

RAIL STRIKE SITUATION CONSIDERED BY HARDING

PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLD CONFERENCE TO FRAME POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

(By Charles R. Lynch, United Press staff correspondent)

Chicago, July 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Settlement of the rail strike appeared closer today than at any time since the walkout.

Striking employees were expected to follow the lead of President E. F. Coughlin of the maintenance of way men, who received assurance from the railroad labor board that wage reductions will be given a re-hearing. Shipping agents of Chicago firms feared large quantities of freight would be tied up in Chicago yards and warehouses.

"No freight embargoes have been reported and all trains are operating so far as I know," J. W. Cloverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation said today, "but an acute situation faces shippers in this territory because of shortage of cars."

Increasing shipments of livestock are reported normal by the large packing houses.

Grain has not yet been affected, but traders fear that shipments will be light in a few days unless cars are repaired.

Grocery shipments were reported about normal by large wholesale houses. Quantities of stable goods are being rushed to Chicago to meet a shortage in case the strike is not settled.

Cleveland, July 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Complaints of railroads operating with defective equipment today continued to pour into the quarters of the railroad brotherhoods, according to Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Stone said the complaints were being forwarded to the interstate commerce commission.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., July 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Railroad guards late last night fired into a mob of several hundred young men who were bombarding the Lehigh Valley roundhouse with rocks, wounding two. A third young man was admitted to the hospital suffering from shock.

A large crowd gathered on a high bank above where the strikebreakers are housed and showered rocks on the houses below. Guards opened fire. William Bryce, 23, was shot through the leg, and Carl Peterson, 17, was shot twice through the back. Alfred Kammerer, 15, collapsed when the shooting began.

A riot call was turned in, and police dispersed the mob. An investigation of the shooting is under way today.

HAVE EIGHT POUND BOY

An eight pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien yesterday afternoon. This is the third child in the family and both mother and babe are getting along fine. The mother before her marriage was Miss Lena Meyers of this city. "Dad" O'Brien is the local manager of the Northern Indiana Gas and Electric Company.

Local People "Listen In" While Mr. Wemhoff Plays

Hearty Applause Given To John Wemhoff Although He Could Not Hear

Although he was many miles away and could not hear nor see what was occurring in Decatur, a hearty applause was given to John R. Wemhoff, Decatur young man, when it was announced at the radio broadcasting station of the Detroit News last night that Mr. Wemhoff would play two piano solos. About seventy-five people gathered in the Decatur Industrial Association rooms for the con-

CITY COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE BIDS AUGUST 1

To Let Contract for Hauling Garbage from Homes and Eating Houses

NOT TO BUILD SEWER

To Purchase New Traffic Signs and Appoint Extra Policemen for Fair

The city council on Tuesday, August first will receive sealed bids for the gathering, hauling and disposing of the garbage from the residences, restaurants and public eating places within the city; bids to be received for the work covering a period of one year, beginning August 1st.

At the present time John Schellmann has the contract and it is understood that he will submit a bid next month. The city is now paying him \$550.00 per year for his services in several of the near by cities instead of the city paying a man to haul the garbage, the contractor pays the city for the right to gather all garbage within the city, it being used in feeding hogs. It is understood that several bids will be submitted to the council at the August meeting.

The sewer improvements. Bids were submitted by Joseph Metzger for the construction of the Mary and Gaffner sewers, the contract price being \$954.00 and \$985.00 respectively. In an executive session the contract for the building of the Rickard sewer was awarded to Fr. Metzger and the bids on the Gaffner sewer rejected. The petitioners for the improvement having changed their minds about the improvement and instead petitioned the street and sewer committee that the sewer not be constructed at this time.

To Build Sidewalk. The petition of George Mumma and others for a sidewalk on Thirteenth street was allowed by the street and sewer committee, they recommending however that the sidewalk be built from Adams to Madison street and not to Monroe street.

Report Is Approved. Mayor DeVoss' quarterly report showing the collection of \$25.00 in fines was filed and approved.

To Purchase Traffic Posts. The Electric Light committee was empowered to purchase traffic signs for the principal street crossings in Decatur and if possible to have them placed by fair week. The committee has not decided upon the kind of signs to be purchased.

