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MUST RETURN TO WORK SATURDAY

Or the Railroads Will Open Books for Re-employment of Labor at Noon

BROTHERHOODS MEET

And Will Try to Induce Men to Return—End in Sight by Monday

(By The United Press)

The general situation in the strikes of railroad switchmen and yardmen was reported improving in many parts of the country today.

College students and business men volunteers were joined by small groups of "outlaw" strikers, returning to work in operating trains throughout the east.

All lines announced increases in service and some reported efforts to move freight.

Strike leaders jailed in Chicago were said to be ready to propose a compromise by which they would call off the strike in return for recognition of their organizations throughout the country and their own release from jail.

Workers were still out in some cities on the Pacific coast and in the west but the situation was reported as easier.

Hundreds of thousands of workers were thrown out of work by the strike and were still idle in industries crippled by the walkouts.

Further arrests were predicted by federal authorities.

Members of the Railway Labor board were hastening to Washington to meet as soon as possible the request by President Wilson to take up the strike situation.

Cleveland, O., Apr. 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Heads of three of the big railroad brotherhoods went into conference here on the ultimatum of the railroad general managers association of New York which called for the return of strikers by noon tomorrow. Unless the brotherhood has the men back at that time the managers say they will open their books for reemployment of strikers who are acceptable.

At the conclusion of the conference shortly after noon President Lee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced that a reply to the ultimatum had been dispatched to the railroad managers headquarters in New York.

"It would be unfair to the managers to make it public here," said Lee. "I feel confident the strike will be over by Monday."

Chicago, Apr. 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A "protest strike" will be launched against government interference in the outlaw railroad strike by the latter's leaders it was announced today.

The two big chiefs in the strike movement it was stated planned to surrender themselves to federal authorities, refused bail and forced the government to place them in jail where they said they will remain until released. This would also serve the strike leaders said to notify strikers throughout the country that their leaders have not given up.

The two "martyrs" who offered themselves for the "protest strike" are John Grunau, president of the Chicago yardsmen association and H. Reading, head of the United Enginemen association. Both men are out on bail but will ask to have this canceled, it was said.

Grunau declared the strikers will continue to stay out until they have been assured of a living wage.

MUST WALK UP

(United Press Service) New York, Apr. 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—There's a-puff;—puff;—elevate;—strike in—whew;—New York today.

Tens of thousands of workers who daily commute between—puff;—the earth and top floors of the skyscrapers on lower Broadway were thrown back several eons in civilization by the walkout of scores of elevator operators and scaled the heights of their syrups in the mountains of steel and granite to an altitude that no self-respecting cliff dweller ever attempted.

L. A. Graham made a business trip to his farm south of Monroe this morning.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK

Mobile, Ala., Apr. 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Three trainmen were reported killed in a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Louisville & Nashville railroad near Bayminette, 23 miles from here early today.

The trains were numbers 2 and 3. No. 2 was bound from New Orleans to Cincinnati and No. 3, the Cincinnati-New Orleans limited, was southbound.

The dead reported were two engineers and a fireman.

HOFFMAN WILL

Admitted to Probate in Court Today—Property is Given to the Widow

DURING HER LIFE

Then Appraised and Sold—Herman Buick and Anton Hoffman Executors

The will of the late Daniel Hoffman of Preble township, who died a few days following the cyclone recently, was admitted to probate in court today. It consists of a will and codicil thereto. The will was written April 29, 1915, and was witnessed by Dore B. Erwin and Henry S. Michaud. The instrument is in five paragraphs. The first provides for the payment of all just debts and funeral expenses. The second paragraph grants bequests of \$50 each to the daughters, Emma Melcher and Mary Hagerfelt, same to be paid within one year after testator's death. The third paragraph provides that the residue of personal estate after the payment of debts and bequests mentioned in items one and two shall go to the widow, Mary Hoffman.

Item four gives the real estate situated in Preble township, Adams county, to the widow during her natural life.

Item five provides that the real estate after the death of the wife shall be appraised and sold, and the proceeds divided in equal shares among the daughters, Rosina Smith, Bertha Melcher, Emma Melcher, Mary Hagerfelt, Hulah Hoffman and son, Anton Hoffman and son, Otto Hoffman, his wife and their daughter, Olga Hoffman, now an adopted daughter of J. T. Kerby.

The codicil to the will was written September 13, 1918, and was witnessed by Dore B. Erwin and D. J. Mercer. The codicil withdraws that part of the bequest to the son, Otto Hoffman and his wife, and gives their share entirely to the granddaughter, Olga Hoffman. In case she die before the testator, the estate is then to be divided among Rosina Smith, Bertha Melcher, Emma Melcher, Mary Hagerfelt, Hulah Hoffman, the son, Anton.

Mr. Hoffman requested that his son, Anton and Herman Buick act as executors of the will and they qualified today.

DAILY CENSUS REPORTS

(United Press Service)

Washington, April 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The census bureau today announced the following 1920 population results:

Battle Creek, Mich. 36,164 10,897

Enid, Oklahoma 16,576 2,777

Bowling Green, Ky. 9,638 465

Hillsdale, Michigan 5,476 475

Owosso, Michigan 12,575 2,936

Oxford, Mass. 3,820 459

Norwich, N. Y. 8,269 847

Moorehead, Minnesota 5,720 880

Whittier, California 7,997 3,447

South Pasadena, Cal. 7,648 2,999

Bedford, Indiana 8,963 247

Hammond, La. 3,855 913

CORN AND OATS ARE HIGH

Chicago, April 16—(Special to Daily Democrat)—New high records were made in corn and oats futures on the Board of Trade today when heavy realization and reports of bad weather throughout the grain belt shot prices up an average of half a cent over yesterday's high marks. May opened at 170, up 1/2. September corn opened half cent up at the high record of 158%. July oats climbed to its top mark of 83%, up 1/2 over yesterday's close. September oats reached its high level at 75 1/2.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

(United Press Service)

Probably rain tonight and Saturday, cooler in south portion.

