

RAILROAD UNIONS FOR WAGE BOOST, MEETINGS CALLED

CHICAGO, April 18.—One railroad union, following close on the heels of announcements of wage increases among steel and packing house workers, has started a movement among rail unions for higher wages which is expected by United States railroad labor board members to become general by the middle of the summer.

The railway and steamship clerks, freight handlers and express and station employees, numbering about 200,000 and affecting about 50,000 more, is completing negotiations to ask the carriers for a return of rates in effect prior to July 1, 1921, an increase of approximately \$80,000,000, over the present rates.

Meetings have been held in the east and a final meeting will be held here Thursday when the plans of the union will assume a more definite shape. Other rail unions reported to be in the movement for higher wages denied today through their officials that any concerted movement was under way for higher pay at present.

The maintenance of way union, the telegraphers, signalmen and dispatchers' organizations are not backing any demand for increased wages, officials of these unions said today.

Noted Irregular Captured
BELFAST, April 18.—(By Associated Press). Dan Breen, the noted Irish irregular, has been captured by the free state forces, it was announced in advices received here this afternoon.

WEAR A POPPY MEMORIAL DAY SAYS HARDING

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The wearing of poppies on Memorial day has been endorsed by President Harding in a letter to T. L. Huston of the New York American Baseball league club who is commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"I am glad to express my accord," the president wrote, "with the plan which the Veterans of Foreign Wars have put forth to have the people generally wear a poppy on Memorial day as a testimony of continuing interest and sympathy in the great cause of which that flower has become in a way emblematic."

"I hope the proposal will be generally accepted this year, for it is certainly an appealing testimony of the nation's continuing sense of its concern for the men who served it during the world war."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars have received a shipment of 200,000 artificial poppies made by orphans in France and will distribute them to every state. The proceeds from their sale will go toward relief measures.

Help Make U. S. Dry
SANTIAGO, Chile, April 18.—(By Associated Press). A proposal where by the American nations would assist the United States in keeping alcoholic liquors out of that country has been submitted to the hygienic committee of the Pan-American conference at the instance of the United States delegation.

Census Estimates Show Eight U. S. Cities Are Forging Ahead

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(By Associated Press). Through normal increase in population, eight of the fifty largest cities of the country in 1920 have outgrown their rivals since that time, and two others have been forced out of the fifty-largest-cities class by smaller cities which have outstripped them. Estimates of population for July 1, 1923 have been made for most of the larger cities by the census bureau, which bases its figures for this year on the same rate of growth as prevailed during the ten years from 1910 to 1920.

New York is shown to be approaching closely the 6,000,000 mark. Chicago is not far from the 3,000,000 mark. Philadelphia is nearing the 2,000,000 mark, and Detroit has almost 1,000,000 people. There have been no changes in the rank of the first six largest cities.

Baltimore has gone ahead of Boston, and now ranks as 7th largest city of the country.

Los Angeles has passed Pittsburgh and taken 9th place. San Francisco has grown larger than Buffalo and goes into 11th place. Minneapolis has outgrown two cities, Cincinnati and New Orleans, and now ranks as 16th city.

Columbus, Ohio, has passed Providence in population and takes 27th position.

Birmingham's population now exceeds that of Worcester, Mass., and places it as 35th city.

San Antonio has outstripped four cities, Syracuse, Richmond, New Haven and Memphis, and takes rank as 37th city.

Dallas has passed New Haven and Memphis and becomes 39th city. Scranton and Paterson, 47th and

49th cities respectively in 1920, have been forced out of the first-fifty-cities class into 53rd and 54th places by Norfolk and Springfield, Mass.

The rank of cities below the first fifty which in 1920 had 100,000 or more population shows many changes.

Norfolk, 59th city in 1920, has taken rank as 45th city.

Grand Rapids passed Scranton; Springfield, Mass., passed Paterson; Fort Worth, 65th city in 1920, has moved up into 51st place; Trenton passed Fall River; Salt Lake City and Camden passed Nashville and Fall River; Wilmington, Del., passed Albany and Lowell; Kansas City, Kas., passed Lowell, Cambridge and Spokane; Yonkers passed Spokane.

A number of cities have moved up into the 100,000 class but statistics are not yet available.

