

## UNCLE SAM TAKES HAND IN STRIKE

### U. S. Government Issues Ultimatum to Striking Railroad Men—Return to Work or Get Out—Government Ready to Aid Railroads Getting Men—Trains Must Run—Strike is Broken in West and Middle West. But Grows in East.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The United States government delivered an ultimatum to the striking railroaders this afternoon it was reported at the federal building.

District Attorney Clyne at a meeting with the strike leaders notified them that the men must either return to their jobs or quit and hunt other employment.

The trains must run, Clyne declared, and if the strikers do not return to work the government will back the roads in declaring the strikers' positions vacant and aid in obtaining men to fill them.

### Conditions Improve

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—A noticeable improvement in the switchmen's strike situation was reported by railroad officials here today after the hours for the crews to report had passed. Six crews were reported at work at the Albina yards of the O. W. R. & N. Six crews also were also reported at work at the Union station here, divided between three shifts.

Sufficient men were working at the Brooklyn yards of the Southern Pacific to handle all business, it was said. At Umatilla the switchmen walked out but returned to work within a half hour. Switchmen also quit at La Grande, but their places were immediately filled, railroad officials reported.

Men on strike at the S. P. and S. yards were to meet with the superintendent at noon today.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Developments west of Pittsburg in the switchmen's unauthorized strike today were regarded by railroad brotherhood officials as pointed toward a gradual dissolution of the insurgent forces, but in the east, where the walkout was joined in several districts by trainmen, the situation appeared a more serious aspect.

In the central and far west numerous reports of defections from the strikers' ranks followed the report of the first important break at Columbus, O., where 600 switchmen voted to return to work.

At Chicago, admitted keystone of the walkout, railroad officials were presented "terms for settlement of the strike," which included recognition of the new union formed by dissenters from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

### Radicals Offer Terms

In the settlement offer, proffered by John Granau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, who called the strike, at least one radical concession was made—abrogation of the claims for back pay demanded by the older organizations in their contracts with the government. That possibly would mean a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the railroads, it was said. Other clauses in the proposed settlement agreement demanded granting of the original wage increase called for in the strike announcement, to be effective upon the return of the men to work; eight hour basic day, and time and a half for overtime, Sundays and holidays, and double time for overtime on Sundays and holidays.

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## WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT REQUESTS NAME KEPT OUT OREGON PRIMARY

SALEM, Ore., April 12.—A personal telegram was received today by the secretary of state from William H. Taft, requesting that his name be not allowed to go on the republican primary ballot in Oregon as a candidate for president. If petitions are filed by Oregon Taft supporters asking that he be listed as one of the candidates the name will not be withdrawn, regardless of Mr. Taft's wishes, it was said here. This would be in pursuance of an opinion by the Oregon supreme court in 1916, in which the court ruled that the name of Charles Evans Hughes could not be kept off the ballot if his candidacy were petitioned for by the required 1000 electors.

## ATTY. GEN. PALMER IS READY TO TAKE ACTION ON STRIKE

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Developments here today in connection with the railroad strike were:

An announcement by the postoffice department that vigorous action would be taken if the movement of the mails was obstructed.

Attorney General Palmer returned to Washington and studied reports as to the situation so as to determine whether action by the department of justice were warranted.

An announcement of Chairman Cummins, of the senate interstate commerce committee that investigation of the strike by his committee scheduled to begin tomorrow, would not be conducted at this time, as it was desired to give the new railroad labor board an opportunity to settle the strike.

An announcement from the White House that the members of the labor board would be appointed within 24 hours.

Senator Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, told the senate the strike was nearing "red revolt."

## NATIVE DAUGHTER JACKSONVILLE DEAD

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—Plans for the funeral of Mrs. A. M. Beach, daughter of Colonel J. N. T. Miller, noted pioneer of northern California and southern Oregon, who died here yesterday, were completed today. Services will be held here tomorrow, cremation to follow. Mrs. Beach was a native of Jacksonville, Ore., and was one of the first white children born in that famous mining camp.

## AVIATOR WHO JUMPED FROM AIRPLANE DIES

CAMDEN, N. J., April 12.—Lieutenant Richard W. Wright of Cleveland died here today of injuries received in his leap Saturday from a blazing postal airplane 200 feet in the air. His wife reached his bedside three hours before his death.

