

GENERAL STRIKE UPON RAILROADS FOR SATURDAY

Country Faces Prospect of Strike of Conductors, Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen That Will Tie-up Transportation From Maine to California Unless Wilson Intervenes.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Peace negotiations between the railroads of the United States and the employes' brotherhoods have failed. The country today faces the prospect of a strike of conductors, engineers, firemen and trainmen that will tie up railroad transportation from Maine to California. At seven o'clock Saturday night, unless President Wilson successfully intervenes or the railroad managers and their men make an unexpected compromise, the strike will begin with the freight and yard employees of the New York Central, the Nickel Plate and Baltimore & Ohio lines, in the switching yards at Chicago and St. Louis.

Freight Trains First.
Strike orders call at first for a cessation of work only on freight trains. The employes expect that their first display of strength will bring the roads to terms. If it fails to do this the strike will be extended on successive days to freight employes throughout the country until by Wednesday all the railroads will be affected. On Wednesday if the railroads still hold out, the brotherhood men will begin to leave the passenger trains and locomotives. If the men carry out their program every mile of railroads in the country, both freight and passenger service, will feel the effects of the strike by Monday, March 26.

Plans to combat such a strike were completed by the railroads of the country last winter when the crisis was averted by the action of President Wilson and the passage of the Adamson law. Each road, apparently will work out its individual methods. Indications today are that the managers hope a large percentage of their men will refuse to obey the strike order and that a partial service will be maintained notwithstanding the efforts of the brotherhoods.

Appeal to Employes.
Appeals to employes to remain loyal were issued last night by the New York Central and the Baltimore & Ohio roads, which would be among the first affected by the walkout. One railroad authority said today that if the railroads could keep its trains in movement every day on their main lines they would break the strike. The roads expect to accomplish this and perhaps more by manning trains with pensioned employes, foremen, dispatchers and traffic officers—men not members of the striking brotherhoods.

Thus far the railroads have announced no plans for recruiting strike breakers outside the service. The 400,000 brotherhood men ordered to strike demand an eight hour day without decrease in pay and overtime pay for overtime, without waiting for the decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of the Adamson law. In their statement to the public after the adjournment yesterday of the conference with the managers, the men called attention to the fact that they had offered their services to the government in the event of war. They declared that while the railroads show net earnings for a year of over a thousand million dollars the employes with no increase in wages, have had to meet an increase in the cost of living equal to more than forty per cent.

ASK POSSESSION OF LINER APPAM

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The supreme court was asked today by British owners of the German prize ship Appam to waive its usual thirty-day delay and issue its mandate at once for immediate restoration of the ship and cargo to them.

GRAYSON CONFIRMED AS REAR ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President Wilson's friend and naval aide, was confirmed by the senate Thursday as rear admiral in the navy after a long fight against him by republican senators.

Pitzsimmons Sorry Corbett Still Hates Him After These 20 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pitzsimmons, snapped in San Francisco where "Bawb" was seriously considering his wife's request that he become an evangelist.

By E. L. Moriarty
Bob Pitzsimmons, who 20 years ago this month won the heavyweight championship from Jim Corbett, is approaching his latest contract with fear and trembling. In fact, Sir Robert is not sure that he can make weight. For the first time in his life it may be necessary to drag the mighty Cornishman into the ring. And there's a reason.

Bob's wife is engaged in evangelistic work. It appears she left the former champion, because, as she says, Bob's friends had made a "bar fly" out of him, much to their domestic discomfort. But after a 24-month separation, they are together again and all is lovely.

At Butte, Montana, where Mrs. Pitzsimmons was engaged in revival work, Bob, in a theater across the street, was publicly opposing her. According to Mrs. Fitz, Bob "saw the light" when he reached Spokane. Bob attended one of his wife's meetings and before he left rose to state that he was strong for his wife, believed she was doing a great work and that far be it from him to remain a blacksheep. Mrs. Fitz thereupon called Bob, handed him a Bible and all was well.

Fortwith it was announced that Bob was to become an evangelist and the press agents found the going easy. "I don't know much about this here evangelism business," remarked Bob, just after he arrived here. "But the wife wants to get me mixed up in it and you know how it is when your wife asks you to take a chance on anything. But what do you say we go down to the far end of the bloomin' bar room and talk it over."

