

FRAUD SUITS ON COST-PLUS PLAN ARE TO BE FILED

By Herbert W. Walker
Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—Criminal prosecutions by the department of justice and suits to recover \$78,000,000, alleged to represent government losses through fraud, waste and extravagance in the cost plus system of contracts for building the 16 national army cantonments, were demanded today in a report to the house by the subcommittee on camps and cantonments of the war department expenditures committee.

WOULD PUNISH PROFITEERS

The report, which is the result of nearly a year's investigation, recommends an amendment to the constitution making profiteering in war time treason and legislation to prohibit all cost-plus contracts.

Representative Keane, Illinois, and Representative McCulloch, Ohio, Republican, members of the sub-committee, signed the report, while Representative Doremus, Michigan, member in a minority report, declared there was found "very little" evidence of fraud and had the cost-plus system not been adopted "the Germans would have been in Paris before our soldiers reached the battle lines."

Responsibility for the losses is placed on Secretary of War Baker, who is said by the majority of the sub-committee to have approved the contracts both as head of the war department and the council of national defense.

ALLEGED WASTE CITED

The majority report gives scores of instances of alleged waste in the cost-plus system and specifically charges A. Bentley & Sons company, who held the contract for Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, with receiving illegal payments to the extent of \$169,372.75.

"Some of the most glaring examples of waste of public funds are found at Camp Sherman and Camp Grant, Illinois," the report claims.

A table is given showing the amount the war department paid for the 16 national army camps and the proper cost as determined by the committee. It shows the following losses:

Camp Lee, Virginia, \$7,342,148; Camp Meade, Maryland, \$7,073,327; Camp Upton, New York, \$5,840,911; Camp Grant, Illinois, \$5,570,078; Camp Pike, Arkansas, \$5,132,021; Camp Custer, Michigan, \$5,056,649; Camp Sherman, Ohio, \$4,094,095; Camp Dix, New Jersey, \$4,981,503; Camp Jackson, South Carolina, \$4,833,493; Camp Devens, Massachusetts, \$4,581,339; Camp Funston, Kansas, \$4,451,897; Camp Gordon, Georgia, \$4,422,979; Camp Dodge, Iowa, \$3,938,745; Camp Lewis, Washington, \$3,597,939; Camp Taylor, Kentucky, \$3,389,325; Camp Travis, Texas, \$3,346,173.

SERVICE IN PORTLAND IS STILL CRIPPLED

more crew placed at work this morning and one this afternoon. The Albina yards reported five engines working with full crews, one ready for afternoon work and one for night. Preparations were being made to start freight movement today.

Five crews reported for work at the Albina yards when the early Sunday morning shift took charge. One crew was on hand for the day shift Sunday.

DESERTERS RETURN

As many as 22 "deserters" are reported as returning to the Albina yards for re-employment Sunday. In addition

a number of new men made application for places, the officials reported. Two freight trains were made up and four transfers made in the city. About 40 per cent efficiency was the estimate of the men in charge of the work at the Albina yards. Railroad officials reported they had received information that most of the yards in California, with the exception of San Francisco and several of the larger cities, were in operation.

SENIORITY RIGHTS SUBMITTED

Men who return are required to enter on the status of newly employed hands, surrendering any rights of seniority from their length of service, the officials announced.

The situation at the Union station was reported slightly better. All passenger trains are kept moving. Four crews were in operation early Sunday morning and one crew during the day. No effort was made in any of the yards to operate crews Sunday night. The O-W freight house was cleared out Sunday, according to railroad employees.

Three new men were employed at the Brooklyn yards Sunday, the men in charge reported. One crew was in operation early Sunday morning, but no effort was made to operate crews during the day, or Sunday night.

Striking switchmen deny that any appreciable number of men have returned, surrendering any rights of seniority from their length of service, the officials announced.

W. J. Babe, deputy national vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, stated at a meeting of the union men held Sunday night to discuss measures for relief of the situation.

Several meetings were held by the "rebel" strikers Sunday, according to R. E. Charters, but no matters were decided upon which could be made public.

