

FLAMES DESTROY 3 TOWNS

Shopmen at Dallas Go Out on Rail Strike SIX LIVES LOST IN MINNESOTA BLAZE; OTHER TOWNS AFIRE

APPEAL MADE BY SPEAKER HAS RESULTS

Lecturers from American Federation of Labor and from Machinists Union Get Workers in Line.

MORE THAN SCORE STAY WITH COMPANY

Resentment Aroused Among Citizens by Remarks of Visiting Speakers

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—At noon today Superintendent F. Gerlinger of the Southern Pacific railroad shops in this city reported that a total of 12 men had deserted their jobs and joined the ranks of the strikers. Of this number eight went out yesterday, the other strikers having gone out at the beginning of the strike or just a few days ago.

For a time it looked as if the workmen in the Dallas shops would remain loyal to the company but Tuesday of this week brought Walter Nash of San Francisco, general chairman of the Machinists union, C. F. Grow, a lecturer of the American Federation of Labor, and a number of other union officials to this city where they held a meeting with the workmen and the following morning the eight men left the shops.

Last night a big mass meeting was held in the Dallas armory with the above officials as the principal speakers, but their talks apparently had little effect on the balance of the men employed as none failed to report for work today. The talk, instead of creating sympathy for the striking trainmen among the business men and citizens however had just the opposite effect on the residents of this city owing to some of the remarks of the speakers.

Mr. Gerlinger reports that there are still about 30 machinists and other workers about the shops who are not likely to follow the instructions of the union leaders to strike.

Trains are Moving.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—The far western rail strike situation continued to improve today. Virtually normal train movements were reported on the Union Pacific's Salt Lake-Los Angeles lines; The Western Pacific again was moving trains, and expected to move freight trains by midnight, on its lines from San Francisco to Salt Lake City and the Santa Fe lines were clearing up rapidly the congestion of passenger trains which has grown up at Albuquerque, N. M.

The Santa Fe also moved east today from Bakerfield, Cal., the first train in seven days. Negotiations between railway officials and leaders of the transportation brotherhood continue.

From Washington state came reports that eastern buyers were showing reluctance to contract for peaches, pears and prunes because of uncertainty as to their moving east in time to meet the market.

A preliminary report was received at Los Angeles from department of justice investigators who have been inquiring into a possible conspiracy basis for the walkouts but the United States district office declined to give it out.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 17.—A third attempt to dynamite the tracks of the Louisville and Nashville railroad was made to-

CONVICTS KNIFE DEPUTY, KIDNAP WARDEN IN BREAK

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Aug. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—After severely knifing deputy Warden Arthur Muchow, four prisoners escaped from the South Dakota penitentiary here late today, taking Warden George W. Jamison with them. The prisoners fled in a motor car, parked by a tourist camp just outside the prison walls.

Several posses of state, county and city officers, aided by members of the local post of the American Legion immediately started in pursuit.

Early tonight the prisoners had not been overtaken and apparently Warden Jamison had not been released from the car as no word had been received from him by local authorities.

The only trace of the fleeing men was contained in report from Ellis where they stopped and stole another car, presumably in hopes of avoiding detection.

The four men, whose names are Henry Coffee, Joe Foreman, Joe Teel and J. B. King, were serving sentences for grand larceny. Coffee is a negro.

It appeared to officials that the escape had been planned in advance. The four men started a commotion in the tailor shop at the prison this afternoon and Deputy Muchow hurried to ascertain what was the trouble. When he reached the shop, the convicts attacked him with knives which they had obtained from some unknown source. Deputy Muchow resisted and was badly cut up, being stabbed twice in the abdomen and once in the breast, sustaining several minor slashes. A report from the hospital tonight was that his wounds would not prove fatal.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Aug. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—Warden Jamison of the South Dakota penitentiary here, who was kidnaped by four prisoners who escaped from the institution late today was left in a church near Crooks, S. D., tonight, his hands and feet bound. The warden was able to extricate himself after a short time and immediately reported to the penitentiary that he was safe. He had not been injured.

