

Maximum yesterday..... 50
Minimum today..... 32
Precipitation..... Trace

Generally Fair.
Light to heavy frost.

RAILROAD MEN VOTE AGAINST A STRIKE

R. R. CLERKS VOTE DOWN NEW STRIKE

30,000 Railway Clerks and 8000 Freight Handlers in Chicago District Vote Against Unauthorized Walk Out and Decide to Leave Wage Demands to Labor Board—Third Walk Out Looms by Maintenance of Way Brotherhood.

DETROIT, April 20.—A walkout April 28 on the part of 100,000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers in the Chicago district will not receive sanction of the brotherhood, E. G. Gable, president of the organization, said here today.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Strike fever among railroad employes suffered a setback when 30,000 railway clerks and 8000 freight handlers in the Chicago district announced today their decision to permit hearing of their wage demands by the railroad labor board at Washington.

The district council of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, which includes freight handlers, voted last night against an unauthorized walkout.

Assurance was given by the Association of Railroad Managers that the roads would join with the brotherhood in asking the labor board to grant the men increases. The railway clerks, who receive in general a minimum of \$87.50 a month, ask an increase of 20 cents an hour. The freight handlers demand an increase of 12 cents an hour and restoration of wage differentials between truckers, callers and stowers, abolished when the government took over control of the roads. Freight handlers receive 43 cents an hour.

Traffic Normal
Freight movement in the Chicago district, hampered by the unauthorized yardmen's and engineers' strike, continued to increase today and elsewhere in the middle west and far west traffic conditions were returning to normal.

Four Chicago strike leaders, including John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, were in jail pending hearing on charges of violating the Lever act.

Warrants were out for 27 persons indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles in connection with the strike.

Another Strike Looms
Possibility of another serious blow to the railroads in the Chicago district loomed today with a threat that 100,000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way and Railroad Shop Laborers would leave their work on April 28 unless their demands for a temporary increase of \$1 a day and time and a half for overtime after eight hours were granted.

Chairmen of the northwest district of the organization, which embraces an area within a radius of 500 miles of Chicago, involving 35 roads, telegraphed to E. G. Gable of Detroit, president of the brotherhood, requesting him to present their demands.

According to brotherhood officials, these workers now are paid from \$2.24 to \$3.20 a day.

NAVAL CAPTAIN DISPUTES SIMS' CHARGES AGAINST SEC'Y DANIELS

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Rear Admiral Sims "strained a point to make a case against the navy," when he charged that its failure to cooperate fully with the allies during the first few months of American participation in the war postponed victory four months, Captain Pratt, war time assistant chief of operations declared today before the senate committee investigating the Sims-Daniels row.

Pratt said only one charge made by Sims could properly be considered grave, that, he said, was the assertion that the failure of the navy to throw its full weight into the struggle

SOLVE THE SCARCITY OF SCHOOL TEACHERS BY A JITNEY SERVICE

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 20.—With scarcity of teachers still apparent in Douglas county, the problem of securing instructors for all the schools has resolved itself into the matter of consolidation of many districts. At Green, the directors of five districts will consider the question of consolidation.

With Green as the central district among the five, and with three of them on the Pacific highway, the pupils can be transported to the school by autos, according to proponents of the plan and the teachers in the one school can be paid higher salaries than if a number were employed.

OVERALLS GO TO \$43.50 PER PAIR IN N. J.

Clothing Firms Advertise Buckles With Gold and Rhinestone Overalls From \$10.75 to \$43.50—Denim, Tuxedo and Calico Wedding Gowns Latest is New York.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Headquarters for the organization of a mammoth overall parade which will invade the clothing manufacturers' district Saturday were opened today by the Cheese club, local leader of the back-to-the-overalls movement.

It was announced that persons who preferred to wear old, patched clothing instead of committing the "extravagance" of buying overalls would be welcome in the line of march.

Fancy, as well as plain overalls will appear. One firm inserted advertisements in newspapers today offering denim "custom tailored in stylish spring and summer models," at \$10 and denim tuxedos for evening wear at \$12.50. It also offered "modish evening, wedding and afternoon gowns," of calico and gingham at \$15.