"We are determined to see our demands granted," said Charters. "We believe we are right in demanding living wages, which we certainly are not getting it now. I do not believe that the reports that men are returning to work are true, certainly not as many men as the railroads claim."

NO VIOLENCE PLANNED "I want to say again that there will be no violence. I don't believe any of our men opened the switch, which was reported open in the Brooklyn yards Saturday night."

"We are peaceful in our demands, but we are determined. The threat to hire new men to fill our places is being made. They can't get the men, not enough to fill the places all over the country."

The freight embargo has not been lifted, and all work being done in the yards is on shipping already billed. In addition to the 45 men now available, the Southern Pacific holds out hope for two more crews of six men being placed at work today and the S. P. & S. officials believe they will muster in a new crew. With these possibilities fulfilled, a total of 51 men would be working in the district tonight. Saturday officials announced that between 50 and 60 men were working.

SE ARE IDLE Strikers are standing solidly behind their demands drafted at their meeting Saturday night. It is estimated that close to 300 are actually on strike and that an additional 300 engineers and yardmen are inactive because trains are unable to move without the switchmen.

Three different tasks are being taken by the O-W. R. & N., Southern Pacific and S. P. & S. in handling the strike situation. Comment of the S. P. & S. men was that they were "merely awaiting developments."

Officials of the O-W, said this morning that they were placing the local situation entirely in the hands of the Brotherhood men, as the walkout was really a rebellion against the unions. Public statements were not made by the officials.

REGARDED AS SHORTAGE

On the Southern Pacific, officials of the union believe they will stand that they no longer had a strike on their hands, but merely a labor shortage, which would be minimized as rapidly as new men could be obtained.

An announcement was made Saturday night by J. H. Dyer that the names of the strikers had been stricken from the rolls of the company because they did not respond to the company's ultimatum

to return to work at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Some of the yards officials hinted this morning that there was a possibility that the "rebels" would not be taken back even on application to start as new men.

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CAMOUFLAGE SAY STRIKERS

This evidence of activity in the local yards was branded by the strikers as "camouflage" on the part of officials. They pointed to the fact that of the 42 switchmen the railroads claim were available 30 men were working on the first trick, leaving only a total of four crews available for the next two tricks.

"By moving a few trains around the local yards, the railroad leaders hope to convince the public that they are moving their freight," said one striker this morning. "We will see whether the railroads do much shifting this afternoon or tonight."

At other points in the Northwest the strike clouds seem to be breaking away and everyone concerned in the local issue, except the strikers themselves, believes a rift will appear in the cloud hanging over Portland at least by Tuesday morning.

Ability of the railroads to move some freight this morning stayed brotherhood men from taking drastic action which they threatened Saturday. Conferences were held Sunday and are being held today with railroad officials and the strikers by W. J. Babe, deputy national vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and F. D. Hobbs, secretary of the same organization on the O-W, in an effort to bring about conciliation.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Sunday afternoon, decision was made that all striking switchmen who hold memberships in that organization must return to work at 4 o'clock this afternoon or lose their memberships.

STRIKE STRONG IN EAST, BUT WEAK IN OTHER PARTS

By International News Service While apparently receding in other parts of the country, the unauthorized strike of railroad workers continued to spread in the East today, resulting in chaotic conditions on all roads and an almost complete stoppage of traffic on many of them.

New York was practically cut off from the West so far as railroad train service was concerned. Westbound trains departed when crews could be found to man them. Time tables and schedules were virtually abandoned. Trains from the West came in late, and suburban service was at a standstill.

From the White House in Washington came this cryptic announcement: "The government is watching the railroad strike and will act if necessary."

Government agencies—the department of justice and the postoffice department—were considering the strike practically as the solution of other business. Mail trains have been interfered with and the postoffice department declared this interference would be summarily dealt with.

Torrey General Palmer is back in Washington after cancelling speaking engagements. The one hopeful note in the situation was struck by C. B. Greer, vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, at Chicago. He said: "The backbone of the strike is broken in Chicago."