BANDIT HANGS EARLY TODAY

Manuel Martinez to Pay Death Penalty for Murder of Postmaster and Wife

FLORENCE, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Manuel Martinez, convicted in Nogales for participating in a bandit raid on Ruby, Arizona, in which Postmaster and Mrs. J. Frank Pearson were shot to death, will go to the gallows early tomorrow morning to pay for his part in the double murder.

It was a year ago this month that a band of horsemen rode across the border from Mexico, descended on the town, killed Pearson and his wife, and looted the postoffice.

Only two members of the robber gang have been apprehended. The other of the pair, Placido Silvas, already faces a term of life imprisonment for the killing of Postmaster Pearson. Silvas is scheduled to again go on trial August 28 for the murder of Mrs. Pearson.

Sheriff Also Dies
A sensation was created on July 13 when the two convicted slayers escaped while being taken to the state penitentiary. An automobile accident which gave them temporary freedom, cost the lives of Sheriff George White of Santa Cruz county and Leonard Smith, a deputy. The sheriff's car overturned on the Nogales-Tucson highway. White was instantly killed and Smith was hurt so seriously that he died four days later. The prisoners, handcuffed together, were thrown clear of the wreck. Silvas escaped unscathed but Martinez' legs were slightly injured. For five nights

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PORTLAND MEN MAKE GIFT TO STATE WARDS

Band Instruments Valued at Thousand Dollars Presented at Oregon Training School Last Night.

PLANS OF FUTURE ARE TOLD VISITORS

Jurists, Governor Secretary of State and Legislators Are Heard

WOMAN DENIES PARENTAGE OF 5 CHILDREN

Will of Mrs. Bell Astouhds Persons Who Had Thought Woman Their Mother

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Whether there will be a legal contest over the peculiar will of the late Mrs. Teresa Bell, who left an estate of approximately \$1,000,000 and who cut off five persons believing themselves her children, with \$5 each, was said today still to be a matter of considerable doubt with the executors.

In the holographic document left by Mrs. Bell, the startling statement was made that she was not the parent of the five who believed her their mother. Besides certain bequests to charity and friends, Mrs. Bell in her will stipulated that if she had any "cousins" the bulk of the estate was to go to them. In the event the "cousins" were not found, the money amounting to more than \$700,000 was to go to the state, the will set forth.

Following the reading of the will it was reported that the five who believed themselves the children of Mrs. Bell, all of whom were adults would not contest. Later the executors heard that T. F. Bell of San Francisco and Mrs. Muriel Bell Hooper of Hollister, Cal., two of her supposed "children" and John Bell, a nephew, of Santa Barbara, would attempt to break the will.

The will is to be filed for probate shortly, according to the executors. At this time, it was said, the matter of whether there will be a legal battle over the document will be determined.

KLUXERS TAKE WITNESS STAND

Statements of Alleged Raiders Vary as to Night-Riding Activities

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—Statements of 17 of the 36 defendants in the Ingewood raid case, made before the grand jury, were introduced in evidence today in the prosecution in the trial of the 36 on felony charges. The jury, however, was admonished by the court that each statement could be considered only with reference to the person making it.

The statements contained admissions that the persons making them took part in the raid upon the home of Fidel and Matias Elduayen. The Elduayens were taken, bound, to the Ingewood and Redondo Beach jails, at each of which the jailers refused to receive them as prisoners.

The captors then started to take the prisoners to Los Angeles to be turned over to the federal authorities, but decided on the way to turn them loose.

"We made them raise their right hands and swear they would go back home and back to their farming and not bootleg any more," said one L. L. Bryson. The defendants disagreed as to

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MOTHER ASKS POLICE FOR SON'S WHEEL

Boy Sent to Training School—Bicycle Will Await Until He Returns Home

A mother, tired and worn, her eyes dimmed with sadness and her shoulders drooping beneath years of attempting to bring up a son of whom she could be proud, appeared at police headquarters yesterday to ask for the return of her boy's bicycle. He had been sentenced to the state training school the day before for the theft of other bicycles belonging to numerous lads about town.

She wanted the bicycle, and wanted it bad. Her reasons were not given to Chief of Police Moffitt, but there was that in her voice which betrayed the fact that she refused to believe her boy all bad.

