

CAPITAL EXPECTS RAILROAD ROUCE BY END OF WEEK

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Washington, July 13.—An unwavering optimism that the railroad strike will be settled, or at least a truce arranged before the end of the week, seems to pervade the executive branch of the government whilst congress with a meagre attendance reveals little concern one way or the other.

President Harding is not directly a party to the many negotiations which are going on informally among railroad men but he is kept constantly informed. While there is a difference of opinion among labor leaders as to the wisdom of that part of the president's proclamation which endeavors to give the United States railroad labor board the prestige and authority of law by referring to it as "the agency of the government," there is no dispute as to the power attached to the executive to use the army if necessary to prevent interruption to interstate commerce whether the mails or private property of any kind are concerned.

EXECUTIVES MOVE HELPS

The position of the railroad board has, on the other hand, been immeasurably strengthened by the statement of railroad executives to the effect that they cannot enter into any negotiations with their men, but that the decision of the railroad labor board is final. This is an interesting and hopeful development as viewed here, for it means a long step toward industrial peace. Hereafter the unions have felt justified in ignoring the decision of the labor board by the strike method chiefly because of a conviction that the railroad themselves were not obeying the decisions of the board.

Some lapses on both sides are admitted, but the open recognition by the railroad executives of the finality of the United States labor board's decisions is regarded here as an important precedent which will make it difficult for the railroads later on to deny the board on matters which appear to favor the employees.

HARDING BACKS BOARD

From the very beginning the president has kept to one line of attack, namely, the maintenance of the labor board as the highest agency of government above which there was no appeal. Congress throughout all its debates did not intend that any penalty should attach for the finality of a decision of the railroad labor board and purposely omitted the matter of penalties believing that public opinion would compel obedience.

Mr. Harding is, of course, on public opinion but there is a feeling in labor circles that he has stated erroneously the true power of the board when he said that in his proclamation to give to the labor board's decisions the weight of law and when he gives the impression that in effect against a decision of the board the men are in effect striking against the United States government. The truth is, nowhere in his proclamation does the labor board have powers of compulsory arbitration. The government, however, has full power to protect any workers who do not obey the decisions of the board. To this extent any interference with interstate commerce can be prevented and leaders workmen called if they prevent others from taking jobs in conformity with the labor board's award.

WAY OUT IS SEEN

The president has even stressed this phase of law breaking even more than he did and kept within the meaning of the federal statutes but labor leaders, among them Samuel Gompers, insist that Mr. Harding's proclamation contains an untenable doctrine. It is recognized, however, that if the railroad strike is settled directly or indirectly without serious challenge to the authority of the labor board an important advance will have been made and the principles expressed by the chief executive will grow in weight later on. Once the railroad board has decided to accept the decisions of the U. S. labor board as final they will in turn compel the railroads to do likewise or forfeit the support of public opinion, which makes itself felt more readily with the railroad executives because of the influence of the government upon the thousands of people and varied interests whose collective power affects railroad management.

The way out for the railroad employees is to accept the decision of the labor board with a request for reconsideration. This may or may not be granted by the board. If it is granted it would not commit the board to modification, but would afford the labor leaders an opportunity to resume negotiations and end the strike without seeming to have won or lost.

Western Paint Men in First Annual Convention



These men, a group picked from 200 delegates in session at the Multnomah hotel, know all about paint. Left to right (above) they are—L. DeMerrill, Vancouver, B. C.; J. C. Peadar, Victoria, B. C.; George Henderson, Montreal, present Canadian Paint, Oil and Varnish association; F. M. Brininstool, Los Angeles, vice president American association; Ernest T. Trigg, Philadelphia, president American association, and P. C. Patterson, president of the local branch of the association. Below—George V. Horgan, New York city, national secretary.

Lumbermen Plan Big Picnic "Liar's Prize" Copped Early

Next Wednesday is going to be a big day for local lumber manufacturers and wholesalers and many outdoors as well, for messages received indicate that scores will come from distant points to participate in the fun.

The program covers every minute of the time from the hour of 8 when the caravan will leave from in front of the Multnomah hotel, till the last Bonnevillie picnic ground mosquito has had its fill. There will be old time games such as "Drop the Handkerchief," "Ring Around Rosie," "Post Office," and others as popular, and many contests, including a soup listeners' and a tug of war. A big event will be the base ball game by teams representing the manufacturers and the wholesalers.

JAZZ TO RULE

A jazz band has been engaged and a rule has been promulgated prohibiting a man from dancing every dance with his own wife.

As for the mosquitoes, Carl Crow, chief propagandist for the picnic, says every precaution will be taken to keep them in check.

