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## RAIL STRIKE SITUATION CONSIDERED BY HARDING

## PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLD CONFERENCE TO FRAME POS- SIBLE 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.  
Biddle 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 in  
an acute situation faces shippers in  
this territory because of shortage of  
cars."

Incoming 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 railroads  
brotherhoods, according to Warren  
S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood  
of Locomotive Engineers.

Stone said the complaints were be-  
ing forwarded to the interstate com-  
mission.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., July 19.—(Spe-  
cial 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 suffer-  
ing 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 yes-  
terday 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.

## 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, Au- gust 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 Schei-  
mann has the contract and it is un-  
derstood 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 in-  
stead of the city paying a man to haul  
the garbage, the contractor pays the  
city for the right to gather all gar-  
bage 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 Metz-  
ger for the construction of the Mary  
and Gaffner sewers, the contract price  
being \$954.00 and \$985.00 respec-  
tive. In an executive session the con-  
tract for the gilding of the Rickard  
sewer was awarded to Fr. Metzger and  
the bids on the Gaffner sewer reject-  
ed 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 \$35.00 in  
finances 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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## 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 ap-  
plause was given to John R. Wemhoff,  
Decatur young man, when it was an-  
nounced at the radio broadcasting  
station of the Detroit News last night  
that Mr. Wemhoff would play two  
piano solos. About seventy-five per-  
sonal gathered in the Decatur Indus-  
trial Association rooms for the con-

cert last night and about twenty-five  
"listened in" on the instrument be-  
longing to the Legionnaire Radio Club  
over the Peoples Restaurant.

The selections played by Mr. Wem-  
hoff were "Poet and Peasant" and  
"Minuet." The concert could be  
heard very plainly. It began about  
7:30 with several selections by the  
Detroit News Orchestra. Mr. Wem-  
hoff also accompanied on the piano  
when Mrs. Roy D. Montgomery sang  
"Bridal Dawn." Included in the  
audience at the Industrial Associa-  
tion rooms last night were Mr. Wem-  
hoff's mother, sister, and brothers.

## 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. Schaefer 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 picnickers will be conveyed to the park in automobiles.

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### 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 Sheppard brought Cooper to Decatur this morning.

Mrs. D. M. Hensley and Mrs. Her-  
man 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.

## 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.

From high officials of the United Mine Workers come ominous warning that the union pumbers, 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 has 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 that 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 shippers 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 unlinked trains reached the post office department. Intervention by President Harding may be necessary if an agreement is not soon reached.

## MONROE BOY WAS PAINFULLY HURT

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ROY MARTH

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 consist 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.

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. Rutgers 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 Pollie 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

and the Zeidman and Pollie 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.

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