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EIGHT UNIONS NOT TO STRIKE

Commission Makes Sweeping Reduction In Freight Rates

TRAINMEN QUIT WORK IN TEXAS

MORE EVIDENCE OF **OLD GUARD BREAK**

Washington Post's Political Writer Testifies To Smashing of Old Guard

BENATOR CURTIS LANDS ANOTHER COVETED JOB

To Make It Appear Organimation Lost Because of Absentee Senators Offset By Testimony of Senator Simmons As To Absence of Dem-

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg , By EDWARD E. BRITTON.

(By Special Laused Wire) added unto testimony to show that the opinion expressed in this correspendence that the Republ can majority partisan purpose, but is the real thing.

The Washington Post, booster of the vation o fSenator Curtis to the position of chairman of the committee on rules suportant finance committee as well as other lime light places, and the consequent outbreak of jealousies within the party at the "Pooh-bah" positions of the Kaneas Senator is the topic. The Western senators wanted a progressive of the agricultural "bloc" given the place and are sore about the grabbing of the higher posts by the Fattern reimportant finance committee as well as tion accorded the Atlantic Coast line of the h gher posts by the Eastern reactionary group. As to this here is an extract from the Washington Post ar-

ticle: Organization Surrenders

The unexpected ambition of that group which roughly coincides with the agricultural bloc, confronted the organization with the prospect of an immediate and perhaps a bitter split within the party over a contest for a place on what has been since Aldrich's time the most powerful of Senate commit-The Republican regulars* the article continues, "are anxious that nothing should occur to precipitate an internecine struggle within the party. The breach threatened over the tax bill was prevented by a surrender of the organization. Another breach is impending over the railroad question."

There was method behind the scold ing of absent Republicans by Senator Penrose and lecture to them by Senators Lodge and Curtis because nineteen of them were absent when the organization Republicans were overthrown by the combination of Democratic Sena tors and progressive Republicans which put through the amendments backed by Benator Simmons and Senator LaFol lette. It was to make it appear that the "organization" lost because of absentees, but this play was quickly off set in the Senate by Senator Sammons who called attention to the fact that there were twelve Democratic Senators absent, and called for a full Demo eratic attendance. If there had been present the entire membership of the Senate, Republican and Democrat, the Simmons-LaFollette forces would have ron. The Washington Post writers say of the matter:

Penrose Rebukes Party. "No more scathing criticism of the state of affairs at the Senate could be imagined than the rebuke to his own thus administered in the dis mesionate words of Senator Pearose. His charge that "for interminable lengths of time" there had been on ; mix Republicans and five Democrat present shows that the responsibility of delay lies with the Republicans with their big majority and that if they had been attending to the affairs of the country legislation could have been further advanced by this time. Today both the Republican and Democratic caucuses sent out letters to al Sona tors urging full attendance to consid. the important amendments to the bill which are to be considered with a votexpected on them any time. So bad pany in South Bailey. had the split in the Republican ranks become that there is talk of the "Regn lars' appealing to President Harding to take a hand and endeavor to bring back into line those when they term the 'Obstinates' of the party. fearful lest the tax situation because so tangled and honelessly deadlock of he to prevent an agreement on tax legis-lation before the regular session.

Must Have More Jobs. The hunger of Republicans for the fiesh pots of Federal patronage is blazened forth by the league of Republican

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Norfolk Southern Seeking Relief in Federal Court

Road That Was Granted Reduction By Watts Follows In Footsteps of Southern And Atlantic Coast Line And Asks For Injunction Restraining Collection of Taxes; Hearing Set At New Bern For October 31 And Temporary Reduction Anticipated; Grounds For Suit Same As In Other Two Cases

Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast 000,000. Line Railroad, the Norfolk Southern has applied to the federal courts for an interlocutory injunction restraining ern Railroad in North Carolina was A. D. Watts, Commissioner of Revel valued by the State Tax Commission a Attempt of Penrose and Lodge and of North Carolina and other State \$27,023,402. Commissioner Watts, while and local officers from collecting the refusing to reduce the valuations of the taxes levied by the State of North Caroline for the year 1921. The Scaboard Coast Line granted the Norfolk South Air Line is now the only large system era a reduction to \$22,840,002. This rein the State that has not gone into the | duction, which was all that was claimed federal courts and it is expected to do by the railroad last May, was made on so within the next few days. the basis of the valuation set upon so within the next few days,

at New Bern on Monday, October 31, terstate Commerce Commission. and Judge Henry G. Connor, Judge of the District court for Eastern District court, the railroad maintains that the of North Carolina, before whom the injunction was brought, announced yes terday that he has maked Judge Ed-mund Waddill, Jr., of the United States Washington, Oct. 22.-Testimony is Circuit Court of Appenls for the fourth circuit, and Judge E. Boyd, of the Western North Carolina District, to sit with him on the case.