"Can you imagine anything more disconcerting to a bald headed man than to discover in the midst of a dreamy wait an ambitious mosquito doing development work on his dome?" he asks. To prevent such an occurrence he says he has engaged four Ethiopians wearing sandpaper underneath to live in the park until the picnic day that the mosquitoes may dull their swords.

In addition to Chief Propagandist Crow, there are on the committee Fred Cutler, music, handcuffs and straight-jackets; Elmer Xanten, dancing and small arms; Forrest Hawthorn, refreshments and light artillery; Big Andy Anderson, sports and brass knuckles; Fred Roblin, transportation and pick-handlers; Harry Officer, ladies, children and small fights; H. B. Van Duzer, referee; Lloyd Wentworth, first aid; Ralph Burnside, anesthetics; Kurt Hoehler, fractures and abrasions; Fred Hart, ambulances and cots; Charles Miller, flowers and carriages.

"LIAR'S PRIZE" AWARDED

According to a Portland evening paper, the lumbermen indulged in the frolic yesterday at Bonneville. "Early in the day," so the account reads, "scores of motor cars sped over the Columbia river highway to the picnic grounds and on arriving there the lumbermen and their families proceeded with a program of sports and feasting."

Further on the story related "several prize contests were featured, the 'liar's prize, open to wholesalers only, having the most contestants."

"Today the lumbermen say that if there is any liar's prize to be awarded it must go to the above referred to evening paper, for the very good reason that the picnic was not held yesterday, but is to be held next Wednesday, as originally arranged and announced by the committee.



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Anthracite Coal Miners Stand Pat

Washington, July 13.—(I. N. S.)—The miners will not accept President Harding's proposal of settlement of the coal strike, leaders forecast today, if the anthracite operators' statement of acceptance interprets the White House view.

According to union leaders, the anthracite operators accept the proposal as a purely arbitration plan and the miners, it was declared will not consent to it on that basis.

The leaders declared that arbitration as interpreted by the anthracite operators means taking up issues already settled by past agreements and which the anthracite miners have refused to arbitrate in conferences held prior to government intervention.

The miners' spokesmen reiterated today that the men will continue to "stand pat" in insisting they retain the check off, collective bargaining, union recognition and "other rights."

Furthermore, they again emphasized that they will not accept reduction of wages under present conditions nor consent to district conference.

Two Women Hurt In Auto Crash

Seattle, July 13.—(U. P.)—Crashing down a 20-foot embankment after colliding with a motor truck last night, an automobile driven by two women, Mrs. Harriet Rullison and Mrs. W. H. Shinkle, rolled over twice, pinning them beneath. Mrs. Rullison received internal injuries and may die. Mrs. Shinkle was cut about the body. The crash occurred when the car struck a tree.

By way of experiment, 30,000 grape vines have been planted in the Preside valley of Simla, Mexico.

Ship 'Bar' Issue In Open Forum

Washington, July 13.—(U. P.)—Uncle Sam holds open forum today to determine whether he can legally continue to dispense liquor aboard his merchant marine when outside the three-mile limit.

Attorney General Daugherty, upon whom has fallen the task of rendering a final decision upon the legality of this practice, has issued an invitation to "all interested persons" to attend a hearing this afternoon, at which argument may be presented.

Prosperity Put Up To Capital, Labor

Employers cost the public immense sums every year," said Trigg. "Let me say that much of this fault is with the employers, and I certainly do not object to the working man getting a fair wage, but he should realize that he pays his own wages and he cannot maintain them out of all proportion. The business man may not be generous enough. The wheels will stop running."

"The employer should go more than half way. When times are hard he should see that the working man still gets a living wage. On the other hand, when times are good, the working man should not try to boost wages out of sight."

F. M. Brininstool of Los Angeles, vice president of the national association, and George V. Horgan of New York, secretary, were present. The former made the response to Mayor Baker's address of welcome this morning and the latter will speak tomorrow on "Effective Cooperation in Trade Association Work."

SPEAKERS ARE NAMED

Speakers this morning were George Cannon, G. S. Gerrick, J. H. D. W. Edgerly and L. M. DuCommun. The regional convention takes in all point men west of Denver. Many of the delegates arrived in Portland Wednesday. They are given visitors' cards to the Portland Golf club, and many of them and their wives took advantage of the privileges of the club.

Business sessions will take up today and Friday morning. Friday afternoon all will gather in the lobby of the Multnomah hotel for a drive over the highway. Many are expected to spend the night at the Columbia Gorge hotel.

The women folk assembled this morning at the Multnomah and were taken for a drive around the city by the Portland and Seattle women. Luncheon was served at the Waverly Country club. This evening there will be a theatre party for the women.