"My boy wasn't bad; he was just unfortunate in picking his associates," the little woman told the chief.

"And that," said Chief Moffitt a few minutes later, "is the cause of nine out of every 10 youngsters taking their first step into wrong-doing. A boy can't go far wrong if he sticks to his home les, but when he starts listening to the other fellow and allows himself to be influenced by bad companions it is not very long before he is headed toward a criminal career and the penitentiary."

The police have been busy for the past 24 hours endeavoring to get the stolen bicycles together once more as the boys had dismantled them in an attempt to dispose of the wheels.

"Tomorrow the sad-faced mother who defended her son will receive the treasured bike. Maybe she will keep it for the boy who made a bad step so that he may have it when he comes out of the training school.

COAL SHORTAGE IS NOT LIKELY

Secretary Hoover Predicts Early Capacity Production By all Mines in Country

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—Early resumption of coal production in the union fields covered by the Cleveland agreement was looked to today by administration officials to avert fuel troubles next winter.

If the miners in those fields return to work within a few days, Secretary Hoover declared, there should be no serious shortage of coal next winter, although there may be some minor inconveniences. Production of approximately 10,000,000 tons of coal weekly, made up of about four-fifths bituminous and one-fifth anthracite will be needed, according to Federal Fuel Distributor Spencer.

Even with adequate production, Mr. Hoover asserted, action

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SALEM HOSPITAL, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, WILL BE ONE OF FINEST IN WHOLE WEST

Approximately \$54,000 has been spent on the new Salem hospital. But the new part isn't yet a real hospital—it is about like a home without a wife, or a bank with the money all counterfeited or carted away; or like a painted picture of a beautiful babbling brook when one is dying of thirst in the desert.

It is a splendid frame; a wonderful beginning—but it yet needs the heart and soul that can come only with a little more money to finish and equip the place. It needs \$25,000, in round numbers, to put it into the finished hospital class; but once finished, it will be one of the finest things of its kind in the west.

Construction Very Best.
The building, three full stories and a full basement in height, is fireproof. There is practical-

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CANDLER GETS MORE DEMANDS FOR HUSH CASH

Atlanta Banker Charges August Dreyer, New York Attorney, With Trying to Extort \$5,000.

LAWYER CLAIMS TO BE BYFIELDS WITNESS

Wife in Case Reported Improving in Health After Filing \$100,000 Suit

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—August Dreyer, New York lawyer and theatrical man, whose name appears as a witness on a letter which Walter T. Candler received from Clyde K. Byfield after the men had their fight in Mrs. Byfield's state room on the steamship Berengaria, July 16, called Mr. Candler and demanded a \$5,000 fee for his services in the case according to statement from Mr. Candler published by the Atlanta Journal today. The letter purported to withdraw charges made against Mr. Candler by Mr. Byfield in connection with the incident in the stateroom.

Prosecution Mentioned.
Reuben R. Arnold, chief counsel of Mr. Candler in his suit to prevent Mr. Byfield from realizing on the \$20,500 note given him and in his defense against Mrs. Byfield's \$100,000 damage suit, asserted that the purported demand would be investigated and that should Dreyer be summoned as a witness steps might be taken regarding it.

"Dreyer knew nothing whatever about the incident between Byfield and myself," said the statement issued by the Atlanta banker "as he was not there and neither heard or saw any part of it."

Dreyer Wanted Cash.
"Dreyer was introduced to me as his friend by one of the three gamblers mentioned in my petition who frequented the ship. Dreyer claimed to be a lawyer and made a demand on me of \$5,000 before leaving Paris which I did not pay."

"Dreyer called me over the telephone in Atlanta yesterday and demanded to know whether I was going to pay him. I told him I owed him nothing and would pay nothing."

Mrs. Byfield, who asserted in her damage suit that she was made seriously ill by an alleged attack by Candler, was reported to be somewhat improved today.

