

**'REBEL' STRIKE
SPREADS, WITH
MANY OUT HERE**

New York, Milwaukee, Pittsburg and Other Centers
Also Affected.

EASIER, CHICAGO REPORT

The "outlaw" strike of railroad employes continued to spread today, although the situation was reported "easier" in Chicago, headquarters of the insurgent organization.

The strike extended to Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Pittsburg, Columbus, Ohio, and other railroad centers.

In New York, the striking yardmen and switchmen were joined by firemen.

Suburban service was badly crippled, railroad officials admitted.

The roads were making every effort to keep through trains running, but the situation in the Hudson tube, connecting New Jersey and New York also was affected.

Railroad managers and representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, who were fighting the "rum" strike, declared they expected to be able to break the strike.

They announced that several cars which were first to strike in Chicago, had returned to work.

Estimates placed the number of men out at not more than 25,000.

Thousands of men were thrown out of work by closing down the latter part of the strike, but the situation was predicted in case the strike is not broken at that time.

**HUNDREDS OF
IN YARDS HERE**

Several hundred switchmen and switch tenders had joined the Indianapolis yardmen's association this morning, officials of the organization asserted.

The yardmen's association is patterned after similar new organizations of Chicago and other cities, and was formed to promote unionism of action in the present nationwide walkout.

Shippers of Indianapolis will meet at 8 p. m., Monday in the Riley room of the Claypool hotel to confer on the strike.

Local railroad officials are at a standstill.

The city was practically tied-up today, as far as freight movement was concerned, according to railroad officials.

Leaders of the strikers reported that only two switchmen were at work in the terminal yards last night.

**WORKMEN REPAIR
SEVEN MORE YARDS.**

The Panhandle, Big Four, Monon, Vandalia, Lake Erie, C. & I., and Illinois Central yards were deserted by their few remaining workmen today, it was claimed.

Frank J. Peters, a veteran switchman, was elected president of the new yardmen's organization; Harry Hicks was elected vice president; James B. Canary, secretary, and J. L. Burns, treasurer.

The men declared they would not leave the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen or the Switchmen's Union of North America, although these organizations are not sanctioning the strike.

Four representatives of the Chicago switchmen are in the city in conference with local leaders and have offered plans for the walkout similar to the program in effect in other cities.

**ENGINEERS NOT
MAKING DEMANDS.**

Engineers and firemen employed in the yards have attended the meetings of the switchmen, but railroad officials say the engineers are making no demands and will return to work when the switchmen return and cars can be moved.

Several Indiana institutions, including the Old Soldiers' home, are facing a coal shortage, Maurice C. Shelton, secretary of the state purchasing board, said today.

Railroads have confiscated coal consigned to institutions because of strike conditions and Gov. Goodrich has ordered claims prepared against the railroads, although these organizations are not sanctioning the strike.

The state must pay to buy in the open market.

**SIGNS OF BREAK
SEEN AT CHICAGO**

CHICAGO, April 10.—Signs of a break in the railway yards strike, which for a week past has paralyzed freight traffic of Chicago and the middle west, were seen today when officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road announced that the freight embargo on their line probably would be lifted Monday.

Other optimistic signs lay in the fact that all engineers and firemen on the St. Paul line were reported to be back at work and striking yardmen and others on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad have promised to take a referendum vote today on returning to work.

Federal intervention to end the nationwide switchmen's strike, backed by a threat of prosecution under the Lever act, will be begun by government authorities on direct orders from Washington if the strike is not settled within the next forty-eight hours, according to United States District Attorney Charles F. Cline.

The strike's storm center today was in New York.

New cities to be affected were Youngstown, O., where 3,000 men struck and threw 35,000 steel men out of work; Indianapolis, where several hundred switchmen walked out; Pueblo, Colo., with 150 out; Columbus, O., 100 out; Milwaukee, Wis., 100 out; Potomac, Idaho, 100 out; and Portland, Ore., where 100 switchmen quit on two roads.