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FINE SUCCESS IN CANVASS FOR MONEY TUESDAY

Finance Committee of Yeoman Day Celebration Received Fine Response

G. E. LARGEST GIVER

General Electric Gave \$100 for the Fund; Expect To End Drive Soon

The finance committee of the Yeoman Day celebration is meeting with splendid success and the response from the business men and manufacturers has been nearly one hundred per cent. The members of the committee of which E. X. Ehinger is the chairman made the first canvass yesterday and in a few hours about \$1200.00 was raised. It was stated that only one firm objected or refused to donate its proportionate share.

The largest contribution so far received came from the General Electric company. Mr. Walter Gall the general manager of the Fort Wayne Works notifying the local committee this morning that the G. E. would give \$100.00 towards the celebration.

The finance committee solicited again today and it is hoped that today and tomorrow will wind up the drive. C. C. Schafer is going ahead with the plans for the furnishing of music on that day and has secured a community song leader for the big event.

The members of the different committees have been holding their meetings the last night or two and on Friday night at the Industrial rooms a complete report will be made.

FORTY BLUFFTON ROTARIANS WILL GO TO MARION JULY 25

Forty Bluffton Rotarians will go to Marion by special car over the M. & B. line, July 25, to be guests of the Marion Rotary club in this section of the state and has prepared an elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors. A ball game in the afternoon between the Marion and Indianapolis clubs will feature the afternoon's program.—Bluffton Banner.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE PICNIC

Members and Friends of U. B. School to Meet at Park Next Sunday

Members and friends of the United Brethren church will hold a Sunday School picnic at Belmont park next Sunday afternoon. All who attend will take their dinners in baskets to the church Sunday forenoon, when they will attend the Sunday School. There will be no preaching services and immediately after Sunday School is dismissed, the picnicers will be conveyed to the park in automobiles.

A program will be given following the dinner, consisting of congregational singing, solos, duets, quartets, both male and mixed, and a number of readings. An address will be made by the Rev. M. K. Richardson, pastor of the South Wayne church. All who have heard the Rev. Richardson speak, know that he is a live wire talker. Members of the church cordially invite those who are not members of the church to fill a basket with food and join them in the picnic.

GENEVA MAN BEGINS TERM IN COUNTY JAIL FOR GETTING DRUNK

Ray Cooper, of Geneva, was brought to this city this morning and placed in the Adams county jail where he must serve out a fine of \$25 and costs, or 36 days, which was given him when convicted on a charge of public intoxication. Cooper was arrested in Geneva on Monday night by Marshall Hollingsworth, of Geneva. He was tried before Justice of the Peace Staley yesterday. Marshalls, Hollingsworth and Shepherd brought Cooper to Decatur this morning.

Mrs. D. M. Hensley and Mrs. Herman Ehinger left for Ft. Wayne this morning where they will spend the day.

AMERICAN HISTORY DAY BY DAY By T. P. Green

Wednesday, July 19

Peaver Grounds at Albany, N. Y., are surrendered by the Iroquois Indians, on July 19, 1701.

State Constitution of Missouri is adopted on July 19, 1820.

302 buildings in New York and \$6,000,000 in property destroyed by fire on July 19, 1845.

First Convention for Women's Rights held in America, on July 19, 1848.

Following attack by mob in Valparaiso on American sailors, Chili agrees to pay \$75,000 to families of those killed, on July 19, 1892.

Prepare For A Finish Fight

(United Press Service.)

Organized labor today was mobilizing for a finish fight with capital in the grave situation caused by the nation wide mine and rail strikes.

Both sides admit one of the greatest capital-labor conflicts of the last 25 years is on.

From high officials of the United Mine Workers came ominous warning that the union pumpers, engine men and others now keeping mines in working condition, would strike if the operators attempt to carry out President Harding's plan of resuming operations with strikebreakers under troop protection. This admittedly would work havoc with the mines.

First steps to re-open union mines have been taken in western Pennsylvania, as several governors of the coal producing states messaged President Harding that protection of the mines would be accorded in accordance with his request.

President Lewis of the miners in an exclusive statement to the United Press warned that the strikers cannot be driven back to work and asserted the only way to end the present crisis is a joint conference of operators and miners.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor issued a proclamation to all workers to back up the striking rail shopmen and to refuse to fill their places.

Despite continued peace negotiations in Chicago which seem may be successful, the rail situation becomes more acute as reports of 29 more unannounced trains reached the postoffice department. Intervention by President Harding may be necessary if an agreement is not soon reached.

