

MAN ON FIRE BEGS AID FOUR TIMES

Watchman, 73, Near Death
When Firemen Come.

His clothes on fire, John Adair, 73, made three ineffectual attempts to call the fire department early today, but failed, and now is in critical condition at the City hospital.

The aged man was sleeping in the garage of the Wiley Automobile and Machine Company, 334 South Pennsylvania street, when his clothing caught fire from a stove near which he was sleeping. When finally found by the firemen after a fourth call was traced he was terribly burned.

First he tried to put out the fire by pouring water on himself, but failed. He then tried the telephone.

The first call was received by the fire department at 5:30 a. m., when the firemen were called to the 500 block on North Alabama street.

Two other wrong alarms were received, each time from a man whose voice was hesitatingly, and who seemed terribly agitated.

After a fourth call, the telephone operator traced it and found it came from 334 South Pennsylvania street.

Capt. Ray, of the police department, sent Motor Police Finney and Lansing to investigate and they found the garage filled with smoke.

Adair was found with the clothing burned from his body, and flesh dropping from his limbs.

He had been employed as night watchman at the garage for three months.

He was born on a farm south of Beech Grove, and was a carpenter for many years.

In recent years he is said to have "wintered" at the county poor farm.

CITY'S FREIGHT MOVING FASTER

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I am sure, and we don't expect any trouble from the sort of agitators who have done such damage among the switchmen.

"There is nothing behind these new organizations—no stability and no ability to form or keep control of the movement."

Mr. Alley, E. H. Steward, secretary of the Hoosier Lodge, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and other union officials said the strike situation was growing easier and predicted that an end will come in a short time.

The Big Four railroad is making plans to increase its working force in the local yards, and it was announced that all switchmen who do not return to work by 7 o'clock in the morning will lose their seniority with the company and will be forced to begin at the bottom again if they return later.

That means regulars will go on extra shifts and day men will have to return to night work, conductors will lose their grade, and all will lose their pass privileges.

B. R. T. OFFICIAL
GIVES CONDITIONS.

C. H. Reno, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of the Big Four system, said on his return from St. Louis that the strike situation is clearing up in Chicago and St. Louis, but is getting worse in New York.

The south, he said, has not been affected by the movement.

"The brotherhoods have entered into an agreement with the president to have our wage demands considered by a government board," said Reno.

For brotherhood members not to abide by that agreement is illegal and in bad faith.

"The strike must fail because the general managers of the railroads have emphatically declared they will not treat with this rump organization (the yardmen's association) and even if they were disposed to they would be powerless in the face of the signed agreement with the president."

Representative Indianapolis business men pledged themselves to support the Riley room of the Claypool hotel last night to support the railroads and the railroad brotherhoods in their struggle to defeat the outlaws.

Officials of railroads explained the situation, placing emphasis on the fact that the switchmen are violating a contract agreement in striking at this time.

Charges were made that radical and irresponsible elements among the yardmen have prevailed over the good sense of the more faithful workers.

J. W. Conners, Pennsylvania superintendent, said that he had to be employed in the yards if the railroad brotherhoods are unable to break the strike, and his sentiments were reflected in M. V. Hyman, general superintendent of the C. & W. P. Schaff, Big Four superintendent; William Ward, Illinois Central agent, and Pierce J. Landers, superintendent of the Indianapolis Union railway.

Charles F. Coffin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, declared the time has come to show a group of individuals that a contract is not a scrap of paper.

Mr. Coffin said if it became necessary he would take a place in the railroad yards and endeavor to aid the operation of the roads.

RADICALS CONDEMNED
IN RESOLUTIONS.

A resolution presented by O. B. Iles, president of the Associated Employers, urging determined support of the railway management and the brotherhoods recommending patience on the part of shippers and condemning efforts of radicals to disturb business conditions, was passed.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, The four train service organizations, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors, have entered into contracts with the railroads of the United States in relation to wages, hours, and working conditions, and in the present transition stage of the railroad systems from government control to private ownership the heads of these railway organizations have agreed to the present status and the effective operation of the railroads until the machinery provided by the recent act of congress (the transportation act of 1920) can be put into effective operation to consider wage questions; and

"Whereas, Certain members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, in opposition to the advice and authority of their officers and board, have quit their employment and set up a new and

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

The British War Veterans' association will hold a dinner and smoker at the Lincoln hotel next Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to discuss plans for a celebration May 24, Queen Victoria's birth anniversary. Men wishing to attend the dinner may communicate with Bernard R. Haddad, 803 Hume-Mansur building.

