

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 98
Minimum today 53

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THURSDAY TO BRING CRISIS IN RAIL STRIKE

Peace Negotiations at Standstill and Nation Faces Industrial Paralysis—Section Hands, Oilers and Clerks Balloting On Strike—Trains Cancelled.

CHICAGO, July 17.—(By Associated Press.) Peace prospect in the railroad strike were dimmed today by the addition of approximately 100,000 men to the forces of the strikers.

Negotiations for a settlement were temporarily at a standstill, with no positive indication as to the next move or its possible result.

By many it is believed that the nation this week will meet the major industrial crisis of its history.

Seventy-five thousand maintenance of way workers in New York switching area were scheduled to leave their posts this morning in answer to a regional strike call. To this number were added close to 10,000 others and stationary firemen and engineers throughout the country whose strike call last week fixed this morning as the hour for cessation of work. Clerks and freight handlers in various sections planned to leave their work in groups ranging from less than a hundred upward.

Arriving the unforeseen, Thursday is expected to bring the first important development in the strike. On that day President E. F. Grable of the maintenance of way men will meet in Detroit with regional chairmen to fix the policy of the national union in the dispute. With approximately 400,000 men in the maintenance crafts involved the ultimate result of the strike is regarded as bound up in the session.

A determined effort to keep the men at work is forecast as Mr. Grable's part in the meeting, but with such a sentiment for the walkout as is evidenced by the suspension of the maintenance men in the east today the outcome of the conference is entirely conjectural.

The pressure of fuel supplies in many sections is an aggravating factor in the industrial section. Non-union coal which had been an inadequate supply since April 1 to keep abreast of current consumption demands has been shut off from many sections by the shortage of freight equipment, due to the shopmen's strike.

Hopes for a railroad settlement at an early date appeared to be based chiefly upon the attitude of Mr. Grable who came to Chicago today from Washington where on Saturday he held a conference with President Harding. Mr. Grable said he would confer with members of the railroad labor board in an effort to get support of an order to prevent carriers from requiring maintenance men to do strikers' work.

Another indication of a drift toward peace was seen in the statement of R. A. Henning, general chairman of the Federated shop crafts of the northwest, that only the refusal of eastern roads to agree to re-instate striking shop crafts workers with their full seniority rights was preventing a settlement on the roads in the northwest section of the country.

A message to E. H. Fitzgerald, head of the clerks, freight handlers, express and station employees union said a strike vote of 8000 clerks on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad showed 92 per cent of the men favored a walkout and asking for authority to strike. A canvass of the strike vote of the same organization on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road showed 98 1/2 per cent of the workers favored a walkout, according to representatives of the union.

Strike ballots are being circulated by the Brotherhood of Railway, Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers and Express Employees to its members employed by the Southern Railway and affiliated lines. The employees charge that the company reduced wages in defiance of the railroad labor board.

Topeka, Kas., unions of the big four brotherhoods and the switchmen's union petitioned their officers for permission to go on strike July 20.

Clerks and station employees on more than sixty of the 201 class one roads have taken strike votes, according to information received here.

Reports of cancellation of trains because of shortage of coal or equipment continued.

Reports have been received in Washington by the war department and the postmaster general on the situation at Denison, Texas. There has been some delay in the delivery of mails but no actual interruption and the public need

Washington Puts Ban On State Employees In Agitating Society

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 17.—"Active members of associations or societies calculated to estrange the people, arouse race or religious passions and antagonisms, cannot render that high degree of efficient service and courteous treatment toward the public demanded by this administration," declared the state administrative board in a statement issued today, following a two hour session of the board, during which the appearance of an organizer for a well known association now in Olympia was discussed. The statement said:

"Members of this administration, whether directors, supervisors or employees, are expected to render to the public service of the highest degree of efficiency.

"The people of this state, whether native or foreign born, white or black, Jew or gentile, Catholic or protestant, are entitled to good service and courteous treatment."

RE-OPEN MINES UNDER FEDERAL TROOPS PLANNED

Miners Refuse Arbitration, President to Direct Operators to Start Work—Volunteer Workers Sought—Public Interest First.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Indication was given in well informed governmental circles this afternoon that the administration was prepared to take drastic action within the next 48 hours in the coal strike situation.