Following which suggestion, Robert's own predictions as to his ability to bat Bob in Bill Sunday's league might lead one to doubt that the former champion is peculiarly fitted to match brands from the burning.

During Pitzsimmons' stay in San Francisco he spent some time with his former enemy of the ring, Tom Sharkey. From soup to nuts, it was a love feast and the two men wreathes of other days fought their battle over meals. But it was with hands on shoulders, good natured word joints and awkward compliments as to the other's prowess.

"I never knew the man with such a bloody big chest as you had, Tom," said Bob.
"Fah and I was afraid you 'uz a golt' to knock the head of me off," replied Tom.
"You were a bloomin' hitter yourself, Tom."
Pitzsimmons was delighted at the prospect of meeting Jim Jeffries when he reached Los Angeles on his theatrical tour.
"The man who took the championship away from Pitzsimmons holds a warm spot in the Cornishman's heart. In fact, there is only one man he ever fought that isn't regarded as a friend, according to Fitz.
"Jim Corbett hates me," says Bob. "I suppose he never got over that day at Carson City. And how the bloomin' time goes by. It's 20 years the seventeenth of this month since me and Jim had that little business. Jim Corbett was the greatest boxer that ever lived and it's too bad he hates me like he does."
While in Portland, Oregon, recently, Pitzsimmons visited the grave of Jack Dempsey. Fitz broke Dempsey, body and spirit in their famous battle years ago, but later they became fast friends.
"I loved little Jack Dempsey," said Fitz. "And I cried real bloomin' tears the other day when I tramped out in the snow and found poor Jack's tombstone. He was the greatest middleweight that ever lived."

JAP WARSHIP TO BRING GUTHRIE'S BODY

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Japan's offer of a warship to bring home the body of the late Ambassador Guthrie was formally accepted today. The usual neutrality restrictions as to sailing and length of stay will be suspended.

Officials today expressed gratification at the signal honor accorded to the late ambassador by both the Japanese government and people.

BUCK WHITE GIVEN 30 DAYS IN JAIL

NEW YORK, March 16.—The maximum sentence of thirty days in jail and a fine of \$100 was given today by Judge White, pastor of the Church of Social Revolution, who was convicted of deserting the American flag by burning it in a "redline pot" in the yard of the office. August H. Hoedel and Edward Ames, convicted with him, were sent to jail each for thirty days.

GERMAN WITHDRAWAL FASTER THAN EXPECTED

LONDON, March 15.—Piquantier General Frederick H. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, today told the Associated Press that the withdrawal of the Germans from the Meuse valley, on the Somme front, was taking place faster than anticipated and that the whole new line might soon be on the reverse side of the Bapaume ridge.

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REPUBLICANS LIKELY TO UNITE WITH DEMOCRATS

Champ Clark for Speaker and Half the Jobs for Republicans are the Terms Upon Which the New House Will Probably be Organized—Mann and Lenroot too Pro-German.

BY GILSON GARDNER.
WASHINGTON, March 16.—Champ Clark for speaker and half the jobs for the republicans—these are the terms on which the new house is likely to be organized. The matter is not finally worked out, but it is working out along these lines. The republicans can not solidify their strength. If they could they would have more than they need to organize the house.

Jim Mann is not popular. He is accused of being pro-German in his sympathies because he has a partly German constituency in Chicago, and has refused to be as jingo as his home papers want him to be. Lenroot would be his rival as republican candidate for speaker, but he too has a German constituency in Wisconsin, and, besides, is too progressive to suit the old reactionary crowd.

Champ Clark is personally very popular. His popularity extends to the republican side of the house. Among the independent group Clark is more likely to be favored than Mann. The death of Conroy of New York complicates the situation and may lead a spectacular interest to the campaign for a successor in the 15th New York district. Whit P. Martin, of Louisiana, a protectionist progressive, is likely to line up with the republicans, as is Randall, the prohibitionist of California, Meyer London the socialist, and Jeanette Rankin, the new woman member from Montana, are more friendly toward the democrats than toward the republicans, regarding the former as a little more progressive and enlightened than the latter.

The new congressmen are arriving in town and this organization fight will have to be settled before April 15th when the new congress meets.

