

A FINAL CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY.

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ORDER TO TRAINMEN TO STRIKE DEPENDS ON CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY.

NO COMPROMISE IN SIGHT

The Wage Scale of all Southern Trainmen is Still Unsettled—The Committees Remain in Washington for the Final Conference With the Railway Officials Wednesday—500 Officers of the Two Trainmen's Organizations Summoned to Washington by Telegram—Salisbury-Spencer Men Will be in the Delegation.

When the conference between the general committee representing the trainmen and conductors of the 24 southern railroads and the general managers of those roads is resumed in Washington next Wednesday the committee will be reinforced by fully 500 officers of the various locals of the two union organizations.

The general committee has sent out telegrams calling these officers to Washington at once. A delegation of officials of the trainmen organization will go from Salisbury-Spencer to attend the final conference.

The significance of this move is not known here. It is thought, however, that a situation has developed that it makes it necessary to submit the problem to the various locals before the committee can pass upon it.

The strike of conductors and trainmen on nearly every railroad south of Washington, affecting 12,000 men, is to be called if a last conference between representatives of the employees and the managers of the railways does not consummate an adjustment of the workers' demands for increased wages.

With both parties apparently fixed in their determination not to yield, the situation offers little ground for hope that an amicable settlement would be reached.

On the one side, A. B. Garrettson, president of the International Order of Railway Conductors and Val. Fitzpatrick, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, stand firm on practically these instructions from their constituencies—to call a strike unless the demands for increased pay are complied with.

Officials of the railways, on the other side, seemed equally obstinate in their position of not agreeing to the wishes of the conductors and trainmen. The railway officials, it is said, have offered to arbitrate, but have declined to agree to the requests of the employees as now presented.

Will Not Arbitrate. Arbitration, it is believed, will not be a court last resort. While both Mr. Garrettson and Mr. Fitzpatrick, railway representatives, are present, it is stated that they will not submit their case to arbitration.

The members of the conductors' and trainmen's organizations have voted to strike unless they get increased wages. The attitude of the railway workers is that they have everything to lose and nothing to gain by arbitration.

We shall go into the conference with a wish to settle our differences amicably," Mr. Fitzpatrick is reported as saying. We cannot arbitrate. If the final conference does not accomplish a settlement, we shall regret it, of course."

Employees Demand Increase. The employees claim that they are entitled to increase. Some of them they declare, do not receive living wages. Some of the brakemen and flagmen, they assert, receive only 94 cents a day.

The increase asked for the latter are from 15 to 25 per cent. The conductors, flagmen and brakemen are paid on mileage instead of a per cent of a per diem basis, the rate for conductors being approximately 3.75 cents, and for flagmen and brakemen 2.50 cents a mile, it is said. Calculations are generally made on a

basis of ten miles to the hour, with the "runs" or tours between division terminals ranging from 100 to 150 miles.

A run of 100 miles, thus calculated, would mean ten hours' work for \$3.75 for conductors and \$2.50 for brakemen. Larger per diem earnings are made by longer runs and longer hours.

May Offer to Arbitrate. The railway officials offer to arbitrate is said to have been made early in the present conference, which began September 1. It is understood that their offer did not carry a condition that the increases should be granted, pending arbitration.

That the good offices of public officials or influential civic workers may be offered as a medium of agreement is possible. Labor Commissioner Neill has been spoken of as a possible mediator. What could be accomplished by these good offices is a matter of speculation and conjecture only.

The railways interested which run into Washington are the Southern, Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line.

Final Conference Wednesday. The final conference was to have been held Saturday afternoon, but further consideration of the demands of the men was deferred until next Wednesday. It was hoped that before the question of a strike was taken up seriously by the men some agreement might be reached and the postponement of the further conferences was made to permit of another canvass of the situation.

YOUNG MAN IS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—Mr. Charlie Graham, of Providence township was caught under a falling tree and almost instantly killed this morning shortly after 7 o'clock while assisting in clearing up ahead of the dredge which is deepening Little Sugar Creek. The accident occurred in the creek between bottom on the plantations of Mr. Parks Kirkpatrick about seven miles from the city in Sharon township. Mr. Graham was little more than 20 years of age and was a son of Mr. Bob Graham, of Providence township.

News Ads. Today.

Saleeby, first shipment California fruits.
Rowan Hardware and Machinery Co., demonstration from 9th to 14th.
Belk-Harry Co., the delineator for 15c.
Grubb Theatre, high class vaudeville, talking and singing acts.
D. M. Miller and Son groceries.
Salisbury Cleaning and Dye Works, in large quarters.

AFTER CLUB REGULATION

Alderman Quinn Has an Ordinance That Aims to Regulate the Clubs in the Handling of Whiskey—Would Require a \$2,000 Bond From All Clubs Keeping Whiskey—Bond to Have Three Sureties.

