

## RAIL STRIKE PARALYZES CALIFORNIA

OFFER SCHEME  
TO SUPERSEDE  
"PLUMB PLAN"

Sen. Lenroot, Representing  
'Liberal' Element, Would Have  
Wholesale Reorganization.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Wholesale reorganization of the railroads is proposed in a bill introduced today by Sen. Lenroot, Wisconsin.

Lenroot's plan is to organize a corporation which would own and operate the roads, this corporation to be controlled by a board of 11 directors chosen by the president from various economic groups.

Out of earnings, present railroad stock would be gradually retired. Existing bonds would not be disturbed.

Other principal features of the Lenroot plan are:

The board of 11 directors would be selected by the president and confirmed by the senate out of names proposed to the president by various classes—two from employees, two from commerce, industry and shippers, two from farmers, three from security holders, one from the interstate commerce commission and one from railway commissions.

Chose Director.  
A director general would be chosen by this board to operate the roads under regional divisions. An efficiency and economy board is provided for, to consist of technical engineers to advise improvements and suggest inventions.

Property interests would be safeguarded in financing the plan. It was explained New stock with maximum dividends of six percent would be exchanged for existing stock as valued by the interstate commerce commission.

Earnings in excess of six percent would go, 40 percent to labor, 30 percent to public for improvements and retiring outstanding stock and 30 percent to shareholders.

Provide Guarantee.  
Government guarantee of four percent on all stock issued by the corporation would be provided and use of political influence to obtain promotion be made a crime.

Labor would have equal voice in suggesting improvements of service, working conditions and wages and rights of collective bargaining would be guaranteed.

Sen. Lenroot said that his bill is supposed to represent the opinion of a liberal element in congress on the railway question.

GOMPERS IS HEARD  
AT ACTORS' MEETING

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The American Federation of Labor will support the striking actors of the Actors' Equity association.

At the Lexington theater, where the strikers are giving a benefit performance, Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation, appeared last night and assured the actors that he would use his influence to bring about a settlement of the differences with the producing managers' association.

Producers would make no comment on Gompers' attitude.

The Actors' Fidelity League, an organization opposed to the Equity association, has announced a membership of 1,619.

ASSERTS JAPAN SUFFERS  
FROM STRIKE EPIDEMIC

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Japan is suffering from an epidemic of strike which has been fully worked their way into the labor system, according to K. Uchida, vice minister of the state department of communication in Japan, a Chicago visitor.

Speaking of the Shantung problem, he said:

"The chief idea of Japan is to keep in the orient. I believe my country already has relinquished its claims to Shantung."

FIRST DIVISION DOCKS  
AT NEW YORK SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The first troops of the first division will arrive Saturday on the transport Pastores. It was announced today at the port of embarkation, Hoboken.

Nineteen officers and 30 enlisted men will comprise the unit.

The Pastores, which left West Aug. 21, is bringing 1,472 officers and men, including a number of naval companies.

The Lighter Side  
In the Day's News

CHICAGO—Autoists from the city will drive around Evanston, a suburb, from now on. Police said complaints had been filed that urchins pelt drivers with over-ripe tomatoes.

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—Harry Kelly is suspicious of policemen now. When he complained that somebody had stolen his car, the chief said, "We hauled it in. Thought it was abandoned."

COLUMBIA, Mo.—John J. Shy got here too late for his own funeral. He was on his way from France when ceremonies were held after the war department reported him dead.

BROOKLYN—Hunger broke the nurses' hunger strike in Kings County hospital. "The nurses got hungry and ate," the superintendent said.

CONY ISLAND—"Hot dogs" are on strike with Coney Island gas fitters, who refuse to furnish heat for stands. Mustard fails to make cold dogs sizzle, hence the strike.

BELOIT, Wis.—Attracted by sounds of plop, plop, neighbors summoned the police to stop a dice game. The police discovered that the "popping" was the "dropping" of watermelon seeds at a watermelon feast.

