

SPLIT IN LABOR RANKS HALTS STRIKE

R. R. LABOR REFUSES TO WALK OUT

Eleventh Hour Announcement by J. H. Thomas Throws General Strike Out of Gear—Declaration Follows Lloyd George's Notice That Compromise Had Failed.

LONDON, April 15.—The calling of a conference of representatives of the miners from all the coal fields at a date to be fixed tomorrow was decided upon by the executive committee of the miners' federation this evening. It took this action after hearing the decision of the railway men and transport workers to cancel their sympathetic strike.

Frank Hodges, the miners' secretary, when questioned regarding this decision, said it meant the miners' strike would continue.

"If I had resigned (as he was reported to have done) I should not be giving you this report," he added.

LONDON, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—An unexpected and sensational split in the ranks of the powerful triple alliance of labor this afternoon completely changed the complexion of the blackest industrial crisis Great Britain has ever faced and averted the projected strike of railway men and transport workers in sympathy with the striking miners, set for 10 o'clock tonight.

Events developed with such sudden and startling changes as to leave the public in amazement. Simultaneously with the announcement in the house of commons by Prime Minister Lloyd George that the miners had declined to accept his invitation to open negotiations with the mine owners on the terms advanced last evening by Frank Hodges, the miners' secretary, came the announcement that the railway men and transport workers had "cancelled" the strike called for tonight.

R. R. Strike Called Off LONDON, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Announcement that the railwaymen's strike set for 10 o'clock tonight had been cancelled was made shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon by J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the railway men's union.

No explanation was immediately available of the railroad men's action, but it was thought in some quarters that it might indicate a split in the triple alliance.

The transport workers' strike also has been called off Mr. Thomas announced.

"As far as the railway men and transport workers are concerned, the strike is cancelled," he said.

LONDON, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the miners had refused to reopen negotiations for a settlement of their strike on the basis that had been suggested. The prime minister read a letter

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OFFICIAL WEATHER MAN SAYS FROSTS CAN DO BUT LITTLE DAMAGE NOW

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Although unusually heavy frosts and low temperatures were reported from all interior points in the state today the United States weather bureau said no great damage to fruit or truck products would result. Clear and warmer weather was forecast for tonight and tomorrow.

"Frost damage reports may be discounted to a considerable extent at this time," G. W. Willson, official forecaster said. "The fruit and other products are now hardy enough to resist frost to some extent and the weather does not stay cold long enough to allow the frost to work as destructively as it would earlier in the year. Disturbed air conditions are also prevalent at this season and this counteracts the action of the frost greatly."

Pikes Peak Region Swept by a Record Breaking Blizzard

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 15.—A storm of record proportions struck Colorado Springs and the Pike's peak region at 11 o'clock last night. The snowfall was preceded by a drizzling rain and a drop in temperature that coated telephone and telegraph wires and isolated the region with the exception of one commercial telegraph line from the outside world. Automobile roads soon were made impassable but trains were able to operate on delayed schedules. At 11 o'clock this morning the fall of snow at Colorado Springs and immediate vicinity averaged fifteen inches on the level and Lake Loraine, at the head of the city water system in the mountains west of the city reported a fall of thirty inches. Officials of local light, power and telephone companies reported fully one-half of the wires out of commission.

HUGHES REQUESTS EMBARGO ON U. S. ARM SHIPMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Prohibition against the shipment of arms and munitions to any country where they might be used for revolutionary purposes has been asked of congress by the state department.

Specifically the department requests an amendment to the act of 1912, which prohibits such shipments to South American countries. The senate foreign relations committee considered today the department's request, designed primarily, it was said to stop munitions shipments to China. Early enactment of an amendment is proposed.

Some of the foreign powers, it was explained, have requested the United States to join in the effort to prevent munitions shipments to all countries where revolutions are in progress.

Members of the foreign relations committee, said however, that it was not indicated that conditions in Ireland were a factor in the proposed revision.