NEWARK, N. J., April 20.—Overalls at \$43.50 a pair is the latest quotation in the nation's war on high priced clothing.

The following newspaper advertisement inserted by a local merchant appeared today: "Substantial overalls in fashionable one-piece models, made of strong serviceable material, suitable alike for dress, for office work, for brick-laying, for banking, boiler-making, bookkeeping, fishing, school, gardening, banquets, church and the theater. They are pleasingly priced as follows: Plain overalls, \$2.25 to \$3.50; overalls with belts and solid gold, sterling silver, and French enamel buckles, from \$10.75 to \$40; overalls with rhinestone buckles \$42.25 to \$43.50."

MITCHELL, S. D., April 20.—Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn, president of

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SHEFFIELD, Ala., April 20.—A tornado swept this section of Alabama today killing a farmer, his wife and two children in Colbert county. One man is reported to have been killed in Franklin county.

ABERDEEN, Miss., April 20.—Several persons are reported to have been killed and between forty and fifty injured in a tornado which struck Aberdeen early today. Early reports estimate the property damage at approximately \$200,000.

The Harbord hog ranch near Aberdeen, one of the largest enterprises of its kind in this section, is reported to have been destroyed.

PHILADELPHIA, Miss., April 20.—Twelve persons were killed and 25 injured today in a tornado which struck the Deemer lumber camp six miles north of here.

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 20.—Ten persons were killed on the outskirts of Meridian and two at Runnets Bridge and many others were injured when a tornado struck here today. Houses in the suburbs were blown down.

About a dozen unidentified bodies have been brought into local undertaking establishments.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., April 20.—Four persons are reported killed in a tornado which swept Bay Springs, county seat of Jasper county today. According to advices received here the sheriff of Jasper county was among those killed.

LAUREL, Miss., April 20.—Reports received here today said Bay Springs, 18 miles north of Laurel, had been levelled by a tornado and that several persons had been killed.

BOOTLEGGERS ARE CAUGHT AFTER A 20 MILE PURSUIT

BELLINGHAM, Wash., April 20.—After a wild race of twenty miles three Seattle men, Charles Carroll and Mark and Henry Spencer, brothers, were taken into custody here today. The men, driving two cars, crossed the border at Blaine without stopping and were chased to Ferndale by customs officers. Unable to overtake the suspects, the customs officers telephone the sheriff's office here and the men were met this side of Ferndale by two deputies. One of the machines went into the ditch and Carroll, the driver, surrendered with seven sackfuls of bottled whiskey. One of the sheriff's cars, which had been used to block the highway, also was ditched.

ALLIES THREATEN TO BREAK RELATIONS IF GERMANS DON'T QUIT

PARIS, April 20.—(By the Associated Press)—All the allied powers concerned now have approved the principle of the collective representations to be made to the Berlin government regarding the execution of the treaty of Versailles, and the charges d'affaires of the several allied nations will probably be instructed to call at once at the Wilhelmstrasse and deliver the declaration. The declaration is not regarded as an ultimatum, but Germany will be given to understand that as a disagreeable alternative to compliance with the terms of the treaty regarding disarmament the allies will be unable to continue the relations re-established in the peace treaty.

\$150 MONTH IS MINIMUM R. R. DEMAND

Written Demands Presented to Railroad Labor Board by Railroad Workers—Wage Increase From 41 to 47 Per Cent Is Asked With Overtime on Sunday and Holidays—26 Day Month With 20 Minutes for Lunch and Deadhead Rule.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Formal written demands that the railroad labor board give assurances of the award of a "living wage" to railroad men and that the employees now on strike would be returned to work without loss of seniority or prejudice were filed with the board today by Edward McHugh, representing the strikers in the Metropolitan district of New York, and James Eubanks of the St. Louis Yardmen's association.

The board permitted filing of the complaints after it had held a short executive session. With the complaints in the hands of the secretary, the board proceeded with its first public hearing on the general wage demands of the two million railroad workers over the country.

Chairman Barton in opening the first hearing, laid down the policy that cases would be heard in the order in which they were filed except where some dispute should become of such pressing importance as to demand precedence.