LACROSSE, Wis.—No wonder pork is high. Smooth King, a hog valued at \$3,000, died and had an obituary printed in the home paper. Veterinarians even diagnosed the cause as fatty degeneration of the heart.

HELLTOWN, Mich.—Boy, page Billy Sunday, Helltown's on the rampage again. This town, populated chiefly by lumberjacks, is having a wild spree, citizens aver, and an unusually great number of convictions for drunkenness have been secured recently. Appeals for outside assistance in enforcing prohibition have been sent out.

POSTPONE RESUMPTION  
OF TROLLEY SERVICE

By United Press.  
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 27.—Resumption of trolley service in this district was again postponed owing to the inability of police to provide proper protection today. Receivers announced an attempt to operate would be made tomorrow—the 13th day of the strike of motormen and conductors of the Pittsburgh Railways Co.

LEAVES ANSWER  
UP TO SHOPMEN

Stone, Brotherhood President, Says Chiefs Should Not Reply to Wilson.

By United Press.  
CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 27.—Railroad shopmen and not the brotherhood chiefs should answer President Wilson's offer of the wage increase of four cents an hour, Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said here today.

"Personally I have no comment, to make on the president's offer," he said. "The shopmen can and will answer him."

Stone, however, stated that increased wages will not solve the economic question. He advised immediate steps to lower the cost of living as a means of solving the problem of strikes for higher wages.

"The same problem applies to all industry," he said. "The railroad workers and other branches of industry are facing the common question of the high cost of living. Lower the cost of living and you eliminate wage increase demands and strikes."

Stone took the positive stand that the Pacific coast railway strikes are without the support of the brotherhood chiefs.

Carry Out Contracts.  
"We will do our utmost to carry out our contracts on the Pacific coast," Stone said. "The strikes were not sanctioned by us. We will insist that our men out there perform their duties in full as specified in our contracts."

Asked if the brotherhood officials were in a position to fulfill their contracts by sitting the places made vacant by strikers, he replied, "We have carried out our contracts for a good many years and will continue to do so now."

HUNT WYATT  
GANG AFTER  
NEW ROBBERY

Yeggs Fail in Attempt at Shipshewana--Think Two Cases are Connected.

Special to The News-Times:

ELKHART, Ind., Aug. 27.—Men who, it is believed, are connected with the attempted robbery of the Farmers' bank at Wyatt, Ind., on Aug. 22, forced the front door of the Farmers' State bank at Shipshewana, Ind., near here, early this morning, but failed in an attempt to blow off the door of the cash box in the vault, whose combination lock they had worked without trouble.

The men, failing to get at the cash, ransacked the furnishings, which were badly wrecked by the explosion. The bank officials said that nothing of value had been taken, although damage amounting to about \$300 was caused by the explosion.

The burglars escaped.

Show Similarities.

Although the handcar on which the Wyatt bank robbers made their escape was located at Lakeville, which is in the opposite direction from Wyatt with regard to Shipshewana, detectives working on the case are inclined to think that the two attempts were committed by the same gang. The use of railway tools, and the use of explosive in attempting to gain entrance to the cash box are pointed to as similarities of method which lead to this conclusion. Shipshewana is about 45 miles from Wyatt.

The Wyatt bank robbery was attempted on the night of Aug. 21, or early the following morning. Like this bank, the institution at Shipshewana is a small one, at some distance from any large city where adequate police protection is furnished, and while it carries a considerable amount of cash and securities, is not equipped with all the safety devices which larger banks utilize.

Efforts to trace the robbers who worked at Wyatt have so far been unsuccessful. Detectives today asserted, however, that new clues which might be found at Shipshewana would no doubt aid in the capture of this gang, which is likely to turn out to be the same as that which worked at Wyatt.