45 ALIENS AWAITING DEPORTATION, SKIP OUT

DETROIT, Mich., April 15.—Forty-five aliens for whom deportation warrants are held have disappeared, it was announced today. The aliens have been at liberty under bond since shortly after their arrest in the department of justice raids more than a year ago. Officers believe some of them have secretly left the country.

Sheet Steel Reduced. NEW YORK, April 15.—Price reductions for sheet steel were announced today by the American Sheet and Tin Plate company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation.

The reductions varied from \$7 to \$14 a ton on various products. Earlier this week the United States Steel corporation announced price cuts affecting other lines.

BROKER SUED FOR DIVORCE BY 2 WIVES

Herbert Thornton Andrews, Alleged to Have Been Living With Two Wives in Jersey City Is Wanted by Neither Woman.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Counsel for Herbert Thornton Andrews, New York stock broker, who is alleged to have lived in Jersey City with two wives for several months today announced receipt of information that both spouses have initiated action to separate themselves from their common husband.

Jacob Lazarus, Andrews' counsel, said that Mrs. Maud Andrews, to whom his client was married several years ago, and who is the mother of his two boys, had employed counsel to file divorce action in the New Jersey courts.

Mrs. Esther Andrews, with whom Andrews recently went through the marriage ceremony in Greenwich, Conn., has employed counsel to start annulment proceedings Mr. Lazarus said.

"I am also informed that Mrs. Maud Andrews, acting on the advice of counsel, ousted Mrs. Esther Andrews from the Jersey City apartment and later ousted Mr. Herbert Andrews," the lawyer continued. "Mr. and Mrs. Andrews do not know the present whereabouts of Esther Andrews and neither do I, nor neither do I care."

The attorney denied reports that alimony had been provided by Andrews. He also denied the report that his client had left the apartment with Mrs. Esther, the younger of the two women.

He said he knew of no warrant having been issued by Greenwich, Conn., authorities for the arrest of Andrews on charges of bigamy and perjury. If any such warrant is issued, he added, his client would gladly surrender himself and face any charges that may be filed against him.

HOOVER TO HELP U. S. ZINC MINES

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Survey of conditions in the zinc industry of the world are to be undertaken by the department of commerce, Secretary Hoover announced today. The situation in the industry in this country where there is at present a seventy per cent shut down is "pretty bad," the secretary said. He said he did not know what could be done to help the situation, but it was hoped the surveys would disclose where American zinc could be most profitably exported.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Conservation of the resources of interior waters will be considered at a conference called today by Secretary of Commerce Hoover to meet in Fairport, Iowa, June 8 to 10. The subject has been divided into three topics, depletion of aquatic resources, value of swamp and shore areas and their utilization as fish and game preserves, and further progress in conservation.

TWO CRIMINALS HUNG, MISSISSIPPI

PORT GUSON, Miss., April 15.—Jesse Watts, murderer of Dr. D. S. Alverson, prominent Vicksburg physician, was hanged in the county jail at noon today.

WAINESSBORO, Miss., April 15.—Lester Gandy, 24 years old, convicted of having robbed and murdered his boyhood companion, Cleveland Row, was hanged shortly before noon today in the Wayne county jail here.

C. P. Reduces Time. MONTREAL, April 15.—Approximately 3,000 men employed in the Canadian Pacific railway shops were notified yesterday that the plant would be operated on a basis of four days per week until further notice.

Stokes Case Rivals Stillman Suit



The divorce suit of W. E. D. Stokes, multimillionaire of 70, is now being heard in the New York supreme court. Mrs. Stokes (pictured above) promises she will "astound the world" with her story. Stokes (left) names seven co-respondents, one of whom is Hal C. Billig (below), Mrs. Stokes' cousin. The case rivals the Stillman divorce suit with its charges and counter-charges. Mrs. Stokes denies all charges and promises "the most remarkable revelations ever heard in any court."

