

Wilson Refuses Shopmen Wage Demands

HAMMOND STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS DEADLOCKED

CONFERENCE IS AGAIN POSTPONED

Meditator Mayor Brown Called to Crown Point in Street Car Battle

With sixty-seven new faces present among the workmen at the Standard Steel Car plant Monday and still more reported this morning indications now are that the backbone of the big strike is bending a little if not really breaking. The total number of additional men today will not be known until this evening when the last shift change is made.

Several of the men who came this morning stated that they would have been working yesterday had they felt sure that they could have entered the plant safely. As the word spreads that the soldiers are here to afford protection to the men on the streets as well as at the plant it is believed that the number will continue to increase.

COMPANY STICKS TO POLICY. In the meantime the company is adhering strictly to its announced course of not hiring men who did not work at the plant when the place shut down.

Owing to the fact that Mayor Brown was called to Crown Point unexpectedly to appear as a witness in the street car riot proceedings no attempt was made today to hold a conference between the officials and representatives of the men.

TRUCK HAS DISAPPEARED. An effort had been made by some of the strikers last night to have Federal Commissioner Fred Peick recalled to help straighten out the matter. However, the truck had disappeared.

WANT STATE MEDIATION COMMITTEE

Shopmen Say State Could Have Saved Money By Not Sending Troops.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 26.—Ex-fiduciary of a state mediation committee to investigate strikes and threatened strikes before calling out state troops "unnecessarily" is urged upon Goodrich by the six federated crafts of the railroad shopmen's union. A delegation representing the shopmen called upon the governor and declared that use of the militia "only adds fuel to the fire."

It is the belief of the shopmen that troops should not be used until a mediation commission had made every effort to quell violence by strikers. The railroad men's representatives asserted great expense could have been saved the state had troops not been sent to Hammond, where they are now on guard in the quiet city. P. S. Galloway, chairman of the committee in charge of the recent shopmen's strike here, headed the delegation.

50 CENTS AN HOUR OFFERED FOR LABORERS

Laborers in the Calumet region are scarce as hen's teeth. Hammond is crying for 100 of them and H. E. Jones of the government employment office at East Chicago is having trouble in finding enough men to fill the places that he has listed. Most of the trouble is encountered in obtaining laborers for which he has calls for about a hundred men. The work pays fifty cents an hour for a ten hour day but no one seems willing to work for that amount.

Mr. Jones also had a few calls for machinists, carpenters, assemblers on washing machines and tinners.

MRS. EICHENGREEN'S FATHER DEAD

The death of Mrs. David Eichengreen's father occurred at Lake Charles, La., last week after a short illness. Mrs. Eichengreen left Gary immediately for the death bed of her father and will not return for sometime.

STRIKE PICKUPS

PRIVATE GRANT, of Elkhart, has been discharged from the hospital and is back with his company.

IT IS now "Camp Harry B. Smith." The official title was promulgated through the orders issued this morning. Until today the camp had had no name.

A FLYING SQUADRON, composed of ordnance department motor buses, has been organized to take the men to the distant patrol and picket points.

CAPT. C. W. WHITEHEAD, of Union City, is making himself popular with the men by the way in which he is conducting himself as recreation officer.

MAYOR W. H. CHARNLEY of Goshen is a regular soldier. He never kicked a bit the other day when he had to help wash the dishes at the mess hall.

MAJOR D. W. DEWEY, of Shelbyville, met Henry P. Conkey yesterday for the first time in a number of years. They were classmates at the University of Chicago.

COL. HARRISON scorns the accommodation offered him at the Lyndora Hotel. He sleeps soldier fashion on his cot at regimental headquarters and is the first man up in the morning.

LIEUT. FRANCIS M. THOMPSON, of Shelbyville, started home late Saturday evening on a neck and neck race with the stork. No word has been received at camp as to who won.

LIEUT. WHITMER, of Goshen, has charge of the mess hall. He has a bank cashier taking care of the ice box and a construction engineer in charge of the dishwashing machine.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the Borts Co., of Gary, was present at regimental review last night and took a panoramic photograph of the men drawn up in line.

NINETY-SIX cases were taken care of at the hospital Saturday, but the number has diminished daily since then. The majority of the ailments are due to the change in drinking water and modes of living.

ONE of the downstate boys, who has no pajamas, awoke last night to find his bedclothes gone. He was so stiff with cold that it required about thirty minutes of setting-up stuff to get his circulation started.

