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ONLY FOURTH OF RAILROAD WORKERS EXPECT TO STRIKE

"STRIKE NOW" POLICY IS OPPOSED BY OFFICIALS OF NINE LARGE UNIONS

Chiefs Issue a Statement

"BIG FIVE" LEADERS BLAME LABOR BOARD AND CARRIERS FOR STRIKE.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23.—The prospective rail strike scheduled for October 30, was limited to approximately one-fourth of the nation's railroad employees when officials of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, representing 350,000 men voted tonight not to authorize a walk-out by their members for the time being.

This action increased the number of major rail unions which have voted not to strike now to nine and the number of railroad employees bound by such action to about three-fourths of the country's total of approximately 2,000,000.

The vote was taken in a meeting which lasted several hours and in which some of the officials at first favored a walkout October 30, in protest of recent wage cuts. These officials finally swung over to a no "strike now" policy, but the question of quitting work will be taken up again after the labor board renders a decision on the rules and working conditions question now before it.

Tonight's action by the clerks left the signal men and the telegraphers the only organization in the eleven "standard" rail unions which may join the conductors, firemen, engineers, trainmen and switchmen in the strike they have called.

LABOR BOARD AND CARRIERS BLAMED.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 23.—Responsibility for the nation-wide railroad strike scheduled to begin next Sunday morning was placed on the United States Railroad labor board and the carriers in a statement issued here today. This and the announcement that all the general chairmen of the "Big Five" brotherhoods, numbering about six hundred, may also have been cited to appear before the board in Chicago Wednesday, featured today's strike developments here.

The attitude of the union chiefs was explained after a conference of four of the "Big Five" leaders today in a statement by Warren Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which the chiefs reiterated their hope that a solution acceptable to the employees may yet be found.

It was indicated that the statement may be regarded as an outline of the stand the labor leaders will take when they appear with the executives of the railroads before the labor board.

The statement follows: "With regard to the position of the employees of the railroads at this time, we can only say that their representatives are patiently awaiting for any developments that would appear to offer a solution of the situation that confronts us.

"We are not now, nor have we ever been, desirous of being party to precipitating a strike, but when it is quite apparent that the railroads propose to not only reduce wages but to take from those employees practically all the conditions of service that have been maintained for many years and the railroad labor board is unable, or fails to give us any assurance that the interests of the employees will be protected from such onslaught by the interests that control the transportation lines of our country, nothing is left for the employees but to stand on their constitutional rights to retire from the service of these carriers.

"We are advised through the newspapers that the interstate com-

Developments in Strike Situation.

Developments yesterday in the railroad situation may be summarized as follows:

San Antonio—Labor leaders claim strike of 600 trainmen on International and Great Northern which started Saturday is "100 per cent effective" but road says passenger service is unimpaired and that resumption of freight service, halted Saturday, has been started. Unions announced no attempt will be made to interfere with efforts to resume full service.

Cleveland—Big Four brotherhood chiefs say that if strike materializes, the blame for it should be placed on the United States Railroad Labor board and on the railroads.

Chicago—Railroad heads say action of majority of the eleven "standard" unions in refusing to join a strike now has broken the backbone of the proposed walkout.

Strike ballot being taken among 14,000 organized signalmen. Result expected to be known Wednesday.

United States District Attorney Clynne summoned to Washington by Attorney General Daugherty, presumably to discuss the strike situation.

Chicago: Officials representing 350,000 members of the Railway and Steamship Clerks organization voted not to authorize the strike at present, thus limiting the number of prospective strikers to about one-fourth of the total rail employees in the nation.

Paper Changes Hands.

Thomasville, Oct. 20.—Messrs. Sturkey, West and Williams have bought out C. F. Finch's interest in the Chairtown News and it is learned that they will at an early date equip an office for the printing of the paper. At the present and for some time to come the paper will continue to be printed at the orphanage.

merce commission has authorized a considerable reduction in freight rates.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the wages of the railroad employees have been reduced 12 per cent since July 1, there was no talk about a reduction of freight rates until this crisis arose. Now the railroads are attempting to gain the sympathy of the public in this crisis by this late reduction of rates.

"The public never would have received this reduction with the consent of the railroads had the railroads not been confronted with this emergency."

