

ENGINEERS AWAIT CALL FOR STRIKE

Chief Stone Says He Probably Will Issue Order This Evening.

(National News Association)
NEW YORK, April 22.—Acting as the representative of congress Rep. Levi of New York arrived from Washington today to attempt to avert the threatened strike of locomotive engineers on fifty eastern railroads. Rep. Levi immediately went into conference with Grand Chief Engineer Stone of the Brotherhood and Judge Martin Knapp, chairman of the U. S. commerce court.

Railroad officials and leaders of the Locomotive Engineers admitted today that a crisis had been reached in their negotiations and that a strike of 25,000 enginesmen was imminent. Such action would tie up 50 railroads east of the Mississippi river and North of the Ohio, shutting off food supplies and bringing famine near to the country's largest cities if the struggle were long continued.

The railroads have been actively preparing for a strike. According to advices received by Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the railroads have sent agents among the pensioned engineers asking today to report for duty forthwith, and have used means to influence the members of the Brotherhood now on duty. The engineers consider this action a violation of the 48-hour armistice declared Sunday.

"Now we're through," said Chief Stone today. "We will wait no longer. We have kept the truce in good faith, our adversaries have not. The engineers are furious at the trick and we stand as a man on the question of issuing a strike order. The men have given up the power by a great majority and I would be a fool to permit this great organization to be played with any longer."

"We have ceased being a football. I shall wait until late this afternoon and if at that time the conference committee does not notify me that it has granted our demands, or if I receive no word from the committee I shall issue the strike orders, and the representatives will take it to their headquarters where the engineers will be given official notification when they are to step from their cabs."

Chief Stone was asked whether the engineers would leave their locomotives wherever they happened to be when the time limit expires. "We do not wish to inconvenience the public more than necessary and for that reason the engineers will undoubtedly proceed to their destination," he replied. "Neither do we wish to delay the mails."

"But let me tell you that when you reach their destinations, the wheels of their locomotives will cease to turn."

JAIL NOT POPULAR WITH THE PASTORS

For the past two Sunday mornings there has been no minister at the county jail to conduct the regular service. Jail authorities are unable to explain this fact, saying that they have waited in vain for some local preacher to appear. There is an agreement between the jail authorities and the Richmond Ministerial association that the latter will provide ministers to conduct the regular jail service.

THE AMERICAN ELM

(BY JOHN F. THOMPSON.)
I ascended the Penobscot River, one time, from Rockland to Bangor, with a party of botanists. There was one man in the crowd who sat on the deck of the vessel and with field glasses named the trees and shrubs as we passed by.

Those who are much in the woods soon learn that trees have an individuality, just as people have, and just as the individuality of some people is very strong, so is that of some trees. When we mingle with a company of strangers we remember some more easily than we do others, so when we become acquainted with trees we learn to know some easily, while we must be introduced to others many times before we remember them.

One man may be easily remembered because he is unusually dignified, another because he may be unusually rude, one because he has an unusually happy disposition, another because he is unusually gloomy, and because trees have an individuality, people in all countries and in all ages have ascribed to them certain of these human characteristics.

The Willow has been the emblem of grief ever since the Children of Israel changed their harps upon them, by the Rivers of Babylon. The Oak has always stood for strength and endurance; it was Jove's tree. The early Norse Navigators used to build, some where into their ships, hearts of oak, so that they might have Jove's protection when they went to sea. On account of its unusual grace and beauty, the Elm has been called "The Forest Queen." The Ash on account of its unusual symmetrical beauty is called "The Venus" among trees. The Birch because of its almost girlish delicacy and grace, has been called "The Lady of Woods." The Beech is "The Mother of Forests." The Palm has always been the emblem of victory and the Olive of peace.

The American Elm is the elm that is most common in the words about Richmond, and about the only one found in our streets. There is a fine specimen almost in front of Dr. Bond's residence, another on South Eighth street in front of Mr. Mather's, one standing at the Glen entrance on Twentysecond street and many other specimens that have reached the age when they show how beautiful they are.

Those of us who have been in Boston and have walked through the Boston Commons, have seen some of the finest specimens of the American Elm that we have in this country. Nearly all of the New England towns have many trees of this kind. New Haven, Conn., is called the "Elm City" on account of its many splendid American Elms.

Probably the best known tree in this country is an American Elm. It stands in the middle of a street in Cambridge near Harvard. It has escaped the dangers of public improvements because the people of Boston love it. It was under this tree that George Washington took command of the Colonial Army. It is called the Washington Elm. In spite of the care that is being bestowed upon it now, it will soon fall and be out of the way of street cars.

One of the finest specimens of this tree I have ever seen stands in Concord, Mass. The children of Concord love it and the children of years ago who have grown to be men and women love it, for it was under this tree that Louise M. Alcott used to sit when she wrote "Little Men," and "Little Women." That tree is in no danger of destruction by human hands. The American Elm should be held in very high esteem by the people of Richmond for

it was under this tree that William Penn made his famous treaty with the Indians, the only treaty that was never sworn to and never broken. It was blown down in 1810 but the Quaker City of the east erected a monument on the place where it stood.