The July 1, 1923, estimates of the 68 cities in the 100,000-class in 1920 follow:

New York	5,927,625
Chicago	2,886,121
Philadelphia	1,922,788
Detroit	995,668
Cleveland	885,519
St. Louis	803,853
Baltimore	773,850
Boston	770,400
Los Angeles	666,853
Pittsburgh	613,442
San Francisco	536,058
Buffalo	536,718
Milwaukee	484,595
Washington	Not estimated
Newark	438,699
Minneapolis	409,125
Cincinnati	405,312
New Orleans	404,575
Kansas City, Mo.	351,819
Seattle	Not estimated
Indianapolis	340,882
Jersey City	309,684
Rochester	317,867
Portland, Ore.	273,621
Denver	272,031
Toledo	268,338
Columbus, O.	261,082
Providence	242,378
Louisville	257,671
St. Paul	241,891
Oakland	240,088
Akron	Not estimated
Atlanta	22,382
Omaha	204,382
Birmingham	195,901
Worcester	191,927
San Antonio	184,727
Syracuse	184,511
Richmond	181,044
Dallas	177,274
New Haven	172,967
Memphis	170,067
Dayton	165,530
Bridgeport	Not estimated
Norfolk	159,089
Houston	154,979
Hartford	152,138
Grand Rapids	145,947
Youngstown	Not estimated
Springfield, Mass.	144,227
Fort Worth	143,821
Des Moines	140,923
Scranton	140,536
Paterson	139,579
New Bedford	130,072
Trenton	127,390
Salt Lake City	126,241
Camden	124,157
Nashville	121,138
Fall River	120,912
Wilmington, Del.	117,728
Albany	117,375
Kansas City, Kans.	115,781
Lowell	115,089
Cambridge, Mass.	111,444
Reading	110,917
Yonkers	109,520
Spokane	104,573

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FRUIT IN OREGON HAS HEAVY BLOOM

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—Very little wheat was winter killed in Oregon but high winds in March necessitated considerable re-seeding on the lighter soils in western Umatilla county, says the first weekly crop report of the season issued by the weather bureau here today.

Over most of the state winter wheat is good to excellent. Seeding of spring wheat, oats and barley has proceeded rapidly and is nearing completion in localities. Early sown grain is germinating well.

All tree fruits except apples are in bloom in western counties and in the milder sections east of the Cascades. The bloom is generally heavy and for the most part the weather has been favorable for pollination.

Some winter killing of alfalfa and clover is reported from small areas. In a few localities the growth is backward, but elsewhere the condition is good.

MISSING SEASIDE H. S. GIRLS FOUND

SEASIDE, Ore., April 18.—Two Seaside high school girls, Rita Godfrey, 16, and Pauline Baker, 15, who were lost last night on the mountain trail between this city and Cannon Beach, were found early today by a searching party. They had slept in the open overnight after losing their way but had suffered but slightly from exposure.

BOLOGNA—Premier Benito Mussolini, was arrested and fined at Faenza for speeding.



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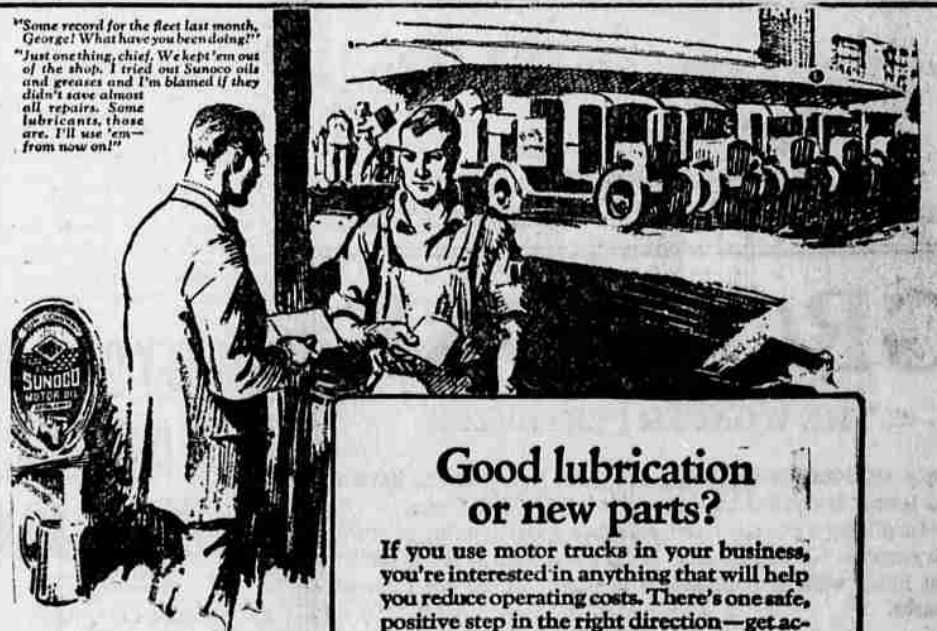
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