

## Steel Organizer Predicts Greatest Tieup

### UNCLE SAM SENDS REPRESENTATIVES TO REGION PLANS FOR BIG STRIKE ARE TOLD

#### U. S. AGENT BEGINS HIS FOOD SURVEY

Special Representative of Department of Justice Expects to Find Fertile Field in Region.

Profiteers and food hoarders of the Calumet region are now receiving the attention of the U. S. Department of Justice. Investigations which had been started by the federal agents were confined to other parts of the state and for some reason this corner was neglected.

Special Agent M. L. Rabbitt, who has headquarters at Hammond, had been working in other cities for two weeks but this morning he returned to Hammond with orders to confine his activities to the Calumet district cities of Gary, Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago.

In the orders received by Mr. Rabbitt attention was called to the fact that the sugar equalization board had fixed the fair price for sugar at ten cents per pound wholesale and eleven cents retail.

**PRICES THEY CAN CHANGE.** All dealers who are selling sugar under licenses issued by the board are expected to charge these prices. Dealers who overcharge are to have their licenses revoked.

This opens up a fertile field for the federal agent as dealers in Hammond, Gary and East Chicago were reported last week to be charging various prices for sugar ranging from eleven to eighteen cents. It is said that one big wholesaler the latter part of the week raised his price to fifteen and one-half cents. Several retailers flatly refused to buy from him and as a result they have no sugar in their stores today.

**REPORT FOODSTUFF HOARDING.** Reports have also been current that vast quantities of cured meats and groceries had been brought to Hammond and other cities by Chicago wholesalers and stored wherever warehouses could be found. Mr. Rabbitt already has a large amount of information part of which has been worked up by agents in Chicago in their investigations of the packers and big wholesalers.

While there are no packing plants or cold storage plants of any size in the Calumet region which would be suitable for handling fresh meats, eggs, chickens and butter in large quantities, there are many large warehouses which can be used for hoarding canned goods, sugar, cured meats and dried fruits and federal investigation it is expected that some interesting disclosures will be made before long.

#### WELL KNOWN HARBOR MAN NEAR DEATH

20th Century Limited Hits Sam Barber on Railway Crossing Yesterday

Sam Barber, of 3711 Pitt st., Indiana Harbor, narrowly escaped being killed when his machine which he was driving across the Pennsylvania tracks at Indiana Harbor was hit by the Twentieth Century Limited yesterday. As a freight train passed the gates went up and a string of autos headed by Mr. Barber started to cross the tracks. Suddenly the watchman waved them back. They all reversed but Mr. Barber's car the one behind him and the flyer was atop of the Barker car. He jumped and the train hit his car. Mr. Barber sustained slight injuries. Eye witnesses were R. Andrews, Chicago; Charles Berry, East Chicago; R. Clark and D. L. Mitchell of Indiana Harbor.

#### STREET CAR COMPANY SUED

The H. W. & E. C. Ry. Co. was made defendant in a damage suit filed this morning by Henry Aronson in the Hammond superior court. Aronson says he boarded a car in Chicago to come to Hammond and that while coming south on Sheffield ave., in Hammond, the car collided with a motor truck. He was thrown from his seat against other objects and suffered a broken hip together with other injuries. The accident occurred January 15, 1918, and he says that since then he has been unable to follow his usual work, running a fish market. He asks for \$20,000 damages. His attorneys are Fred Barnett of Hammond and Busch, Loebman & Roemer of Chicago.

#### LADY GRANARD ON WAY TO AMERICA



Lady Beatrice Granard. Lady Beatrice Granard of England has just sailed for New York. She is coming to America to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Mills of Newport, R. I.

#### WHITING BOY MEETS END IN B. & O. YARDS

Steals Ride on Freight from South Chicago and Slips Between the Cars.

WHITING, Ind., Aug. 18.—John Minarich, a sixteen year old lad whose home is at White Oak avenue and Fred street, met a horrible death yesterday afternoon in the B. & O. C. T. yards. He and four other Whiting lads had stolen a ride from South Chicago on a freight train and in alighting John slipped and fell between the cars. Twenty cars passed over him before the train came to a stop and he was terribly mangled. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from St. John's Slovak church here and interment will be at Hammond. The boy's mother is a widow.

#### BLACKSMITH RUNS AMUCK

John Kuro, a blacksmith, 27 years old, living at 9 Dearborn street, in Hammond, was arrested Saturday evening by officers Hanlon and Fandl of the Hammond police charged with shooting with intent to kill.