The same three judges held r prelimi in the Senate is "all shot to pieces" is mary hearing on the injunctions sought not merely a Democratic view with a by the Southern and the Atlantic Coast Line in Greensboro on October 6, and signed an order, upon agreement of counsel, reducing the valuations, Barding administration and present day panding final settement of the case, to worshipper at the Republican shrine, the figures admitted by the railroads. expresses today the opinion through an It is regarded as a foregone conclusion article of its special political writer, that the same proceedure will be taken the Rothwell Brown, in which the elein the Norfolk Southern case. The in the Norfolk Southern case. The Southern Railway has granted a tempoof chairman of the committee on rules rary reduction from approxibately while holding on to his place on the \$96,000,000 to \$60,000,000 and the reducapproxiba ely

Following in the foot steps of the was approximately \$49,000,000 to (31,

Already Has Reduction. The property of the Norfolk South Southern Railway and the Atlantic The case has been set for hearing the properties of the rord by the In

In its complaint filed in the federal valuation should be still further re duced. The company claims that its property should properly be based upthe sale of its stocks and bomis and upon that basis assigns a total value to its properties of \$17,717,000. Upon the basis of mileage, adopted for the Interstate Commèrce Commission and the voluntion in North Carolina \$15, 547,376; but under the reproduction basis alleged by the company it would be still further reduced to \$11,527,940.

The complaint also attacks the franthise tax of one-tenth of one per cent State as unconstitutional and asks to be relieved from it in its entirety. Same Grounds For Action.

Grounds for the action as set forth are simost identical with those contained in petitions filed by the other

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Affect Taxes In Thirty-One Counties

Thirty one counties traversed by the Atlantic Coast Line in eastern North High Point, Oct. 22-The Western Carolina must now rewrite their 1921 North Carolina conference, in session try books to make them conform to a Wesley Memorial church here, de the reduction of sixteen million dollars cided today to go to Monroe for its sev lopped off the assessment of the com- sion heat year. Dr. C. C. Weaver came pany's property in accordance with the ath such an argent invitation that all agreement reached by attorneys in the others who had expected to ask for the injunction action brought against Reve | conference next year withdrew and strum the collection of taxes on his as | capital quantimous, sessments.

case of counties traversed by the South T. Durham, Emery University; Dr. C. ern and the Atlantic and Yadkin rail C. Weaver, Monroe; H. H. Jordan, pre roads is under way. Revisal of the tax siding elder of the Sachy district. Rev. books in a majority of the counties in H. K. Boyer, preseding elder of the the State is necess tated by the attack | R. A. Beyer, programs the State is necess tated by the attack | Charlotte district and Dr. E. K. Me of the railroads on the State's taking Larty, of Asheville, in addition to Revs

County electra must hand down the elected yesterday, will compose to county electra must hand down the delegation that will represent this con-reapportionment of values to townships, ference at Hot Springs during the Gentricts, and all sub-divisions of the county that are exected by the reduction. The loss in taxes to the counties, town ships and school districts cannot be acprately determined, owing to the wide diversity of tax rates. Estimates place the amount at more than \$100,000 the case of the Atlantic Coast Line

More confusion has been added to the

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HANGS HIMSELF BECAUSE OF DISAPPOINTED LOVE

Man Missing Since Monday At Bailey Found Dead In Unused Power House There

Bailey Get, 22. - R. A. Pront, missing from here since Manday night was willing to accept Mr. Brittzin as a to be ound last night by Jos. C. Flowers bester. When the vote was taken the not inin the unused power house of the Cumberland Relivany and Power Com-

No foul play is suspected as his purso was found on the base of the engine Rishop John C. Kilgo, who has been and contained two letters from his lick for more than a year at his home spections; and it seems from these let- in Charlette. Bev. G. T. Rowe, formerly ters that, they had had a misunder-

with his hands resting on the coment on soldress to the conference today that made in the matter of wages and costs' under him, as he had one end of the was received with much applicate as since 1920 entirely justified the grain bemp rope tied around his knees and he represented the new position to reductions, held that "those savings do in carried it over the drive shaft and fastened the other end around his neck, leaving him almost in a double.

