

'BIG FOUR' BROTHERS TO MEET RAIL HEADS

Conference to Be Held Today in Chicago on Issues Growing Out of Shop Strike

MAIL MOVEMENT HINDERED

Guards in Half a Dozen States Patrol Railway Yards

SIGNALMEN NOT TO GO OUT

D. W. Helt, President of Union, States That Semaphore Men Would Not Renew Negotiations

(By the Associated Press.) CHICAGO, July 11.—With state troops and United States deputy marshals on guard in half a dozen states to avert violence and prevent interference with the movement of the mails or interstate commerce, leaders of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods and railway executives were hurrying to Chicago tonight to confer on issues growing out of the shopmen's strike. At Bloomington, Ill., where state troops have been guarding the Chicago and Alton railroads, state engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors, members of the four big brotherhoods, today voted not to enter the shops or yards as long as troops are stationed there. The matter of working with guards and state troops on duty is one of the matters expected to be taken up tomorrow.

Another issue to be discussed will be the alleged insistence of the carriers that members of the "Big Four" do work regularly assigned to them while on strike. The United States railroad labor board last week gave an opinion that the members of

one union craft were not required to do the work of another whose members were on strike unless they did so voluntarily.

Holding Stock in Bad Way
Members of the "Big Four" unions also have protested that rolling stock has not been kept in condition since the strike of shopmen.

A rift in the strike clouds appeared today with the announcement of D. W. Helt, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, that his 14,000 members would not strike at this time but expected to open new negotiations with the individual carriers regarding their grievances. If unable to reach an agreement, the entire matter will be referred to the railroad labor board, he said.

The shop crafts' leaders assumed a more hopeful attitude today with receipt of the advice, that all told, 18 of the railroads had made some conciliatory expressions looking toward a settlement of a strike and that some federation conference with the system federation committee. No settlement will be made, however, except on a national basis, the union heads insisted, adhering to their original attitude of insisting that the railroads deal with the six international shop unions as a whole. Negotiations have progressed so far on the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern that R. A. Henning, chairman of the strikers' committee of R. Paul came to Chicago today to confer with President H. M. Jewell and other federal negotiators. No definite conclusion was reached, it was said.

Overtures Made by Road
Overtures to the local strike committees have been forthcoming from several roads ever since the beginning of the strike, a week and a half ago. It was learned today that the committees have held fast, however, and while listening to all proposals, have refused to enter into any system agreement.

"Whatever settlement is made, must be on a national basis," said John Scott, secretary of the shop crafts today. "We have reiterated our desire to talk to anyone authorized to talk for the railroads, but the shopmen will not enter into any separate agreements. The strike must be settled by an agreement covering the entire country."

Little actual violence was reported today, although troops and guards remained vigilant. At Bloomington, an attempt was being made by strikers to have state troops recalled following an exchange of shots between guards and strikers last night. Two hundred

Kansas national guardsmen were sent to Herington, Kansas, to guard the Rock Island shops and officials of the Southern railway asked Governor Russell of Mississippi for troops at Hattiesburg to protect property at the Mississippi shops. All was quiet at Clinton, Illinois, where state troops have been stationed since Saturday.

More Deputies on Duty
Additional deputy marshals were sworn in here to protect the Chicago and Northwestern shops' employees and two companies of state troops were sent to New Franklin, Missouri, to protect workmen on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

Minor clashes between workers and strike sympathizers were reported from several points.

Postmaster General Work asked all postmasters to report to their local superintendents of the railway mail service any interference with the movement of mails.

At Youngstown, Ohio, the Baltimore and Ohio road obtained a temporary injunction restraining interference with the company's shops and yards while a similar injunction was obtained by the same road to protect the road's property and employees at East St. Louis, Illinois, and Flora, Illinois. The Missouri Pacific and Frisco obtained a temporary federal restraining order at Kansas City, Missouri, directed against the shopmen's union and officers and four persons, one a woman, were taken into custody at New Orleans charged with violating federal injunctions to prevent interference with the operation of trains.

Part of the clerks on the Norfolk and Western railroad struck following organization of a national head quarters. Several roads annulled trains, the Wabash announcing that four trains were annulled.

Big Four Supports Strikers
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, July 11.—Resolutions supporting striking railway employees were adopted at a meeting here today attended by members of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods. One of the resolutions stated: "That we will take up with our different crafts the matter of giving our brother craftsmen, who have been making a stand for the just and right, our full and unqualified support."

The resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, it was said, were not binding on any of the organizations, but are to show the sentiment of the brotherhoods.

Foreman Threatened and Feathered
ROCKHURST, Ill., July 11.—Hert Dickson, night roundhouse foreman of the Chicago and Alton railroad here, was taken from the roundhouse today by a mob of 25 or 30 men with handkerchiefs tied over their faces, drove two miles from the city in an automobile and given a coat of tar and feathers. Dickson walked back to Rockhouse and tonight boarded a train for Chicago. Dickson, who claimed to be a nephew of E. G. Bied, president of the Chicago and Alton railroad company, went on strike with approximately 150 shopmen here July 1, but returned to work Sunday, and is reported to have declared: "I'll stick to the railroad; to hell with the strike."