It is charged that Kuro went over to a saloon at the corner of State Line St. and Gostlin street, started a row and was put out by the bartender. Kuro who had been drinking then went home and got a revolver and returned to the saloon and walked up to a man by the name of Charles Carr of Chicago and spoke to him. When Carr turned around Kuro shot two shots point blank at him. One bullet missed and the other one entered Carr's chest just below the heart. Kuro then ran passing through the yard of officer Fandl who had been awakened by the shots and with officer Hanlon gave chase to Kuro capturing him a block away. He was taken to the Hammond police station but was later turned over to the Burnham police department.

#### ACCUSED OF SERIOUS CHARGE.

**(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)** CROWN POINT, Ind., Aug. 18.—An affidavit against Henry Pechel, whose true name is unknown, a fellow who had been working around the farms at St. Johns, was filed on Saturday at Crown Point. Pechel is charged with attempting to ravish 10-year old Eleanor Konors of St. Johns. Her parents were attending a dance at Spring Hill Grove, St. Johns, and left her outside the dance hall in their car. Pechel came along and made advances to the child and attempted to attack her. Her screams attracted attention. The fellow ran away and was later caught and placed in jail at Crown Point. The crowd was very much incensed at Pechel's actions and if they had gotten hold of him they would have dealt severely with him.

#### COLUMBIA A. C.'S WIN.

In a close and exciting game at the Hammond ball park yesterday, the Columbia A. C. defeated the St. Michael's team 2 to 1. Kru's two-bagger won the game for the local boys. Women with eight strikeouts to his credit allowed four hits and Kowalski with ten strikeouts allowed five hits. It was one of the best baseball games ever seen in Hammond.

#### DID YOU HEAR THAT

GEORGE DOBBINS celebrated his thirty-first birthday last Saturday by entertaining some friends in Chicago. He walked them all over the city trying to find a place good enough for them to dine in. "Habe" Ruth was unable to go, but acknowledged George's presence in the park by poling a home run.

W. G. PAXTON, who is summering somewhere, is expected back this week. The old buildings on his newly acquired Holman street property are being removed and plans as to their successors will be made public when Paxton returns.

COL. WALTER J. RILEY, of East Chicago, who has been in Hammond for three days as the personal representative of Adj. Gen. H. B. Smith, sent an exhaustive report of the Standard Steel car plant situation to the state capital yesterday.

MAURICE CHAMPAIGN, who likes nothing better than the good red earth and being very close to it, took a spin in an airplane the other night and was told the tale. He has it on Pop Chubby nowadays.

COUNTY TREASURER M. J. BROWN is able to be out again after his strenuous holding exercises at the Shrine ball game. He charges that the umpire treated him rough in insisting that he keep one foot on the ground while going after high drives.

DR. O. O. MELTON, of Hammond, will represent this section of the state on the Indiana Medical Association program for its coming annual meeting. He is engaged in the preparation of a paper on "Conservation in Medicine."

OFFICER GEORGE HANLON is somewhat concerned over the story that he was hit by a striker in the Standard Steel car disaster. "They never touched me," says George. "The shoe was on the other foot."

CILES WARNER was watching the aeroplane splitting the empyrean over Hammond and declared that about as high as he ever cared to go was at the top of a step ladder.

PROS. ATTY. CLYDE CLEVELAND after trying a trying case in the city court found that somebody had traded lids with him and he would be much obliged for its return and everything.

FRANK O'BURKE, who pals with Comisky on the world's series trips, is a baseball cyclopedia who could tell you, for instance, what suit Eddie Cicotte wore when his father lapped him the time he stole the watermelon.

MOTORCYCLE POLICE LUTE wishes that the blamed strike was over so that he could go back and finish up his vacation that he had only used one day of.

DOC SHANKLIN, who went away on a vacation after he had promised to take care of several gardens belonging to people who had gone on vacations, is expected back today and there is excellent prospect for trouble.

HERB LAMPRELL, of the American Glue Company, and Homer Carr, editor of the Gary Tribune, were sadly victimized by the famous Hees cold tea at the Shrine picnic and contributed liberally.

JOHN HAAACK, the TIMES' stereotyper, has two carp on exhibition in a catch basin which he saves by all that is holy grew therein from 3 to 16 inches long in three weeks and he has both the fish and catchbasin to show for it.

JUDGE WALTER HARDY, who has been on tour and on vacation as you might say for some time, is back again ready to slip on the harness at a moment's notice.