Besides Mr. Stone, others attending today's conference were W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; L. E. Shepard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. T. C. Cashen, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, the other member of the "Big Five" is expected to arrive here tomorrow and attend future conferences of the chiefs.

The establishment of open shop conditions on the Tremont and Gulf railroad and the strike at noon yesterday of trainmen on the International and Great Northern railroad were under discussion at today's conference but none of the chiefs would comment on the situation on those roads.

President Lee, however, stated he had received reports from his general chairmen on the International and Great Northern that practically 100 per cent of the trainmen had quit the service.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Costly Bath.
Kinston, Oct. 20.—Because a negro employe of the West Construction company washed his hands in gasoline with a lighted lantern over his arm, work on the Elm Grove road, one of the principal projects of the big Lenoir county road program, will be hindered for a time. The highway commission today gave this reason for a \$5,000 fine at a road construction station near here.

Deadly Quarrel.
Asheville, Oct. 20.—As the result of an argument over 52 cents, Moody Jackson, 19 years old negro, is dead, and Ernest Taylor, 18 year old negro, is in jail. Before the coroner's jury it was testified that the deceased had attacked Taylor with a knife following an argument over a few cents and that Taylor seized a board and landed a blow on the side of Jackson's head. The affray occurred near Swannanoa early last night and Jackson died this morning.

Man Falls Dead.
Kinston, Oct. 20.—It was reported here today that when news of the death of a sister here reached W. H. Gaskins, a prominent Grantsboro man, he fell dead, supposedly from the shock. The sister, Mrs. J. T. Banks, died recently at her residence in the eastern part of the city.

Harris Funeral.
Asheville, Oct. 21.—The funeral of J. T. Harris, who was electrocuted at the state penitentiary in Raleigh yesterday for the murder of F. W. Monnish, wealthy Alabamian, were held at Riverside cemetery here today. The body was taken directly to the cemetery, where private services were conducted.

Expect Heavy Losses.
Thomasville, Oct. 20.—At a meeting of stockholders and depositors of the Bank of Thomasville on Tuesday afternoon it was stated by the receiver, T. J. Finch, that the depositors would probably realize about 50 cents on the dollar in the settlement of the bank's affairs. This was an exceedingly discouraging report, as most of the depositors had been led to believe before that their losses would be very light.

Held For Murder.
Winston-Salem, Oct. 21.—Judge Hartman, in city court, today ordered Nick Whitfield held without bail for hearing in higher court on a charge of murder, as a result of the killing of Simon Kigler last Monday night in the northern part of the city.

Shot Near Home.
Oxford, Oct. 20.—Jim Mitchell, of Brassfield, was seriously shot on Saturday evening as he approached his home. He was rushed to Brantwood hospital where the ball in his leg was extracted. The assailant escaped but it is thought that Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell recognized him.

Murder Reported.
Winston-Salem, Oct. 20.—Will Chapman, 18, shot and killed his father, Matt Chapman, farmer, of King, last night, according to advices received here today. It is said they had quarreled over money matters. The boy's mother was an eye-witness to the shooting.

Breedlove Acquitted.
Asheville, Oct. 21.—Walker Breedlove, Jackson county deputy sheriff, charged with the murder of Ford Burgess, was today found not guilty. He entered a plea of self-defense.

Cranford Leads.
Winston-Salem, Oct. 21.—A special from Washington this afternoon to the Sentinel conveys the information that N. L. Cranford, the Democratic acting postmaster at Winston-Salem, led all of the candidates in the competitive examinations for the Winston-Salem postmastership. John T. Benbow is the choice of the Republican state organization. Senator Simmons and Representative Steidman will lose that Cranford be given the place.

METHODIST CONFERENCE IS NOW NEARING CLOSE

ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENTS NOT LATER THAN TONIGHT—MONROE NEXT.

It is expected that the appointments for the new year will be read late this afternoon or tonight in Wesley Memorial church, High Point, marking the close of the annual sessions of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. There are 250 preachers in the conference and naturally great interest attaches to the appointments to be made by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of West Virginia, and his cabinet.

Yesterday morning an immense crowd heard Bishop Darlington preach in Wesley Memorial church. The bishop's subject was "Elijah," the text being First Kings 18:17: "Art thou he who troubleth Israel?" The speaker's appeal to the preachers to exemplify the fine ideals of which Elijah was a great exponent was indeed stirring. Obviously the message made a lasting impression upon the great congregation.