CAPT. NAT U. HILL, of Bloomington, is a husky fellow. He is said to be one of the nobles who went bathing in the monument fountain at Indianapolis during the Shrine convention last June.

MAJOR DOWNEY served without an adjutant until Sunday. In order to get here in time to relieve him, First Lieut. M. B. Valentin drove here from Indianapolis by automobile. He started at 6:30 Sunday morning and arrived at camp at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and went on duty at once.

DR. C. L. GEORGE, one of Elkhart's leading dentists, was busy this morning sweeping the hospital and keeping things looking tidy. His only suggestion is that the other fellows throw their cigar stumps outside as they are so hard to pick up.

CAPT. E. V. NOIT, who is Doc Noit back in Columbia City, can't see the joke in having to hang around Hammond while his practice at home is waiting for him. He has a standing offer of \$50 for permission to leave this war behind.

R. C. SUTTON, who owns the greater part of Union City, was detailed to act as officers' orderly at the hotel Sunday. He frisked a colonel's grip upstairs like a real bellhop and the colonel obligingly tossed him two bits. "Thank you, sir," said the orderly, who can write such big checks, "I shall have it framed."

UNION CITY won the baseball game with Elkhart yesterday afternoon. The score was 1 to 0. Each side was able to get only three men on bases. The only score was made on an overthrow to third base. They put up the best exhibition seen on the ground yet. In a game Sunday one of the players made a homerun on a passed third strike due to poor base throwing.

SOLDIERS MAY RETURN THIS WEEK

Army Blankets Prepared For Shipment to Hammond Troops.

(TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 26.—Harry B. Smith, adjutant-general of Indiana, in charge of the state militia at Hammond, in a long distance telephone conversation with Governor Goodrich yesterday, notified him that the situation was clearing rapidly and he expected to be able to remove the soldiers by the middle of the week or by Saturday at the latest. General Smith said no difficulties had been encountered. All the skilled mechanics have gone back to work, only the unskilled workers remaining on strike, according to General Smith.

Seven hundred army blankets were prepared for shipment early yesterday to the militiamen. General Smith reports that the nights have been very cool and in the call for extra equipment which was sent from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, the troops are in good condition and there is no sickness, he says.

VIOLATED FEDERAL GAME LAW

Gary Men Will Have To Answer To the Federal Grand Jury.

For having unlawfully captured, killed and possessed birds contrary to the federal migratory game law, Andrew Holenok and John Hromyka, 1645 Delaware st., Gary, were brought before U. S. Commissioner Charles Surridge in Hammond yesterday evening. They were held to the federal grand jury under \$500 bonds each.

The men were arrested Saturday afternoon by Deputy U. S. Game Warden Claude D. MacGarry as they were returning to Gary from the marshes near the city. They had in their possession one black duck, two lesser yellow legs and five greater yellow legs. The men tried to cut down expenses by saying that one man did all the killing but that will be for the grand jury to decide.

Chief U. S. Game Warden T. G. Merrill of Kensington, Ill., was present at the hearing. The men arrested had violated both the federal and state game laws but in connection with the case Mr. Merrill drew attention to the fact that the Indiana law and federal law are not in accord. The state law permits hunting to begin September 1 while the federal law sets the time at September 15. However, the federal law always prevails wherever there is a conflict.

"Here is a typical example of the kind of men who make the most trouble for game wardens," said U. S. Game Warden Merrill at the hearing of the two Gary men. Both men have been in this country six years and have never tried to take out their first citizenship papers. Each man says the only money or property he has in this country is \$30 which he has paid on Fifth Liberty bonds at the steel mills. Other bonds purchased through the steel company were sold as soon as paid for. Each man is making from \$5 to \$8 per day and when asked what they did with their money one replied, "We send it back to Russia as fast as we make it."

GOMPERS BEGINS HIS CONFERENCE

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A conference which may have a far reaching effect on the railroad situation was begun here today within an hour after Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor arrived from Europe on the liner George Washington.

As soon as Mr. Gompers came ashore he hurried to the Continental Hotel, where officials of the railway Brotherhood were waiting for him. Present at the conference also was Glenn E. Plumb, author of the plan for a combined control of the railroads by the government and the employees.

For the last twenty-four hours Mr. Gompers has been in touch with the situation through the George Washington's wireless. He was informed at sea last night of President Wilson's appeal to the shopmen.