HEAVY DUTY ON GRAPE JUICE

Senate Approves Seventy Cent Rate—Tariff Rates on Dye Stuff Passed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Tariff duties on dyes and other coal tar products which were declared by opponents to be equivalent to an embargo, were approved tonight by the senate, 38 to 22. Republicans and Democrats split on the issue, seven Republicans opposing the increased rates and five Democrats supporting it.

The senate approved an amendment by Senator Shortridge, Republican, California, proposing a duty of 76 cents a gallon on grape juice containing or capable of producing less than 1 per cent of alcohol. On such juice containing or capable of producing more than 1 per cent of alcohol, the same rate would be applied with an additional rate of \$5 a proof gallon on the alcohol contained in it or that could be produced from it.

THE WEATHER

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SIX LIVES LOST IN MINNESOTA BLAZE; OTHER TOWNS AFIRE

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 17.—(By The Associated Press)—Six known dead, hundreds homeless, at least two towns wiped out and a dozen others in imminent danger was the apparent toll tonight of forest fires which swept north-eastern Minnesota today, causing the worst conflagration since 1918 when 400 persons lost their lives.

Official reports tonight were that Fairbanks, Silver Creek and Pimio, all small settlements, had been destroyed, the refugees fleeing mainly to Two Harbors. Cotton and Central Lakes also were reported to have been destroyed. Fires also were reported in Wisconsin, where it was said that Drummond was menaced, but telephone communication with that place was interrupted.

All the fires are said to have resulted from smouldering peat bogs which were whipped into raging furnaces by a strong wind and spread to nearby forests.

Guards Battle Flames
Thousands of volunteer guards battled the flames on the various sections throughout the forenoon but the fires leaped past fire lines everywhere about midday. Fighters were forced to flee.

When the guards left the fire fighting, they turned their attention to removing townspeople and settlers to places of safety. Through cooperation of the state highway department which rushed every available truck to the fire zone, refugees here hastily removed. Not a single fatality was reported from the district where organized effort was made to rescue the refugees.

Duluth was given a scare late today when the wind shifted to the north bringing dense clouds of smoke.

Family of Six Dead
The only fatalities were reported by Captain Leo J. Moeke of the Duluth tank corps, who said a family of six was trapped by the flames near Markham. The two towns reported to have been burned are Cotton, with a population of 500 about 47 miles north of Duluth, and Central Lakes, a small railroad town near Cotton.

The centers of the worst fires are Kelsey, 50 miles north of here and Eveleth, 90 miles north. There are dozens of small fires.

National guardsmen are assisting in transporting refugees to temporary quarters in nearby towns.

Farmers Lose Homes
Reports from the various fire areas tonight indicated many farmers had lost their homes. It was not believed the loss to livestock would be heavy. Fire is reported to be dangerously near several small towns. Guards were working tonight to protect these towns.

The greatest loss to property and livestock was reported to have been caused by the Kelsey fire which leaped Cotton and Central Lakes. The fires near Eveleth also destroyed some property.

Property Loss Heavy
Fifty families burned out by the Kelsey fire arrived here late tonight on a Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha passenger train. The Duluth, Winnipeg and Pacific brought 60 families. They will be cared for at the Duluth armory where cots and meals will be served by the local Red Cross.

Reports from the fire near Eveleth indicated heavy property loss. Meadowslands was reported on fire at 9 a. m. tonight. Nine families from Ellsmire, 18 miles southeast of Eveleth, were taken to Eveleth when the town was threatened. Iron Junction, Kinney, Forbes, Wolfe, Corbin and Adams Hill district report fires dangerously near. Eveleth itself is not in serious danger, a large open pit mine providing a barrier to the flames on the west side.

Construction Camp Goes
In the face of numerous reports of widely scattered towns being endangered by the fires, forestry men expressed their belief that there was unnecessary alarm, declaring that the dense smoke from the peat beds and burning vegetation made the fires appear worse than they actually were.

E. V. Filiatrault of Duluth, who reached home tonight after a thrilling trip by automobile through the fire swept Cotton area, reported all of the houses in Cotton had not been burned.

The Grant-Smith road construction camp at Cotton was one of the first to burn when the fire reached that town. Mr. Filiatrault said it was not known whether all of the 50 employees were able to escape before a 400-gal-

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