Thus far the only complete tie-up to be reported from any trouble center, with the exception of New York, has been in the movement of freight, which is hard hit everywhere.

Passenger trains, while seriously delayed at many points, are still moving.

**1,200 OUT AT
MILWAUKEE**

MILWAUKEE, April 10.—Twelve hundred switchmen and yardmen on the Chicago & Northwestern went on strike here today.

All traffic in the yards of that road here is tied up.

**RAY OF HOPE SEEN
AT KANSAS CITY**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—A ray of hope for railroad officials broke through the pall of the strike situation (Continued on Page Two.)

**Pig Drive Staged
in Detroit Streets**

DETROIT, April 10.—City ordinances and custom both went by the boards here because of the switchmen's strike.

Squealing pigs—1,500 of them—had to be removed from cars in railroad yards and driven for some distance through the streets to the packing houses.

They scattered in all directions, demoralized traffic and furnished amusement for almost everybody except street car motormen.

Some of the porkers were caught under street cars, but were extricated without serious damage.

**Bandits Rob Office
in View of Scores**

CLEVELAND, April 10.—While scores of persons looked on, four armed automobile bandits robbed the Minnick Gibbons Construction Company office of \$5,000 here today.

The three employees of the office were locked in a small room and the money taken from a safe.

DAYTON, April 10.—Three automobile bandits with guns drawn entered the bank at West Carrollton, six miles south of here today and after driving the employees and patrons into the vault escaped with \$25,000 in currency and Liberty bonds.

**Army Motor Trucks
on Sale April 23**

There will be a public sale of army motor trucks at Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., April 23, according to advices received today by Robert Springsteen, postmaster, who is prepared to give out detailed information on the kinds and number of trucks to be disposed of.

**Parents Warned
of Measles Spread**

Measles are increasing at the rate of about 100 cases a day in Indianapolis, according to Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary of the board of health, and parents are urged to guard children from contact with the disease.

During the week up to Saturday morning 531 new cases were reported, making a total of 2,063 cases this year, the greater number being in April and the latter part of March.

**Seek Meanest Thief
Right Here in City**

Jimmy Landers, 5, is walking today.

He entered his garage under the back porch of his home and rode away on his tricycle.

Jimmy doesn't quite realize how anybody could be so cruel.

He's looking for the guy that took it.

The child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Landers, 1128 East Washington street, are helping Jimmy hunt down the thief.

**Shift Market Stands
to Clear Sidewalk**

Beginning next Tuesday, the market stands on Delaware street west side of the courthouse will be abolished by order of the county commissioners.

It has been decided that the sidewalk there is too crowded on market days.

Inside space will be arranged for the stand owners on Market street on the north side of the courthouse.

The stands will be allowed to remain on the curb on Alabama street.

**Goodrich Tax Law
'Breaks' Huntington**

Charles N. McGraw, mayor of Huntington, Ind., held a conference today with City Controller Robert H. Bryson, during which methods of obtaining city revenue were thoroughly discussed.

According to Mr. McGraw, the Goodrich tax law has emptied the Huntington treasury practically, and the city is searching vainly for some method of meeting running expenses.

Mr. McGraw also obtained copies of the vehicle taxing ordinance and health ordinances of Indianapolis.

**Ask Straphangers
to Aid in Auto War**

Street car passengers are asked to give the police the license numbers of automobiles which are driven past street cars taking on or discharging passengers.

Alex. Taggart, chairman of the board of public safety, and Chief of Police Jerry Kinney made the appeal.

A similar request was made a week ago to street car motormen and conductors.

Every one who the police learn drives his machine past a car taking on or discharging passengers will be arrested, the chief said.

Leaves for U. S.

LONDON, April 10.—Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British ambassador to the United States, departed for Washington today.

He was accompanied by Lady Geddes.

Among those who gathered at the Euston railway station to say farewell before the ambassador left for Liverpool were John W. Davis, American ambassador to Great Britain, and A. Bonar Law, government leader in the house of commons.