FRENCH PLANNING TO DEMONETIZE GOLD

PARIS, March 16.—A bill to demonetize existing French gold coinage has been introduced in the chamber of deputies by Deputies Lenoir, Buffandeau and Eymond. The purpose is to force hoarders to bring out gold estimated at four billion francs, which is still being kept in hiding in spite of patriotic appeals to the holders to exchange it for notes. The bill provides for the issue of a new design which alone will have currency after the war. Special arrangements would be made in the case of French gold held abroad.

WIFE AT SIDE WHEN WILSON TAKES OATH



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson

Mrs. Wilson was the first woman in the history of the United States to stand beside the president when he repeated his oath, March 5. Until then the most imposing part ever taken by woman in inauguration ceremonies was that of Mrs. Taft, eight years ago, when she rode down Pennsylvania avenue with her husband. She went as far as the senate where the ceremonies were held, but did not accompany him to the rostrum.

FINNISH TROOPS JOIN IN REVOLT

LONDON, March 15.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Stockholm quotes the Aftonbladet as stating that the Finnish railway lines have been broken up at several points and that train service between Haparanda, Sweden, and Tornen, on the Finnish side of the border, has been suspended for more than a fortnight. Finnish troops, the dispatch adds, refused to obey orders from the late government to proceed to Petrograd and a large number of them are supporting the new government.

ALL CANADA'S WHEAT CROP FOR BRITAIN

OTTAWA, Ont., March 15.—The government has received word that the Canadian council of agriculture, meeting at Regina, has decided that the whole crop of wheat in Canada shall be taken for the British government. The price to be paid, it was decided, should be for number 1, northern at Winnipeg, a minimum of \$1.50 and a maximum of \$1.90 a bushel. An optional suggestion is \$1.75 flat at Fort William for grades from No. 1 northern, down to be levied according to milling tests. The British offer was \$1.30 at Fort William. It is understood the dominion government will handle the business, buying from the farmers and insuring transportation to the seaboard.

LIBERALS HOLD FULL CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT

Old Regime of Conservatives Supplanted by Radicals—Absolute Freedom of Speech and Press and Full Political Amnesty—Elimination of Emperor Nicholas Certain.

PETROGRAD, March 16.—The council of nobility already has held special meetings in fifteen provinces and endorsed the new revolutionary government.
PETROGRAD, March 15.—The old regime of conservatives has been supplanted by liberals. M. Kerenski, the new minister of justice, is a socialist. He accepted the portfolio on the stipulation that there should be absolute freedom of speech and of the press and full political amnesty. The cabinet has been chosen exclusively from present and past members of the duma. It was named by the executive committee of the duma in conjunction with other deputies and representatives of the working men and the soldiers which held an all-night session.

Professor Paul Milukoff, the new foreign minister, informed the Associated Press that the new regime was determined on the elimination of Emperor Nicholas and the regency of Grand Duke Michael.
"We shall not change these demands," he said. "We shall have this or fall. We can accept nothing less."
The new cabinet contains men who led in the struggle against the old government and enjoyed full confidence of the country. Professor Milukoff and M. Shingiroff, the new minister of agriculture have become especially prominent as champions of the rights of the people. It is due to Professor Milukoff that the revelations regarding the political intrigue and corruption of the old reactionary government were brought before the public.

While the duma and the working men's committee agreed upon the cabinet they still remained somewhat at odds regarding the form the new government shall assume. The workingmen's deputies wished to leave this question undecided until after the holding of a constitutional assembly which will be charged with revising the present constitution, desiring to call this assembly without delay. The duma group, fearing dangers to the country in the absence of a definite government, suggested abdication of the emperor and the regency of the Grand Duke Michael. The temporary agreement was accepted pending the decision of the constitutional assembly.

The following additional cabinet appointments have been made: Minister of trade commerce, A. I. Kononoff.
Prosecutor general of the holy synod, M. Lvoff.
Prince Lvoff, the new premier, is president of the central committee of all Russian zemstvo unions.

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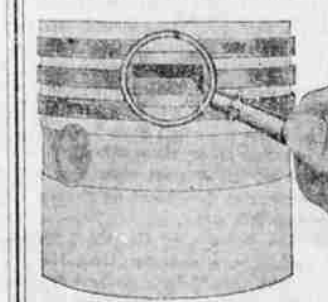
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