and prosperity would be the result."

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN REFUSED TO HOLD FOR MURDER'S STUBBORNLY SILENT; DRINKS COFFEE, SMOKES CIGARETTES

Stockholm, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—A maze of dark intrigue and political plotting with a beautiful 16 year old girl, Dagmar Gysser, as one of the central figures, is expected to be revealed when the trial of the persons involved in the activities of the "Russian murder league" is resumed in this city.

All the defendants are refugees from Russia and they are accused of causing the death of Dr. Ardasjeff, a wealthy Russian patriot, in a lonely villa on a small island in Lake Norviken, near Stockholm. Many of the defendants are women. The ladies in the neighborhood have been dragged for more victims.

GIRL OF MYSTERY
Most of the suspects arrested have denounced each other in an effort to gain immunity. Only Dagmar Gysser has maintained absolute silence. She has persistently refused food since her arrest and spends most of her time in her cell smoking cigarettes and sipping black coffee. Ardasjeff, so weak he could hardly stand, was accused of helping the Russian Reds. He weakly protested. Then he was killed. If he signed several blank checks he might be spared.

Ardasjeff signed the checks, which were afterwards cashed, and then collapsed in a chair. He was never seen alive again.

After Eight Days in Open Boat, Crew of Seven Men Saved

Boston, Mass., Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—A message from the American steamer Pequot to the E. P. Boggs company here today announced that the crew of the three-masted schooner George D. Edmunds of Boston and the rescue of her crew of seven men by the Pequot after they had drifted at sea for eight days in an open boat.

The Edmunds was bound from Bermuda to Haverhill, N. H., where she was taken on a cargo of plaster for New Haven. She caught fire 300 miles south by southwest of Nantucket August 17. The flames spread so rapidly that Captain E. D. Coleman of Springfield ordered the crew to abandon her.

Americans Forming Flying Corps to Aid Poles in Their Fight

Paris, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—General Rzesinski, chief of the Polish mission in Paris, today formally authorized Major O. E. Fauntleroy of Chicago and Capt. M. O. Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla., to form a flying corps to fight with the Polish army. It will be known as the Kosciuszko Escadrille and will correspond to the Lafayette Escadrille that fought with the French during the war.

The squadron will be limited to nine pilots. In addition to Major Fauntleroy and Capt. Cooper the following Americans have already enlisted: George M. Crawford of Wilmington, Del.; Kenneth Shrewsbury, Charleston; Charles L. Clark, Tulsa, Okla.; C. Arsl of New York. All are expert pilots.

Congress to Provide Sufficient Cars for Coal Transportation

Washington, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Steps to insure adequate supply of cars for the transportation of coal will be taken by congress, as the result of the first day of investigation of the coal situation by a sub-committee of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Senator Frelinhuysen of New Jersey, chairman of the sub-committee, said today.

"The transportation of coal problem appears to be the crux of the whole situation," Senator Frelinhuysen said. Coal miners and producers appearing before the sub-committee have maintained that with sufficient transportation and co-operation from labor and the consumer that there will be no coal famine.

Gompers Busy in Conferences Over Labor Difficulties

New York, Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Conferences were in progress here today between labor leaders and President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

President Gompers saw leaders of the two organizations in which strikes seem imminent—the railroad workers and the steel workers.

President Gompers and Daniel J. Tobin, who accompanied him on the European trip, were summoned today to attend an extraordinary meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to be held in Washington tomorrow forenoon. It is expected that at this meeting the railroad and steel situation will be the principal matters dealt with.

Officer Has Pistol Duel With Burglar

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 27.—(U. P.)—Detective B. F. Bryan was shot through the right hand and Santiago Galban, burglar, was shot three times in the groin, in a running battle between three officers and two burglars early this morning. The burglars were surprised at work in the Oldfield tire shop on Division avenue. The officer and burglar are in the general hospital. Both will recover.

More Mill Workers Quit at Bellingham

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—The timber workers' strike spread

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California Wealth Nearly 10 Billions

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 27.—(I. N. S.)—The assessed wealth of the state of California was placed at \$4,064,846,347, according to figures announced today by State Controller Chambers. The actual value of the property assessed is placed at \$9,505,429,616. Figures are based on the returns of county assessors.

Portland First Annual Stampede, Sat. Sun., Mon.—Adv.

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