

PENNSY'S LAY OFF OF 12,000 MAY BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS

NEW YORK, July 26.—Many people, both in and out of Wall street, rubbed their eyes early this week on reading in their papers the news that the Pennsylvania railroad had issued sweeping orders to dismiss 12,000 employees on the Eastern lines alone and that similar action was likely to be taken on other parts of the system. Only last week it was widely reported that industrial plants all over the country were closing down because raw or finished materials and coal could not be moved. What could have happened to bring about the sweeping retrenchment orders issued this week by Pennsylvania?

For generations Pennsylvania has been far ahead of all other railroads in recognizing the psychological moment for issuing sweeping retrenchment orders. Following this week's statement from that company, one railroad after another issued announcements to the effect that no retrenchments had been planned. For example, a New York Central official, in commenting on Pennsylvania's action, was quoted as saying that his company had need for all the men it was employing, adding that it regarded them as "good men, who were hitting the ball" and not only had no intention of dismissing any but it would like to employ a good many more.

Others May Follow. As has happened many times before, New York Central and other prominent railroads will fall in behind Pennsylvania, sheepishly admitting Pennsylvania's wise leadership.

There are good reasons why Pennsylvania time after time has issued orders such as those put out this week, while other railroads apparently were blind to conditions actually existing. In the first place, since the time of its incorporation in 1846, the Pennsylvania has been freer than any other big railroad in the country from entangling Wall street alliances. The Pennsylvania is, and always has been managed by Wall street but from the Broad Street station, Philadelphia. Therefore, in planning an important change in policy such as that announced this week, its directors, a great majority of whom have no official connection with other companies turning out steel, coal, locomotives, freight cars, etc., can display independence.

That is one reason for the Pennsylvania's leadership. Another is that having its fingers closer than any other railroads on the pulse of the Pittsburgh district, the country's recognized industrial center, the company is in a better position to get the first signs of either trade expansion or recession.

Recalls 1914 Move.

Early in 1914 the time dropped out of our domestic business. First Pennsylvania stopped all improvement and betterment work. Then it put 40,000 men on part time and let 25,000 go. All of the other roads gasped as they are now doing, but afterwards fell in behind.

As early as February of 1907, when most railroad officials were busy talking about the ruinous shortage of transportation, Pennsylvania, because money could only be raised by sale of short-term high-interest-bearing notes, began to curtail improvements and betterments. Then all extra men were laid off. Next regular men were laid off and then wages were cut. Many railroads did not see what was coming until idle cars began to pile up to record-breaking figures. Then when the recovery in business occurred, late in 1908, and early in 1909, Pennsylvania, as usual, was again the leader.

In October of 1903, while railroad officials were talking, as they are today, about inability to meet the demand of the traveling and shipping public, especially those in the West, Pennsylvania suddenly issued drastic time retrenchment orders. Then in time the trade reaction of that year was in full swing and other railroads fell in behind. In the recovery, which started in 1904, Pennsylvania was again the leader.

Pennsylvania was again the leader back in 1893. In December of that year the Pennsylvania directors met, talked over the trade conditions and the outlook for the future and issued orders to President Roberts to retrench in every possible way. As a result President Roberts posted the following notice: "In 1857 and again in 1873 this company found it absolutely necessary to reduce expenses on all sides. The present depression has affected all industries and we must again economize wherever possible."

Slump Is Reason.

In this week's announcement two reasons were given for the dismissal of 12,000 men. One was that "a big traffic slump is noticeable. The woolen, leather and textile trades are at low ebb." The other was, "The time has come for men to go to work. Some have merely held jobs since the government took over the operation of the railroads."

Such action had to be taken. The government's guarantee of net income ends on Aug. 30. Today the company is not even earning its operating expenses and taxes, to say nothing of interest charges and dividends. Other railroads are in the same fix.

If it is the truth we are looking for, railroad officials can not lay all of the blame for the present inefficiency on employees. The high officials themselves, when the government was forced to take over the railroads as a war measure, began to sink. And they kept it up until most of them were fired. By that time, however, further efforts on the part of railroad officials to discredit government operation were not necessary; railway labor was laying down and making a good job of it.