MONROE BOY WAS PAINFULLY HURT

Roy Martz Suffered Fractured Collar Bone in Fall From Wagon

Monroe, July 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Roy, the 13 year old son of the late Joseph Martz, of Monroe, suffered serious injuries late yesterday afternoon when he fell backwards from a wagon at the elevator of the Monroe Grain company. His injuries consisted of a fractured collar bone and shoulder blade.

The boy climbed upon the rear end of a wagon belonging to Mr. George W. Keller, which was being filled with cobs. The horses attached to the wagon took a sudden step forward and the lad was thrown backwards to the ground. He was given medical attention at once and was reported to be resting well today.

On Monday evening, while working at the tile factory in Monroe, Z. O. Lewellen was accidentally hit on the head by a hollow brick. A deep cut was made in the man's scalp by the brick but he was able to return to work this morning.

The Weather

Fair tonight and Thursday; rising temperature Thursday.

STATE TAX MAN CONDUCTED TWO HEARINGS HERE

Thirty-Four Taxpayers Voice Objections to Union Township Bond Issue

ON ROAD PAVING

Hearing on Objections To Bond Issue for Striker Road in Wabash Twp.

Walter G. Bridges, a representative of the state board of tax commissioners, was in Decatur today, holding hearings on objections of taxpayers to two separate proposed bond issues.

At ten o'clock this morning, a hearing was held on the proposed issue of \$12,000 for the erection of a new school building in Union township, District No. 4. Thirty-four taxpayers were present to voice their objections to the issue. Dallas Spuller, trustee, of Union township, voted with those who did not want the new building erected. He told Mr. Bridges that he did not favor the bond issue for a new building but that he had been forced to proceed in that direction by the law. A number of the taxpayers petitioned for the building. It is said that the remonstrance to the issue was signed by more than half of the taxpayers of the district. Mr. Bridges made no decision on the matter today.

At two o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Bridges held a hearing on the objections voiced to the proposed bond issue of \$42,400 for the improvement of the Warren M. Striker road in Wabash township. Plans were drawn up to pave that road with cement, and the contract let during the June session of the county commissioners. Following the letting of the contract, a number of taxpayers filed a remonstrance to the proposed bond issue. They objected on the ground that the contract for the improvement was not let to the lowest bidder, and claimed that the benefits to be derived from the improvement were less than the cost. The bonds have been advertised for sale on next Friday but the sale will be held up until a decision is made by the state tax board. A large number of taxpayers attended the hearing this afternoon.

MANY ARTICLES WILL BE SOLD

Large Number of Articles Donated for Benefit Auction Sale Saturday

The time for the auction sale to be given by the Woman's Club on Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the new women's rest room in the library, has been changed from 2:30 to 2 o'clock. The sale will be given on the court house lawn and the auctioneering will be done by the students of the Reppert Auction school.

Among the articles already donated for the sale are bed springs, mattresses, chairs, gas stoves, lawn mowers, harness, electric sweeper, window shades, sewing machines, porch swings, fruit jars, jugs, shoes, baked goods, home-made candies, chickens, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Many more articles are expected to be donated between now and Saturday.

It was announced today that the rest room was nearly completed and would be opened in time for the chautauqua next week, in order that those who attend the chautauqua may have the advantage of it.

FILE PETITION FOR PARTITION OF REAL ESTATE HERE TODAY

A petition for the partition of real estate was filed in the circuit court today by Ruth E. Rutters and others against Peter D. Kizer and others. The real estate in question is eighty acres in Hartford township. The petitioners desire that the land be partitioned among the owners according to their respective interests and ask that the court appoint a commissioner to hold a sale of the land and make the partition. The petition was filed through Attorney Merryman and Sutton.

Thetus Hocker spent this morning at Monroe, Indiana.

PLAN TO INCREASE COAL PRODUCTION GIVEN BLOW

MINER OFFICIALS SERVED NOTICE THAT UNION ENGINEERS, PUMPMEN AND OTHER WORKERS WOULD STRIKE IF STRIKEBREAKERS ARE USED.

