

# KOLCHAK FAILURE, RUSS FEAR

Situation Again Critical because Omsk Government Shattered by Discussions.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The Russian situation again is critical. Admiral Kolchak, picked by the peace conference at Paris, to lead a stable Russian government, has utterly failed. His troops are reaching complete annihilation. Latest advice reaching Washington official and diplomatic circles indicate that the so-called Omsk government is shattered by dissensions. Its armies are shy of arms and munitions. Shipments sent to them via Siberia either have failed to reach them or have been lost in action and are now on the way will arrive too late to do any good.

Foodstuffs sent forward as a result of the promises made by the Paris conference, have failed to reach their destination. All the information reaching Washington indicates that the complete downfall of the Kolchak government is a matter of weeks, possibly of days.

A complete report detailing exact conditions in Russia is expected by the state department very soon. Roland S. Morris, the American ambassador to Japan, is now enroute back to his post at Tokio following an investigation at first hand of Russian conditions. His preliminary report already is in the hands of Secretary Lansing, but has been withheld from the public. However, it is understood that he has reported that the Kolchak forces are being pressed back at every point by the Bolshevik troops and that some of the most influential of Kolchak's former associates have deserted him.

It is understood that there will be no change for the present in the position taken by the U. S. toward the Lenin-Trotzky government in Russia. Although representatives of that government are here in the U. S. and have been endeavoring to secure a resumption of trade between Russia and America on a basis of gold deposits in Sweden the U. S. is standing by its understanding with the allied governments that the blockade of Bolshevik Russia shall continue. In Paris in June the allied governments endeavored to have President Wilson authorize complete recognition of the Kolchak government. This was refused, but the president entered into an agreement whereby all possible aid was promised to the admiral. Arms, ammunition and foodstuffs have been sent forward since then. However, now it seems certain that the bulk of these supplies cannot be delivered and it is likely that further shipments will be held here.

## DIRTY SHIRT STRIKE IS LATEST

Unless your wife does plain and fancy washing, you are likely to go around with a dirty collar and shirt next week. Single men are going to be hit hard.

Unless the Gary laundry drivers get their salary increases and commissions on or before Saturday night they have voted to go on strike Monday morning.

They are demanding \$1.00 a week and twelve per cent commission on collections. Their present scale is \$1.00 a week and eleven per cent commission. They also ask the week-end off Saturday noon.

According to C. M. Leary this morning, owner of the Double L Laundry, one of the biggest concerns of its kind in Gary, the drivers refused to arbitrate. "It isn't the wages we object to as much as other questions involved," said Mr. Leary. "While the increase will mean nearly \$1,500 a year to us, we are up against the problem of the Chinese laundries, shipment of laundry out of the city and other questions involved."

It is thought that the laundries and the drivers will come to some terms.

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## SHOPMEN GATHER IN CHICAGO

Delegates From Local Railway Crafts Attend Important Session.

## STRIKERS ARE FACED WITH EXPULSION

Railway Shopmen Out On Strike, Must Make a Decision Today.

Interest in the railroad shopmen's strike at the Kirk yards in Gary shifted from labor headquarters on Broadway today to the Garfield Hall, 5444 Wentworth ave., Chicago, where hundreds of local strikers and delegates are attending the convention of delegates of the railroad shop crafts.

The convention is considered of great importance. All the delegates from the cities and towns in the Chicago district will be in attendance. Matters of interest pertaining to the strike and its settlement will be open to discussion. At the mass meeting at the labor hall yesterday the strikers were waiting late news from Washington, but as late as noon today no advices had been received.

Delegates of the international officers to break the ranks of the strikers has been without avail. The shopmen are standing firm and no fear is evidenced that they will give in until they either get their demands or go back to work at the advice of the union heads. The strike has boiled down to a fight between officials of the international organization and the Chicago district council, with which the Gary strikers are affiliated. The district council charges the international officials of having betrayed the interests of the rank and file of the organization.

That the railroad administration will deal with the strikers only through the duly chosen international officers of the regularly constituted organizations and their authorized committee was again refreshed in the minds of the strikers by Director General Hines in a letter today.

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Steel common was prominent advancing to 103%, but changes in the list generally at the start were about evenly divided between gains and losses with strength developing in the metals which declined in the initial transactions.

Baldwin Locomotive opened down 4% at 109%, advanced to 111% and dropped to 110. American Locomotive was influenced by a rumor that an extra dividend will be declared at the directors meeting today and rose over two points to 92%. American Telephone and Telegraph gained one point to 8. Transcontinental Oil which was listed last night, sold at 45% to 46%, against 46, the last closing. The curb Tobacco Products dropped one point to 102%, and then rallied to 103%. Studebaker moved up 1% to 107%, and then reacted to 106%. Pan-American Petroleum advanced 2% to 111% from which it reacted to 110%.

Mr. C. E. Boardman, recently discharged from the army service, has re-opened his office at 522 Broadway, Reynolds building, Gary, Ind. Practice limited to eye, ear, nose and throat.

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## CHURCH EDIFICE TO BE ERECTED IN GARY

Bids have been asked for the construction of the St. Paul's Baptist Church, 2135 Washington street, Gary, to cost \$10,000.