Lieutenant Mark C. Hogue of Portland, Ore., pilot of the plane, who did not jump, left the hospital today.

## FRANCE WILL LEAVE WHEN COAST CLEAR

### Great Britain Wins in Clash With French Diplomacy—Paris Agrees to Withdraw Troops Soon as German Forces Leave Ruhr Valley—All Danger of Break Within Allies Past—Reply of England Delivered.

LONDON, April 12.—The latest French note on the subject of the French organization move received here this morning says that the French troops in Frankfurt and other occupied cities will be withdrawn immediately upon the withdrawal of the German troops from the Ruhr region. It promises, it is stated, that no further independent action will be taken by France.

The solidarity of the entente is emphasized in the French communication. In British official circles the opinion was expressed today that all the dangers with which the situation was fraught had definitely been dispelled.

Up to noon Sunday there had been undisputed nervousness here, over last week's cross channel exchanges.

PARIS, April 12.—(By the Associated Press)—It was declared today in a reliable source that if the supreme council meeting at San Remo was to discuss the misunderstanding between France and Great Britain, Premier Millerand would not attend.

A personal talk on the subject with Premier Lloyd George would be welcomed by the French premier if Mr. Lloyd George could find it convenient to come to Paris but it is considered in official circles that as the point at issue interests France and Great Britain only, it is needless to discuss it before the representatives of the other powers.

PARIS, April 12.—The Earl of Derby, British ambassador to France, delivered to Premier Millerand at one o'clock this afternoon, the British reply to the French premier's note of last evening. M. Millerand refused to discuss the contents of the note with the newspaper correspondents.

## USE POISON GAS AGAINST PESTS

OTTAWA, Ont., April 12.—Use of poison gas similar to that employed in the war, has been suggested for the extinction of grasshoppers and gophers in western Canadian agricultural areas by O. R. Gould, member of the federal legislature. Mr. Gould today read to the house numerous letters and telegrams describing the situation as serious. Mr. Gould said it was proposed to take advantage of heavy winds to drench the ground with heavy fumes. Prairie chickens would withstand the gas, he thought.

## ELEVATED RUNS OFF TRACK, NONE KILLED

NEW YORK, April 12.—Passengers on an elevated train had remarkable escapes from death today when they were catapulted to the street, a distance of twenty-five feet, amidst the debris of the car.

The car was knocked off the elevated structure on the Ninth avenue line by a collision with another train and demolished. The wreckage was wedged in between the elevated structure and the side of the brick building a dozen feet away.

## L. A. BLUEBEARD HAS 17 WIVES, 5 MISSING, POLICE INVESTIGATING

LOS ANGELES, April 12.—Richard Huit, alleged bigamist, was under guard in a private hospital today recovering from self-inflicted wounds made while he was in San Diego Saturday and yesterday. While formal proceedings against Huit were held in abeyance until he would be able to appear in court, the officers continued their search for persons having knowledge of his affairs. They said today that they had identified seventeen wives, of whom five were said to be missing, and they appealed thru the papers here to any of the missing women who saw accounts of the case to come forward and lessen the labor of the search by disclosing their identity.

The police said they had learned of wives in Spokane, Seattle, Santa Monica, Ranger, Texas, Alberta and Los Angeles. Those of Spokane and Seattle were said to be included in the missing five.

## LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

EUGENE, Ore., April 12.—During a period of three hours last night, five robberies were reported to the police.

Three watches and \$40 in cash was the total of the booty.

In one case a thief entered a bakery and made away with till, money and all.

No arrests have yet been made. These are the first burglaries reported during the last three weeks.

ASTORIA, Ore., April 12.—A masked robber entered the bunkhouse of the logging company operating at Gray's River, Wash., across the Columbia river from here late last night, and relieved them of \$600, according to reports received here today from Gray's River. The man escaped, according to the report.

## VANDEVEER WILL APPEAL SUP. CT.

MONTESSANO, Wash., April 12.—George F. Vanderveer, Seattle I. W. W. attorney, is here today taking preliminary steps towards carrying the Centralia armistice day murder case to the state supreme court on appeal in the hope of securing a new trial for the seven convicted I. W. W. who have been sentenced to from 25 to 40 years in prison. After securing affidavits in Montesano today, Vanderveer will go to Olympia where he will ask an order for a transcript of all testimony taken in the murder trial this to be used in making his appeal brief.

