

CONFERENCE ON RAILROAD RATES

President and Senator Cummins Discuss Reduction Preliminaries

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Development which were declared to present early reduction in railroad freight rates and a clearing of the railroad situation generally came here today from several quarters.

A group of prominent railroad executives conferred today with President Harding and Senator Cummins, Republican, of Iowa, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, and discussed steps toward freight rate reductions preliminary to the executive's meeting at Chicago October 14.

Rate reductions also was the principal topic on the program at a meeting tonight of Democratic and Republican senators comprising the unofficial agricultural "bloc," senators attending the meeting said there was a wide and vigorous demand for rate cuts as imperative to the agricultural interests.

Senator Cummins, after his conference with the railway executives, said he believed they would adopt at their Chicago meeting his suggestions for an immediate reduction of freight rates. No definite assurances to this effect were given him at today's conference, he explained, but he expressed the opinion that the reductions would be made by the carriers voluntarily.

The carriers then, Senator Cummins said, probably would ask the railroad labor board to reduce wages or appeal to congress for legislation to meet the situation caused by the voluntary rate reductions.

The railway executives in the conference included T. DeWitt Cuyler, representing a railway securities holders' organization; Samuel Rea president of the Pennsylvania system; President Smith of the New York Central; President Holden of the Burlington system, and Julius Krutt-

schnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific. "The railway executives," said Senator Cummins after the conference, "feel that the only substantial way to reduce rates is to reduce wages. They also feel that the wage fixing functions of the railroad labor board should be transferred to the interstate commerce commission, which has the rate-making, or return, powers." Senator Cummins said he did not gather that the railway executives favored complete abolition of the labor board, but believed that the same federal authority which establishes railroad rates, or returns, should also have power to establish wages. This would require amendment by congress of the transportation act and may be brought up later after the Chicago conference.

RAIN STOPS FOURTH GAME OF SERIES

his high class performance in the opening game Wednesday, when he blanked the Giants and started his club off on the two-to-one advantage in the series which it now holds.

Harry Harper, the speedy but somewhat erratic southpaw, was looked upon as Manager Huggins' likely selection for the pitching assignment that today's game had been played, but it happened that with Mays given his three days rest, he would be sent in again against the nationals tomorrow.

The Giants, who with dander up and bristling with the confidence of their volcanic outburst of hitting in Friday's victorious tilt had given them strained at the leash, and bemoaned the adverse weather, "Shufflin" Bill Douglas was on the cards to twirl for them today. The postponement, it was understood, would make no difference in Manager John McGraw's selection of a batsman for Sunday, and Douglas, benefitted like Mays by an additional rest period, will without much doubt be in again against Mays tomorrow.

Ruth sorrowful Ruth was out to the ball park today but was not in uniform, and had his bad arm in a sling. He still favors also his strained leg which has been giving him trouble for some weeks and sorrowfully said he might not be able to play any more in the series.

Should he drop out Huggins intends to play "Chick" Fawcett, the peppery Baltimorean in Ruth's accustomed place in left field, putting Fawcett in the lead-off position in the batting order, dropping Elmer Miller down to eighth place and moving Schang up to Ruth's place as third man on the list.

As for the ultimate result of the series, there was no apparent lack of confidence in either camp. The Yankees in games in still with the American leaguers, with Mays, their star, ready to work again and Hoyt on deck for a try to repeat his winning performance of Thursday.

"We will win, with or without Ruth," was the sentiment of the Yankee players, although they did not attempt to minimize the loss they would suffer should the "Bambino" prove unable to get back into the game.

Hope for Yankees They have been out-slugged by the Giants so far but their followers point to the records as showing that the celebrated Yankee attack never remains long in check and is liable to break out in force at any time. As for their fielding it has been 100 per cent in all three games.

The Giants' quarters go, oze with confidence, McGraw's men

RISKS FORTUNE TO WED COLLEGE ATHLETE.



Miss "Babe" Samuels, who eloped with James Sinclair, former Brown University football star. Her father, proprietor of a large Providence store, opposed the match. The runaway bride is here shown in a fancy dress costume.

regarding themselves as sure to capture the series, now they have found their batting eyes and proved their ability to slam American league pitching to all corners of the lot. Supporters of the Giants point out, also, in backing up this contention, that their favorites have been shown three twirlers of world series calibre, Douglas, Neff and Barnes, whereas the Yankees have been able to produce but Mays and Hoyt as fit contenders. "Bob" Shawkey having proved a disappointment and Harper not having been tried, even as a relief man.

LEMON YELLOW SCORE HELD DOWN

ing the last half of the contest and to this Coach Jumbo Stehm of the Hoosiers lays his team's defeat.

Except for a 78-yard run from an intercepted forward pass made by Pitts at the outset of the fourth period for a touchdown and Harvard's last score, there was little in the play of the Harvard team today that stood out as noteworthy.

An intelligent team," was Stehm's appraisal of his successful opponents.

