

U. S. TROOPS READY FOR STRIKE DUTY

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OF INSURGENT
RAIL STRIKESAtty. Gen. Palmer Tells Dis-
trict Attorneys to Make
Investigation.

U. S. READY TO ACT

Administration Officials Be-
lieve Union Heads Will Be
Able to End Walkout.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Orders were sent today to United States District Attorneys to investigate the unauthorized railroad strike in their districts to determine whether there had been any "joint action" designed to interfere with the distribution of necessities of life or whether such interference was contemplated.

Attorney General Palmer, who is at Savannah, Ga., in making this announcement said that such "joint action" would be unlawful. He added that the federal government would take no steps to ascertain the facts. Mr. Palmer will be in the south for several days and has instructed Assistant Attorney General Ames to act on his own judgment should the situation be found to warrant it.

Refuses to Comment.

Mr. Ames steadfastly refused to comment on developments in the strike situation.

Although the strike apparently was spreading rapidly, particularly in the middle West, administration officials believed the unauthorized leaders of the railroad unions would be able to control the situation without government interference. Government machinery, however, was ready to move should this finally be decided upon. What the first step would be was not indicated.

Begin Hearings.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee completed plans today for its investigation of the strike. Hearings will begin Tuesday with the Great Lakes division of the Chicago Yardmen's association and leader of the striking forces in Chicago, as one of the first witnesses. Chairman Cummings announced. Others to be heard will include A. Whitney, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

Officers of rail and shop drafts, associated with the American Federation of Labor, refused to discuss the strike. Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, has gone to Cleveland, headquarters of the trainmen's union to discuss the general situation with the brotherhood chiefs.

While Mr. Ames refused to discuss the situation, other officials of the department pointed out that two courses of procedure were open if the government decided to take a hand in settling the strike. The government, they said, could seek criminal indictments under the Lever act because of interference with interstate food shipments or the injunction proceedings of the bill it could employ methods similar to notorious coal strike.

No Mail Stoppage.

Although there has been no stoppage of United States mails, according to the reports to the department, it is known that the walkout will bring developments from that angle also. All plans will be held in abeyance, however, until the inquiry ordered by Mr. Palmer can be carried out.

Plans for organization of emergency motor truck transportation lines should the strike interfere seriously with food transportation were considered today by the council of national defense.

Herbert J. Shenton, acting secretary of the council, declared that 45,000 government-owned trucks could be mobilized for such service on short notice. Through the motor transport committee of the council Mr. Shenton said, it would be possible to mobilize, in addition to the government trucks, 7,200,000 privately owned trucks. These, he said, would enable the country to face with a degree of equanimity almost any temporary failure of the railroad system.

Supplies Depleted.

Reserve supplies of foodstuffs at principal distributing centers already have been depleted as a result of the strike. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)

Ship Crew Ready
for Count After
Alcohol VoyageBy Associated Press:
NEW YORK, April 10.—Completion of a round trip to Capetown which included "anti-prohibition celebrations" at sundry South African ports by the steamer Etruria here today with two members of her crew in the brig, a dozen in the sick bay covered with cuts and bruises and one buried at sea after a wood alcohol orgy.

The steamer sailed out of this port last January, six days before constitutional prohibition went into effect. She carried a crew of 128 men, most of whom, according to their officers, apparently had shipped for the sole purpose of going ashore at all the "wet" ports.

Life on the ocean waves aboard the Etruria proved "merry," her officers said, while in a "jovial" mood. Officers and crew, it was threatened to throw the immigration officer overboard when he went out to the Etruria at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony.

WALTER BAKER TO
DIE IN ELECTRIC
CHAIR AUGUST 10Judge Hubbard Pronounces
Sentence in Circuit Court
Saturday.

Walter Baker, convicted of the murder of Carl Cook, of Laporte, was sentenced to die in the electric chair by Judge A. L. Hubbard in circuit court Saturday afternoon after overruling pleadings by Baker's attorneys for a new trial.

Baker immediately asked for an appeal to the supreme court of the state, which was granted by Judge Hubbard. The defendant's attorneys were given 90 days in which to file a bill of exceptions.

Death Sentence.

The sentence pronounced by Judge Hubbard after Baker stated he had nothing to say was that he should be sentenced "to death as prescribed by law by passing a current of electricity through the body of the defendant of sufficient intensity to cause death, the same to be inflicted before the hour of sunrise on Aug. 10, 1920."

Baker's attorneys pleaded all morning that a new trial be granted him on the grounds that he had not been convicted of many crimes during his early life and that the state had committed grievous errors in presenting their evidence during the trial.

Evidence Permissible.

Judge Hubbard held that the evidence offered by the state during the three weeks' trial recently held in the circuit court was permissible and that Baker was not entitled to a new trial.

The trial will remain in the county jail pending the filing of the bill of exceptions by his attorneys and while the case is pending in the supreme court of the state.

Steve Bartek and Ernest Garley, accomplices of Baker in the killing of Carl Cook, Laporte groceryman, on the night of Dec. 24, 1917, are now awaiting trial in the same court in which Baker was convicted. The trial of the remaining two men is expected to begin the first of the May term of court.

PLAN OF GERMANS TO
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RADICALS PREPARING
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THE HAGUE, April 10.—The red forces of the Rhenish district apparently have hidden a large quantity of arms in the mines and are preparing a new revolution if the Bolsheviks succeed in crushing Poland and in occupying the German frontier, says the Wesel (Rhenish Prussia) correspondent of the *Weltzeitung*. The correspondent based this conclusion on documents he says are in the hands of the government.

The figures were presented by the miners to the committee of the Rhenish and others who have been appointed to negotiate a new contract for the hard coal fields.

The mine owners entered vehement objections to the introduction of such data, questioning the right of the workers to draw into

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Rev. W. S. Davis, president of the Ministers' Association, and prominent laymen escorted him to the Oliver, where he will reside during his stay here.

The morning services will be chiefly devoted to the dedication of the tabernacle with a short address by Mr. Jones dealing with the purpose of his campaign.

Rev. C. P. DuComb, chairman of the general committee, will deliver an address explaining the hopes of the association, the local ministers and prominent laymen who will be present.

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In response to the call for a meeting of the Leonard Wood veterans in St. Joseph county, eight republicans met in the pink parlor of the Oliver hotel and proceeded to launch the Wood-for-President league, Saturday night.

Preston Mayor Fred Keller was elected president of the league; Charles Ostrom and W. O. Davis, vice presidents. Charles Pischka, secretary, Arthur McDonald, publicity manager, W. C. Erie is county campaign manager. No treasurer was announced. The Wood octet claimed the woodsmen adherents never handled money. As far as publicity manager put it, "For heaven sake, lay off that money talk."

Question of Donation.

No announcement was made, however, as to whether or not the pink parlor was a meeting place for the Wood adherents.

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Receive Food.

A few carloads of food were received today, but the opinion of railroad officials based on the night's development were that the situation was "extremely grave" and it was admitted the railroads would not be in position to combat the strike for 48 hours.

The first demands of the insurgent strikers, issued tonight, contained the threat of a break with the national labor organizations unless they received the support of those organizations in this strike.

Approximately 20,000 men had left their posts in the New York Central and Erie lines and a statement was made that all eight Wood men were left when explained by the statement that all the chairs in the room had been full when the meeting was begun. There was found to be three vacant chairs in the room beside those occupied by the eight adherents of the general committee.

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