L. Nicklas and family departed Monday for Ann Arbor, Mich., where they will spend a vacation of two weeks. The Rev. Mr. Specht of the Wernie Orphans' Home will preach at St. John's Lutheran church next Sunday and will be acting pastor in the absence of Rev. Mr. Nicklas.

Return From Trip. — The Rev. George G. Burbank and family have returned from a week's motor trip visiting points in Indiana.

Atlas Folks Picnic. — One of the largest and most complete picnic parties ever held by employees of the Atlas Underwear company was enjoyed in Glen Miller park Saturday. Employees and their families participated. Games and sports featured the afternoon, while in the evening Smith's orchestra furnished a program of dance music which continued until about 11 p.m.

Entertaining a Party. — Mrs. A. W. Roach, National Road, East, entertained a party of three motion picture actors making a transcontinental tour on foot at her home Saturday morning. The party included Eugene Haven, Walter Hall and Ophelia Co-Wa. Pictures along the route were taken by their directors from New York City, who proceeded them to select locations. They intended to reach Sacramento, Calif., by fall.

Postal Service Examination. — A number of applicants have taken out blanks for the civil service examination to be held Saturday, July 31. There are a number of vacancies to be filled by the successful applicants. The initial salaries will be \$1,400 with increases each year until \$1,800 is reached.

To Give Dance. — Percy Griffin, dancing master, will give a grand ball for the colored population of Richmond in the coliseum Wednesday night. Brown's five piece colored orchestra will play. Percy Griffin will act as floor manager.

Ruth James Returns. — Miss Ruth James, chairman of the Sixth District women's state organization of the Democratic party, returned from the meeting of the state held at French Lick, Friday and Saturday.

Church to Picnic. — East Main Street Friends' church will hold its annual picnic at Glen Miller park Thursday afternoon. Members will gather at the play grounds west of the park.

Preached at Arba. — The Rev. E. Howard Brown, pastor of the East Main Street Friends' church, preached in the afternoon and evening at an all day meeting of the Friends church in Arba, Ind. His son, Percy P. Brown, was in charge of the service at the local church, Sunday evening.

To Hold Meeting. — Because of the picnic Thursday afternoon, the Ladies' Aid of East Main Street Friends' church will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

Registered in New York. — B. N. Mitchell and J. M. Norris, both of this city, are registered in the Grand and Marlborough hotels, respectively, New York City.

Answers False Alarm. — The fire department was summoned to West Third and Kinsey streets by a call sent in from Box 52 Monday morning. The alarm was a false one.

Holiday is Delegate. — John Holaday, circuit court reporter, who is treasurer of the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America, will be one of the lay delegates to the national convention of the denomination to be held in Washington, D. C., in October. The Rev. Frank Dressell, of the First English Lutheran church, will be a ministerial delegate.

Holiday Goes Fishing. — Judge W. A. Bond, of the circuit court, said that John Holaday, court reporter, has informed the fish of Lake George of his departure for that region within a few days.

Motor to Springfield. — Mr. and Mrs. Schotzman, of North Eleventh street, Miss. Myrtle Coate, of North Ninth street, and Harry White, of South Thirteenth street, motored to Springfield, O., to spend Sunday with friends.

No Street Repairs. — City Engineer Davis has not been informed by the Andrews Asphalt company when it will make repairs to the asphalt pavements of Richmond. The condition of Richmond avenue is especially bad.

Leaves for Kentucky. — Misses Mary and Flora Parks left Monday for a week's visit with their brother, Roy C. Parks, and family, at Louisville, Ky.

Club Will Picnic. — The members of the Needcrafters club and their families will picnic at the home of Horace Cox on the Campbelltown road, near the old schoolhouse, Sunday, Aug. 1. The next regular meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. John Watt, east of New Westville.