The president was represented as being of the opinion that inasmuch as the miners' representatives had refused government arbitration and the bituminous operators were undecided on acceptance of such a proposal that the interest of the public demanded immediate reopening of the mines.

With this feeling it was said the president was prepared to direct the mine operators to reopen their mines at once under protection of federal troops and with an American flag planted at the entrance of every mine to be operated. The operators would be expected to comply immediately with such an edict.

The president has in mind, it was further reported, to place, if necessary, for a short time a royalty on such coal as would be mined to meet the emergency. If there are insufficient numbers of non-union miners to operate the mines when reopened under government protection, it was indicated that a call for volunteer miners would go out from the government, officials believing there are thousands of miners who now are engaged in other pursuits, but who would respond to such a call.

The same method of dealing with the coal situation must be used, it was said, if conditions soon do not change for the better. The administration, it was added, is determined not longer to be balked in its efforts to see that the consuming public and the industries of the country get sufficient coal.

DRY SENTIMENT ON GAIN, NORTHWEST

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, July 17.—Dry sentiment in the Pacific northwest is on the increase, it was asserted here today by the three state prohibition directors attending the convention of the northwest association of sheriffs and police here—Roy C. Lyle, for Washington; Dr. J. A. Linnville for Oregon and Elias Martens for Idaho.

BRITISH MISSION TO COME, SEPTEMBER

LONDON, July 17.—(By Associated Press.) A special British delegation will arrive in the United States early in September in connection with negotiations for funding the British debt to America. It was announced by Prime Minister Lloyd George in the house this morning.

DEBS ISSUES CALL FOR UNITED FRONT WORKING RANKS

'Strike, Fight and Work Together'—Howls About Wall St. in Typical Class Appeal—Fruits of War Recited—Need Only One Union.

CHICAGO, July 17.—Eugene V. Debs, leader of the American Railway union strike in 1894, today issued a statement to the striking railroad men and other unions that the time has come for the rank and file to unite and 'strike together, vote together and fight together.'

"There has been some slight disorder and a few scabs have been hurt," Mr. Debs said. "This has been the extent of the violence, but it has been sufficient to bring to the strike men what they fought for in the late world war. The federal government announces through the department of justice that it will stand on no trifling on the part of the strikers and that if necessary armed force will be employed at once for their suppression."

"The governors of seven states have simultaneously announced that they have the national guard mobilized and ready to move at command when the exigencies of the situation demand action."

"You will have no trouble in guessing what kind of action is thus meant on the part of the national and state governments which you have voted for, and crossed the Atlantic to fight and be gassed and die for in the war to make the world in general and in America particularly safe for democracy and liberty."

"And now that the war is over and Kaiserism is dead and democracy and liberty are on top this same crowd, to a man, to whom you rallied in such a frenzy of enthusiasm, to compensate you for your noble patriotism, is now lined up against you in battle array and ready to shoot you down like dogs."

"It is true, Mr. Union Man that your craft union leaders with scarcely an exception stood with the wall Street profiteers in howling for war and rushing you to the common herd, into the trenches to be gassed, mutilated and murdered while they remained in the rear to receive the plaudits of the plutocratic press for their patriotism. But that does not excuse you, for you chose those leaders and were responsible for them, and after all, the leaders are about as fit or otherwise as the rank and file that elects them."

"If in the light of this situation you do not realize the crying need for unity, for solidarity on every front, regardless of creed or color, you are indeed in a pathetic plight and your case is all but hopeless. Your weak craft unions have not been converted into a powerful industrial union and you have got to cut loose once and for all from the rotten political parties of your masters."

"Your interests as workers and producers are absolutely identical and there is no earthly reason why those employed in the industry should belong to different unions or give their votes to different political parties."

"The struggle is entering upon its critical stage and whether the toiling hosts shall emerge in triumph and establish industrial and social democracy in the world or go down in humiliating defeat for another historical period of economic bondage depends entirely upon the capacity of the workers to master their forces and stand together, strike together, vote together and fight together all along the line."

500 CAUGHT IN WK. END IRELAND WAR

DUBLIN, July 17.—During week-end operations the national army troops captured about 500 prisoners from the republican insurgents, it was announced today. These included 390 captured at Dundalk, 79 at Collooney, 54 in north Tipperary and 21 in County Donegal.

National army troops from Mullingar, operating near Kinnegad this morning captured twelve irregulars in a deserted mansion.

