

MPRR Strike Halts 10 Trains On Cotton Belt

Texas & Pacific Suspends 6 Runs On Missouri Pacific

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10 (UP)—Picket lines of striking Missouri Pacific Railroad workers today tied up all operations of the cotton belt road in Missouri and Illinois.

Train crews of the Cotton Belt refused to run their trains through picket lines set up by Missouri Pacific strikers on tracks used jointly by the two railroads.

R. E. Davidson, spokesman for the engineers, trainmen, firemen and conductors who walked off the job at the Missouri Pacific yesterday, said the tie-up was "a regrettable misunderstanding." He said the Cotton Belt trains would be allowed to go through.

10 Still Held

But Cotton Belt officials said 10 of their trains were still held up at 5:30 p. m. Indianapolis time because of refusal of crews to cross picket lines. These included four freight and one passenger train at Dupo, Ill., and St. Louis and a similar number at Illinois.

Meanwhile, the Texas and Pacific announced at Dallas it was temporarily suspending operation of six passenger trains which it operates over Missouri Pacific tracks to Texarkana, Tex. These included the Texas Eagle which will be discontinued east of Dallas.

Effects of the walkout of 5000 key operating personnel were spreading to communities and industries on the Missouri-Pacific's 7200 mile system.

One in Bankruptcy

At Wichita, Kan., an oil refinery, which ships 500 to 600 tank cars a month, was isolated. The firm planned to build emergency tracks to other railroads nearby.

Another oil firm used trucks to haul its products to other railroads.

The Missouri Pacific, which went bankrupt in 1933, still is in the jurisdiction of the federal courts. Union officials said the strike could not be interpreted as a strike against the government. Railroad officials refused to comment.

Trucking firms in the 11-state area served by the railroad prepared for a "land office" business.

Blaze Gut 2 Downtown Rochester Buildings

ROCHESTER, Ind., Sept. 10 (UP)—Fire swept through two downtown buildings here today. The fire was brought under control after more than three hours.

Interiors of both the New York Candy Kitchen and the Berghoff Tavern were gutted. Peru, Plymouth and Logansport fire departments assisted Rochester firemen.

Stewart, Bride Take Honeymoon



Film actor Jimmy Stewart and his bride, the former Gloria McLean, pause before boarding an airliner in Los Angeles enroute to a belated one-month honeymoon in Honolulu.

Veterinarian Faces Trial For Dragging Mule By Neck

ATLANTA, Sept. 10 (UP)—Ice wagon mules, take courage. You have friends in court.

Standing room only is predicted for Recorder's Court Monday when a veterinarian answers charges that he was cruel to one of the faithful beasts that plod the city streets hauling ice.

More than 100 irate citizens got worked up here Friday when the vet hooked a chain around the mule's neck after it had been injured by a truck and hauled it several blocks on bare pavement until its hide smoked.

The vet, L. G. Shantz, denied the cruelty charges, saying he was doing the best he could to get the animal off the street.

Pulled Behind Truck

City Patrolman C. H. Hammock said he arrived on the scene and the mule to the Southland Ice Co., where the animal, one eye almost punched out and otherwise in severe pain, was given a merciful injection that put him out of his misery.

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The next thing I knew he had started again, pulling the mule ice plant.

Hold Ex-Convict In Shooting Of Little Earl

Former Loyal Aid Of Shelton Gang Denies He's Guilty

FAIRFIELD, Ill., Sept. 10 (UP)—Ex-convict "Black Charley" Harris, once a loyal aid of the notorious "Shelton gang," was arrested today on a warrant for the fourth ambush shooting of a Shelton family member in two years.

He denied any connection with the shooting of Little Earl Shelton, 30, who survived 10 bullet wounds and charged that Harris' red convertible was the assassin's car.

Three of Little Earl's uncles, leaders of a gang that used tanks and airplanes in prohibition era warfare with rivals, have been shot and two of them died in the current feud with unknown assailants.

Harris was booked for assault to commit murder and released on \$5000 bond until a preliminary hearing Oct. 3. Harris said he has been out of service for 18 years since last Tuesday. Little Earl was shot early yesterday in his car before his home here.

Sure He Hit Car

Little Earl said he returned the fire with a pistol he carried in a shoulder holster. He was sure he hit the attacker's car. But Harris said his car belongs to marks and ordered to display it in the courthouse square "for everybody to see."