Determine Validity  
OF SEIZURE MEASURE

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Constitutionality of the Illinois search and seizure law will be attacked in the federal courts by the liquor interests, as the outcome of liquor seizures and saloon raids in Chicago and northern Illinois during the past few days.

This was seen today when a petition for an injunction was filed in the United States district court asking that Zion City officials, including Overseer Wilbur Glenn Voliva, be restrained from interfering with the removal of 19 trucks seized when carrying beer from Milwaukee and Kenosha to Chicago. The state seizure law permits officials to destroy vehicles used to bring liquor into the state.

Atty. George Remus, who filed the petition, admitted it was his intention to test the seizure law.

Think Storage  
Turkey Caused  
Death of Five

By United Press.  
ALLIANCE, Ohio, Aug. 27.—A coroner's investigation was started here today in the death of five persons following a dinner given at a club here last week. W. D. McElroy, chief at the club, died today and John V. Sharer of this city, died last night. The other three who died yesterday were Col. Charles Weybrecht, world war veteran; Mrs. Helen Gharis and a waiter.

Seven other persons who attended the dinner are seriously ill. Police officials were trying to determine the cause of the deaths. It was thought that cold storage turkey was responsible.

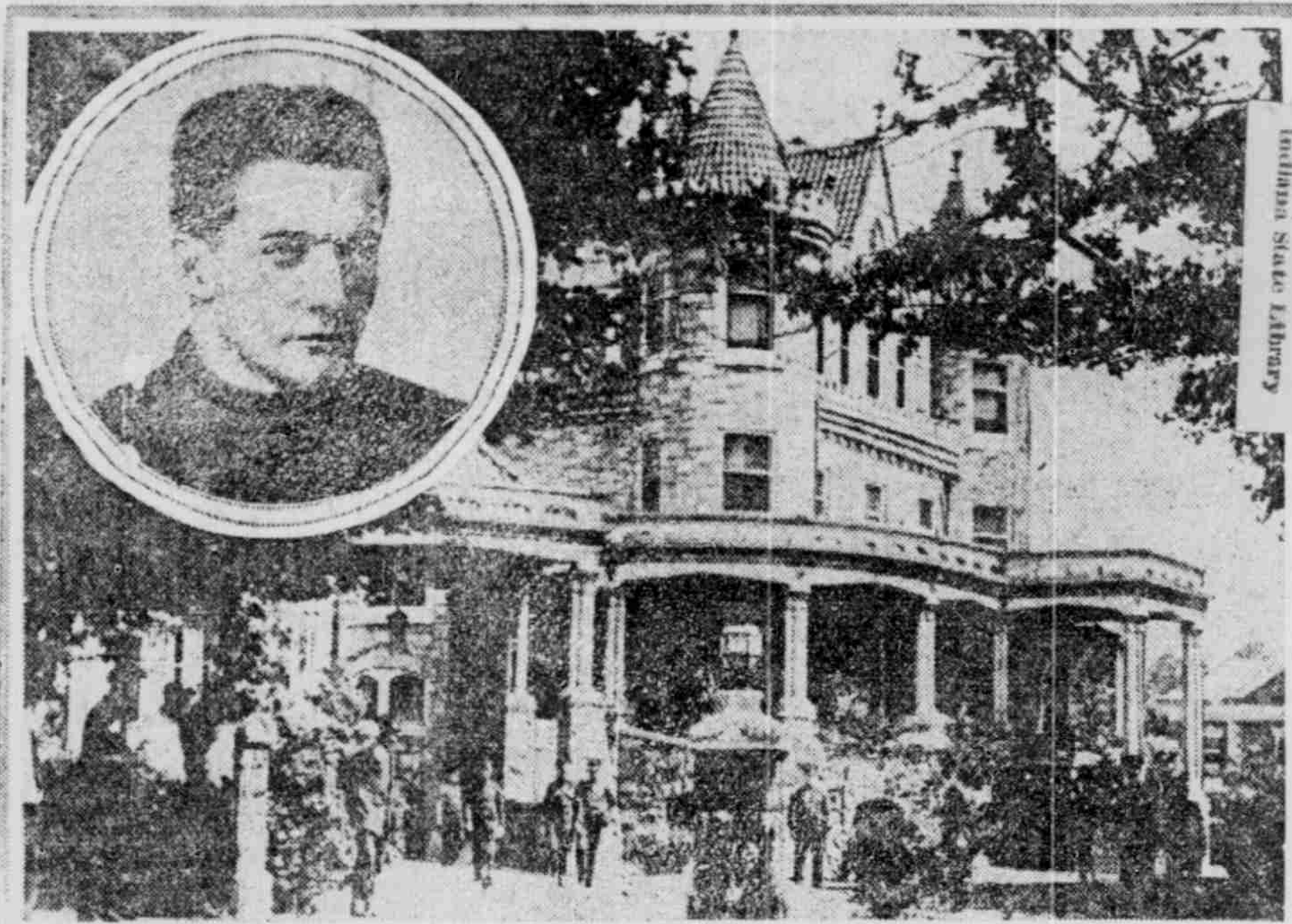
SELECT UMPIRE FOR  
CONSTRUCTION STRIKE

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—An umpire was to be selected today in the controversy between contractors and building workers which has tied up construction work in the Chicago district for nearly two months. At a meeting last night officials of the building trades council decided to propose to the contractors that an arbitrator be appointed. More than 100,000 workers have been idle during the controversy, precipitated by their demand for \$1 an hour.

WIDOWS GET ADVANCE.

By United Press.  
WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 27.—An advance of 20 percent, to Canada's war widows and privates will go into effect on Sept. 1. They will get \$48 a month.

## Home of Millionaire Draft Dodgers



Millionaire draft evader dodges police cordon.

The palatial Philadelphia residence of the Bergdoll brothers, millionaire draft dodgers, where the brothers, despite a cordon of police and government agents, succeeded in visiting their mother and again escaping. A secret pathway was later discovered by the police. The brothers are the sons of the late Martin Bergdoll, Philadelphia brewer. For two years, ever since August, 1917, when both boys were drafted and promptly disappeared. Government agents have been looking for them. The insert shows Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, one of the brothers.