ROADS TO GET DEMANDS

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- 2. Success of the strike in the east. Should the eastern railroad workers continue to walk out further, it is expected to draw out the timid ones in this section and cause further desertion of other unions.
- 3. Senate investigating committee begins inquiry tomorrow.
- 4. Department of justice officials to examine evidence gathered by agents to determine whether the strike was a conspiracy.

There was a lull in the strike situation in the West today as workers, government officials and railroad managers marked time, waiting on events. There were no gains by the Chicago strike. Passenger traffic continued practically undisturbed throughout the middle west, though railroad officials were prepared to resist any attempt to cripple it.

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Figures on the national situation today placed the total number of railroad employees on strike at 34,000. With the exception of the east, little change was reported in the situation. There are 100,000 in Indianapolis. Four thousand are idle at Detroit, 800 at Peoria, Ill., and 700 at Milwaukee, Wis.

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EARLY NORMAL TRAFFIC IS PREDICTED ON COAST LINES

San Francisco, April 12.—(U. P.)—Normal railway traffic will be restored throughout the Pacific coast states within a few days, according to predictions of railway officials here today. More freight trains are moving today, following the lifting of the embargo late yesterday. Normal traffic is reported today in the region between Lodi and Fairport, Calif. Freight traffic has been resumed as far south as Santa Barbara. Southern Pacific officials reported.

More switchmen are returning to work in the Bay region, according to the company and in many cases new crews are being added.

"The strike situation is highly satisfactory. Service is improving as all points are being opened up," said J. H. Dyer, general manager of the Pacific system.

Dyer said normal service would be restored within a few days. Many applicants for positions have reported to the railway headquarters today, officials reported.

FREIGHT MOVES ON COAST; STRIKE IS WEAKENED

San Francisco, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—With virtually full forces back at work at several key points, freight trains today began to move on the Pacific coast today despite the fact that in the larger centers the "outlaw" strike of yardmen and switchmen continued unabated.

The claims of the railroad managers and strike leaders today conflicted as to the exact strike situation. Colmaldy, general manager of the Northern Pacific, said the strike was being lifted of the freight embargoes by the Southern Pacific "railroad, the management announced, "decided improvement" of the situation.

However, claimed they had received more accessions to their ranks than there had been deserters over Sunday. In a statement today the strikers declared their "outlaw" strike against "unreasonable delay" in acting on the wage demands of the railroad workers.

ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER CALLS FOR STRIKE REPORTS

Washington, April 12.—(I. N. S.)—Attorney General Palmer arrived at his office shortly before 10 o'clock and called for all reports bearing on the railroad strike. He then went into conference with Judge C. B. Ames, assistant attorney general, who has been in charge of the strike situation.

Senator Cummins, chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the Senate, called on the attorney general and conferred with Secretary Tumulty.

PASCO SWITCHMEN OUT

Spokane, Wash., April 12.—(U. P.)—Switchmen who went out on strike at Pasco, Wash., yesterday, returned to work today, according to Superintendent J. J. Doolittle of the Northern Pacific here. Striking Great Northern switchmen, who walked out late last night at Hilliard, adjoining Spokane, met again this forenoon and Superintendent E. Lantry of the Great Northern said he thought they would be back at work before night.

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LOWDEN EXPECTED TO TAKE ILLINOIS FROM GEN. WOOD

Washington, April 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—On Tuesday, April 13, the Republican voters of Illinois will declare their presidential choice of the primaries between Governor Frank O. Lowden of that state and General Leonard Wood.

The general belief here is that Lowden will have no difficulty in carrying the state, but that Wood will poll large vote in some sections of the state. While it is not expected that Lowden will lose any delegates, there will be no surprise if Wood draws enough votes to keep the Lowden people from bragging about the result.

LOWDEN VOTE DISAPPOINTING

Lowden has not shown so strongly in the primaries in other states as his friends had hoped. His vote in South Dakota and in Minnesota was disappointing to his friends, and in Michigan only a little better. So if Wood makes inroads in Illinois, Lowden will be greatly weakened, though he will probably get 80 per cent of the total vote, he will be badly damaged.