TEXAS CITIZENS ROUT ROBBERS

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 17.—In a battle at Valley View early this morning between citizens and men attempting to loot the postoffice, two alleged bandits were shot down and captured. The others escaped. Officers are now en route to Valley View from Fort Worth to identify the wounded prisoners.

CARDINALS AND GIANTS BATTLE FOR TOP PLACE

New York Gets Off to Two-Run Lead in Second—National Race Close—Toney and Doak On Mound—Big Crowd Sees Game.

ST. LOUIS, July 17.—Fred Toney went to the hill for New York today and Bill Doak drew the assignment for the Cardinals. A runner-up team playing the world's champions, coupled with "ladies' day" brought out an overflow crowd.

A victory for the locals today would place them a half game ahead of New York but by a freak of percentages they would not wrest the leadership from the visitors, as they still would be four points ahead of their foe.

This results from the fact that the locals have played seven more games than McGraw's men.

The champions got off to an early lead, scoring two runs in the first inning and added one more in the third when Daneroff hit the half post.

Stock for the first outfield hit by the visitors, stole second and went home on Frisch's single.

BASEBALL SCORES

American
NEW YORK, July 17.—Babe Ruth hit his fifteenth home run of the season in the seventh inning of the Yankees-White Sox game today. He is now one behind Harry Heilmann of Detroit and six behind Clarence Walker of Philadelphia and Kenneth Williams who are tied for first place with 21. On July 15 last year, Ruth's total was 35.

At Philadelphia—R. H. E.
Cleveland 5 14 2
Philadelphia 0 4 1

Batteries: Uhle and O'Neil; Harris and Perkins.

At Boston—R. H. E.
Detroit 16 16 2
Cleveland 7 10 4

Batteries: Elmke and Manion; Quinn, Pierré, Fullerton and Hucl.

At New York—R. H. E.
Chicago 8 13 1
New York 7 19 1

Batteries: Robertson, Schupp and Yarran; Hoyt, Jones, Murray, May and Schang. (Eleven innings were played.)

National
At Chicago—R. H. E.
Philadelphia 2 11 1
Chicago 3 8 0

Batteries: Meadows and Henline; Jones, Blankenship and O'Farrell.

At Pittsburgh—R. H. E.
Brooklyn 5 12 1
Pittsburgh 8 12 3

Batteries: Mammas, Decatur, Vance and Deberry; Yellowhorse and Gooch.

At Cincinnati—R. H. E.
Cincinnati 7 16 1
Cincinnati 8 17 1

Batteries: Wilson, Lansing, McQuillan and Gibson; Couch, Gillespie, Schnell and Wings.

BROKEN RAIL PUTS TRAIN IN DITCH

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 17.—(By Associated Press.) Five coaches on the Seaboard Air Line train No. 3, the "Seaboard fast mail," New York to Jacksonville, turned turtle at 5:30 o'clock this morning one mile south of Cox, Ga. A negro dining car cook was killed and several passengers injured. The train struck a broken rail and five of the cars were tossed into the ditch, one locomotive remained on the track with two cars.

BROKEN DAMS FLOW ON CHICOPEE, MASS.

CHICOPEE, Mass., July 17.—Twenty million gallons of water flooded a large part of the Willimansett district here early today when Langwald's dam and another dam at Robert pond gave way. Residences and business places along Chicopee's streets were flooded above the first floors and occupants were forced to flee to the second and third floors for safety.

The Boston and Maine trucks were washed out in half a dozen places.

BATHING BEAUTY HELD FOR CLAW HAMMER KILLING

Peggy Coffee Tells Story Again—Accused Widow of Accepting Wrist Watch and Auto Tires From Phillips—Blows Fractured Skull.

LOS ANGELES, July 17.—The hammer murder of Mrs. Alberta Meadows, 29 year old widow, was charged to Mrs. Clara Phillips today by a coroner's jury, following a brief, dramatic inquest here today.

The verdict was that death was due "to a fracture of the skull by a hammer blow at the hands of Mrs. Clara Phillips in premeditated murder."

Following preliminary testimony establishing identity of the young slain widow, the inquest plunged into the lurid drama. Mrs. Peggy Coffee described the death scene and her agitation developed to the breaking point and testimony was halted when she took some cold water as a restorative.