An ordinance is under consideration by the Board of Aldermen of this city for the better regulation of those social clubs which are allowed to keep intoxicating liquors. The author and hearty advocate of the proposed ordinance is Alderman M. C. Quinn of the West Ward. Mr. Quinn believes that the measure he advocates will go a long way towards eliminating the unlawful traffic in liquor about which there is so much complaint in Salisbury. The following is the text of the ordinance proposed by Mr. Quinn.

"That every organization, chartered or otherwise, of men organized as a social club whose members are allowed to keep intoxicating liquors in said club for their individual consumption shall file with the city clerk of the city of Salisbury, a bond in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), conditional that if any member or employee of the club violates any state or city law in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors in said club, then said bond shall be in full force and effect and binding; otherwise to be null and void, the said bond to have three sureties who can justify said bond to be approved by said clerk."

THE MAINE ELECTION IS ON

People of the Pine Tree State Are Today Voting on State Officers, United States Senator and Four Congressmen—No Progressive Candidates The Outcome Uncertain—Heavy Vote Being Poled.

Portland, Me., Sept. 9.—Maine, which, with the exception of Vermont, is the earliest commonwealth in the Union to hold State elections during the Presidential campaign, is voting today for a governor, a United States Senator, four Congressmen, members of the State Legislature and county officials. For the past two weeks both parties have been stumping the State and some of the biggest speakers in the Republican and Democratic parties have appealed to the voters of Maine in behalf of their respective ticket.

Forecasts by party leaders of the result of the election differ greatly. Governor Frederick W. Plaisted, Democrat, is opposed for re-election by William T. Haines, of Waterville, Republican. The Progressives have not entered a separate ticket, is being generally agreed among the leaders to unite with the Republicans.

The contest for United States Senator is between Edwin C. Burleigh, who represented the Third Maine District in Congress for many years, and the present Democratic Senator, Obadiah Gardner, who was named last spring to succeed William P. Frye. For many years Mr. Gardner was master of the State Grange. There is no man in Maine that is so well known throughout the rural section of the State as Senator Gardner, and the feeling is that he has made good during the brief time he has been in Washington.

Not even the seventh son of the seventh son can predict what the outcome of today's voting will be. The Congressional candidates have been making their fight on the tariff; the gubernatorial candidates have made their fight on State finances and good roads, while local issues have been on the questions of temperance, conservation of resources, control of public service corporations and the employer's liability act.

Until two years ago Maine was considered solidly Republican, and the change in sentiment was noted by the increase or decrease of the size of her majorities. Two years ago, the Democrats carried, the State, electing the Governor, two Congressmen, both branches of the Legislature and a large majority of the county officers.

The Democrats are in power, and have the machinery of government at their command. They realize that should they be turned down by the voters it would likely be years before they could return to power. This is not all they are fighting for, however, for in November comes the national election, and the Democratic party in Maine feels certain that the winning of the State in September will, without doubt, mean that they will land the six electoral votes of Maine for Wilson in November.

On the other hand the Republicans chagrined at their loss of power, are anxious to once more occupy positions in the seats of the mighty.

GIRLS FATHER ARRESTED

Charged With Firing the First Shot at the Negro Johnson Who Was Lynched—Released on a Ten Thousand Dollar Bond—Five Hundred Sympathizers Attend Hearing and Cheer Prisoner.

Blfield, W. Va., Sept. 9.—Gordon White, father of Nita White, the girl who was assaulted here Thursday and for which Robert Johnson, a negro was lynched at Princeton, W. Va., has been arrested, charged with murder. He is alleged to have fired the first shot at Johnson, who is now believed to have been innocent. Other arrests will follow, it is said.

Bluefield, Sept. 9.—Gordon White, the father of Nita, who was arrested on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the lynching of an alleged innocent negro was released on \$10,000 bail today. Five hundred sympathizers were present at the hearing and cheered his release. Feeling is intense. Investigation of the lynching was begun by a special grand jury. Fifty or seventy-five arrests are expected.

OSCAR S. STRAUS.

Chairman of Commission Arbitrating Engineers' Demands.



Photo by American Press Association.

New York, Sept. 9.—Despite his announced intention of resigning since his nomination for Governor of New York on the Bull Moose ticket, Oscar Straus will remain chairman of the board of arbitration to settle the wage dispute between the engineers and railroads in the Eastern Trunk territory. This announcement followed a meeting of the arbitration committee today.

DOUGHTON'S CHALLENGE

Congressman From the Eighth District Issues a Challenge to the Nominee of the Republican Party for a Joint Discussion—The Letter Written to Mr. Reynolds by the Doughton.