Chief of Police Brantley wired his folks in Connecticut and the coroner conducted an inquest today,

Alleged Draft Dodger As

Applicant To Preach

me Commissioner A. D. Watts to re- made the selection of I mon county s

By T. A. SIKES.

Again today the election of dele New apportionments of the court gates was the order of business and it value of the Coust Line property to took four hallots this marring before replace the Countissioner's values have the delegation was completed. Rev. J. con certified to each of the thirty-one H. Barnhardt, paster of West Market nunties and similar proceedings in the Street church, Greensburg, Dr. Plato G. T. Rowe, and A. W. Plyler, who were

> leral Conference gext Spring. Reject Applicant To Preach. A matter that provoked the most pro-

elected yesterday, will compose the

og d and ammated discussion daring the westion of the conference was that of the admission of N. A. Brittain into o traveling connection on trial. Rev W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the alreadle district, made the statement in open conference that the young shirked his duty and responsibility when the draft law went into effect

by leaving the United States and going ver into (rada in order to keep from mering the service of his country. The young man's case was discusse re and con by Revs. J. H. Barnhardt, late Durham, D. Atkins, L.D. Thomp-C A Wood, and Bruce Craven and others. The fact was brought out unds of the conference that would a

y a sm il majority. Sends Regards to B'shop The conference sends its love to

pplicant for admission was rejected

elitor of the North Carolina Christian They are standing. Advocate, but now book editor and editor between the round have easily raised blusself for of the Methodist Review, delivered which he has been colled.

It was announced in conference that Ray, J. P. Rodgers, one of the hon-red members of this conference, was der paying extravagantly high wages," Com-

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Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Most Sweeping **Cut In Many Years**

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT PROPERTY

Marshals at Houston, Texas, Ordered To Protect Property On Rai road On Which Trainmen Walked Out Yesterday; Commission's Reasons For Reduction In Rates

Washington, Oct. 22 .- Federal action affecting the railread strike situation was taken today by two departments of the government, when the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered freight rate reductions on grains, grain products and hay in the territory between the Mississippi River and the Pacific coast, and the Department of Justice issued instructions for the protection of the amounting to \$22,840.02, imposed by the property of the International and Great Northern Railroad in Texas, where Trainmen's strike became effective at

> noon. Reduction Significant.

The commission's decision, which was in a case brought by 22 Western states and a number of national and local farm organizations, did not deal directly with the impending strike, but was considered significant in its presentation of prospective future reductions of railroad operating expenses as a basis for its rate-making activity. 'So far as a reduction downwards in rates can be induced," the commission

"and so far as the reductions in Atlantic Coast' Line Revisions Methodist Conference Rejects wages and prices which have already been made effective can be surred into rate reductions, we are assured that the full return of prosperity will be hastened for both industry and On Strike On Schedule

On Strike On Schedule

nent, the Department of Justice took ognizance of the fact that receivers epresenting the United States court are in charge of the property, and instructed the Federal marshal at Houston to employ such special deputies as the court might consider necessary. At the same time, it was indicated that no egal steps were for the moment under asideration touching upon the call of the five brotherhoods of men in train service for a national strike. All direct dealing with the railroad union, so far as the government is concerned, still remains in the hands of the Railroad Labor Board at Chicago.

Sweeping Rate Cut The rate reduction is the most sweepng issued by the commission in several cars, and on the commodities named. lach constitute a heavy percentage of milroad traffic throughout the Western territory, amounts to one half of the inreases allowed in 1920. These were 35 per cent in the Western group terri tory, 25 per cent in the Mountain Pa ific group, and 33 1 3 per cent between

The commission also ordered rates on carse grains including corn, oats and thers, fixed at 10 per cent below the evel on wheat in the new schedule, hile rates on grain products are to s altered to fit the new basis.

Reasons For Action.