KOOY FAMILY IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) HIGHLAND, IND., Aug. 26.—P. J. Kooy and family of Highland, this country, are heard from in Ashland, Oregon, where they camped at the free-auto camp in Lithia park on last Saturday and Sunday. They have enjoyed a fine automobile trip through the northwest, spent several days in Yellowstone Park and are now bound for Van Nuys, a suburb of Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Kooy's sister. They have many nice things to say about the Ashland camp which they report to be the best they have found in their travels. It was the "Original" auto-camp of the west built by a municipality and ideally situated in a natural park in the Oregon mineral water resort city.

DRUNKS SMASH HOTEL WINDOW

John B. Shauknessy of the Hammond Hotel on Sibley street and Herbert E. Trenthow, 4140 Crawford avenue, Chicago, were among the drunks arrested and fined in the City Court. They were scuffling in the hotel and one of them pushed the other through a plate glass window in the lobby and amusing the neighborhood, officer H. Heisterman made the arrests.

WHO SAW THE SMASHUP?

Will person who saw woman driving Chevrolet and smash into the car parked on Fayette street this morning, then rush off in haste, kindly give car number. Man sitting on curb, it is believed, took both car numbers. Please give information to A 30, care of The Times.

Times news service is the best hat money can buy and honest effort can furnish.

Nation at Peak of High Prices, President Says, Raising Shopmen 4 Cents an Hour

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—Following is the text of President Wilson's statement, addressed to the public, issued at the same time he submitted a proposal to raise the shopmen about four cents an hour.

"My fellow citizens: A situation has arisen in connection with the administration of the railways which is of such general significance that I think it my duty to make a public statement concerning it in order that the whole country may know what is involved.

"The railroad shopmen have demanded a large increase in wages. They are now receiving 55, 63 and 65 cents an hour. They demand 55 cents an hour. This demand has been given careful and serious consideration by the board which was constituted by the railroad administration to adjust questions of wages, a board consisting of an equal number of representatives of employees and of the operating managers of the railroad companies.

"This board has been unable to come to an agreement and it has therefore devolved upon the director general of railroads the duty to act upon the merits of the case.

"The shopmen urge that they are entitled to higher wages because of the

higher wages for the present received by men doing a similar work in shipyards, navy yards, and arsenals, as well as in a number of private industries; but I concur with the director general in thinking that there is no real basis of comparison between the settled employment afforded mechanics by the railroads under living conditions as various as the location and surroundings of the railway shops themselves and the fluctuating employment afforded in industries exceptionally and temporarily stimulated by the war and located almost without exception in industrial centers where the cost of living is highest.

Peak of High Prices Reached. "The substantial argument which the shopmen urge is the very serious increase in the cost of living. This is a very potent argument, indeed. But, the fact is that the cost of living has certainly reached its peak, and will probably be lowered by the efforts which are now everywhere being concerted and carried out.

"It will certainly be lowered so soon as there are settled conditions of production and of commerce; that is, so soon as the treaty of peace is ratified and in operation, and merchants, manufacturers, farmers and miners all have a certain basis of calculation as to what their

business will be and what the conditions will be under which it must be conducted.

"The demands of the shopmen, therefore, and all similar demands are in effect this: That we make increase in wages, which are likely to be permanent, in order to meet a temporary situation which will last nobody can certainly tell how long, but in all probability only for a limited time.

"Increases in wages, moreover, certainly result in still further increasing the costs of production and, therefore, the cost of living, and we should only have to go through the same process again.

"Any substantial increase in wages in leading lines of industry at this time would utterly crush the general campaign which the government is waging, with energy, vigor and substantial hope of success, to reduce the high cost of living.

"And the increases in the cost of transportation which would necessarily result from increases in the wages of railway employees would more certainly and more immediately have the effect than any other enhanced wage costs.

Increase vs. Fight on H. C. L. "Only by keeping the cost of produc-

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WHAT?

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 26.—Announcement has been made here of the adoption of resolutions by representatives of the workmen of the various plants of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, operating under a collective bargaining plan, declaring that "the persistent and unceasing demand of workmen employed in all classes and kinds of industries for a shorter day's work and an increased wage in order to meet the high cost of living is uneconomic and unwise and should not be encouraged."

The resolutions were adopted after a two-day meeting.

CHICAGO ARRESTS SCORES OF SALOONMEN

Four Policemen are Shot in Raiding South Side Saloons Last Night.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—One policeman is dead; another man is dying and two more are suffering serious wounds as the result of a shooting affray which began when the policeman, Morgan Donahue, attempted to walk from a South Side saloon with a bottle of beer late last night.