Mr. R. L. Doughton, the representative in congress for this district is known as a vigorous campaigner and active worker. Once he gets into the canvass Farmer Bob is a hustler and his opponent always hears from him. The Post gave the action of the Republican convention at Statesville the other day, a convention that nominated Mr. Reynolds of Albemarle to make the race for congress and today we give the letter written from the representative from the district, who is again the nominee of his party:

Laurel Springs, N. C., Sept. 5, 1912. Hon. C. D. B. Reynolds, Albemarle, N. C. My Dear Sir:

I see in the papers that you have received the republican nomination for Congress in this the Eighth North Carolina district. I, therefore, invite you to a joint discussion of the issues of the campaign, to the end that the voters of the district may be better able to decide for whom they should cast their ballot in the coming election to represent them in the 63rd congress.

If such campaign meets with your approval, I will be glad to meet you one day next week in Winston-Salem or some other point as convenient as practicable to us both, to arrange details of the campaign. Awaiting your early reply, I am, Yours truly, R. L. DOUGHTON.

VERY SERIOUS IF TRUE

Reported Trouble Among Russian Subjects—Report Has it That One Hundred Are Killed and Two Hundred Injured in Clash Between Mutinous Engineers and Infantry—Government is Suppressing Facts.

Berlin Sept. 9.—One hundred were killed and two hundred injured in a battle between a mutinous battalion of Russian engineers and a regiment of the Czar's infantry according to information from St. Petersburg today. The government is suppressing the facts as it is believed in army and navy circles that the situation is serious.

MRS. J. R. McLEAN DEAD

Wife of the Newspaper Publisher Died Early This Morning at Bar Harbor, Maine—Noted Doctor Did Not Reach Her Bedside Before Her Death—The Special Train Passed Through Salisbury Yesterday.

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 9.—Mrs. John R. McLean died at 6:50 this morning. Her husband the well known millionaire newspaper publisher or her sister, Madam Bakmeteff, wife of the Russian ambassador and her son Edward were by her bedside when the end came. Dr. L. F. Baker, the noted John's Hopkins physician who was rushed from the mountains of North Carolina to her bedside, did not reach Bar Harbor before the death of his patient. Mrs. McLean was at the summer home of the McLeans and several days ago an effort was made to get Dr. Baker to Bar Harbor to attend her. He was in the mountains of Western North Carolina and race he made to get to Bar Harbor to attend the wealthy publishers wife attracted wide attention. Mr. McLean owns several of the largest papers of the United States.

The special train which brought Dr. Baker from North Carolina covered the distance from Asheville to Mount Desert Ferry at an average speed of 72 miles an hour, according to the railroad men. The run across the bay in a power boat owned by Edgar Scott of Philadelphia, a distance of eight miles, was covered in 20 minutes.

The McLeans leased a special telegraph wire between Bar Harbor and Washington which was manned day and night.

The special bearing the noted doctor passed through Salisbury early yesterday morning and had right of way over everything. The trip from Asheville here was one of the quickest ever made over this road. No time was lost in changing engines at Spencer and the special sped on its northern journey swiftly.

WORTH MURPHY OPERATED ON

Popular Young Salisburyman Takes the Knife at Salt Lake City for Appendicitis.

The many friends of Mr. Worth W. Murphy will be interested in a wire received by his mother, Mrs. Thos. Murphy, this morning stating that he successfully underwent an operation for appendicitis at Salt Lake City, Utah, yesterday. Mr. Murphy has spent the past several years with the Utah Construction Co., of that city. His friends here will wish for him a speedy recovery.

AFTER BISHOP DENNY.

Stewards of First Methodist Church Invite Noted Divine to Salisbury.

The stewards of the First Methodist church decided yesterday to invite Bishop Denny to come to Salisbury and preach on the Sunday preceding the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference in November. The conference meets in High Point.

IS OUT FOR GOV. WILSON

Provident Journal One of the Large Independent Papers of New England Give its Support to the Democratic Ticket.

New York, Sept. 9.—The Provident Journal, one of the most influential papers in New England, has come out for Governor Wilson.

The Journal is an independent paper and has held off supporting any of the candidates until today when in a column leading editorial, the paper states in part:

"As an independent newspaper, bound to no party and desiring only of serving the public good, the Journal believes that the election of Woodrow Wilson at President of the United States is demanded by every consideration of the national welfare.

"To whom then, at such a juncture can intelligent and patriotic men turn if not to Governor Wilson? Now, as the Journal asked on the occasion of his speech of acceptance, 'can such men fail to respond to so inspiring a call? The question is no longer one of mere partisanship. It is at bottom a question of morals. Governor Wilson does not include in the cant of effecting to be greater than his par-

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