The church has a congregation of 600 and is one of the first for colored people to be established in Gary. Rev. Bolen is its pastor and Richard Fane is chairman of the building committee.

The building which is of brick will be added to the basement that the congregation has been using and will accommodate 150 or 200 pews.

## TENNIS FINALS ARE POSTPONED

Because of the absence of Fred Jay who recently captured the city racquet title in Gary, the doubles in the Tennis Championship which was to have been played Saturday have been postponed a week later. Coach Osborne who is conducting the matches in the absence of Coach Jack Gilroy, made this announcement yesterday.

Thirty Days in Jail For Attacking Girl.

In the next 30 days, C. Sandbrook, a resident of the Delaware Hotel, in Gary, will have ample time to decide whether or not he is going to leave young girls alone in the future.

Yesterday before Judge Dunn in the city court he was fined a sum of \$20 and sent to the County Jail at Crown Point for a period of 30 days for attacking a thirteen year old girl. He said he had been drinking and did not know what he was doing. "Poor excuse," said the Judge.

## ACTORS STRIKE WILL NOT AFFECT GARY

Gary playhouses will not be affected because of the actor's strike in Chicago, local theatrical managers declared today. There is but little business in the Gary theatres and it will be possible for the booking agencies to

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## STRIKERS ARE FACED WITH EXPULSION

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ents to secure all the talent that they wish. All vaudeville houses are advertising regular shows today.

## GARY BANKERS ELECT DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

At the meeting of the Gary chapter of the American Institute of Bankers held at the Y. M. C. A. to elect delegates, C. G. Boursler of the Gary State Bank, and G. P. Smith of International Trust & Savings Bank were chosen to represent Gary at the convention to be held at New Orleans October 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The Gary chapter was organized last April and much interest is manifested in the classes that are to open for fall work in September with an increase in the membership and a number of social functions are in course of being arranged.

## FORMER GARY WOMAN IS DEAD IN PENNSYLVANIA.

A Scranton, Pennsylvania, newspaper has news of the death of a former Gary woman, Mrs. John Flynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGinn, 733 Connecticut street, Gary, as follows:

"The funeral of Mrs. John Flynn, of 226 North Fillmore avenue, took place this morning. Mrs. Flynn was highly respected among her neighbors. She was a wholesouled generous Christian woman, full of human sympathy. Many friends gathered to pay their final respects to the memory of the deceased and many of them sent beautiful flowers as tokens of sympathy."

"At 9 o'clock the body was taken to St. Patrick's church, where a high mass

of requiem was celebrated by Rev. William F. Lavin. At the conclusion of the mass the body was borne to Cathedral cemetery and laid at rest in the family plot."

Local officers were of the opinion that

Jewell's threat brought the walkout to a crisis. Its success or failure was to be decided, they opined, at today's session.

In the meantime freight was accumulat-

ing at Chicago terminals. Most of this is destined for the West. Foodstuffs, and perishable freight, it was

stated, is being handled normally. Passen-

ger service is suffering, many trains

in and out of Chicago, being delayed.

The general situation, regional direc-

tors reported, showed little improvement.

Twenty-six roads running into Chicago

reported that no men had returned to

work up to this morning. Two roads,

the Chicago & Alton and the Baltimore

& Ohio, reported that their boilermakers

had voted to return to work. The Erie

reported fifty shopmen returning to work

at Hammond.

A number of Gary people which in-

cluded Madames A. C. Warner, W.

J. White, Forest Rhodes, E. R. Dav-

ies and the Misses Beatrice Cavell, Ruth Palmer and Edith Garner who

have been spending a week at a Hud-

son Lake summer home have returned

to Gary.

ASS'T CHIEF SEI- FERT IMPROVING.

Word this morning from the Mercy

hospital relates that Assistant Fire

Chief Adam Seifert of the central fire

station, Gary, who underwent a seri-

ous operation ten days ago, is improv-

ing nicely and will soon be able to be

removed to his home.

WOMAN IS INJURED.

Mrs. E. W. Cook, 125 W. Eighth ave.

gutted a painful injury at Twenty-

fourth ave. and Broadway yesterday

evening when an automobile driven by

Mr. Cook was struck by a Gary & In-

terurban car. The auto was badly dam-

aged.

Quiet Spell in Gary.

Outside of a few arrests, it was ex-

ceptionally quiet at the Gary police

station yesterday afternoon and last

night. "Everybody is on their good be-

havior," said Desk Sergeant Miller.

REV. SMITH BUILDING A \$10,000 HOME.

J. E. Smith, minister and home build-

er, has commenced construction on his

modern and up to date \$10,000 home at

\$35 Johnson street, Gary. It will be

constructed of brick, contains nine

rooms and when completed will be one

of the most attractive buildings in the

west side residential section. Besides

being a minister of the gospel Mr. Smith

is also a large building contractor, hav-

ing erected and sold many costly build-

ings in the steel city.

BOTH SIDES ARE CONFIDENT

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—The American

Locomotive Co. today increased the divi-

idend at a meeting of directors on its

common stock from a five to six per cent

per annum basis by the declaration of a

regular quarterly dividend of 1% per

cent on that issue; in addition to the

regular quarterly dividend of 1% per

cent on the preferred stock. Both divi-

dends are payable Sept. 30 to holders of

record Sept. 13.