Lowden has all the surface indications in his favor. He has the solid support of the congressional delegation, all the voters of "Wayback Illinois" and "Uncle Joe" Cannon to Irreconcilable Medill McCormick and Incurable "Larry" Sherman. The state organization is behind him, and practically all the voters of the state are behind him, including radicals like Harold L. Ickes and Frank H. Funk, have lined up for him.

TRUCE PATCHED UP

William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, who was practically accused of disloyalty by Lowden during the war, and has an extensive machine of his own in Chicago, does not love Lowden yet, but has patched up a truce with the governor and is not opposing him, probably because he still less prefers a military man like Wood. The vote for Wood in Illinois will therefore be distinctly independent vote, cast against a favorite son because those who vote for him really want him.

Following the reverse in Michigan, the expected defeat of Wood in Illinois probably will be a "finishing touch" by the anti-Wood forces, but political analysts here do not so regard it. They consider Lowden on trial in Illinois rather than Wood.

NO DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

The Wood managers did not enter candidates for delegates in the primaries, so the delegates chosen will in any event be those chosen by the Thompson machine in Chicago. The Wood strength will be manifested directly in the preference vote for president.

There is no Democratic candidate for president on the ballot. Governor Edwards, the New Jersey vet, was the only candidate for whom a petition was filed, and that was withdrawn by his request, so the Illinois delegation will go to San Francisco without instructions.

POLITICS WARMING UP IN COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES

Marshfield, April 12.—It was stated by Charles Hall that he would act on file as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from Coos and Curry counties. He will be in the primaries, but an opponent of I. S. Smith, who has been senator from this district for several terms.

Hall is president of the State Chamber of Commerce, president of the State Fish Commission, president of the Bank of Southwestern Oregon of Marshfield, and head of the local telephone company. He has been active throughout the state and is a member of various committees on statewide work.

The laboring men of this locality, it is said, intend having a candidate in the field for member of the lower house of the legislature. It is also probable that there will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the legislature.

M'NARY DENIES WILL TAKE STUMP FOR JOHNSON

Washington, April 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator McNary gave prompt denial today to a report that he will go campaigning for Hiram Johnson, which is said to have been broadcasted following a meeting of a confidential friends of Johnson, including Borah, Kenyon and Norris.

"I was invited to this meeting," said McNary, "but I did not attend, and have no knowledge of what was done. I am not going to campaign for Johnson or anyone."

Today's report is the latest of several of similar import originating with Johnson boosters, who are trying to connect with many senators as possible with the Johnson campaign.

FULL TICKET IN BENTON IS TO BE AIM OF REPUBLICANS

Corvallis, April 12.—Committees of the Benton County Republican club have been appointed to look after candidates for precinct committeemen and county offices, in order to insure a full ticket.

DEATH BEATS FIGHTER TO ALTAR OF HYMEN



Robert Lee Heninger

Robert Lee Heninger died in Portland April 1, at the age of 30 years, 9 months and 18 days. He had been a resident of the city for several years, and was to have been married to Miss Genevieve DeForrest within a few weeks. During the war he served in Company H, 361st Infantry, 91st division, for two years, and participated in several of the larger battles, including that of the Argonne forest. He is survived by his mother, Mary Elizabeth Heninger, and sister, Norma Heninger.

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Candidates Address Wood Club Three candidates for public office will give 10-minute talks at the weekly luncheon of the Leonard Wood Republican club in the Oregon grill, Tuesday noon, James F. Alexander, candidate for district judge; Stanley Myers, candidate for disbarment; and Thomas A. Sweeney, candidate for congress. Music will be furnished by the Dixie quartet, of which Mrs. Ella Hoberg Tripp is soprano and director. The luncheon will end at 1:15 sharp, and officials of the club promise it will begin promptly on time.

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Spent Much Is Charge Washington, April 12.—(U. P.)—Charges that Major General Leonard Wood's supporters spent \$300,000 in the recent presidential primary in Michigan were made by Representative Crampton, manager of the campaign of Hiram Johnson in that state. The Johnson expenditures were less than \$5000, he said.

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