Hearing of raids on saloons charged with violation of the prohibition laws, habits of the saloon opened fire on Donahue and Policeman Pat Donegan, his companion, thinking they were agents of the prohibition forces. The policemen were in plain clothes at the time.

The police are looking today for three men, who threw Donahue and Anthony Kelley, the seriously wounded man, into an automobile, and rushed them to the Englewood Union hospital. After dumping the bleeding forms in the hospital, the men fled.

More than one hundred arrests of saloonkeepers are predicted by the state's attorney's office for today, the second day for the "drive." Twenty-six places in the business section of the city were raided yesterday.

DICKMAN DOES NOT BELIEVE REPORT.

By J. H. CAFFEY. (STAFF CORRESPONDENT L. N. SERVICE) SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 26.—Major Joseph T. Dickman, Southern department commander, declared today that he was not inclined to believe reports that Maj. Yancy ordered the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition into Mexico because he feared a clash with Carranza troops.

"When the troops left Marfa the question of contact with the Mexican soldiers was discussed," said Gen. Dickman, "but I gave no orders to withdraw our troops if such a contingency arose."

Gen. Dickman said he had not heard direct from Maj. Yancy, but that he was quite sure that "contact with the Mexicans" had nothing to do with the ordering out of the troops.

Gen. Dickman suggested that the statement that the American troops were withdrawn when Mexican troops were encountered near Palomas might mean that when it was seen that Carranzistas were scouring that country the American commander might have decided that further search for the bandits there was useless.

BUSINESS MEN DEMAND QUICK RELIEF

Attorneys representing the street railway company the city of Hammond together with a number of citizens interested in the city's petition for the appointment of a receiver for the Green line are in Crown Point this afternoon. Judge Norton of the circuit court was to take up the receivership hearing at 1:30 o'clock.

Speculations as to the length of the hearing varies greatly. Some say the court will be able to dispose of it one way or the other in a very short time while others believe it will require several days.

In case the matter is not settled today it is likely that a meeting of committees from East Chicago, Whiting and Hammond will be held at which some concerted plan of action will be worked out. Business men of the different cities are demanding that something be done to afford relief at once. A prominent Hammond merchant makes the statement that Saturday was the poorest day's business in his store in the last five years. Another smaller dealer says that he will have to close up his shop unless his receipts show an increase pretty soon.

STATE TAX BOARD INCREASES VALUATIONS

One Hundred Per Cent Increase on Gary and Calumet Tp. Acreage.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 26.—Orders increasing the tax assessments in Indiana millions of dollars above the figures fixed by the local tax officials were issued today by the state board of tax commissioners in an effort to equalize levies among counties, parts of counties and among classes of property.

The board's action is taken under the new tax law which provides for the assessment of property for taxation at its full cash value. The law also provides that levies shall be reduced so that the tax payers shall not be over-burdened.

THRILLING RACE OF AVIATORS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 26.—The great New York-Toronto aerial derby this afternoon developed into a thrilling race and neck race between Lieut. M. J. Plumb, Sergt. C. R. Coombs and Maj. R. M. Schroeder, Lieut. Plumb, who reached Toronto from Lincoln at 11:45 started on the return flight fifteen minutes later, arriving in Buffalo at 12:50. Meanwhile Coombs and Schroeder, who had arrived at Lincoln last night, were fighting back on the tracks for the Canadian city as fast as their powerful planes could carry them.

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MANY ARE MAROONED IN CALIFORNIA

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 26.—All traffic over the Santa Fe between Barstow and San Francisco is now tied up. It was announced at the office of A. G. Wells, general manager of the Santa Fe, this morning, "The walkout of the yard men at Bakersfield and at Barstow this morning has so crippled traffic that we cannot move trains in any direction."

The Southern Pacific lines at 10:15 this morning were completely tied up in California south of San Luis Obispo on the coast line, Fresno on the valley line and west of Yuma, Ariz.

At the Salt Lake office it was announced: "No change in complete tie-up in main line trains between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, but local trains are being run in Nevada and Utah."

Hourly the situation becomes more critical with Los Angeles and other cities facing a shortage of supplies or of coal. Hundreds of persons are marooned here and at various points in Southern California, unable to reach their destinations.