Washington is Convinced  
That Country Faces Climax

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Announcement that the president will start on his tour of the country within a comparatively few days, coupled with the meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor starting tomorrow, convinced Washington today that a climax may soon be expected in the unprecedented situation gripping the country.

In addition to his fight for the treaty and League of Nations, the president will afford the president an opportunity to put squarely before the country his proposition on the matter of wage increases while attempts at lowering the cost of living are just getting under way.

Shopsmen Not Satisfied.  
The shopsmen, whose strike would approach a tie-up of the railroads of the country, are not satisfied with the president's disposition of their case. But one of the big questions that will be answered before the president starts his trip, is whether the American Federation of Labor will get behind him or back the shopsmen.

The president's friends are confident of American Federation of Labor support in view of the stabilizing position the labor organization has taken throughout the war emergency. Should the executive council give the shopsmen its support in refusing to accept the terms submitted, however, it is pointed out that the entire labor situation would be thrown wide open, with unnumbered strike possibilities.

Wilson Hasn't Fought Yet.  
Uncertainty during the last few weeks as to whether the president would actually make his trip is attributed to the fact that the treaty situation had not so crystallized as to indicate exactly what the president would have to fight. His friends point out that the president really hasn't fought at all to date. He has merely waited to see how far the opposition would go.

The action of the foreign relations committee has determined that the republican majority's starting point, at least, is to go the limit in amendments to the treaty.

Expect Treaty Soon.  
The treaty should leave the committee the later part of this week of the first of next. Its adoption should follow during the month of September.

This will be in 10 days or two weeks, it was said, since plans cannot be completed in a shorter time. A corps of assistants are working on the itinerary today.