C. E. PAYNE, doorman for the Lion Store, says that the street car strike hits the store hard but that the big store did a fine business on Saturday notwithstanding the strike.

H. J. DERNER, examiner in charge of the United States Employment office, started on his vacation of two weeks this morning. Joseph News is substituting for him.

L. L. HAGAMAN has sold his residence property in Greenwood and will go West to engage in the lumber business.

ALDERMAN FRANK MARTIN missed the chance of his life to jump on the neck of the street car company by not being at that meeting Wednesday evening.

WITH the Standard strike, the street car problem, fighting the h. c. l. and his regular work, Mayor Brown is Hammond's busiest man today.

BARNEY CARTER says that he does not recall a time before in eighteen years when the Green Line employees had Saturday and Sunday off.

#### YOUTHS ARRESTED FOR LARCENY.

Three youthful thieves, Adam Mulinski, 16 years old, 1749 Massachusetts street and Reynold and George Tarr, 1501 Massachusetts street, 13 and 12 years respectively are being held at the police station awaiting an investigation by the juvenile authorities.

#### H. C. L. ALSO HITS JOHN SINKO.

Although John Sinko, 25th and Mississippi street, Gary, had \$69.34 on his person, when he was arrested by the police Sunday, it is evident that nothing will be done until the fare increase has been attended to. Hammond yesterday for the first time in years spent a Sunday without street car service.

#### CONFERENCE UNDER WAY AT STANDARD

No Violence Reported at Standard Steel Car Plant This Morning.

**(BULLETIN)** 4 P. M.—It is understood that satisfactory progress is being made at the strike conference here among the conflicting interests in the Standard trouble and that things look favorable. The committee refuses to give any of the salient features of the conference, but merely said that everything "looks good."

**(BULLETIN)** INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 18.—Adj. Gen. Harry B. Smith last night said that no orders had been issued from his office for companies of the state militia to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Hammond, more recently than at the beginning of the strike, when such orders were issued, as is customary in the case of all strike disorders in the state. Gen. Smith said that Company B of Indianapolis had been called out at 3:00 o'clock Sunday morning, and said that if members of the company had been active at that hour it probably was in preparation for range practice at Fort Harrison yesterday. He said troops could not be called out until the sheriff of the county affected requested it with the statement that he could control the situation no longer.

Another conference is on at the Standard Steel Car Co. this morning between the plant officials and the committee representing the strikers. The committee consisting of Mayor Brown, Sheriff Barnes and Alderman Skufakis in an effort to reach some agreement whereby work may be resumed at the factory.

Following the meetings Saturday in which the men reluctantly consented to take a referendum vote on the matter of returning to work today preparations had been made for the balloting when the men underwent another change of heart and decided not to vote. However, it was agreed that they would keep the women out of the affair and would not interfere with foremen or other men who wished to return to their places.

This morning the crowd on the streets was nearly as large as on other mornings, but there was another car strike and only a few women early in the

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#### HAMMOND CAR STRIKE IS STILL ON

Changing their plans when the strike of Hammond street car employees broke things for a sudden head, the committee appointed by Mayor Brown to bargain with the Green Line officials has worked out its demands and will present them at a conference to be held this afternoon.

At the special meeting of the city council last Wednesday evening to consider the franchise amendment asked by the company, the officials showed a willingness to meet with a committee to discuss the matter. The committee was to meet this evening to formulate their demands but an earlier session was held and they are now ready for the struggle this afternoon.

Better service for Hammond sums it up in a nutshell. "The way one member of the committee put it in speaking of what would be asked of the street railway, 'Hammond has outgrown the old suburban service which the company has been furnishing for years and we believe we are entitled to something better. We have tried to be reasonable in the demands we will advance and believe the company accept. Cars should be running again tomorrow morning.'"

Better service during the rush hours will be insisted upon the same as is now being demanded. East Chicago and Whiting where the city administrations are holding out for ten-minute service. The committee will also ask for the construction of the much fought over Calumet avenue line with loop service over Calumet, Hoffman, Hohman and Conkey. This will give men working in the northeast part of the city a short route to the Standard Steel car plant and also provide street car service for school children direct to the Industrial high school.

In the meantime the striking employees have received no overtures from the company and it is evident that nothing will be done until the fare increase has been attended to. Hammond yesterday for the first time in years spent a Sunday without street car service.