Appointments were filed by members of the conference at the churches in High Point and a number in other towns yesterday. One of the most forceful sermons was that of Rev. E. K. McLarty, D. D., pastor of Central church, Asheville, at West Market Street church, Greensboro, yesterday morning. The minister made an earnest and effective appeal to his hearers to be witnesses to the saving power and grace of their Lord. In that way only can the evangelization of the world be accomplished.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a special memorial service was held in honor of the five preachers who have died during the year. Revs. R. M. Taylor, R. S. Abernethy, C. C. Williams, P. C. Battle and E. E. Gay. Following the memorial service Bishop Darlington ordained a class of elders. After the morning service yesterday he ordained to the office of deacon a splendid class of young men.

On Saturday Monroe was selected as the meeting place of the conference next year, the invitation having been extended by Rev. C. C. Weaver, D. D., pastor of Central church of that city. Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, pastor of Centenary church, Winston-Salem, had expected to invite the conference to meet in the Twin City, but in deference to the wishes of Monroe he did not present the invitation.

Animated discussion was aroused over the question of admitting N. A. Brittain into the traveling connection of the church. Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Statesville district, declared that the young man shirked his duty when the draft law became effective in this country; that Mr. Brittain went to Canada in order to escape military service. It was pointed out by a number of speakers that it would be difficult to find a church that would be willing to accept Mr. Brittain as pastor. When the vote was taken the applicant for admission was rejected by a slight majority.

Splendid reports were presented for the Greensboro district by Rev. A. W. Plyler, presiding elder, who was recently elected editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. Rev. Mr. Plyler stated that this district led all the others in the Christian education movement and excellent reports were submitted in other lines of activity in the Greensboro district.

The clerical delegation to the general conference, to be held in Hot Springs, Ark., next year, was chosen as follows: Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, D. D., pastor of West Market Street church, Greensboro; Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory university, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. C. C. Weaver, pastor of Central church, Monroe; Presiding Elder Jordan, of the Shelby district; Presiding Elder Boyer, of the Charlotte district; Rev. E. K. McLarty, D. D., pastor of Central church, Asheville; Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, D. D., editor of the Methodist Review, and Rev. A. W. Plyler, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate.

The annual Trinity college banquet was a pleasing feature of Saturday afternoon. More than 200

NEWS OF THE NATION

Draws Sentence.
Gray, Ga., Oct. 20.—James H. Buesse, who disappeared following the failure of the Bank of Gray in April of this year, returned today pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement and received a sentence of seven years at the state farm.

Governors to Meet.
Madison, Wis., Oct. 20.—Unemployment will be one of the principal subjects before the annual conference of governors which will be held at Charleston, S. C., December 5, it was announced today by Miles C. Riley, secretary.

Train is Robbed.
Moose Jaw, Sask., Oct. 20.—A lone bandit today held up the Dominion express messenger on the Vancouver-Toronto express between Swift Current and Moose Jaw, rifled the safe and dropped from the moving cars. Railway officials are checking up to determine how much loot was obtained.

Formal Peace Near.
Washington, Oct. 20.—Formal restoration of peace between the United States and Germany awaits the exchange in Berlin of the ratification papers and will occur some days, from now. The official evidence that the treaty has been made, signed by President Harding for deposit in German archives, is in course of preparation and will be forwarded as soon as completed.

Plan Boxing Match.
Chicago, Oct. 20.—Tex Richard, fight promoter, returned to New York tonight without having signed Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, for a match with Jess Willard, but with the announcement that Dempsey definitely had agreed to fight Willard and that the details would be settled soon.

Dies at 104.
Anderson, S. C., Oct. 20.—Patrick Power, an old time slave, 104 years of age, died Wednesday in this city. On the day before he was taken ill, Patrick picked 104 pounds of cotton. He was twice married and is survived by six of his 14 children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sentences Stayed.
Columbia, S. C., Oct. 21.—Neither C. O. Fox, Jesse Gappins or S. J. Kirby, the three men convicted of the murder of William Brazelle, the Columbia taxi driver, will be electrocuted tomorrow as originally sentenced by the court, appeals in all cases having stayed the sentences.