"I don't like to talk about the blood," she said. She repeated the details as she had given them to the grand jury. She said the first time she met Mrs. Meadows, the victim, was upon the day of the murder, less than an hour before the slaying. Her story began with the day before, last Tuesday, when she met Mrs. Phillips, went shopping with her and saw the former movie beauty purchase a cheap hammer.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Coffee testified, Mrs. Phillips told her that she had been told her husband was going around with a girl named Alberta and she believed the story because her husband was neglecting her.

"I want to go and speak to her about it," Mrs. Phillips said, according to Mrs. Coffee and the two went to the apartment of Mrs. Meadows that evening but found no one home. Wednesday morning they went to the parking station downtown where Mrs. Phillips said the young widow kept her car. They missed her and went shopping during the day, returning late in the afternoon. It was there they met Mrs. Meadows, who said it being her first and only meeting with her.

Mrs. Phillips' request that Mrs. Meadows drive her home, acceptance, divergence from the route near the point in the Montecito hills, stopping on the hillside when Mrs. Phillips asked Mrs. Meadows to leave the car a moment, were recited by Mrs. Coffee.

"She asked Alberta if Mr. Phillips did not give her the tires for her automobile and a wrist watch," Mrs. Coffee testified. "Mrs. Meadows denied this and Clara (Mrs. Phillips) said: 'He certainly did,' and with that struck her with the hammer."

"Alberta started to run and Clara chased her for half a block and brought her back by the arm. I thought they had made up, but when they came to the car she hit her again and the blood spouted out and streamed down."

It was at this point that Mrs. Coffee broke down. She resumed a few minutes later, saying she stopped between the two women and "Clara told me to get out of the way."

"The blood made me sick and I went down the road," she testified. "I looked back and saw Clara strike her one blow while Alberta was on the ground."

PORTLAND NARCOTIC PEDDLER IS HELD

SHANGHAI, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The arrest here of David Lightner, alias D. H. Herismann who arrived on the Norwegian steamship Lusa Nielsen, and who is wanted in Portland, Ore., on a charge of having violated the federal narcotic laws promises to settle the question of whether extradition is possible from China to the United States or from the United States to China. The case also is expected to determine the status of the United States court in China, whether it is a regular federal district court or merely an extra-territorial tribunal.

Existing laws leave this question open and this is the first case of its kind on record.

Lightner declares he will fight extradition.

Canoe Freight Contract.
CINCINNATI, July 17.—Notices announcing cancellation of all contracts for handling freight in freight houses as soon as it legally can be done, were posted throughout the big four railroad system today. E. W. Costin, general manager of the road announced.

5,614,269 Farmers Located in Land By Last Census

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The farm population of the United States on July 1, 1920, was 5,614,269, or 29.8 per cent of the total population of the country, according to returns of the last census, announced today by the census bureau. Of this number 31,350,640 were enumerated in rural territory and 255,629 on farms located within the limits of cities and other incorporated communities having 2,500 inhabitants or more.

COUNTRY DANCES HELD MOTHER OF JUVENILE CRIME

Washington Sheriffs Want License Law to Regulate Delinquency of Youth Is Traced Unrestricted Places—Start War On Drug Evil.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 17.—Stricter regulation of country dance halls will be urged upon the state legislature by the Washington State Sheriff's association if recommendations made to it by officers adopted by the convention which opened here today.

Sheriff Elmer Gibson of Montezuma, president of the association in his opening address, declared evidence that the source of crime today is among juveniles, is growing, and that every investigation shows delinquency youth result from unrestricted dancing parties in the country. Use of a license system would be the best method to control this evil, according to Mr. Gibson.

Passage of a narcotic law was also urged as necessary when the establishment of a central distributing agency of crime information at the state penitentiary is favored by Mr. Gibson.

There are more than 10 representatives of police and sheriff departments at the convention which will continue for three days.

HEAVY RAINS IN IOWA CORN BELT

DES MOINES, Ia., July 17.—The heavy rain storm of the last 48 hours did considerable damage to crops, caused a suspension of telegraph and telephone communication to a number of points east and north of Des Moines and did some damage to property, according to reports received here today. So far as is known, there was no loss of life.

DEWAR, Iowa, July 17.—Data and corn are a total loss in a strip three miles wide and 12 to 15 miles long as a result of the storm, farmers here report. The loss is the heaviest for at least 25 years, long time residents assert.