#### FAMILY IS TRAPPED ON BRIDGE

Trapped on a railroad crossing at 5th avenue and the Pennsylvania tracks near Ambridge in Gary and an on-rushing train bearing down on them at a 40-mile an hour speed, was the hair-raising experience and narrow escape from death of the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Price, 19649 Ave., South Chicago, yesterday afternoon.

The Ford automobile in which they were riding was demolished. Two of the children, Forest and Ediel, were slightly injured and their injuries were cared for by Dr. Skoen after they had been brought to the Gary police station. According to witnesses Price was driven on west on 5th avenue. After getting over the first set of tracks Price saw, to his horror, that the lowerman had lowered the gates in front of him and spied the on-coming train. To avoid crashing through the gates he turned his along the tracks where it stalled. Jumping out of the machine Mr. and Mrs. Price started rescuing the children and it was while they were lifting the last two children out of the car that the train crashed into the Ford. Steel parts of the engine and wood were scattered in all directions. Other motorists nearby turned their eyes expecting to see the entire family wiped out. How they all escaped is only a miracle.

#### BAD THING TO TRY IN HAMMOND

Charles Ferris of Gary, was arrested last night by the Hammond police charged with disorderly conduct and fined \$10 and costs in the Hammond city court this morning by special Judge Tinkham.

It was claimed by several witnesses that Ferris stood in the lobby of a movie theatre and winked at three little girls and motioned them to follow him.

The girls stopped officer Powers of the Hammond police and told him about Ferris, who when he saw the officer, started to run, but after a short chase, Ferris who is about fifty years old was caught.

When questioned by the judge this morning, Ferris said he had come to Hammond to go to the Lake Forest school, but as the street cars were not running he had to stay in Hammond.

#### FOODSTUFFS ARE DELAYED.

Hammond's first carload of government foodstuffs did not arrive this morning as had been expected. Since early in the morning Mayor Brown and other city officials have been kept busy answering telephone calls from persons who were anxious to learn of the arrival of the low-priced canned goods and meat.

Mayor Brown has not received the latest price list on this food, but has learned that further reductions have been made in the prices. As soon as the first carload is moving nicely the order will be placed for another car. In future shipments he will try to get a consignment of hams and some of the low-priced sugar which the government is about to dispose of.

#### KILLED WHEN AUTO TURTLES

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., AUGUST 18.—A. R. Heiser, 70 member of the Indianapolis Live Stock firm of Clark, Wyssong & Co., crashed to death when his automobile, said to have been driving at a terrific speed, went wild on a road near here, skidded into a bank and turned over. Two men and two women in the car were only slightly hurt and are said to have disappeared immediately after the accident. Mr. Heiser's back was broken.

#### TWO KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE

TERRE HAUTE, IND., AUGUST 18. Adolph Brink and Mrs. Mary Welele, were killed when a train crashed into the automobile in which they were riding five miles east of here. The machine was ground and the locomotive, an airpne was broken and the train stopped automatically.

#### DEATH OF MRS. NAGEL

Mrs. Mary Nagel, mother of Manager Nagel of the Hammond baseball team, who has been very ill at her home in Oak Park, Ill., for a month, died early yesterday morning. The interment will be held on Wednesday at Calvary cemetery. The decedent leaves a husband, four sisters and two sons.

#### AN AD. ERROR

In Summers' Saturday ad a transportation occurred which was rather hideous in its effect. 65c and 75c Dyer Kiss Face Rouge and Powder was advertised at \$1.00 when it should have read of course, \$1 Rouge and Powder for 65c and 75c.

#### Gary School Ma'am Makes Discovery



Miss Vera L. Noyes.

Sometimes when the moon is in the right quarter, there are five paydays in a given month but whoever heard of six Sundays in any given week? Miss Vera L. Noyes of Gary, claims that she has heard of six Sundays, one right after the other. With the exception of Saturday, Sunday comes every payday in the week for her.

Miss Noyes explains that she is a teacher in the school of religion the Episcopal church, started along with the Jefferson public school at Gary. She holds Sunday School all week long, with Saturday as a holiday. Episcopal children who attend the Jefferson school also attend Miss Noyes' school for one hour a week and when permission from the school authorities is asked by their parents, and so from Monday morning until late Friday afternoon she teaches nine classes in twenty-one periods. Before taking over the school of religion, Miss Noyes was a public school teacher in Gary and previous to that she was a worker in Christ church in Chicago.