CHARTERS SECURED BY TWO BUILDING FIRMS.

Certificates of incorporation for two new building concerns were filed Saturday in the office of Mason W. Gant, clerk of Guilford Superior court. One is the S. W. Inmon Construction company, a \$100,000 concern incorporated by W. McNeale, S. W. Inmon, Mrs. W. McNeale and Mrs. S. W. Inmon. The other new enterprise is the Piedmont Building Material company, also a \$100,000 business, the incorporators being the same as those starting the S. W. Inmon Construction company. Greensboro will be chief operating base of both companies.

Soldier's Body Arrives.

Oxford, Oct. 20.—The remains of Private Obie B. Sanderford arrived from France Saturday, and Sunday the body was carried to Pleasant Grove church, Brassfield. A detail of former service men under the command of Capt. E. E. Tuller attended the service which was conducted by Rev. L. M. Hobbs, the pastor.

former students and friends of the college took part and the speakers included Bishop Darlington, Dr. Plato T. Durham, President W. P. Few, of Trinity college; Rev. C. A. Wood and Rev. E. K. McLarty.

Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of Park Place church, Greensboro, was elected educational secretary of the conference, succeeding Rev. T. F. Marr, D. D.

COURT ADJOURNED AFTER SESSIONS OF TWO WEEKS

EFFORTS MADE TO HAVE ONE VERDICT SET ASIDE—OTHER CASES.

Saturday marked the final day of the two-weeks term of Guilford Superior court for the disposition of civil actions, with Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding last week. During the first week of the term Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, held court here. Many cases were disposed of during the term.

On Saturday much time was devoted to the hearing of arguments in the case in which attorneys for Penney and Long asked that the verdict of the jury, awarding to W. L. Clement damages in the sum of \$500 against that concern, be set aside.

In arguing for the setting aside of the verdict Julius C. Smith declared there was no implied warranty on the part of the automobile dealers in the transaction with Mr. Clement, who claimed that the car he purchased from Penney and Long did not come up to representations. Mr. Smith contended that the implied warranty occurred in the manufacture of the car and that the defendant corporation at the time of the sale did not guarantee specific performances for the car.

Judge Shaw took the matter under advisement and will announce his decision later.

In Superior court Friday the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants in the suit of Charlie Jefferson against A. M. Scales, C. G. Wright, J. L. Crouse and J. M. May. The plaintiff was suing for \$10,000 for injuries sustained while he was working on the O. Henry hotel annex.

It was alleged by the plaintiff that while employed on the annex another workman on a scaffold above him dropped a nail which struck him in the eye, injuring him greatly. The defendants contended that the injuries to Jefferson were due to no fault of theirs and that contention was supported by the jury.

Ed Seawell, trading as the States Land company, was given \$320 with interest from June 11, 1920, against J. R. Burns. The question was one of law and was determined by Judge Shaw.

Judge Shaw on Saturday made permanent the temporary restraining order issued some time ago by Judge Webb, restraining D. A. Hendrix, who has leased a building to Davis and Pipkin, of the Colonial theater, from constructing a new building on the south and north sides of the theater building, in so far as the south side is concerned. According to Judge Shaw's ruling, the owner of the building may construct another building to the south, but has no right to interfere with the walls of the theater structure, notwithstanding the fact that he is the owner of that structure.

ENTIRE BUSINESS NOW OWNED BY MR. BURTNER.

D. H. Burtner, of this city, has acquired the interests of W. E. White, of Mebane, in the Burtner Furniture company, which operates furniture stores in Greensboro and Burlington, and is now the sole proprietor of this large and progressive enterprise.

Since establishment of the business 12 years ago Mr. White, who is president of the White Furniture company, of Mebane, well known furniture manufacturing enterprise, has been associated as a silent partner with Mr. Burtner. The business, however, has always been under the able management of Mr. Burtner, who has made it one of the most successful furniture concerns in this part of the country. Friends of Mr. Burtner will be glad to learn that he has become the sole owner of the business.

With the exception of a change in the management of the Burlington store, no changes in the conduct of the business are planned, it is said. Mitchell Clark has resigned as manager and secretary-treasurer of the Burlington branch, effective November 1. He will be succeeded by E. J. Littleton, who has long been with the Royall & Borden Furniture company in Raleigh.