

R. R. SITUATION IS CONSIDERED BY NEW BODY

Membership is Approved by Senate After Bitter Debate—Pennsylvania Men Are Returning to Work.

HANGAR IS QUESTIONED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 16.—Direct government intervention in the railroad strike situation took shape today with the initial meeting of the railway labor board, created by the transportation act to deal with all railroad labor disputes.

The nine members of the board, called by the president to meet and organize immediately, were confirmed yesterday by the senate after two days of discussion of Mr. Wilson's selections.

The board perfected a temporary organization by electing Henry Hunt, former mayor of Cincinnati, as chairman, and G. Wallace Hanger, of this city, as secretary. Both are members of the public group.

The wages dispute, as it stood with the breaking up of bi-partisan wage conferences here two weeks ago, was submitted to the board, Mr. Hanger announced, and the board will consider it at once.

There was pressure for speedy completion of organization by the board in order that quick action might be had in the strike situation. Virtually all strikers throughout the country who have voted to return to work, did so with the stipulation that their demands would be referred to the board.

Held Out Assurances
Officials of the railway brotherhoods, which have opposed the strike movement, government officers and members of congress in urging the strikers to return to work have held out to them assurances of prompt action through the board upon their specific complaints or demands.

Chicago was contemplated in the act as the meeting place for the labor board although authority to sit in any part of the country also was included. Decision to hold the first meeting in Washington was announced from the white house at the same time the president's nominations were disclosed.

It will be held at the railway administration offices, where necessary machinery for organization and for taking immediately cognizance of the questions involved in the present "out-law" strike already exists.

Confirmation After Battle
Confirmation of the board members came only after sharp criticism of the president's nominations had been voiced by Republican and Democratic senators. The only roll call forced by opponents of any nominee was that on the name of G. Wallace Hanger, of the public group, who was confirmed by a vote of 31 to 24.

It was understood that the urgency of the strike crisis impelled senators to abide by the decision in Mr. Hanger's case and to allow the other nominees to be confirmed without roll call.

Walk Out Again.
Employees of the Potomac yards here, known as the "freight yard of the south," who were on strike yesterday for the second time within four days, returned to work today after conferences with union leaders.

Switching crews at the Eckington yards of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, who walked out yesterday, also returned to work.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—With the assurance that the striking shopmen of the Pennsylvania railroad in the Philadelphia district would return to work promptly, following the acceptance of the company's offer to take up grievances within its jurisdiction, efforts were made today to bring about a settlement of the strike of trainmen, yardmen and others directly concerned in the operations of trains.

Representatives of the shop crafts, which include blacksmiths, machinists, boiler-makers, electrical workers, carmen, sheet metal workers, railway and steamship clerks, telegraphers, boatmen, maintenance of way employees and stationary engineers, all affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, sent out notices today calling on the men to resume work at once and expressing the belief that their grievances would be adjusted satisfactorily.

Men Assured of Square Deal
William J. Tracey, chief of the state bureau of mediation, who was instrumental in bringing about the conference that led to the acceptance of the company's offer, will meet representatives of the striking trainmen and yardmen during the day. He said he felt confident a settlement would be reached and that all of the men in this district would be back at work very shortly.

The railroad officials will unqualifiedly treat with the men in adjusting grievances on a square deal basis.

Enjoin Treasurer From Collecting Big Taxes, Taxpayers are Advised
Wayne county taxpayers were advised Friday as to the course to pursue against the rise of 110 per cent in assessments on property which they gave to the assessors at its true cash value last year.

A man who had \$700 savings in a building and loan company, on which he is paying taxes as for between \$1,400 and \$1,500, was advised to pay the county treasurer only taxes on \$700 worth.

Then, after employing legal council, he was advised to enjoin the treasurer from collecting the rest of the taxes. This will bring the matter to issue in the courts and test the validity of these rises.

Members of Railroad Labor Board



Above: James J. Forrester (left) and Henry Hunt. Below: G. W. W. Hanger.

There are three of the men who as members of the railroad labor board recently appointed by President Wilson, will help settle the great strike which is tying up transportation in various parts of the country. J. J. Forrester, of Ohio, a member of the employees' group, is president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees. G. W. W. Hanger, of the District of Columbia, assistant commissioner of the United States board of conciliation and mediation, and former Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati are representatives of the public on the newly appointed board.

Overall Clubs to Bring Down Price of Clothing Gain Support in Nation

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, April 16.—The "overall" club obtained what amounts to official recognition. The navy department granted permission to members of such a club, formed by civilian employees at the Norfolk navy yard and Hampton Roads base, to purchase these denim garments from the navy at cost price. Two suits of overalls of the standard type worn by the American bluejacket are to be allowed each club member.