W. N. Doak, vice president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, was the first spokesman for the unions.

Principal demands presented by Mr. Doak include: A wage increase of from 41 to 47 per cent with a minimum of \$150 a month and time and a half for overtime on Sundays and holidays. A basic month of 26 days with a uniform lunch period of 20 minutes and a uniform "deadhead" rule providing that time consumed in going to and from work be considered as working time.

The trainmen comprise baggage-men, brakemen, flagmen, yard foremen, helpers, switch tenders and yardmasters below the rank of general yardmaster.

BABY IS BORN ON SNOW BOUND TRAIN

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 20.—Burlington train number 42, which had been snowbound eight miles west of Hemingford since Sunday morning, arrived here early today. 49 hours late. Three snowplows and 200 men were required to clear the tracks. A baby boy was born on the train.

SIBERIA IS DEVASTATED BY SOVIETS

AMERICAN RED CROSS NURSES RETURNING FROM RUSSIA PICTURE GREAT COUNTRY AS PROSTRATE BEFORE DEATH OF RED PROPAGANDA—PEOPLE HELPLESS BEFORE INROADS OF DISEASE.

SEATTLE, April 20.—Picturing Siberia as a country of utter despair, where disease is the greatest foe of armies, the civilian population and those who would render assistance to the unhappy inhabitants of once prosperous cities and villages, twenty one American Red Cross nurses and nurses aides arrived in Seattle today. The party left Vladivostok January 17, coming by way of Manila.

There is no scarcity of food in Siberia, according to the nurses, but the inhabitants seem to be in the death of utter discouragement and despair.

"I saw peasants idle with their wheat fields unharvested," said Captain A. K. Higgs of Portland, Ore., leader of the party. "The farther you go into the interior, the worse conditions get."

"The Russians are demoralized," said Mrs. G. J. Brandon of Los Angeles, chief nurse of the party, who sailed from San Francisco for Siberia March 29 last year, as a member of the first unit. "They have wonderful cities, wonderful resources, but no competent leaders."

Miss Grace Robertson of Chicago, one care of 1000 children sent out of Petrograd by their parents when that city was under siege by the bolsheviks, told a pitiful story of the two-year journey across Europe and Asia to Vladivostok. The children ranged in ages from four to eighteen years. Although the bolsheviks had agreed to let the children return to their homes in Petrograd, Miss Robertson said it is doubtful if many will ever find their parents and are likely to become government charges.

RE-ORGANIZATION BILL FOR ARMY PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The army re-organization bill was passed today by the senate and now goes to conference.

The measure provides for a regular army of 297,000 officers and men a National Guard of 425,000 and a voluntary system of military training for young men between the ages of 18 and 21.

The vote on passage of the bill was 46 to 10.

Opposing the measure were one republican, Gronna of North Dakota, and nine democrats: Dialm Harrison, McKellar, Overman, Reed, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith of South Carolina, and Trammell.

ANTI-STRIKE LAW IS A POLITICAL NECESSITY

ST. LOUIS, April 20.—Pursuit of an aggressive foreign trade policy by the United States and enactment of federal legislation to guarantee industry against strikes, were advocated by speakers at the opening session of the Mississippi Valley association convention here today. The United States is producing far more than is needed for domestic consumption, it was asserted and a foreign market must be found for this surplus. Federal legislation guaranteeing against strikes was demanded by Harry H. Merrick, president of the association. "We must pool our resources," he asserted, "so that only those favoring legislation against these criminal attempts to stop production will be elected to congress."

MARS IS NOW NEAREST TO EARTH; TRY TO GET IN TOUCH BY WIRELESS

OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—An attempt is being made this week to pick up wireless signals which the alleged inhabitants of the planet mars are believed by experts to be sending out to the earth. This announcement was made today by Dr. Frederick H. Millner, wireless expert of this city. Dr. Millner explained that during this week the earth and Mars will be closer together than at any time during the year and for that reason the experiment will be conducted now.

WILSON TOAST OPENS MEETING A. P. MEMBERS

Associated Press President Pays Respects to Chief Executive and Prays Restoration of His Health—Usual Charges of Political Campaign are Denied.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Members of the Associated Press met at the Waldorf Astoria hotel here today to elect five directors, four advisory boards, and auditing and nominating committees.