AMERICA GLAD TO HAVE ENGLAND PAY

WASHINGTON, July 17.—(By Associated Press.) Reports of Great Britain's intention of sending a financial mission to the United States in September to negotiate the funding of England's five billion dollar war debt were received today with apparent gratification by treasury officials.

Official advisers concerning the British mission were lacking at the treasury, but officials declared the United States would be ready to negotiate whenever the British representatives arrived.

Official Concluded.
AUSTIN, Texas, July 17.—W. H. Allen, former chief clerk in the state treasurer's office, was found guilty of misapplication of state funds and sentenced to two years imprisonment by a jury here today.

Sail On Verge.
THE HAGUE, July 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—A communication from the Russian delegation today held out a prospect that the conference on Russian affairs here which has seemed on the verge of a final breakdown, might be resumed.

WAR BREAKS OUT ANEW IN W. VA. MINES

13 Killed and 25 Wounded in Pitched Battle Between Sheriff's Posse and Union Miners—Men From Pennsylvania Start Trouble—Incendiarism Follows.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 17.—Sheriff H. H. Duval and twelve other persons were killed and no less than 25 others wounded in a fight at the Standard mine of the Richland Coal company, two miles from Weirburg this morning, according to a telephone message from the correspondent of the Wheeling News at Weirburg.

The mine which had been working on an open shop basis was reported to have been attacked by a large party of men from over the Pennsylvania line. After the fight they burned the tipples.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 17.—Sheriff H. H. Duval of Brooke county, West Virginia, and several of his deputies were killed this morning in a fight at Richland coal mines near Weirburg, according to information received here.

Governor Morgan has ordered Sheriff Harry Clouse of Ohio county to take charge of the situation. State police and all Ohio county deputies are en route to the scene. Sheriff Clouse before leaving for the mines said he had been informed that miners were involved in the fight and that they had burned the Richland tipples and fired houses at Cliftonville, a mining village nearby.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 17.—(By telephone to Pittsburgh.)—Police headquarters here today reported that its information from the Richland mine was that ten men, including the sheriff, met death in the fight there this morning. The chief clerk in the police department said that the trouble started about 5 a. m. when striking miners, said to have marched from across the Pennsylvania state line, fired the tipples.

Five hours after the fighting started the situation was quiet, the clerk said.

STEVENSVILLE, Okla., July 17.—Automobiles carrying newspapermen and ambulances, proceeding from Weirburg and Folsom, W. Va., to the Richland mines, were turned back by bullets at 9:45 o'clock, according to word received here. Firing is still going on along the road leading to the mines.

Four deputies, Cody Robinson, Charles Nichols, Emerson Hough and a man named Mooring, all seriously injured, have been brought to Weirburg. At ten a. m. an ambulance loaded with deputies started from Weirburg to try and force their way to the mine to bring in the wounded and the bodies of the dead.

WASHINGTON, Pa., July 17.—Sheriff Elmer Gibson, deputies and state police early today broke up a march of men who were on their way to the Lincoln Hill mine near here. Nine arrests were made. The mine has been operating with non-union men since the coal strike was called.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 17.—Nine of the men supposed to be striking miners from Pennsylvania, who attacked the mine, have been arrested and three of them who were injured have been taken to a local hospital. The attacking party, said to number several hundred, opened fire on the mine guards and sheriff's deputies from surrounding hills early this morning, according to information at the mayor's office at Weirburg.

Standing behind trees and rocks high up in the hills, the attackers opened a deadly fire picking off the guards and deputies one by one.

After resistance had weakened, the attackers swooped down on the mine and set fire to the tipples.

According to information here, the attackers began arriving in this vicinity about ten o'clock last night for automobile trucks and walking. The attack was made about five o'clock this morning. Deputy sheriffs, aided by state police, are reported acquiring the surrounding country for members of the attacking party.

FALLS TO DEATH TAKING PICTURE

EVERETT, Wash., July 17.—Seeking to gain a favorable position from which to take a picture, Harry Gilbert of Seattle, aged 24, yesterday plunged into the pool above Eagle Falls on the south fork of the Stillaguamish river and was swept over the falls. His body was not recovered. He was a member of a picnic party and his parents and others saw the accident.