NEW YORK, April 16.—A new attraction—the overall promenade, imported direct from the south—was billed to make its appearance on Broadway today.

Members of the Cheese Club, an organization of dramatic writers, press agents and editors of theatrical papers announced their conversion to the cheaper clothes movement last night and sent forth a sheet of press notices detailing for popularization of the lowly overall in modish New York.

The advance matter said today's promenade would arrest Broadway's startled eye at about the hour that the matinee crowds begin to gather. The promoters planned to fortify themselves first with a luncheon at the National Vaudeville Artists club. A grand rally and overall parade is promised at a later date.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 16.—An "Overall Club" was formed in Louisville today by the Exchange Club in an effort to force down the cost of clothing. Eighty-five members pledged (Continued on Page Three)

HIRAM JOHNSON TO BE AT G. O. P. RALLY; PLANS COMPLETED

Senator Hiram W. Johnson, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, announced through his headquarters at the Westcott hotel today that he will fire the first big gun in his political campaign in Indiana by speaking at the Republican rally in Richmond Tuesday, April 20, and by speeches in the southern part of the state Monday.

Zell C. Swain, Johnson's campaign manager, received a telegram from the senator yesterday which indicated that Johnson intends to make Indiana the chief arena in his fight for the nomination.

With assurance that both Johnson and Harding will be here together with James W. Fessler, Warren T. McCray and Edward C. Toner, Republican candidates for governor, and several candidates for state offices, the rally promises to be one of the largest political gatherings ever held in this district.

Doors Open at 7 p. m.
There will be but one big meeting. The doors of the Coliseum will open at 7 p. m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30. The candidates will have headquarters at the Westcott hotel and conferences will be held with local party workers during the day.

A reception for Republican women will be held in the foyer of the Westcott Tuesday afternoon. Esther Griffin White, county women's chairman, has issued invitations to county chairmen of women in the Sixth district, urging them to bring large delegations.

The committee in charge hoped to be able to bring Governor Lowden and General Leonard Wood here for the rally but neither will be able to be here. Governor Lowden announces that he expects to come at a later date. General Wood has resumed active military duties in Chicago.

The full program for the big Republican meeting was announced Friday by Will Reller. It follows:
7 p. m.—Reception for visiting candidates by women of the Sixth district at the Westcott hotel.

7 p. m.—At the coliseum: music by Richmond City band; speaker James E. Watson, chairman; State Chairman E. M. Wasmuth, vice chairman; speech by Senator Harding of Ohio, candidate for president; music; speech by Warren T. McCray, of Kentucky, candidate for governor; speech by J. W. Fessler of Indianapolis, candidate for governor; speech by E. E. Toner, of Anderson, candidate for governor; music; speech by Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, candidate for president.

The committees follow:
Executive Committee: Will W. Reller, Edwin M. Campfield, Karl K. Meyers.
Committee on Decorations: Jesse Bailey, James Dillon, William H. Romey.
Committee on Ushers: George Matthews, Raymond Mather, Ed. N. Wilson.

Reception Committee for Senator (Continued on Page Fourteen)

REBEL ARMY MAKES DRIVE ON CULIACAN

Invasion Sinaloa to Wrest Offensive From Carranza Troops Bent on Forcing Return of Sonora.

SECESSION SPREADS?

BULLETIN 16.—Mexico has asked permission from the United States to move troops through American territory so as to attack the state of Sonora from the north. No action on the request has yet been taken.

(By Associated Press)
AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, April 16.—Republic of Sonora troops today continued their march toward Culiacan, capital of the adjoining state, Sinaloa, by which move they wrested the aggressive from Carranza troops sent to force Sonora's secession into the Mexican federation of states.

Military authorities said a Sonora success in Sinaloa would give the seceding state the military power necessary to overcome any force President Carranza might send against them.

President Carranza, according to reports received by Sonora officials, press dispatches and official Mexican federal reports, intends sending at least three armies against Sonora, one to attack from Sinaloa, another by landing from transports at southern ports and the third from Chihuahua on the east.

Report Further Revolt
Rumors continued to be circulated throughout Sonora of a revolt of other states and federal troops in sympathy with the Sonora movement. Confirmation was lacking, however.

Backers of the secession movement say Sonora has ample financial backing for any military campaigns and that influential Mexican refugees have pledged credit for the campaign. Private citizens possessing firearms and ammunition were appealed to today by General P. Elias Calles, commander in chief of the military forces and acting executive of "the republic" of Sonora, to turn them over to the army.

Fear Apathy
The greatest danger the revolt faced, officials here said, was apathy toward further fighting.
J. M. Alvarez Tostado, federal customs collector at Agua Prieta, who returned to Douglas, Ariz., from Mexico City, issued an order that customs money paid into the hands of Sonora agents would be returned to them by his government and those making such payments would be compelled to pay again to the proper authorities. The edict also said any persons sending into Sonora shipments unaccompanied by the results of a vote of the central government could make out, would be classed as smugglers.