Growers Outline Scale of Wages For Prune Labor

Vancouver, Wash., July 13.—The directors of the Washington Growers' Packing corporation fixed the scale of wages to be paid this year for harvesting the prune crop, at the regular monthly meeting held in the association rooms, Tuesday.

The pay to kill men, laborers and pickers will stand the same as last year with an increase of \$1 per ton in the charge for drying prunes for those who have no dryers of their own. Kill men will receive \$5 per day, laborers \$3 per day and pickers will be paid 8 cents per box with a bonus of 2 cents per box additional to those who stay through the season.

This bonus is justified by the fact that it is difficult to hold pickers when the bulk of the crop has been harvested. Although blooming time was nearly three weeks late, the hot dry season will ripen the fruit to maturity as early as usual, in the opinion of growers.

Irish Rebels Get Best of Battle

Dublin, July 13.—(U. P.)—Free State troops were victims today in minor clashes with insurgents throughout Ireland, according to word reaching here. One rebel was killed and 12 captured when Free State troops attacked insurgents in Galway. Two Free State men were killed and several wounded.

Third Man in Race

Chehalis, July 13.—E. M. Norboree of Chehalis, chairman of the Lewis county Republican central committee, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for county auditor, the third to enter the race.

Clues in Double Murder Revealed

Fresno, Cal., July 13.—(U. P.)—Bit by his Sheriff Jones today was piecing together clues which he hoped would ultimately lead to the arrest of the murderer of Miss Pauline Grass and Alex Winter of Sanger as they sat in their parked car along a nearby country road.

Seven youths have already been quizzed by Jones in connection with the slaying of the couple.

An unexploded automatic revolver shell of unusual caliber found in Winter's car gave trace of such a gun in the community. Its owner said the gun had been stolen from his cash drawer about three months ago. He told the sheriff whom he suspected of the theft.

A searchlight found near the body of the girl was identified by her girl friends as belonging to a boy acquaintance. Another girl told of seeing a certain boy with a gun.

Time of the double killing has been established between 10:30 and 11 p. m. Sunday night.

Having obtained two valuable leads from the school girl friends of Miss Grass, the sheriff today followed up that source in hope of further developments.

Shoots His Wife, Fatally, Commits Suicide With Gun

Los Angeles, July 13.—(U. P.)—After a jealous quarrel at her apartment house early today, Frank A. Weber shot and fatally wounded his wife from whom he had been separated, and then fired four shots into his own brain.

Mrs. Weber today lay dying at the receiving hospital and Weber was found dead in the bathroom of the home.

Hague Committee Quits 'Red' Confab

The Hague, July 13.—(U. P.)—The property committee of The Hague conference unanimously decided today to report to the conference that it would be useless to continue negotiations with the Russian.

Lone Bandit in Raid On Bank Gets \$1800

Omaha, Neb., July 13.—(U. P.)—A lone unmasked bandit walked into the Merchants State bank of Florence, a suburb, shortly before noon today, held up the cashier and other employees, locked them in the vault, picked up \$1800 in currency and walked out.

He is thought to have escaped in an automobile.

Discount Rate of Bank Takes Fall

London, July 13.—(I. N. S.)—The minimum discount rate of the Bank of England today was reduced from 8 1/2 to 8 per cent, the lowest rate since the war.

Mother Offers to Sell Her Year-Old Infant for \$3000

Byesville, Ohio, July 13.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Augusta Turner today set the price of her mother love at \$3000.

She offered to sell her 1-year-old baby, Richard, to obtain funds to prolong her mother's life.

The child's grandparent, Mrs. Leon Dubois, physicians said, will die unless she is sent to a sanitarium for treatment which will cost approximately \$3000.

Mrs. Turner immediately offered the child for sale. While awaiting responses to her ad in the "For Sale" columns of a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper, Baby Richard romped in his baby bed with his "rattle."

Whiskey Poured Out

Vancouver, Wash., July 13.—Chief of Police Henry Burgoyne poured 10 gallons of moonshine whiskey into the sewer at the police station Wednesday; evidence accumulated in several raids.

Farmers to Fight for Direct Vote

Washington, July 13.—The farmers of the country have declared war on the move of certain political leaders to break down the primary system of nominating candidates for public office.

"The plan to abolish the direct primary and return to the old convention system means the loss to farmers of the political power which, after more than a century of struggle, they have acquired," declared Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' union and chairman of the national board of farm organizations.

Portland Man Licensed

Chehalis, Wash., July 13.—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Henry Sheldon Stephens, Portland, and Mrs. Rosetta Brown, Centralia; Thomas Bennett and Anne Dexter, Chehalis.



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Gardner Cigar Co.	Pacific Coast Fencil Mfg. Co.
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