DELAY BUILDING

County Unit Road Law Constitutional But Sixty Days for Rehearing

DOES NOT AFFECT

Road Building Under Three Mile Law—Approval of Road Bonds Held Up

Indianapolis, Ind., April 16.—The construction of millions of dollars worth of hard surface highways in Indiana under the 1919 county unit road act will probably be delayed until late in the summer, according to an announcement of the state board of tax commissioners. Although the law has been found constitutional by the Indiana supreme court it now develops that the appellants have sixty days in which to file a motion for a rehearing. Therefore, the tax board will not pass on the county unit bond petitions now on file until the expiration of the sixty days or until the appellants sign a waiver for the rehearing.

If no action is taken by the appellants, action on the bonds will be delayed until June 1. Taking into consideration other delays many counties will be too late in obtaining contracts and selling the bonds to get the construction work under way this year.

The aggregate of the county unit bond petitions now on file with the tax commission is in excess of \$3,000,000. Many counties are preparing to file petitions for additional construction under the county unit law.

Should the court procedure be hurried up, it is probable that a large portion of the contracts will be let early enough this year to enable a great deal of construction. It is possible that \$5,000,000 will be spent by the counties for these roads.

This will be the first time for the big drive for funds from April 25 to May 2. Rev. Saunders was elated this afternoon to receive the following telegram:

Indianapolis, Ind., April 16

Rev. A. H. Saunders,

Decatur, Ind.

I will deliver my illustrated Inter-

church lecture at your church Sun-

day night if you desire. Wiré im-

mediately.

FORCE IS BUSY

The force at the Decatur postoffice is busy since the uncertainty of freight and express deliveries have caused many shippers of small parcels to use the mails. Packages that reach the limit in size and weight specified in the parcel post department are arriving daily and it keeps Carlyle Flanders and his little push cart on duty most of the time. Decatur shippers are also using the parcel post system as much as practicable and the government way of sending parcels is decidedly popular.

THE GAS SUPPLY

In Decatur Believed to be Ample—T. J. Durkin has Sixty-day Supply

OTHERS RUNNING LOW

Standard Oil Company has Enough to Supply Dealers Until Monday

An investigation this morning into the supply of gasoline in this city disclosed the fact that Decatur was much better off than some of her neighbors. The Standard Oil company which supplies several of the stations in this city, is said to have enough to last until Monday with the ordinary consumption of gas, but there is no shipment in sight for the company. J. E. Elbersen, one of the largest users of Standard gas in the city, says he will keep his 1,500 tank full at all times that he may take care of his many customers.

The Service company which has a refinery at Fairmount, and which company supplies gas to the Durkin Modern garage, informs Mr. Durkin not to worry in the least, as they have enough to supply their customers at least sixty days.

Mr. Durkin states that he will sell gas to the people of this vicinity in any amount, and to tourists and trucks needing the fluid but that he will not fill tanks for cars driving in here from outside cities just for the sake of giving them a few hours' pleasure over their neighbors.

The Lee Hardware company and the Knapp Hardware company each use Indian gas, and they are supplied from Elflinton. Their supply this morning was getting low, but the company promised delivery during the day and also made the statement that their supply would last several days.

DON D. TULLIS.

Dr. Tullis is one of the best informed men on the Interchurch movement, is a noted lecturer, and with the slides, to illustrate his talk, will give one of the most interesting discussions given here in regard to the work.

Rev. Saunders and Dr. Patterson will arrange a good program of music to accompany the lecture, and everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Tullis has many friends here, and this gentleman officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson in Terre Haute several years ago.

FUNERAL TODAY

Funeral services for Mrs. John Mayer were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Monroe Methodist church. The Rev. Krider officiated. Many Decatur friends of the family were in attendance. Burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

MOTHER IS WORSE

County Auditor John Mosure was called to Bluffton this morning, the condition of his mother having taken a turn for the worse. He and Mrs. Mosure left immediately for her bedside.

The material this year will compose a speedy team with ten regulars from last year's squad out for team and some good material will be taken from the Freshmen and Sophomore squads. For the first sack Tellep and Kern are making a nice showing, at second Hyland, Peterson and Daniels; at Short, Keller and Myers; at third Baltzell and Hocker.

Those who are scrapping for position on the outfield are Durkin, McConney, Hoagland, Schieferstein, Miller, Gay, Baltzell. Other players who have no definite position and who have the right spirit in making a better team are Beel, Kienzle, Thomas and Johnson.

The pitching staff will be strengthened this year to four pitchers, Case, White, Myers and Fruchte. Behind the bat are Pat Costello and Herman Myers.

These men are taking great interest in the game and are out for practice whenever weather has permitted. The two points combined will serve the D. H. S. with one of the best teams in the state. The games will be supported this season by the high school students strong, with plenty of enthusiasm and yells, accompanied by the D. H. S. band led by Mr. Minch. Every means possible will be arranged to accomodate the fans who wish to go with the team to Monroe next Tuesday. If you wish to be on the list file your name at the high school office. The more the "pep" the better the team.

There were eighteen from this city to take the work.

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