HUTTON DESCRIBES VAIL'S PERSONALITY

"Theodore M. Vail was the man to whom entire credit should be given for the present efficiency of the railway mail and telephone service," was the statement of Noah Hutton, 116 Ft. Wayne Ave., a personal friend of the telephone and telegraph pioneer, who died Friday. Mr. Hutton is now retired from active duty with the Bell Telephone company.

Mr. Vail was general manager of the railway mail service when Mr. Hutton entered that service in 1876. Mr. Hutton worked under W. A. Vail, brother of the late Mr. Vail, but had many opportunities to get acquainted with Theodore M. Vail.

Mr. Hutton described Mr. Vail as a man of tremendous vitality, genial personality, and intense attention to the big business interests with which he was connected.

According to Mr. Hutton, Mr. Vail regularly attended the conventions of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an organization of men who have served at least 20 years in the telephone industry. Mr. Vail, Hutton said, refused to admit that he was getting old, said Mr. Hutton. Although he was a man of large interests Mr. Hutton describes Mr. Vail as a most genial host.

Even Scots Quail Before Amer. "Snake-Bite" Booze

GREENOCK, Scotland, April 16.—American rye whiskey now being imported into this country, is said to be of the "shock" variety by the chief constable here, who has filed a report on the subject. The effects of pre-war whiskey, he says, even when it had not been bonded for three years before being sold at retail, were nothing in character to those of some of the present day whiskies, which only recently made their appearance here.

"Whatever their composition is" the officer declares, "their effects are terrible. They not only poison, but madden and leave persons nervous and depressed after the intoxicating effects have passed away."

These whiskies are known locally as "snake-bite."

Liberties and Victories Slide Down, Down, in Trading
NEW YORK, April 16.—Liberty bonds and Victory bonds continued to decline, the first 4 1/2 being the only ones of the nine issues not to have made a new low record by noon. The railroad strike, like the steel strike, and corporations have been realizing on their holdings to acquire additional capital, but the principal reason assigned is the pending issue of treasury certificates of indebtedness at 5 and 5 1/2 per cent.

Carranza Threatens Force on Sonora



Maps show location of Sonora province; in smaller map Sonora is in black

The Mexican province of Sonora has seceded from Mexico and set up an independent government with Governor de la Huerta at its head. President Carranza has notified the seceding state that unless it recognizes his authority at once he will send a big army to Sonora to bring the erring province back into the fold by force of arms.

Theodore Vail, Genius of Telephone, Head of American Company, is Dead

BALTIMORE, April 16.—Theodore M. Vail, chairman of the board of directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, died at John Hopkins Hospital this morning, of a complication of cardiac and kidney troubles.

Mr. Vail was brought here from Jekyll Island, Ga., last Sunday in his private car. At the hospital it was stated that he was in a serious condition when he reached there and his death was not unexpected to the physicians.

Mr. Vail retired as president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company last June, and became chairman.

As president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, Theodore Newton Vail was the head of the largest telephone system in the world. He was not only its nominal head, but he was from the first the genius that promoted the popular use of the telephone, the first man to establish long-distance communication by telephone, and, when past 70 years of age, he was (Continued on Page Eleven)

MISS WHITE FILES TO COMPEL PLACING OF NAME ON BALLOT

Mandamus proceedings were instituted Friday morning in the circuit court by Esther Griffin White, through an attorney, against the county board of election commissioners to compel them to print her name on the ballot for the primary election May 4, as candidate for delegate to the State Republican convention.

The complaint recites that Miss White filed her declaration according to law, is a legal voter under the Indiana statute, and that she is entitled, therefore, to appear on the ballot.

"This is a friendly suit to determine the status of women in this particular case," said Miss White. "It is not a question of women voting but of the right of a woman to run for delegate to the state convention, which is a different thing. The latter might be debatable, although I see no reason why women, as individuals regardless of sex or voting qualifications, should not hold office."

"But, in an examination of the laws, it was found that no qualifications were prescribed for delegates and under these circumstances I see no reason why my name not appearing on the ballot."

Advised by Board's Lawyer.
Miss White said that last week, when in Indianapolis, she talked with Mr. Thompson, the lawyer of the state board of election commissioners, and that he suggested that if the county board refused to print her name on the ballot, she bring mandamus proceedings. The proceedings will be heard Saturday morning by Judge Bond.

One of the members of the board of election commissioners in speaking of the action taken by Miss White, said:

"The Wayne county board of election commissioners, in deciding that Miss White's name could not be printed on the election ballots as a candidate for delegate to the Republican convention, acted on the rulings of the state board of election commissioners and the opinion of the attorney-general of Indiana."