The president does not feel that it will be necessary for him to wait until the peace treaty is reported out of the senate foreign relations committee.

The trip will occupy 45 days, if the president can stand the strain of continuous speaking, it was said. It is considered possible that the president will be in San Francisco in time to review the fleet.

The plans for meeting Gen. Pershing in New York on Sept. 8 or 9, as well as those for the review of the first division by the president here Sept. 18 have to be changed, it was said.

DANIELS DOESN'T  
FAVOR OIL LEASES

Gifford Pinchott Publishes  
Letter Repeating Assertions  
About Secretary's Stand.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—A letter received by Gifford Pinchott from Sec'y of the Navy Daniels today refutes, according to Pinchott's office, the statement by Sen. Smoot in the senate yesterday that Sec'y Daniels favors the passage of Smoot's oil leasing bill on which a vote is expected tonight.

Daniels, in his letter, says:

"I shall be satisfied if the measure of relief is limited to that proposed by Sen. Swanson."

Swanson's amendment, limiting the relief to begranted to operators who entered upon naval reserve oil lands in good faith, has been defeated, however. A paragraph of the letter said:

"This department has always maintained that those who entered upon the public land after its withdrawal did so in violation of a valid order, on the chance that the order would be invalid; and that to grant such men legislative relief would be to reward their disregard of the law at the expense of the persons who respected the order, the navy and the whole nation."

REFUSES TO CONFER  
WITH STEEL UNION

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation, this afternoon formally refused to confer with the committee of union employees named at their recent Youngstown, O., meeting.

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A great deal of public comment has circulated as a result of this, as the greater portion of the people felt that the honor of meeting the prince was being reserved for a certain few, and that this didn't spell the democratic spirit which is reported to be characteristic of the prince.

Prince of Wales  
Doesn't Want to  
be "Exclusive"

By United Press.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 27.—The prince of Wales by wire from Toronto today called off all exclusive society functions at which the general public was barred.

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Find Husband of  
Trustful Little  
French Woman

By United Press.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 27.—Clinton Carpenter has been found. His French bride who landed at Newport News, Va., is expected to join him at Dunkirk. The Newport News Red Cross informed the Columbus chapter that the girl's husband had told her in France he lived in Columbus. Carpenter could not be found until the Red Cross received the following letter from him:

"I am in Dunkirk and only here for a short while. Tell her to rite me a letter rite away for a want to hear from her. Yours resp. Clinton Carpenter, Dunkirk, Ind. Answer soon."

BANKERS APPROVE  
WILSON'S STAND

Almost Unanimous in Com-  
mendation of President's  
Answer to Shopmen.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—New York bankers approve President Wilson's stand on the wage demands of the railroad shopmen, according to a statement issued today by Dow, Jones and Co., Wall st. news bureau. It is declared that opinions in financial circles agree upon the soundness of the president's sharp contrast, "which stands out in sharp contrast to the more or less socialistic reasoning from the labor element."

"If the president had taken his present stand some months ago an effective readjustment in price and wage conditions might have been realized before this," according to the interpretation of the bankers' attitude.

"But there is no certainty in financial circles," says the Dow, Jones statement, "that the railroad shopmen, nor indeed other branches of labor, will acquiesce in Mr. Wilson's counsel. The remarkable success of traction employees lately, it is expected, will have a tremendous influence on labor dissatisfied with existing conditions."

May Increase Discontent.  
"It also is believed that Mr. Wilson's remarks as to high prices have reached their peak will increase rather than abate discontent. Judging from the present temper of the unions, it is believed this will be accepted as the last opportunity to obtain wage increases before the recession in the cost of living."

Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City bank is quoted as saying that the president's stand "is the first encouraging ray in a clouded sky so far as the labor situation is concerned."

"He has called a halt," Mitchell said, "to the vicious circle in constant demand of labor for higher wages."