At a luncheon in connection with the meeting, President Frank B. Noyes of the Washington Star, proposed a toast to President Wilson, saying "in offering a toast, the formal wish for 'health' is usually of little significance. With us this year in our only toast it is our custom to offer, the case is profoundly different for very earnestly, very hopefully and very sincerely we drink to the health, the full restored health of the president of the United States. "Every season of the year is an open season for the critics of the Associated Press," said Mr. Noyes, beginning his address.

The Common Liars "We are accustomed, through long experience, to the railings against our service of the uninformed, the notoriety seeker and the common or garden liar who charges bias or suppression in the report of the Associated Press."

"Every newspaperman, every informed person, knows how preposterously untrue these charges are—whoever may make them. To you, I need explain that our very organization was in response to the demand of the newspapers that their news service should be owned and controlled by themselves and themselves alone, that it should be their servant and not their master, that it should give an adequate and truthful record of the world's happenings, free from bias and from opinion or propaganda. While having no claim to infallibility, our service has been singularly successful."

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HOMER S. CUMMINGS SELECTED AS CHAIRMAN DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

CHICAGO, April 20.—Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the democratic national committee, was today selected to act as temporary chairman of the party's national convention at San Francisco next June. The selection was made by the executive committee of the democratic national committee. There were four other names considered for the honor. The five are Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state; Martin Glynn, former governor of New York; Arthur Mullin of Nebraska; Homer Cummings, chairman of the national committee, and Carter Glass, former secretary of the treasury. Dissatisfaction with the convention arrangements was aired in the meeting this morning. Charles Fay, postmaster of San Francisco, and chairman of the San Francisco convention committee, is here and will meet with the committee on arrangements. Indications are that the committee will decide to hold the convention in San Francisco as planned, if Mr. Fay succeeds in removing objections.

BUTTE MINES TIED UP BY RED STRIKE

I. W. W. Walk Out Results in Suspension of Mining Activities in Montana District—Strikers Are Well Organized and Hundreds of Miners Prevented From Returning to Work—Miners Injured in Clashes Last Night Will Recover.

BUTTE, Mont., April 20.—Mining operations in the Butte district practically were suspended this morning. Only a few miners succeeded in getting thru the lines of the pickets posted by the strikers who are asking for a six hour day with wages of \$7 and in most of the mines no attempt was made to hoist ore. An exception was the Elm Orlu, a W. A. Clark property, where sixty men out of six hundred reported this morning. The strikers were well organized and pickets to the number of about 700 covered all approaches to the mines and swarmed over the hill on which most of the big shafts are located. These men stopped all miners who sought to reach the shafts. A particular effort was made to turn back hoisting engineers and pump men. Altho in some instances very late, these men managed to get thru to the mines. Neither the engineers nor pump men have joined the I. W. W. strike declared yesterday morning against the mining companies. (No arrests were made this morning and only a few cases of actual assault reported. Miners who wanted to work for the most part remained away from the hill with the result that there were few clashes. The miners who were injured last night are reported to be resting well today and none of them is in a serious condition.)

The Anaconda Copper Mining company continued shipments of ore from the bins at the mines in Butte to the smelter at Anaconda today but hoisted practically no ore from the mines. This means that in a few days unless mining is resumed the concentrating plants at Anaconda will be forced down because of a lack of ore and that eventually the fires will have to be drawn from the smelters. Several thousand men are employed at the smelters at Anaconda and Great Falls. At I. W. W. headquarters today strike leaders reported that the strikers were thoroughly organized and that they proposed to close the mines down and keep them down. No demands have been made on the companies by the strikers. The streets of Butte are crowded with idle men today but the city is orderly and only a few cases of assault have come to the notice of the authorities.

PORTLAND, April 29.—August Junco, auto truck dealer, arrested in Scotland, S. D., is being held in the Multnomah county jail today in default of \$15,000 bail. Junco, while declining to go into the particular phases of two criminal complaints on which he is held, charging larceny by bailer and obtaining money under false pretenses, insists that he is innocent.