The crimson's other touchdown was an individual effort also. Gehrke calling a short punt by Kyle and scampering 12 yards to the goal.

Chicago 9, Purdue 0. STAGG FIELD, CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Chicago's Goddess of Fortune beamed on Stagg field today, giving the Maroons a 9 to 0 victory over Purdue. Two blocked kicks turned a stubbornly fought battle into a Maroon victory, although both sides battled evenly most of the way.

Chicago used the forward pass effectively and several times forced them all into deep boiler-maker territory. The husky Indians held at the crucial points, however, and Chicago was unable to push the ball across. The game was largely a punting duel with the ball on Purdue's territory most of the time. The Maroons scored first in the second period when the ball went to Purdue whose line blocked a Maroon

er is not insane to the extent of not recognizing conditions as they now exist."

Asked whether he admitted the possibility of a strike on any one railroad, he replied that it was possible but he did not admit its probability.

Mr. Lee returned today from Chicago, having supervised the Chicago of the strike vote of more than 150,000 members of his organization, taken in protest against the 12 per cent wage reduction ordered by the United States railroad labor board, effective July 1.

Mr. Lee declined to be a party to the joint strike ballot of the other brotherhoods sent out early in September, claiming nothing could legally be included in such a ballot according to the Esch-Cummings law except the wage reduction of July 1, since the labor board had not made a decision on other subjects mentioned in the joint ballot. Mr. Lee prepared and submitted a separate ballot for the train and yardmen. The vote returned, he said, was in excess of 88 per cent in favor of a strike with the following provision:

"We further request that our membership on this railroad be authorized to withdraw from service on the same day and hour that the membership of either the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors or Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of this road is authorized to stop work as a result of the vote taken by such organization in connection with the wage reduction of July 1."

New Golf Woman Champion is Honored

DEAL N. J., Oct. 8.—A new champion woman golfer of the United States was crowned on the 14th green of the Hollywood Golf club today. Miss Marion Hollins, a member of the West Brook Golf club of Great River, N. Y., succeeding Miss Alexa Stirling of Atlanta, Ga., who had held the title since 1916.

In the final round of the week's annual national tournament Miss Hollins defeated Miss Stirling by five and four in a 36-hole match. Miss Stirling was never in the lead and was four down after the morning play of 18 holes. Miss Hollins consistently outdrove her much younger opponent and his told in the end in the strong wind which marked the morning play. They fared about alike in approaching and putting.

Heavy rain was falling as the afternoon play began. Before it had ceased Miss Stirling had cut her opponent's lead to one up, winning three of the first four holes in the afternoon. The minute the rain stopped Miss Hollins had better control of her long tee shots and began to increase her lead. At the turn in the afternoon she was four up. She

last two and won three of the last five holes of the match. The championship thus is retained in American hands, although golf followers in general had expected Miss Cecil Leitch, champion of Great Britain, Canada and France, to take it. Of eight starters in the tournament at Hollywood, who played as representing clubs from without the United States, only three representing English clubs, qualified, and these were eliminated before the semi-finals—the Misses Cecil and Edith Leitch and Mrs. Latham Hall, English-born wife of an American citizen.

Japan Seeks Oil and Coalfields in Saghalien

PEKING, Oct. 8.—Negotiations between Japan and the Far Eastern republic, whose capital is Chita, are progressing favorably, according to the best information available from the press, where the conferences are being held.

Japan is reported to be demanding with good chances of success large economic concessions in the maritime province and the right to purchase the northern half of the island of Saghalien, which contains a rich and extensive oil field and large coal deposits and possession of which would make it possible to dominate Nikolaevsk and the Amur river hinterland. It is expected Japan will offer to open trade relations with the Chita government and to extend partial recognition to the republic. Evacuation of Siberia by Japan is thought likely to precede

or immediately follow establishment of trade relations. Chita officials declare the attitude of the British and American governments toward the Far Eastern republic especially the American government's unwillingness to concede Chita an official representation in the Washington conference on Pacific problems, has led them reluctantly to negotiate with Japan, as economic requirements necessitate the immediate opening of trade relations and obtaining the most needed outside commodities. Chita, it is explained, would have preferred negotiations with powers more remotely interested in Siberia than Japan, but could no longer await America, British and Chinese action on her advances.

It is believed in Chita that Japan desires to conclude an agreement before the Pacific conference so that her economic and military position in Saghalien may be consolidated.

Government Intervenes in Coal Miners Case

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—The government intervened today to prevent any possible stoppage of coal production next March when

the bituminous miners' wage scale agreement expires, but its efforts after a four hours' conference at the white house between President Harding, Secretaries Hoover and Davis and union officials were said to have been without immediate avail. The conference was held when the central committee of the United Mine Workers of America, headed by John L. Lewis, president of the organization, came here at the request of President Harding to discuss with the administration the possibility of an undertaking to arbitrate any ultimate differences with the operators prior to the expiration of the national agreement in March. The committee was received at the white house at noon, being the guests of the president at luncheon and continuing the discussion until late in the day.

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