Edwards at Meeting. — President David M. Edwards, of Earlham college, attended an all-day meeting at Maple Run, about nine miles from Marion, Ind., Sunday. He spoke in both the morning and afternoon.

Lightbourn Arrives Tuesday. — Rev. J. L. Lightbourn, of Georgetown, S. C., will arrive Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Jessup, 50 South Nineteenth street. Mr. and Mrs. Jessup will entertain informally Wednesday evening in honor of the Rev. Lightbourn. No invitations are being sent. Rev. Lightbourn was formerly rector of St. Paul's Lutheran Episcopal church.

S. S. Attendance Large. — St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday school broke all records for July attendance Sunday, July 25, with 385 members. Orphans from the Oesterlin Orphanage at Springfield, O., attended the service with their hosts and hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. Fry, who are in charge of the orphans' home, each made a talk. Attendance at public worship also was very large. Next Sunday, Aug. 1, a number of new members are to be taken into the church.

Coroner to Return. — Coroner E. Bond, out of the city on a vacation of three weeks, is expected home late this week.

Oil 58 Blocks. — Fifty-eight blocks and portions of blocks in Richmond have been sold by the street department this year. Two cars of oil have been consumed and the third car will be sent within a few days.

Miller to Toronto. — Fire Chief Ed Miller has departed for Toronto, Canada, to attend the annual convention of the Fire Chiefs' association. Assistant Chief Carter is in charge of the department.

Gardner Funeral Held. — Funeral services for Roy Gardner, who was killed in Cincinnati by a switch engine Wednesday, were held in the Methodist church at Camden, O., Saturday. Burial was in the cemetery at Camden.

Fights Over Meal. — Garrison Rowe, colored, ordered a meal in the restaurant conducted by Mrs. D. Boyer, Twelfth and Railroad street, Saturday. When Mrs. Boyer remonstrated with him for refusing to pay for the meal, Rowe struck her. It cost him \$9 in city court Monday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery.

Leave on Vacation. — The Rev. A.

WORLD CONFERENCE PROGRAM IS GIVEN; EXTENDS 8 DAYS

Clarence E. Pickett, secretary of the Young Friends conference, has received a copy of the official program of the All Friends conference, called by the London Yearly Meeting to consider the nature and basis of the Friends' Testimony for Peace, and its application to the needs of the world today. The conference opens at noon, Thursday, Aug. 12, and closes Friday evening, Aug. 20.

Following is the program: Thursday, Aug. 12, 12 noon—Devotional meeting arranged by the Friends' Prayer League, 2 p.m.—Joint meeting of British and American committees, to be followed by a devotional meeting, 4:30 p.m.—Reception at Central hall, Westminster. Open to all delegates and their hosts and hostesses. 6:30 p.m.—Special Swarthmore lecture, Central hall, Westminster, by Dr. Rufus M. Jones, of Haverford College, Pennsylvania, entitled "The Nature and Authority of Conscience." Chairman, Edward Grubb. Open to the public.

Friday, Aug. 13, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meeting, 10:15 to 12:30—First sitting of conference. Opening statement by the chairman. Subject: "The Character and Basis of Our Testimony for Peace." Introduced by Joan M. Fry, Landon, England, and an American Friend. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; subject 1 continued. 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.—Group conferences.

Continue on Same Subject. Saturday, Aug. 14, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meetings, 10:15 to 12:30. Subject 2, "The Implications of the Testimony in Civic and International Relations." Introduced by Francis E. Pollard, London, England, and an American Friend. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; subject 2 continued.

Sunday, Aug. 15.—Morning meetings for worship in London area. In the evening, public addresses by Friends in a number of the larger meeting houses.

Monday, August 16, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meetings, 10:15 to 12:30. Conference resumed; subject 3, "The Implications of the Testimony in Personal and Social Relations." Introduced by J. Edward Hodgkin, Darlington, England, and an American Friend. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; subject 3 continued. 6 to 7:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; consideration of whether the conference should issue any statement for Friends and the public, and if so, the nature of the statement and appointment of a committee.