**Rotarians to Hear
Profits Tax Talk**

Dick Miller, president of the City Trust Company, will discuss the excess profits tax before Rotarians next Tuesday.

The Rotarians also will do a little practice rooting for the opening of the baseball season on April 14.

**URGES SWEEPING
CHANGES IN NAVY**

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Recommendations for complete reorganization of the navy will be made by senate subcommittee which has been investigating Rear Admiral Sims' charges, it was decided today.

The subcommittee of the naval committee which has been conducting the probe, came to this decision by a strict party vote.

Senators Pittman and Trammell, democratic members, announced they would protest to the full committee that the subcommittee had no authority to go beyond an investigation of Sims' specific criticism, which was that the navy department's refusal to co-operate with him prolonged the war.

**DEATH OF NUN
PALLS KIDDIES
OF HOLY ROSARY**

Playground Merriment Gives
Way to Sorrow and Prayer
Following Accident.

BODY SENT TO CONVENT

Youthful songs of narrow little Stevens street do not ring out today.

Sister Mary Blanche is gone. In place of joyous chants of Saturday play there is sadness.

Sister Mary Blanche to the children of the humble Italian settlement near Holy Rosary church and school was a mother—a vicar of love.

She knew love—she taught it. As dark-eyed tots passed the school where Sister Mary Blanche loved and was loved they quavered.

Some lowered their faces. Others wept.

Sister Mary Blanche is gone. The screaming call for "Tony" was missing.

There was no tattered yarn ball flying through the air.

Sleeping ropes were laid aside. MIKE'S "BIG" BROTHER BREAKS NEWS.

Joe Mike Sansone, 5, 616 Stevens street, didn't realize, fully.

"Where's sister gone?" he asked. "She's gone to heaven—where'd you suppose?" snapped his brother Joe, 8.

There are about 150 pupils in the tiny school.

Sister Mary Blanche was the principal and taught the seventh and eighth grades. Rev. Father M. Priori, in charge of the parish, was greatly affected by the tragedy.

Many of the small girls of the school gathered at the parish house when they heard of the sister's death yesterday afternoon.

All wondered how Sister Mary Blanche could have been snatched away from them so quickly.

"She was no nice to me when I was sick," said Rose Jordan, 13, of 615 Stevens street, as she squashed a tear with her fist.

"Oh, I'll miss her so much," was Rosie Aristobane's comment.

"I'll miss her telling me to be a good girl."

Rosie lives at 328 East Norwood and was in Sister Blanche's room at school.

Sister Judith and Sister Mary Magdalene are the other teachers in the three-room school.

Both are grief-stricken.

MAYERS AT MASS.

Many children prayed for Sister Mary Blanche at mass in the basement church of the Holy Rosary this morning.

Sister Blanche's body was taken, this morning to St. Mary's-of-the-Woods, Ind., for burial.

She entered the sisterhood and took the veil at St. Mary's, where the Mother house of the Sisters of Providence is located.

A number of Indianapolis sisters accompanied the body.

It was kept at St. Vincent's hospital until taken to the train for the trip to St. Mary's.

Sister Mary Blanche was 50 years old, having been born in Xenia, O.

Her real name was Mary Blanche McCann.

She had taught in Parish schools of Indianapolis for many years, having been here for six years during her last stay.

Prior to that she had taught at St. Agnes' St. Patrick's.

Special masses will be said for her in the churches Sunday.

**DIXON BLAMED
FOR NUN'S DEATH**

It was Ollie Dixon's taxicab that fatally injured Sister Mary Blanche on Monument Circle, according to Clifton Comer, the other of the two drivers who said to be racing when the tragedy took place.

In a sworn statement Comer told Detectives Barnaby and Stewart how Dixon's cab struck down the nun.

Dixon, in a statement made later, claims Comer's car brushed Sister Mary Blanche.

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**FORGETS ARREST
AT COST OF \$100**

**Speeder's Bondsman Stuck
Through Cop's Memory.**

Ivy Taylor's poor memory and Motorcycles Officer Theodore Walker's good memory cost Joe Bisset, commission man, \$100 today.