WELL KNOWN HAMMOND MAN IS DEAD

Hammond people were inexpressibly shocked this morning to hear that Charles W. Heimbach, three times alderman of the city, died suddenly last night about midnight at his home, 522 Sibley st., of apoplexy. Mr. Heimbach, who was employed as the Standard Steel Car plant, was down town last night and went home apparently as well as ever. He chatted with his family and about eleven prepared to retire. He complained of difficulty in breathing and sat on his porch for a while. Finally he told his wife to call the children as he felt he was going to die. Dr. Cheever was called, but before his arrival Mr. Heimbach had answered the last call.

Mr. Heimbach was born at Turkey Creek and went to Chicago as a boy. When the packing house was in its prime, he was employed there as a foreman and gained so much an acquaintance that he was elected alderman under three city administrations—the Hammond, Bailey and Mott regimes. He was agent for years for the Adams Express Co. and later in the contracting business. He was at one time appointed street commissioner. He was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters at one time and the order's first state chief ranger. A wife, five children, William, Anthony, Chas. Jr., Katie and Margaret, survive him, as well as five grandchildren. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 8 a. m. from St. Joseph's church under the auspices of the C. O. F.

E. C. GOLDEN IS DEAD

Emory C. Golden, a well known Hammond man, member of the firm of Golden Bros., died today at 11:50 of pneumonia after an illness of two weeks. The funeral will take place from the late residence at 233 State street on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. and from the Christian church at 2:30. The decedent was forty-four years of age and popular with all who knew him as a faithful, hard-working member of the firm.

Don't throw your paper away without reading the want ad page.

NEXT STEP OF SHOPMEN UNREVEALED

Sentiment Among Men Is Divided According to the Latest Reports.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Rejecting on behalf of the railway shopmen the railroad administration's offer of four cents an hour increase, the committee of one hundred federated trades on the members of the federated trades to summon special meetings to take a secret vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the proposition. At the same time it was made plain that no strike would be authorized until final action has been taken by the individual unions.

At the same time the committee is a letter to the affiliated crafts, urged that they consider the proposition and made it plain that no strike would be authorized until the matter had been duly considered.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—President Wilson yesterday refused to grant the additional pay demanded by the railroad shopmen throughout the country. Wilson's reasons were that increased cost of living must be stayed, normal prices and production conditions restored by halting wage demands generally.

The next step of the railway shopmen in their drive for sweeping wage increases has not been decided upon yet. Whether the strike vote of the 600,000 shopmen of the country was to be final, or whether the men in response to the request of President Wilson, would be asked to vote upon the acceptance or rejection of the increase amounting to four cents an hour, announced by the railroad administration yesterday, was the question before the labor leaders.

Bert M. Towell, head of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, said that a decision would be reached some time today but failed to forecast what that decision would be.

REPORT DIVIDED SENTIMENT

Since their meeting with the President when they were told that large wage increases would only lift the general cost of living and would "utterly crush" the government's campaign against profiteers, the committee of 100 has held several conferences. These were to be continued today until a final decision had been reached.

It was reported that a sharp division of sentiment existed only the officials with whom the decision rests, some standing out for the submission of the compromise to a referendum vote of the workers, while others are equally insistent that the original demand of 85 cents an hour for all classes be adhered to.

LETTERS FROM UNION LEADERS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—A letter was sent by the committee this afternoon on behalf of the International Association of Machinists, the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers, the International Brotherhood of Boiler-makers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers, and the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, stating:

"The attached letter of the president of the United States accompanied by the proposition of the director general were delivered to your executive officers by the National Council in office at the White House, August, and are submitted to the membership at the urgent request of President Wilson and it is requested that the contents of these documents be given your most careful consideration at a summons or call of the craft."

"Shortly after the conclusion of the conference with the president and the director general another conference was held with the director general. In answer to a direct question the director general stated that the attached proposition was final and that there would be no wage increase granted to any other class of railway employees as a class, but in the event of unjust inequalities as between individuals, increases to equalize rates of pay would be made where justified, except under the conditions that are clearly stated in the fourth paragraph of the president's letter."

"Knowing the sentiments of the membership, your committee, after duly considering the proposition, advised the director general that they could not accept as a basis of settlement, the rate established in his proposition, as submitted by the president."

"Practically every class of employees have now submitted requests for very substantial increases over existing rates of pay. It is well that our members give very serious consideration to this fact if there is to be any substantial general increase in the wages of railroad employees, the federated trade sheet will receive the same consideration. Do not fail to give this statement careful thought and do not forget that if the

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