Personally, I am sure, neither of the three members of the board have any objections to women entering the contest for office in the coming primary.

Question of Law.
"It simply was to us a question as to what should be our action under existing laws. We did not feel that we could decide the question without aid from the state, and consequently asked for an opinion, which was given, and which we have followed. The suit to compel the placing of Miss White's name on the ballot is taken by Miss White in a friendly spirit and is so accepted by the election commissioners."

As to defending the action, it probably will be a matter for the state election board to decide what shall be done. The question ought to be settled, and now is as good a time as any other."

Reduce Size of the Papers
CINCINNATI, O., April 16.—Announcement is made by the Cincinnati afternoon newspapers that owing to the shortage of newspaper paper, accentuated by the railroad strike and resultant restriction of transportation facilities, editions will be limited to eight pages until the situation is relieved.

BACK TO WORK IS MOVEMENT; LEADERS HELD

General Disintegration of Out-law R. R. Act is Seen, and Embargoes Are Lifted—Grunau Will Go to Jail.

OUTBREAK AS SPORADIC

(By Associated Press)
Return of strikers and improvement in service were reported today by railroads in various sections of the country as the newly appointed railroad board assembled in Washington for its first session to consider wage demands of all workers.

In the New York district, where volunteer crews reported today by railroads in increasing numbers, there were conflicting reports concerning the number of men who had returned, after the railroads last night had delivered an ultimatum that their last chance would expire tomorrow noon. Some roads announced that strikers were flocking back, but others reported sporadic walk-outs.

Some brotherhood officials expressed fear that the men might regard the ultimatum as a challenge and prolong their walk-out. Efforts of conciliation in this morning were without results.

Crumble After Arrests.
Crumbling of strikes in the central and far west was indicated following the action of the government in arresting 25 strike leaders in Chicago.

Improvement in service also was reported in the middle west, one of the sections hardest hit. Almost normal operation was reported by many roads leading into Pittsburgh.

With passenger service generally improved throughout the country, increased freight shipments were reported in the New England and New York districts. Officials of the New York Central announced that freight service was so much improved that the embargo had been lifted east of Buffalo and north of Yonkers, on the New York Central, and north of Newburgh on the West Shore railroad.

It was believed a general industrial shut-out had been avoided.

CHICAGO, April 16.—John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yard Men's association and H. F. Reading, president of the United Engine Men's association, the two "outlaw" railway unions, announced this morning that they would go to jail on the government charge of conspiracy to violate the Lever act.

The two, with 22 of their followers, were arrested yesterday by federal agents and released on their own recognizance until 2 p. m. to give them a chance to obtain the \$10,000 bond set by Commissioner Mason.

"I can raise the required bail with ease," said Grunau, "but I don't intend to do it."

Watch for Break-up.
Speedy disintegration of unauthorized railroad strikes in the Central and far west was forecasted today with the serious blow struck by the government at the insurgent's stronghold in Chicago by the arrest of 25 strike leaders.

The arrest of the Chicago leaders left local insurgents virtually leaderless. Five other leaders for whom warrants have been issued, were expected to surrender today.

Federal officials announced they had gained their objective in the strike and indicated that no further arrests were planned.

The situation in Michigan and Ohio, where several hundred thousand industrial workers have been forced out of employment, remained virtually unchanged.

Conductors Stand Loyal
Hopes of railroad officials for early restoration of freight traffic in Pacific coast states were stimulated by announcement at Los Angeles that the order of railroad conductors had agreed with Southern Pacific officials to respond to future calls for train service regardless of strike conditions.

Passenger service on the Pacific coast was reported as virtually normal. Strikers were reported returning to work at St. Louis and Kansas City.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Indications that the unauthorized rail strikes were nearing an end in this vicinity were declared to be visible today by railroad officials. Officers of the "big four" brotherhoods.

They said the ultimatum of the railroad managers yesterday giving the men until Sunday noon to report back for work on penalty of being dropped from consideration, was a body blow to the morale of the strikers.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau.—The usual Friday night and Saturday. Colder in the south portion.

Thursday's Temperatures
Maximum 65
Minimum 40

Friday's Temperature
..... 51
For Wayne County by W. E. Moore

—Rain this afternoon and tonight. Saturday unsettled, probably changing to rain.

General Conditions—The Rocky Mountain storm has moved eastward and is the cause of the present rains. It will continue to prevail tonight. A second storm is developing over the Rocky Mountains and will cause unsettled weather for the next 36 hours or longer. A cool wave prevails over the northern states, with heavy snows in Saskatchewan. Cold weather still prevails in Alaska, being 12 below in Nome. Hot weather prevails in the Southwest, San Antonio, Texas, reporting 90 above. It will be colder over the Ohio valley tonight.