Tuesday, August 17, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meetings, 10:45 to 12:30. Conference resumed; subject 4 (commission 5.) "The Life of the Society in Relation to the Testimony." Introduced by Edward Grubb, Croydon, England, and an American Friend. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; subject 4 continued. 6 to 7:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; subject 5 (commission 4.) "Problems of Education in Relation to the Testimony." Introduced by Charles E. Stansfield, Reading, England, and an American Friend.

Wednesday, August 18, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meetings, 10:15 to 12:30. Conference resumed; subject 5 continued. Excursions in the afternoon and evening.

"Propaganda" Is Discussed.

Thursday, August 19, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meetings, 10:15 to 12:30. Left open in case there should be need for more time on any subject. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.—Conference resumed; subject 6, "Methods of Propaganda." Introduced by Herbert Corder, Sunderland, England, and an American Friend.

Wednesday, August 19, 9:30 a.m.—Devotional meetings, 10:15 to 12:30. Conference resumed; subject 5 continued. Excursions in the afternoon and evening.

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DRAFT DODGER GIVES SELF UP



Sauers on. The case was reported to Sheriff Carr Monday.

Itemized Account Of Co. Agent Fund Made

An itemized statement of the expenditures of the \$500 fund collected for the use of the county agent in 1913 was made available Monday afternoon by County Auditor Brooks.

The whereabouts of the supplies purchased with money is unknown. The statement follows:

July 30, 1913, Bartle & Howe, supplies, \$104.58; Aug. 4, ink and pens, 15 cents; dinner, 40 cents; Huff & Co., flower pots, 35 cents; phone rental, \$7.10; lime, 15 cents; Vera E. Benton, \$5; Oct. 1, M. J. Quigley, camera, \$50; Frank Howell, printing, \$1.75; Nov. 4, phone rental, \$10; phone toll, 35 cents; milk tester, \$9; freight, 36 cents; one night at Lohr house, \$1.50; railroad fare Richmond to Lafayette and return, \$5; Dec. 4, Howell, printing, \$15.25; M. J. Quigley, camera supplies, \$7.45; Jan. 3, 1914, freight, \$1.15; dray 75 cents; Nicholson Bros., cardboard, \$1; C. H. Bond, hall rent, Greensboro, \$4; March 16, Arthur L. Bundy, lantern slides, \$15.60; March 16, M. J. Quigley, supplies, \$9; W. H. Ross Drug company, stereopticon case and lenses, \$59.50; July 7, 29 lantern slides, \$8.70.

**BOYS AWAY BEHIND IN
BIRTH RECORDS FOR WEEK**

Only nine births were recorded in the offices of county and city health offices last week. The county led with two boys and three girls. Three girls and one boy were born in the city. County births: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Warfel, Wayne township, boy; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bealls, Wayne township, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Prather, Jackson township, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kennedy, Franklin township, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wiser, Abingdon township, girl.

City births: Mr. and Mrs. W. L.

Witte, 112 North Third street, boy; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Fancett, 1237 Sheridan street, girl; Chester G. Perry, girl; Benjamin Korthaus, 840 South Eighth street, girl.

**UP AND DOWN BOBS RED
LINE IN CITY THERMOMETERS**

Monday's ideal weather was in sharp contrast with the sweltering heat of Friday and Saturday. A noon temperature of 73 was reported Monday. Sunday's noon temperature was 75, Saturday's 88, and Friday's 92.

The cooling breezes that started in Saturday morning kept on through Sunday and are responsible for the drop, said Walter Vossler, weather expert at the pumping station.

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AND A grouch started.
AND WALKING to work.
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AND DECIDED to fire.
MY OFFICE boy.
BUT JUST before I decided.
TO KILL a policeman.
A MAN passed me.
SMOKING A cigarette.
AND SAY but the smoke.
THAT DRIFTED back.
DID SMELL good.
AND I followed him.
INTO A store.
HE THREW down two dimes.
AND SAID "The same."
AND SO did I.
AND SO I'm still smoking.
AND STILL keep that.
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