TERRE HAUTE POLICE  
TOLD TO LEAVE UNION

By United Press.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 27.—Police of this city are given the choice of leaving either the labor union or the police force, in a statement issued by Mayor Hunter. The mayor said such organization is illegal because no outside influence should be brought to bear on the police. In this case, he said, the outside influence would be the Central Labor Union.

DISCHARGED TEACHER  
SUES FOR \$25,000

By United Press.

FRANKLIN, Ind., Aug. 27.—Pres't Charles Goodsell of Franklin college, is defendant in a \$25,000 slander suit filed by Miss Burnett Palmer who was discharged recently after 11 years' service on the faculty. The suit claims fraudulent representations were made by Dr. Goodsell to the board of directors in connection with her dismissal. It is understood the college will stand behind its president when the case comes to trial.

COMMANDER OF 150TH  
GETS SUPERIOR BENCH

By United Press.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 27.—Solon J. Carter, former commander of the 150th field artillery, Indiana today did \$100,000 damage to the building and contents of the American Railway Express Co. Fire-boat in the river aided in extinguishing the flames which threatened the Union passenger depot.

EXPRESS BUILDING  
SUFFERS FROM FIRE

By United Press.

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CANCELL ALL  
STEAM TRAINS  
OUT OF 'FRISCO

Los Angeles Threatened With  
Serious Food Shortage--Hun-  
dreds of Tourists Stranded.

By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 27.—All train service out of San Francisco was cancelled today when the rail strike that has paralyzed southern California suddenly made its appearance here.

The strike, which began in Los Angeles in sympathy with workers of the Pacific Electric and Los Angeles street car system, first jumped north as far as Bakersfield and Fresno and south to San Diego. Overnight and without warning it leaped the intervening distance to San Francisco.

All trains scheduled to leave over the Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and Santa Fe from San Francisco and Oakland, including suburban trains down the peninsula, were cancelled. No tickets were sold at the Union ticket office of the railroad administration.

All on Strike.  
Those on strike here include yardmasters, switchmen, engineers, firemen and shopmen. The strike began when 100 men walked out of the Southern Pacific yards and spread within an hour to the entire Bay district. It was spontaneous—practically without leadership.

The men at a meeting last night formulated a group of demands which include:

Reinstatement of all strikers of the Pacific Electric on terms of their original demands; of all Los Angeles brotherhood men discharged for refusing to handle cars of the Pacific Electric; of all San Francisco strikers after demands affecting southern California strikers are satisfied.

Expected to Spread.  
The strike was expected to spread today to Sacramento, Stockton and other points.

The strike has paralyzed California at a time when thousands of summer tourists from eastern states were preparing to return home.

Several hundred tourists are stranded at Bakersfield, a junction point on the Santa Fe, in the desert above Los Angeles. No supplies have been received at the hotel there for several days and provisions are not adequate for the four trainloads of passengers forced to remain there.

Los Angeles itself is threatened with a serious food shortage. No relief has been afforded since its mayor two days ago warned that the city must go on war rations.

Boats Inadequate.  
Ocean travel between the two cities has been unhampered, but the boats are inadequate to handle the great rush of passengers. Mail service is partially maintained through the boats.

California's highways—two systems north and south connecting Los Angeles and San Francisco—are being utilized to the utmost by trucks and automobiles. Stage lines, always busy, are now swamped.

The strike has spread in the face of the order from the brotherhood chiefs that the men end the strike. Whereas the Cleveland headquarters of the brotherhoods has refused to sanction the strike, it has the backing of the state federation of labor, which has termed Los Angeles the battle ground of labor in California.

SANTA FE TURNS DOWN  
CALIFORNIA BUSINESS

By United Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 27.—Santa Fe railroad refused all business today to points south and west of Bakersfield, Calif., because of the rail strike affecting southern California. It was learned at the office of the division passenger agent.

Officials admitted that all trains running into California may be ordered cancelled today, because of the strike which was reported to have involved San Francisco.

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