SENATOR JOHNSON LEADS IN ATTACK PANAMA TREATY

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Republican senators of the progressive group today, headed by Senator Johnson of California, renewed the attack on the pending Colombian treaty but administration leaders sent word to President Harding that it was assured of ratification when the vote is taken next Wednesday.

Senator Johnson said he could not understand the "marvelous and overnight change" of many republican senators who opposed ratification in 1917. This treaty, he said, "would never have been ratified during the life of President Roosevelt."

COPPER COMPANIES REDUCE SALARIES

NEW YORK, April 16.—Reduction of twenty per cent in salaries of officials and employees paid on other than a daily basis, was announced today by the Utah, Ray, Chino and Nevada Copper companies which recently suspended operations. The decrease becomes effective May 1.

PETER A. JAY IS NAMED MINISTER TO RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Peter A. Jay, of Rhode Island, now minister to Salvador, has been selected by President Harding to be minister to Rumania. He has been in the diplomatic service since 1902 and was counsellor of embassy at Rome in 1916, after having served previously as secretary of the embassy at Paris, Constantinople and Tokio and as agent and consul general at Cairo.

Maintains Saviour Commanded Him to Get 4 Bootleggers

TACOMA, April 15.—Four alleged jointists were today convicted of bootlegging on evidence obtained by divine inspiration and given by H. E. Warren, for many years one of the leading wholesale merchants here. Mr. Warren testified against the four men, and when asked by their attorney who had requested him to obtain the evidence, he answered: "I should say the Lord, Jesus Christ. Christ came to me and commanded me to get evidence against these men who are violating our constitution." Mr. Warren told how he and a friend visited one soft drink parlor after another, purchased the liquor and drank it. "I had to gulp the stuff down," he said, "though I had never tasted whiskey before except in medical preparations."

NAT'L AGREEMENTS ARE ABROGATED BY R. R. LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Both railroad executives and labor leaders declared today the decision of the railroad labor board abrogating the national agreements would materially advance the efforts to arrive at an agreement satisfactory to all parties. The board directed individual roads and their employees to confer and agree upon new working rules by July 1. Labor representatives said of the sixteen basic principles laid down in the boards decision to govern the conferences on new working agreements, especially the eight-hour day and the right of the employees to organize and select their own representatives, include principles they have been fighting for. Railway executives said that the decision recognized their contention that many of the rules should not have national application.

The decision affects members of 18 unions including all those affiliated with the railway department of the American Federation of Labor. The decision came just before the terms of three members of the board expired at midnight last night. These men, appointed for one year when the board was organized, are Henry Hunt, Cincinnati, one of the representatives of the general public; W. L. Park, Chicago, a railway representative, and J. J. Forrester, Washington, D. C., one of the labor men. Their successors have not been appointed.

Last night's decision had nothing to do with the various wage conferences which have been instituted by various railroads within the last few weeks.

GOOD SAMARITAN IS TRICKED BY POLICE

NEW YORK, April 15.—Leo Busch, porter, who essayed the role of "Good Samaritan" and placed whiskey to the lips of a plain clothes policeman who feigned collapse before the door of a saloon, was held in \$500 bond today. The magistrate said he appreciated the porter's good intentions, but that even "Good Samaritans" were forbidden before the new law from having liquor in their possession on the street.

ALLEGED 'SHADOW' CASE FALLS FLAT

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—Geo. Billings, alias Joe Brady, under arrest since January 24, was freed today after a jury returned a verdict of not guilty of the charge that he had picked up \$35 which a Portland resident had dropped on the street following a telephone conversation with a purported burglar offering to return a stolen ring. Nothing came out at the trial to fasten any suspicion upon Billings that he had anything to do with the operations of the "talkative burglar" or "Shadow."

All charges against him will be dismissed, said authorities. Billings was arrested at Seattle.