The appeal will be made he said, upon claims of errors in the law and of insufficiency of the evidence.

## ENGLISH AVIATOR IS DECORATED BY ITALY

TORONTO, Ont., April 12.—Lieutenant Colonel William G. Barker has been awarded a second silver medal by the king of Italy for heroism in October 1918, when he attacked sixty German airplanes single-handed and shot six down before he was downed. Colonel Barker, it is said, holds more decorations for bravery than any other living British aviator.

## Census Returns

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included:

- Flint, Mich., 91,599, increase 53,948 or 137.6 per cent over 1910.
- Adrian, Mich., 11,878, increase 1115 or 10.4 per cent.
- Wabash, Ind. 9872, increase 1185 or 13.6 per cent.
- Emporia, Kas., 11,273, increase 2215 or 24.5 per cent.
- Freeport, Ill., 19,669, increase 2192 or 12 per cent.

## CIVIL WAR IS NEARER IN MEXICO

### General Pino Declares 13 States Have Followed Sonora's Example to Secede—Troops Recalled to Guard Boundary Against Expected Carranza Invasion—Accurate Information Lacking, With Important Developments Expected.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 12.—General J. M. Pino, commanding the first divisional army of the state of Sonora, advised the Associated Press that he has received semi-official information that thirteen additional states of the republic had voted to follow the examples of the state of Sonora in seceding. Definite details as to the list of states is lacking, however.

Detachments of state troops numbering in the neighborhood of 1,500 who were recalled from guarding the Sonora-Sinaloa boundary have been ordered to return to the state line stations and again take up patrol work according to a statement today by military authorities of Sonora to the Associated Press. The detachments had been guarding the boundary to intercept any attempt of Carranza forces under General Manuel Dieguez to invade Sonora.

Couriers intercepted the state troops as they were returning from the boundary after they had been ordered to disband and return to their garisons.

The men had been drafted for boundary line duty.

The military also said that the mountain passes along the Chihuahua state line were well guarded against any possible invasions from the east.

NOGALES, Sonora, April 12.—Officials of the new "Republic of Sonora," which withdrew from the Mexican government Friday, today awaited the next move, which they declared must come from the Carranza administration. In the meantime they prepared for any military activity against the state.

Carranza has but one channel open for him to bring the state back into the federation of Mexican states, they said. He must accede and guarantee Sonora what they claim is the state's right, that he will not send troops into Sonora against the wishes of the state government.

### Volunteers Called

The Sonora officials accused Carranza of forcing the break in relations by ordering federal troops into the state despite the state's demand the order be cancelled. They said Carranza planned to set up a military dictatorship and oust the present state officials as part of a scheme to defeat the presidential candidacy of General Alvaro Obregon, a citizen of Sonora. Before the break came open threats were made that if Carranza troops attempted to enter the state they would be met by state troops and revolution arise. General P. Elias Calles, former governor of Sonora, and until recently a member of the Carranza cabinet, has been made military commander of the "republic." Calles has called for volunteers to resist any attempted invasion of the state by federal troops.

Custom houses and all Mexican federal property throughout the state have been seized by the state government.

Several days ago Carranza was reported to have 2500 soldiers mobilized on the southern boundary line of Sonora. No report has since been received of the disposition of this force.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 12.—Nothing of consequence developed in the Sonora situation throughout yesterday and all parties concerned awaited developments with expectancy.

The state military received a report from Nogales this morning to the effect that word had been received at army headquarters there that General Blanco was marching overland from Chihuahua points with approximately two thousand soldiers and should reach the Sonora state line within the next few days.

Word also comes from Nogales that the telephone and telegraph lines between that city and Hermosillo, the state capital had been cut at various points during the night and that line-men, guarded by state troops, had been sent out to repair the damage.

Yaqui Indians Ready  
AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 12.—Word has been received

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## 7 KILLED, 200 INJURED WHEN MUNITION DUMP IN PRUSSIA EXPLODES

LONDON, April 12.—Two hundred persons injured in the explosion of a munitions dump at Rotenstein, near Koenigsberg, East Prussia, yesterday, have been rescued, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Daily Mail. Explosions are continuing and rescuers were able to approach the scene only in armored cars.

Fuses were being removed from big caliber shells at the dump when one was ignited and thirty tremendous explosions followed, wrecking dwellings and shattering thousands of windows in the city.