A large day looms on the small boy's horizon. It is April 24 when the Carl Hagenbeck and Great Wallace Shows, combined, will open the circus season in Indianapolis.

A special car carried Indianapolis members of the American Chemical society to the St. Louis national convention, leaving here last night.

William Corydon, 516 South Missouri street, won't be worried by strike news for thirty days. Judge Pritchard gave him a \$100 fine and thirty days on the penal farm for violation of the state prohibition law.

Chester Jackson, 820 North Illinois street, next week will take the post-office court for trial on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of his minor son by sending him to purchase cigars.

The protest of members of the First Congregational and First Presbyterian churches against the proposal of the Standard Oil Company to build a gas-line filling station at Sixteenth and North Delaware streets has been forwarded to the main offices of the company by William C. Chesbro, local manager. The company has an option on the site, now occupied by a large brick house.

Jess Ratcliff, colored, when arrested yesterday for throwing stones at a street car, gave his address at 219 North Liberty street, according to the police. Investigation showed Mr. and Mrs. John Stetler live there and that Ratcliff does not.

Mrs. A. F. Brandenburg, 2925 Rader street, declared today it took the post-office department twelve days to deliver a package of coloring for Easter eggs, which was mailed less than eight miles from Indianapolis. The package was mailed on April 1 and reached her yesterday. A carton of eggs mailed at the same time, however, arrived for Easter.

Mrs. Brandenburg said it was an example of the need for higher wages for postoffice employees.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Moravian Episcopal church will give a noon luncheon at the home of Mrs. Fred Willis, 2516 North Pennsylvania street, Wednesday evening.

The Sunday school class formerly taught by Mrs. Emma Wheatly gave a farewell reception in her honor this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herschel Stiner, 1506 Woodlawn avenue.

The monthly meeting of the Calendar club of the Edwin Ray Methodist church will be held at the church Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments will be served and the April reports read.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist City Missionary church met at the Second and Madison street Monday evening. Plans for religious and American union work among the foreign population of the city were discussed.

A carnival dance will be given tomorrow night by the young women of Assumption at the Assumption hall, 1105 Blaine avenue.

The Only Euchre club will give a card party tonight at Musicians' hall, 143 East Ohio street.

The Wednesday Needle club, Myrtle temple No. 7, Fifth Street, held an all-day meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Verma Arnold, 1516 West Twenty-fifth street.

T. W. Bennett circle No. 23, ladies of C. A. R., met tonight on the fourth floor of the courthouse.

Independent organization having no contract relations with the railway systems of the United States and have violated their contracts with the railroads and the railway management and by this action they have interrupted the commerce of the country, bringing hardship to the people and threatening interference with the right of workers in all industry to continue in their employment; and

"Whereas, We recognize as worthy the efforts being put forth by the management of the United States to preserve traffic conditions and to afford normal facilities to commerce, now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, by this meeting of Indianapolis shippers and business men, on Monday evening, April 12, 1920, That we co-operate with and uphold the management of the railway systems in their attempts to assist the officers and boards of the four brotherhoods to assert their rights over their respective membership to the end that their contracts may be kept inviolable and that the business of the country may go on unimpeded; and

"That we recommend to shippers patience and co-operation with the railway management in order that the least possible amount of result from the present situation; and

"That we condemn efforts of radicals both inside and outside of the existing organizations to disturb the business of the country and by force to compel a compliance with their demands; and

"That we affirm our insistence upon law and order and the observance of contracts between employer and employee; and

"That we pledge to the railway management our co-operation and assistance in all ways to bring order out of the present disorderly conditions."

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About twenty witnesses from Evansville, including city officials, were summoned to appear before the jury and it is said that sensational developments may result.

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N. Y. Commuters Stoke Own Trains

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The firing was done by Capt. Newell P. Weed, former captain of a machine gun company in the war, and Elliott Briston, also a former service man.

Both are members of wealthy families.

Another train was fired by Cyrus Currier and J. Edwin Williams, Manhattan business men.

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