ASKS OREGON SCHOOLS TO OBSERVE HORACE MANN DAY. PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has addressed a letter to all county superintendents of the state calling upon them to have May 4, next, the 125th anniversary of the birth of Horace Mann, appropriately celebrated in the schools of Oregon.

WILL RAISE \$20,000 FOR CRATER LAKE

Crater Lake Committee Comes to Definite Agreement With A. L. Parkhurst—Latter Gives Option on Crater Lake Concession for \$80,000 in Return for Assistance.

At an all day session here yesterday of the Crater Lake betterment committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, Governor Ben Olcott, representatives of the Medford chamber of commerce, and Alfred L. Parkhurst, owner of the Crater Lake national park concessions, steps toward the development of Crater Lake on a practical basis as a famous tourist resort were taken and an agreement reached with Parkhurst which brings to an end the much mooted Crater Lake concessions question.

This agreement will be drawn up in the form of a contract to be signed next Monday by the committee, Mr. Parkhurst and M. P. Albright, field assistant to the superintendent of national parks. The approval of the federal park board will be necessary for the carrying out of the agreement, but it is declared that this will be promptly forthcoming.

The agreement embodied in the proposition made to the committee by Mr. Parkhurst and accepted by it, is in the main as follows:

In consideration of the committee raising and furnishing him \$20,000 to be expended this season on permanent improvements, which the committee itself will decide on and direct, the \$20,000 to be secured by mortgage notes on the hotel and all of Mr. Parkhurst's other Crater Lake property and concessions, payable Oct. 1st, 1922, 1923 and 1924, he will give the committee an option until March 1st, 1922, to purchase the Crater Lake concessions and property for \$80,000.

An executive committee consisting of seven members of the general committee will have sole charge of operating the concessions and of the expanding of the \$20,000, which is to be raised by May 15th, 1921, the selection of a manager and the supervision of the running of the hotel. This executive committee is composed of Vernon H. Vawter, of Medford, as chairman; R. W. Childs, manager of the Portland hotel; Eric V. Hauser, owner and manager of the Multnomah hotel; Portland; R. W. Price, manager of the Mallory hotel, Portland; George T. Collins of Medford; John Simons, Jr., of Klamath Falls, and Alfred L. Parkhurst of Portland.

The above mentioned members of the general and executive committees with the exception of Mr. Simons were present at yesterday's sessions, as were also Rodney K. Gilson of Portland, and Lester Butler of Hood River, members of the general committee, and Wm. F. Isaacs and Ben C. Sheldon, Medford Chamber representatives, and Alex Sparrow, superintendent of Crater National park. L. R. Wheeler of Portland, member of the general committee, was represented by proxy by David Hazen, the well known Portland newspaper man.

All parties concerned are greatly

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BANK CASHIER REPELS ATTACK, 6 YEGGS KILLS ONE, WOUNDS TWO, CAPTURES TWO

CHICAGO, April 15.—S. B. Witowski, cashier of the State bank of Cicero, a suburb, shot up and defeated a gang of six automobile bandits today. He killed one robber, wounded two, captured two and only the driver of the car, who remained outside the bank, escaped.

The six men drove up to the bank and five of them entered with drawn revolver.

The leader approached the case occupied by Witowski and ordered him to the rear of the bank. The other bandits compelled ten other persons who were in the bank, including C. C. Stoffel, vice president, to follow Witowski. The bandits then opened the vault and forced their captives into it. While two of the bandits stood guard the other three scooped \$40,000 from the cashier's cage into a black bag. As they turned to escape, Witowski pushed the door of the vault ajar and fired through the aperture. One bandit fell with a bullet through his heart and two more staggered to the floor seriously wounded. Meanwhile the Cicero police had responded to the bank's burglar alarm, arriving just in time to fire upon the fleeing bandit who had been waiting outside in the automobile. The other robbers were captured after a running fight of two blocks.