Harris broke with Shelton family two years ago after an argument over stray cattle found wandering between their Southern Illinois farm properties.

Authorities refused to intervene in Little Earl's shooting until a warrant was signed.

Big Earl Shelton, shot here last May by an unknown person, received revenge on the "dirty dogs" that attacked his nephew.

Little Earl guarded Big Earl during his recovery in a hospital and Big Earl returned the favor for his nephew last night. A policeman also was on duty.

Refused to Indict Him

Harris was suspected in the slaying of Big Earl Shelton, boss of the gang, who was ambushed on his farm in October, 1947, but a grand jury refused to indict him. A hidden sniper took the life of Bernie Shelton a year later at Peoria Ill.

Little Earl was in the Deaconess Hospital at Evansville, Ind. His condition was reported "satisfactory." Eight of the 10 slugs have been removed. Doctors said he was "too tough" to die.

Open House and Lunch

The grand opening of the Indianapolis office of the Shaffer Music Co., 1327 N. Capitol Ave., will be celebrated with open house from 12 noon to 6 p. m. today.

A buffet lunch will be served at 4 p. m.

WAGE STABILITY URGED

With respect to these present conditions in the general economy the board said: "While there may be conditions in particular industries which require correction through wage rate adjustments, in general it seems desirable at this time to stabilize the level of wage rates."

"In the steel industry we have not found such conditions or inequities and for all the reasons old age government pensions

Summary of Findings by President's Steel Board

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 (UP)—Text of the summary of the President's steel fact finding board:

I.—The report makes certain findings and conclusions about the respective arguments of the parties, and makes recommendations as to a fair and equitable basis for the settlement of the current dispute between the United Steelworkers of America and some 53 basic steel companies (including subsidiaries). The companies are listed in Appendix B of the report. The union now has about a half million members in the basic steel industry who are involved in this dispute.

II.—The unions' demands were for:

1.—A general wage rate increase of 12½ cents per hour. All companies rejected this.

2.—Social insurance paying weekly benefits for sickness and accident, and hospital and medical expenses. Some companies rejected this demand; others were willing to bargain.

3.—Pensions of \$125 per month at age 65. The companies rejected this demand, saying that pensions were not bargainable under the contract at this time.

III—Board recommendations:

The board recommended against any wage rate increase at this time. It recommended the adoption of social insurance plans at reduced amounts from those asked by the union. It recommended a system of pensions in an amount below that demanded by the union; but suggested a labor-management study of demands and costs of pensions to be completed by next Mar. 1.

WEIGHS ALL ASPECTS

Findings and recommendations of the report:

A—Wage rate increase.

The board recommends that the union withdraw this demand.

Reasons:

1.—The board considered the economic position of the steelworkers compared with workers in other industries; the stockholders of the steel companies; the steel companies themselves; consumers of steel, and the income receivers in the general community.

2.—The board found that a wage rate increase in steel would "probably be urged as a pattern to be followed in other industries; this in turn might well cause price dislocations with adverse effects in the general economy and on the steel industry itself."

3.—The board also found that the recent "recession" seems to have "flattened out" or "turned upward."

Reports issued as late as the day before yesterday, Sept. 8, 1949, by the Bureau of Census and the Federal Reserve Board repeated what earlier government publications had said. Steel operations, too, are up from 70 per cent of capacity in July, 1949 (the recent low point), to more than 86 per cent as of last week.

POINT FOR BARGAINING

6—Pensions.

(A)—The board holds that pensions are bargainable—not under the contract but under the Taft-Hartley Law.

(B)—It recommends that pension plans be set up, to cost a little more than one-half as much as the union has requested to provide (when added to average

stated in the report) we do not believe there should be a wage rate adjustment now."

B—Social insurance and pensions:

The board recommended that a system of social insurance and pensions be established in the steel industry, saying: "Social insurance and pensions should be considered a part of normal business costs to take care of temporary and permanent depreciation in the human 'machine' in much the same way as depreciation is made for depreciation and insurance of plant and machinery. This obligation should be among the first charges on revenues."

(C)—It recommends that the plan be paid for by the employer, i. e., non contributory.

(D)—The great trend in recent years in pensions and in social insurance is toward non-contributory plans.

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