On Feb. 12 Taylor was halted by the officer on South Meridian street. Walker's speedometer showing that Taylor was driving his automobile thirty miles an hour.

Taylor was ordered into court after saying he worked for Bisset.

Bisset provided \$100 bond. He didn't appear and couldn't be found at Bisset's place.

Yesterday he was arrested while driving a truck on West Washington street. Police say he had been driving thirty-three miles an hour.

As Taylor failed to show up in city court today, as he had been notified to do.

Special Judge Hoover forfeited the \$100 bond.

Taylor is 38 years old and gave his address as 615 East Merrill street.

Sister Mary Blanche's Gone!

A group of little girls of the Holy Rosary school, where the nun, who was killed by a reckless taxicab driver on the Circle yesterday, was principal.

They are mourners.

Sister Mary Blanche taught the seventh and eighth grades of the tiny school.

They were her pupils.

The picture was snapped while they were exchanging regrets over their loss.

**FRANCE INSISTS
ON INVASION'S O. K.**

Ambassadors Again Confer
With Lloyd George.

LONDON, April 10.—Another ambassadorial conference on the German situation was held at Downing street today.

The French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors attended.

Lloyd George departed immediately afterward for San Remo, Italy, to attend a meeting of the supreme council of the peace conference, which will open April 21.

The French reply to the British note of Thursday, which is in the hands of the foreign office, is said to be pacific, but contains no suggestion for modifying the French attitude as to the necessity for military action.

France emphatically reaffirms that the breach of the treaty by Germany warranted French action.

PARIS, April 10.—Japan will support the French advance from the Rhine and the occupation of the German neutral zone by French troops, the Journal stated today.

According to the Echo de Paris, the French government has received a note from Washington reiterating America's position taken in the note of March 29, stating that the French should be authorized to intervene in the neutral relation of intervention is absolutely necessary, but that no relation should exist between this intervention and the occupation of Frankfurt and other cities.

**MAY SEIZE COAL
AND OIL FOR NAVY**

Daniels for Quick Action as
War Law Repeal Looms.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Secretary of Navy Daniels today intimated strongly that immediate steps will be taken to commandeer oil and coal for the navy for the coming year.

Possibility of the repeal of war-time legislation, which gives the navy power to commandeer, has forced necessity of quick action, he said.

"The situation is serious and I expect information as to which to base action," he declared.

He indicated that bids submitted for oil and coal have been unsatisfactory.

**TALKS TAX ON ALL
CITY'S BUSINESS**

Controller Bryson Compiling
Figures on Revenue.

Plans to establish a tax on all business institutions in the city are being considered by Robert H. Bryson, city controller, who is preparing to compile figures which will be taken to the city council for consideration.

In the opinion of Mr. Bryson, a tax on all business houses of a nominal amount per year will equal the loss of revenue suffered as a result of prohibition and also relieve taxation on real estate.

The loss of income from liquor licenses in the city amounted to \$300,000 per year, according to Mr. Bryson.

A tax on business concerns has been in effect for some time in Kansas City, Mo., and is said to be highly productive.

The matter may be brought before the city council in the form of an ordinance after it has been considered by city authorities.

**EXPRESS BUNDLE
LETS GO, HURTS 3**

Package Explodes on Station
Platform at Providence, R. I.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 10.—Three men were injured, one of an express car was blown off and scores of windows were shattered in the Union station of the New Haven railroad here when an "express" package standing on the station platform exploded.

This led them to believe there may have been an infernal machine in the package that exploded.

Federal agents were notified.

**Emergency Cases
Delay Jail Inquiry**

Only one witness was examined today by the Marion county grand jury in the jail probe, as Prosecutor Clara Adams desired to present some "emergency cases" pertaining to other matters than the jail.

Dr. Homer Cox, who examined the federal prisoners at the jail, appeared before the jury in the morning.

The jury will resume the jail inquiry Monday morning, but the list of witnesses to appear has not been made public.