There was an American Elm standing in Boston until recently, planted before the Revolutionary War, and dedicated by the planted to liberty; it was called the Liberty Elm. It was under the tree that the people of Boston used to gather to talk about the impending war. Many an oration for independence was delivered under this tree. When the war was in progress those who stayed at home would meet under this tree and pray for the success they knew should be theirs, and after the war was over it was here they met to rejoice. When the old Elm was finally blown down in a storm, all the bells in all the churches of the city were tolled out of respect to a good tree-citizen, that had played such a useful part in such a righteous cause.

The reason there are so many more Elms in New England than in Indiana towns, is probably due more to accident than design. When our forefathers came to the New England shores they wished to make their rude homes look as much like those they left as possible, so they got the Elms from the woods and planted them around their homes, for England was then and is now a country where there is much sentiment clustered about individual trees and the Elm was one. Out New England forefathers therefore, planted American Elms and let them alone and they took care of themselves.

In the Boston Commons are standing side by side both English and American Elms, each in a way characteristic of its people. The English Elm is stouter, thicker and does not grow so tall. The American Elm is taller, has a wider sweep and a more graceful droop to its branches. Both are beautiful in summer and winter. One writer in telling of these trees on the "Commons" says dignity is a characteristic of each. Each bears a luxuriant burden of leaves. The Briton is stocky, the American is airily graceful, one stands heavily on its heels, the other on tiptoe.

Indiana has an American Elm that she should be proud of. If any New England town had it with such a history as it has, it would be fenced in and its history written on a tablet. Its name should be added to the list of our illustrious citizens. It stands in an open commons in the little town of Corydon. Before the old state house

was built the legislature met under this Elm and it was here that the Constitution of Indiana was discussed and finally adopted. The tree is called "The Constitutional Elm." It is a large tree now, but strong and healthy and should live a century longer. The American Elm is the tree we expect to plant on Arbor Day. If it does well it will be a source of increasing delight to him who plants it, as long as he lives, and it will increase in beauty from year to year.

In a recent address on "The Rose Gardens of France," our distinguished townsman Mr. E. Gurney Hill said, "He who would have beautiful roses in his garden, must first have beautiful roses in his heart and thought. I know it will meet with Mr. Hill's approval if I say that he who plants beautiful roses in his garden will sooner or later have beautiful roses in his heart and thought."

J. F. THOMPSON.

MRS. BODKINS WILL BE GIVEN HEARING

Several witnesses will be summoned for the preliminary trial of Mrs. Reba Bodkins, scheduled for Tuesday morning. Herbert Eschenfelder, Russell Hawekotte and probably others will appear against her to show why she should be sent to circuit court for hearing. She has asked several witnesses to be subpoenaed. She is still in jail, unable to secure bond.

ORDER IS POWER.

There is power in order—material order, intellectual order, moral order. To keep one's word and one's engagements, to have everything ready under one's hands, to be able to dispose of all one's forces and to have all one's means of whatever kind under command—that is order; to discipline one's habits, efforts and wishes, to distribute one's time, to take the measure of one's duties and make one's rights respected, to employ one's capital and resources, one's talent and one's chances profitably. Order is power.

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J. E. SKEHAN KILLED

Man Well Known Here Chicago Elevator Victim.

CHICAGO, April 22.—John E. Skehan, 36 years old, 7228 Greenwood avenue, superintendent of the Grand Crossing Track Company, was crushed to death in an elevator accident at the Majestic Hotel at noon Sunday.

Mr. Skehan went to the hotel to spend Sunday with his brothers, Chas. F. Skehan of Indianapolis, and Harry Skehan, who lives in Chicago. The three met at the hotel and had lunch together at a downtown restaurant. Then the victim and Charles F. Skehan started back to the latter's room.

The two entered the car with an unidentified man. When the elevator reached the third floor Charles F. Skehan and the stranger left the car, but for some unknown reason John E. Skehan hesitated. As the elevator started upward, the door not yet closed, Skehan tried to leave the car. He put one foot through the partly closed door and as the lift went up, his head struck against the top of the door of the elevator shaft.

James Spencer, elevator operator, is held pending the inquest tomorrow.

Mr. Skehan was well known in this city, having several relatives living here and having been a frequent visitor here. His grandfather is M. Collins of this city. Three aunts reside here: Mrs. Ella Haskett, Mrs. J. E. Donlin and Mrs. Charles Weber.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

From present indications more than 100 members of the boys' Bible classes of the Young Men's Christian association will take the examinations prepared by the International association Bible examination committee this week. The Delphians and Iroquois Bible classes will take the examinations at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening; all members of the classes who have been studying the course "The Christian Race" will take the examinations Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, there being five classes who took this course—the F. O. W., Delta Sigma, Sigma Phi, H. B. E. and K. K.; the Spartans will take their examination at 7 o'clock Thursday evening and the Blackhawks and Athenians the last of the week.

SENSATIONAL CASE ON TRIAL TUESDAY

An interesting divorce case is expected tomorrow morning by the attaches of the Wayne circuit court when the case of Lida J. Miles versus Benjamin Miles is called by Judge Fox. It is said that the defendant will appear and has retained attorneys to fight the case. It is presumed that sensational testimony will be given. Numerous charges are made in the complaint.

TITANIC DISASTER THEME OF SERMONS

The terrible Titanic disaster was the theme of many of the sermons delivered in the pulpits of the churches yesterday. The action of the steamship company in sending the vessel over the dangerous northern route was strongly condemned, and the bravery of the many passengers lost, who stepped aside and allowed the women to be saved, was extolled.

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