LARGE ARRAY OF AMUSEMENTS FOR THE FAIR

Zeidman and Polle Shows to Furnish Amusements For the Fair

A LARGE CONCERN

The Company Consists of 26 Car Loads of Equipment and Devices

Leading the way in amusements and fun at the Northern Indiana Fair this year will be the Zeidman and Polle shows. These shows will be the largest one which have been in Decatur for several years. They have booked exhibition dates over the entire country in the same manner that the large circuses do. They travel in their own special train of twenty-six cars. The shows will arrive in Decatur sometime on Saturday, July 29, coming from Kalamazoo, Michigan, and will be ready for business on Monday.

Twenty big shows, a partial list of which we will name for the benefit of those who have not as yet visited the Joy Trail, as the midway of the Zeidman & Polle Shows has been christened, the foremost of which are circuses as the Big Trained Wild Animal Circus, with its performing lions, bears, monkeys, ponies, and cockatoos; Col. Wm. Littleton's Society Horse Show introducing "Lady Fanchon" the Original Good Night Horse and trained equine marvel; Hinkle & Grizzle's Dot Real Wild West and Circus with its company of rifle shots, ropers, whip crackers, lariat throwers and trick and fancy riders, cowboys and cowgirls, and a complete wild west show augmented by a few circus acts which make up a program of variety acts that present a full hour and thirty minutes performance; John B. Davis and his Dixieland Minstrels; The Monkey Speedway; "JAP-A-LAC"; Midget Theatre Athletic Arena; Hogan's Alley; Bug House; TINY MITE; Miracle Man; Wild Volka-Vekarka, the only living animal of its kind in the world from the Black Forests of Prussia; Trip to Mars, and Circus Side Show with all its living wonders and human monstrosities, featuring Diva the girl who performs aquatic feats beneath the surface of the water in a specially constructed glass tank. There the many other attractions in the form of shows too numerous to mention but all of which are in keeping with the standard of the organization. Six massive riding

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Washington, July 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Harding plans to force increased coal production despite the strike of 600,000 miners by attempting to operate union mines with strike breakers working under troop protection, received sharp set back today.

Officials of the United Mine Workers served notice on government officials handling the coal tie-up that any attempt to send strike breakers to the closed shop mines will result in a strike of the union engineers, pumpmen and other workers now working to prevent the mines from filling with water and otherwise deteriorating.

A nation wide strike of the machine men would work havoc with the mines and cause a huge loss to the operators unless their places could be filled promptly. This is doubtful.

In all miners' strikes the United Mine Workers have made a policy to keep the machine men on the job, but a high official of the organization told the United Press that the union would not be allowed to work alongside of strikebreakers.

"The moment operators attempt to operate a union mine with strikebreakers, the maintenance men will strike," said a high official of the miners' union.

"Those mines are pledged to the closed shop and these maintenance workers absolutely will not work alongside of strike breakers even if the National officers would urge them to do so.

"If any extensive attempt is made to re-open the mines with strike breakers, a strike call to the maintenance men undoubtedly will be issued by the national organization. Meanwhile we are awaiting developments."

James T. Kolbert, United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, July 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The government today embarked on a momentous test of strength with the 600,000 striking coal miners.

In directing the governors of the twenty eight coal producing states to protect the mines of all operators willing to resume coal production, President Harding has thrown down the gage of battle to the United Mine Workers of America, probably the most powerful single body of organized workers in the country.

Should the president's present plan fail to bring about a large increase in coal production within a short time there will be but one course open to the government—seizure and operation of the mines.

In his call upon the 26 governors, Harding has in effect ordered the mobilization of more than 1,000,000 armed men on the side of the public, it was estimated. First of all the governors call on the local authorities, such as the police and deputy sheriffs, to provide protection.

If these forces prove insufficient the National Guard forces are to be called in.

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Educated Pigs To Return To Give Acts At The Fair

Performing Pigs Booked for Return Engagement Upon Request

Those wire walking, cake walking, acrobatic pigs are coming back to the Northern Indiana Fair this year. These educated pigs which furnished so much amusement and fun for children and grown-ups at the fair two years ago, are going to make a return engagement. It is the policy of the fair management to obtain new acts for the free entertainment each

year but there was a big demand for the pigs again this year and the management consented to book the attraction.

The pigs walk wires, make slides for life, cake walk, and do many other acrobatic stunts which appear impossible for pigs to accomplish. They will present their acts every afternoon and evening during the fair. This is only one of the several free attractions which have been booked by the fair management. There will also be balloon ascensions, a high diver, and other interesting acts.