Summarizing its reasons for the acion, the semmission said that agriculure was 'a basic industry which the vidence shows in a state of financial roatration receiving for its products rices which approach and in some hile paying "transportation nany of which are still at the war time

Radrands also are suffering from hat it would be a hard matter to find a financial depression, the commission pastoral charge anywhere within the found, and the six per cent return upon their property declared by Congress the object of rate-making is ant being carned generally. The reguating hody, however, declared itself ound 'to reflect our best judgment as o the basis which may reasonably be expected for the future to yield the pre-

Findings Just fied

Commissioner Potter, one of the aree members who concurred in the tion of the full commission, without ccepting the opinion that "savings road, announced tonight. with further prospective savings, do, in my opinion, justify our Cadings."

"The carriers tell us they are now (Continued On Page Two)

WORKERS OF NATION WILL NOT JOIN THE "BIG FIVE" Eight of Eleven "Standard" SUMMARY OF STRIKE SITUATION. (By The Associated Press)

MORE THAN HALF OF RAIL

Yesterday's developments in the strike situation were: San Antonio-Trainmen on International and Great Northern quit work in what is termed by union heads a 100 per cent walk-out. Railroad heads announced passenger service not impaired, but that freight will not be handled.

Chicago-Leaders of eight of the eleven "Standard" unions, which number more than three-fourths of the nation's rail workers, announce their men will not be authorized to join the "Big Five" in a strike, leaving the railroad telegraphers the only union of this group definitely with the brotherhoods and the switchmen. Signal men and clerks have not yet acted.

Labor board announces that since workers of the Tremont and Gulf Railroad Company, in Louisiana, have agreed to installation of "open shop" there is no dispute and that the board consequently relinquishes the jurisdiction over this line it announced yesterday it had assumed.

Heads of railway clerks' organization, representing 350,-000 members, met today to take action.

Cleveland-"Big Four" union chiefs announced they are complying with labor board's orders and that the situation remains in statu quo pending Wednesday's hearings, but that they believe the walk-out will take place as scheduled. Washington-Interstate Commerce Commission orders freight rates in Western half of United States reduced 16

per cent on hay, grain and grain products. Columbus, Ohio-Attorney General Daugherty completes secret trip into the interior investigating the rail situation and returns to Washington.

Louisiana Case Settled.

Chicago, Oct. 22 .- (By the Associated Press) .- The United States Railroad Labor Board announced tonight that it had received word that the employes on the Tremont and Gulf Railroad Company, a 67-mile line in Louisiana, had accepted the open shop and that consequently as there was no dispute, the board relinquished the jurisdiction it yesterday announced it had assumed over the road.

Guards Begin Patrol Duty When Trainmen Stop Work

REPORTS SHOW ORDER FOR WALK-OUT OBEYED

Brakemen and Switchmen at Number of Points Reported To Have Quit

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22 - Approx imately 600 members of the Prother hood of Railroad Trainmen on the In ternational and Great Northern Railroad of Texas, who struck at noon tomen, according to an announcement tonight at the offices of Superintendent J. R. Jones.

J. M. Landis, chief clerk to the superintendent, said the road is able to get all the experienced men it wants. It was announced that advertisements had been ordered inserted in Sunday's news papers here, calling for experienced switchmen and brakemen.

At seven o'clock tonight passenger train Number 7 pulled out of the terminals carrying two armed guards. train was without a brakeman. It was announced that porters would do the work of brakemen on all trains

stationed about the depot and about the yards today. It was said they were trainmen, but against any lawiess element that might take advantage of the ings." situation.

Officials at the division office declined to state what percent of a full force ern which was begun by the training was on duty and what percent of at noon today was not "a test ense service could be given. It was estimated there are 1,000 armed guards on the

Officials said no trains bad been or would be cancelled and that freight working conditions yesterday, Mr. Stane would move as heretof re.

NON-UNION TRAINMEN TO BE PUT ON TRAINS MONDAY

Houston, Texas, Oct. 22.-Manning of freight and passenger trains on International and Great Northern Rail road by non-union trainmen to take said. the places of striking members of the Frotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who walked aut today, will start Monday, that members of the rescutives ear E. G. Geforth, general manager of the mittees of the five train service

GUARDS PLACED ON DUTY

Houston, Texas, Oct. 22,-Armed ruards took up patrol duty at the International and Great Northern yards her at noon today as 150 trainmen members of the brotherhood abandoned their