BERLIN, April 12.—Seven persons were killed in yesterday's explosions at Rotenstein, according to dispatches received here.

## THOUSANDS STAY AT HOME IN N. Y. CAUSE OF STRIKE

NEW YORK, April 12.—New York with its back against the wall, struggled desperately to free itself from the tentacles of the octopus-like epidemics of unauthorized railway strikes.

Out of the maze of conflicting reports—of new strikes called, and others threatened—railroads professed to see a ray of hope, because some passenger service had been maintained and food and milk trains managed to creep into the city.

It was admitted by the railroad offices, however, that the situation still was grave.

Thousands of persons were unable to reach their places of business here until hours after the usual time, while other thousands gave up the attempt and remained home.

The Chicago express on the Erie railroad, which was abandoned yesterday at Port Jervis, New York, while members of the crew attended a meeting of the new union, arrived in Jersey City this morning more than ten hours late. The train carried mail and it was predicted that federal authorities might take cognizance of the delay.

## FRENCH FRANCS TO A NEW LOW LEVEL

NEW YORK, April 12.—French, Belgian and Italian money went to new low records in the foreign exchange market here today. French francs sold at 16.82 for a dollar, off 65 centimes; Belgian francs at 15.60 for a dollar, off 60 centimes and Italian lire at 26.27 for a dollar, off one lire, 50 centimes. Demand sterling opened at 35 1/2, off 1 1/2 cents.

### Revolution in Guatemala.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The long threatened revolution in Guatemala against President Estrada Cabrera finally has broken out. Reports today to the state department said the opponents of the president had gained control of Guatemala City after some street fighting.

A marine guard from the cruiser Tacoma and submarine tender Naizara has been landed to protect the American legation.

## POINDEXTER OFFERS BILL TO PUT RAILROAD STRIKERS IN THE PEN

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Legislation to deal with railroad strikes was proposed today by Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington. The bill proposes ten year's imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for any person who advises, solicits or persuades others to join strikes which interfere with interstate commerce. Persons using force, violence or threats against others remaining at work in moving interstate commerce would be punished by fifteen years imprisonment and \$15,000 fine.

## GOVT. LOST \$78,531,521 WAR CAMPS

### Majority Report of Committee in Congress Scores Waste and Inefficiency in War Department—Cost Plus Contracts a Scandal—Favor Law Making Profiteering in War Time Treason—Minority Report Praises Baker.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Two opposing reports on the long congressional investigation of the construction of thirty-two army camps and cantonments were submitted today to the house by war expenditures committee and debated for several hours. The majority report presented by republican committee members, criticized government agencies and officials in charge of the war building program while the minority report of the democrats defended the administration.

The government lost \$78,531,521 on the sixteen national army cantonments it was estimated by the majority report, which asserted this was due to "waste, inefficiency and graft," resulting from cost plus contracts, which were said to be "wide open."

No estimate of loss on the National Guard camps was made by the majority.

Dissenting from the majority findings, the minority declared that the construction work was equivalent to building of 32 cities, each with 37,000 to 46,000 population and added: "This tremendous task was virtually completed in three months and stands out as one of the greatest achievements of the war."

Representatives McTenzie, Illinois, and McCullough, Ohio, republicans, and Doremus, Michigan, democrat, were the committee members who conducted the investigation.

### Make Profiteering Treason

The majority submitted six recommendations for legislation by congress including the submission to the states of a constitutional amendment making "profiteering in war time treason." It also urged that the department of justice be asked to investigate work at every camp.

No recommendations were made in the minority report, and it listed two conclusions, one condemning the majority report and the other defending Secretary Baker, who the majority declared, "must bear the final responsibility."

The majority cites several items, amounting to many thousands of dollars, which it was argued could legally be recovered by the government from contractors.

The majority declared Secretary Baker should not have permitted a departure from the old method of competitive bids.

"The minority is of the opinion," added the report, "that if views of the majority had been adopted at the beginning of the war the whole building program would have been in a state of chaos, many of our troops would have perished with cold or died of disease in the winter of 1917, and the German army would have been in Paris before our soldiers could have entered the battle lines."

### General Strike in Ireland.

DUBLIN, April 12.—The officials of the Irish trades union congress and the labor party today issued a call to the workers of Ireland for a general strike throughout the country tomorrow as a protest against the treatment of political prisoners.

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