Such a school is unusual but now through the nation-wide campaign of the Episcopal Church, other such schools are to be established. The first of these will be at Toledo and the others will follow. It seems as though a better city than Gary should not have been chosen for the pioneer school, for Gary is always doing something new along educational lines and as someone has said of the town "everybody who lives there ought to be a high brow in five or ten years time." So progressive are the educational ideas which are put into practice.

#### ACCUSED Steel Companies.

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#### DOLLAR DAY SALE COMES NEXT WEEK

Hammond merchants are preparing for another of those popular Dollar Day Sales to be held Tuesday, Aug. 26. The present campaign against the high cost of living makes this Dollar Day Sale a timely one and it is believed the people will appreciate the opportunity afforded to purchase the household necessities at slashed prices.

From the time the first sale of this kind was held in Hammond, they have drawn in popularity until now they draw eager buyers from all of the adjacent territory. By studying the offerings and the different merchants in their advertisements, shoppers have been able to list purchases enough to cover almost an entire season and all so save many dollars what they would ordinarily cost.

#### FINALLY GETS WOUND BUTT.

Eric Lund is one of the first of this city's returned soldiers to receive the new wound button. He was gassed at Chateau Thierry and put out of commission for a while. On the second day after returning to the front he was wounded in the knee. Since returning to civilian life, Mr. Lund has lost fifty pounds in weight which brings him to about his weight when he entered into the service.

#### WANTS THE R. R. RETURNED

**(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)** WASHINGTON, AUGUST 18.—Craving return of the railroads of the country to private operation as soon as remedial legislation can be enacted, George A. Post, of New York, chairman of the railroad committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today presented the chamber's railroad plan to the house interstate commerce committee. There is manifest throughout the country "a strong, even overwhelming sentiment against continuance of federal control," he said.

#### A. F. L. Organizer Predicts Colossal Industrial Strike In Steel Industry.

"The United States is facing the greatest strike in its history—I think in the history of the world—a strike that will tie up the entire steel industry of the country," William Z. Foster, general organizer for the American Federation of Labor, told the Chicago Federation of Labor yesterday.

Foster, who has been organizing the steel workers in the Pittsburgh district, presided Saturday at a meeting of 400 delegates, representing about 200,000 steel and iron workers in the Chicago, Gary and Milwaukee districts. The meeting was held at 19 West Washington street.

**STRIKE IS VOTED.** At this meeting a strike vote was taken. Ninety-eight per cent of those present voted to strike, declared. At the same meeting the following message was sent to President Wilson: "We deny the denial of free speech and assembly in the Pittsburgh steel district."

Foster declared a strike vote, now being taken throughout the entire steel industry, will be completed Aug. 20. He added:

**PITTSBURGH A VOLCANO.** "That vote will show a large majority of the men in favor of striking. The Pittsburgh district is a volcano—ready to blow up at a moment's notice. When it blows, look out. For nearly a year I have been directing the organization of these workers. We haven't a 100 per cent organization, but we have enough steel workers in the Pittsburgh district in the union to tie up the district. The Chicago and Gary districts are well organized. We could tie up the entire steel industry this minute, and we're getting recruits every day."

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#### BALLARD IN GARY NEXT WEEK

As contemplated, Lieut. Ballard of the United States army aviation corps, who has been flying at Hammond in a recruiting campaign, will not reach Gary until the last part of the week, according to latest information today.

Instead of flying direct to Gary, he will make a half-way stop at East Chicago and Indiana Harbor in hopes of securing a number of recruits for the aviation service in those cities. The length of his stay in East Chicago and the Harbor depends upon his success.

In Hammond he secured in the neighborhood of forty recruits, and hopes to do as well, if not better, in Gary. When Lieut. Ballard reaches Gary with his squad of mechanics, the flying fans will see some of the most daring stunts that has ever been attempted over this city. The army flier fairly awed the people of Hammond with his flying.

#### BLOWS HIMSELF INTO JAIL

Ralph Spahr, a truck driver, blew himself into jail in Gary Saturday morning.

Going past the police station, Spahr opened up the shrill whistle on his truck, to warn the people attending the city market of his approach. It attracted the attention of Captain Vodka and plain clothesman Ernest inside the station who hurried outside and placed the violator under arrest. Spahr claimed ignorance to the city ordinance prohibiting the use of such whistles, bells and other shrieking noises of warning on automobiles other than regulation horns. He will tell his story to Judge Dunn in the city court Monday morning.

#### NEW CAR IS STOLEN

The new Nash touring car, of J. J. Urkov of East Chicago, was stolen this morning from in front of St. Margaret's hospital, Hammond, where the doctor had gone to make a call.