**Three More Embassy
Pickets Arrested**

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Mrs. Thomas Walsh and Mrs. Katherine Columbine of New York, and Mrs. Thomas Curran of Philadelphia were placed under arrest this afternoon for picketing the British embassy with pro-Irish banners.

Miss Mary Calvin and Miss Maure Quinn, who have been in jail several days after refusing to give bail after being arrested for picketing the embassy, today gave bail and were released.

**FIGHT CORNER
ON POTATOES
AS PRICES SOAR**

Commission Men Limit Sales
at \$7.50 a Hundred in
Big Demand.

COMPLEXED BY STRIKE

With the price of potatoes soaring to unusual heights, commission men of Indianapolis today declared they had taken steps to prevent a corner on the available supply in the city.

Customers were limited to two bags of 150 pounds each by the larger wholesale commission merchants of the city.

This, they say, is done for the purpose of preventing any one from gathering in the bulk of the supply.

The railroad strikes have further complicated the problem of supply, according to commission men, who foresee no end of the price increase.

Potatoes were selling in Indianapolis today for \$11.25 a bag of 150 pounds, or \$7.50 hundredweight.

Wholesale price list, issued late today, effective for next week, quote prices at \$8 per hundred pounds.

**CHICAGO PRICES
UP TO \$2.50 HUNDRED.**

Price at Chicago was \$7.25 to \$7.50 hundredweight yesterday.

It costs 20 cents hundredweight to lay potatoes down in Indianapolis, dealers say.

Potatoes are selling retail at 10 cents a pound, or three pounds for 25 cents.

Local dealers scout the idea that there is a gigantic corner in Michigan potatoes and those which are sold at other northern points.

A continual lack of railroad cars, coupled with a short crop and a strong demand, have created the present situation, they said.

"We have only one car of potatoes on hand, although we have several rolling this way," stated A. D. Hitz, president of George Hitz & Co., wholesale commission dealers.

"The matter of transportation has been one of the keynotes to the rising potato market, and now with strikes, prices will not tend to recede any," Mr. Hitz said.

"There are no potatoes in storage in this city," Mr. Hitz continued.

"Nobody has been able to buy enough to put them in storage if he wanted to."

**LACK OF CARS
FIGURES IN RISE.**

"Lack of cars to handle the crop at northern points, and a short crop, coupled with heavy demand, have been the vital factors."

"It gets right back to the old law of supply and demand."

"When there is plenty of any commodity and no demand, the price drops. When the same commodity is in heavy demand and scarce, the price goes up."

Local dealers declare potatoes are no higher in Indianapolis than in other cities, and point to Chicago prices as proof.

On Feb. 10 northern potatoes were selling at \$5 a hundred pounds; on March 10 at \$10 a hundred pounds, and today at \$7.50 a hundred pounds.

At no time have dealers been able to buy in large quantities, they claim.

A report that there were fourteen cars of potatoes on track yesterday, which had not been disposed of, was news to large dealers, they said.

Under normal conditions there are usually from thirty to forty cars on track and the local market can absorb but fifteen to twenty-five cars daily, the dealers say.

**BOSSE SHAPES
PARTY SESSION**

Vice President Marshall Made
Temporary Chairman.

Plans for the state democratic convention, May 18 and 19, were discussed today by Benjamin F. Bosse, state chairman; Edward G. Hoffman of Ft. Wayne, W. S. Chambers of Newcastle and A. C. Sallee of Indianapolis, composing a committee appointed to arrange for the convention.

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall was named temporary chairman of the convention and former Gov. Samuel F. Ralston was named permanent chairman.

Claude G. Bowers of Ft. Wayne will be permanent secretary, and John Sherr of Indianapolis will be sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Bowers, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Chambers and Mr. Sallee were named on a committee to draft a statement of state issues for the campaign.

Thomas Taggart, democratic candidate for United States senator, was in Indianapolis today conferring with democratic leaders.

Negotiations for changing the headquarters for the Claypool hotel from the Denison hotel were entered into today.

HANG 16 BANDITS