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

IRVINGTON TO HAVE I. O. O. F. UNIT; POSITIONS ARE FILLED

Election and installation of officers occupied the members of the local Odd Fellows lodge at the regular meeting held in the temple yesterday evening. Next Saturday, C. G. Hurd, district deputy, will install a unit of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Irvington. Officers installed were: W. A. Gilbert, who was elected one month ago to the position of noble grand, and Fred Wentworth, who last month was named to serve as vice-grand. Other officers who were elected and installed last night were: H. L. Hubbard, warrant; L. A. Morley, conductor; J. M. Williams, right supporter to the noble grand; H. D. Seymour, left supporter to the noble grand; Guy E. Barton, right supporter to the vice-grand; Olaf Meloy, left supporter to the vice-grand; R. E. Shelby, chaplain and W. L. King, outside guardian. One of the elective positions was not filled. The attendance was not large due to the fact that many of the members are now out of the city on vacations.

This evening the local members of the I. O. O. F. will journey to Springfield where third degree work will be conferred on Howard C. Johnson, a member of the local lodge. Mr. Johnson has not been able to attend the Tuesday night meetings here and it was arranged to have him receive the degree work in the Springfield lodge.

STEAM POWER REPLACED

HIGH POWER CONTRACT IN STATE EXPLAINED

Mountain States Company Will Close Down Present Plans and Use Them as Auxiliaries

Reviewing the importance of recent electrical development in the Willamette valley as well as explaining the different projects which have resulted from the starting of construction of the new California-Oregon power line, the Willamette Monthly News has an article on the Mountain States Power company. The News, which is an engineering magazine, says:

"The Mountain States Power company has completed arrangements with the California-Oregon Power company for the purchase of a large block of hydro-electric power—12,000 kilowatts—for distribution among its customers in the Willamette valley, Oregon. Under the terms of the contract, the California-Oregon Power company is constructing a 115-mile transmission line to connect its hydro-electric plant at Prospect, Oregon, on the Rogue river, with the Mountain States Power company's substation at Springfield.

The line is being built to operate at 110,000 volts, of size 60 bare copper conductor, on suspension type insulators with 350-foot spans. It will cross the foothills of the Siskiyou mountains, and from a point near Roseburg, Oregon, will parallel the Pacific highway north to Springfield.

"While the main connecting line is under construction, Mountain States Power company is rapidly proceeding with the erection of interconnecting lines between its various divisions. A 20-mile line, for operating at 60,000 volts, is being built to connect the Dallas district with the Albany district. The terminus of this line will be at the town of Independence. An 11,000 volt line will be extended nine miles to connect with the town of Jefferson, until recently served by a municipally-operated system.

"A third line will extend from Springfield to Cottage Grove, in the extreme southern end of the Willamette valley. Mountain States Power company recently acquiring by purchase the plant and distributing system of the Cottage Grove Electric company, and will furnish electric service to this town, which has a population of about 2,000. It is the center of a very fertile farming district, and there are many lumber mills and some important silver mines in the immediate vicinity.

"The completion of this line will in many ways benefit the Mountain States Power company and the territory it serves. It will form the connecting link between northwestern Oregon and the great hydro-electric developments in the southern section of the state. The eastern power stations of the company have heretofore depended upon sawmill refuse as fuel and the supply at times has been irregular. The new source of energy supply will permit these plants to close down; they will be using the power stations for operation in time of emergency. The Willamette valley embraces over 5,000 square miles of the most productive land in the west, and the adequate supply of electrical energy, which the construction of this transmission line makes available, will go far to aid the future growth and development of the state."

PATROL IS FELT CERTAIN

SENATOR McNARY THINKS REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED

Oregon's request for airplane patrol service in the state during the forest fire season will be granted, is the belief of Senator Charles L. McNary, expressed in a message received by the chamber of commerce.

The chamber had urged McNary to petition for the placing of scout planes at Portland, Eugene and other strategic points. In response, McNary said that he had made another urgent appeal to the chief of the air service. He said that he would know in two or three days whether the request could be granted.

HUMOROUS MAGAZINE OUT

PROMINENT JOURNALISTS ON STAFF OF UNIVERSITY COMIC

The Summer Breeze, the first comic magazine to be published by university students during a summer session, will make its appearance on the campus some time tomorrow. The publication will contain 15 pages and will have numerous jokes, bits of humor and editorials. It will be similar in appearance to the Lemon Punch, the magazine of humor printed by the students during the regular school year. The Summer Breeze is being published for the benefit of the summer school students.

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NEW RESIDENCES TO GO UP

PERMITS CALL FOR EXPENDITURE OF \$9,000

A \$6,000 bungalow will at once be erected at 1941 University street, according to a permit issued yesterday by W. H. Alexander, city building inspector, to C. B. Johnson. Quite a number of fine new dwellings have been erected in Gross' addition in that locality this summer.

A permit was also issued yesterday to E. J. Bartholomey to erect a residence at 80 Eleventh avenue east at a cost of \$4,000.

A garage permit was issued to W. F. Woods at 253 Third avenue east, calling for an expenditure of \$250, and a permit was issued to H. F. Krenmel to build an addition to his

residence on Eleventh avenue west at a cost of \$500.

Salem Pioneer Drops Dead

SALEM, Ore., July 11.—Frank H. Girard, aged 67, pioneer of Salem, dropped dead on the streets here this afternoon following an attack of heart failure. Mr. Girard had been connected with the state institutions for a number of years, and was serving as a guard at the Oregon penitentiary at the time of the escape of Tracy and Merrill, notorious bandits.

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