MEN WILL STRIKE

Brotherhood Leaders In Long Conference at Cleveland: Official Comment

Cleveland, O, Oct 20 By the Associated Press.) - Following a pro-really all day session of four of the Big Five radrand brotherhood leaders here, which adjourned are ted iv. Warday, are being replaced by experienced | ren S. Stone, provident of the Erother hood of Locomotive Engineers, and: There is no question in my mind

that the men will go through, no matter what instructions they may get " W. G. Ize, president of the Brother bond of Railroad Trainmen, who also attended the conference, and: "As per orders of the Rollroad Labor

Board, the strike situation as well as I am concerned is status quo. I am obeying the board's instructions and is suing no further orders for the me to leave the service." Asked if his statement meant that

the meeting of the brotherhood officials and railroad executives with the Rad Guards armed with shot-guns were read Labor Board in Change next Wed nesday would prove funde, Mr Sten said: "I didn't say that I don't know not as a protection against the striking what the labor hand or any one clar will have to offer at those hour The railroad chiefs said the strike

on the International and Great North Great Northern and the saturtion on the Tremont and Gulf, where the company posted notices abroguting rules and said, would be among things considered at another conference of the brother and enders tomorrow.

"Hy that time we hope to get reliable oformation from the chairmen of the different organizations in the territors covered by the two reads," Mr. Stone

It was learned that at this morning's conference of the chiefs it was decided ganizations wil speear before the Railroad Labor Board in Chicago with ther leaders next Wednesday, It was AS MEN LEAVE THEIR JORS learned that at this afternoon's seasion a large batch of telegrams were

ounidered and answered. Mr. Stone's statement today was the first definite one made by any of the

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Unions Withhold Strike Authorization Pending Labor **Board Decision**

TELEGRAPHERS TO JOIN FIVE BIG UNIONS, BUT OTHERS WILL STAY IN

Federated Shop Crafts, Maintenance of Way Employes and Stationary Firemen All Announce They Will Not Walk Out October 30, Although Most of Them Voted Overwhelmingly In Favor of Strike; C'erks Expected To Withhold Strike Order, While Signal Men Have Not De. cided Issue; Serious Blow Dealt Plan of "Big Five"; Jewel Issues Statement Explaining Action of Foderated Shop Crafts

Chicago, Oct. 22 - it., the Associated Pres). - Officials of unions with more than helf of the rail employes of the nation in their membership tonight announced that their men will not be authorized to join the "Big Five" organizations in the strike called for October 30 in project of wage

Eight Unions Opposed.

An iouncements that they would not join in a walk-oncame from eight of the elever Standard" rail unions, which or a week had been withhotding their final strike decisions. although in most of them the members had voted over whelmingly to quit work rather than accept a recent 1212 per ent wage reduction authorized by the United States Railroad Labor Poard, Only one of these eleven groups now is determined to stand by the Big Five," it was announced. but two others have not yet taken final action.

Following announcements by heads of six slich erafes organizations ent rolling 6-1,000 men that they would not sanction a walk-oit, the leaders of he 375,000 maintenance of way em loves and of the "Siddle stationary fire ich at an executive meeting, vated to ithdraw floir authorization of a walk out, leaving only the 75,000 railroad elegraphers positively with the "Big Chieftains of the 350,000 clerks will make their decoint tomorrow and he signal men, 35,000 strong, also are yet to act

Telegraphers To Strike

Clerks May Stay In. Officials of the corks said tonight hat they probably would not authorize strike at their meeting, scheduled omerrew, thus indicating, union leaders said, that a strike, if it materialized, would affect less than one fourth of the country's mirrord employes, being confixed to the swatchmen, the conductors the firenes, the engineers, the train non and the telegraphers. The organiznimns which decided not to join ar more dute unit out will take new strike o'ex after an expected labor board de is on in regard to rules and working

onditions. Turbulent Sessions

The shop erafts' decision, which was said to be instrumental in bringing about the action of the two others groups, was remitted after turbulent see sions of the conference committee of 100 Insting several days. Representatives from distant sections, fired by the brotherhood's declaration, protested asningt further delay in calling a strike, which was authorized by a vote last July. That vote was taken, however, only on the wage reduction of July 1 and leaders of the shop unions did not deem it advisable to walk out on that

By last night the missionary work lone by Mr. Jewell and others since the brotherhoods' strike call, had shown its ffeet and the committee of 100 had been brought into line with a "no strike"

Vote To Stay On Job A special committee was appointed to draft a new report. This committee

worked late into the night and today (Continued On Page Three)