

WARDING NOT TO RADICALLY

Consideration of Good is Essential Success of White Conference.

(Associated Press) Washington, July 1.—President Harding addressed the convention with the coal and anthracite coal operators and United Mine Workers at the White House to revise means of negotiating the settlement of the national coal strike, advised both parties arrive with measurable good and understanding for the common good of the country.

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L. J. FRAZIER

DEFEATS McCUMBER IN N. D. McCumber, chairman of the finance committee in the United States senate.

BOOZE AND STILL TAKEN BY SHERIFF Twenty-five Gallons of Moonshine and Two Plants Confiscated at Kannapolis.

Twenty-five gallons of liquor, two stills and one prisoner was the sum total of a raid last night headed by Sheriff J. H. Krider and participated in by Deputy Otis Gallimore and Officers Joyner and Swain of Kannapolis, the raid taking place at the home of Frank Ryan, negro, on the Rowan side of Kannapolis. Ryan was brought to Salisbury and placed in jail and will be given a hearing next Wednesday before Judge Furr in the county court. The liquor and stills were also brought to Salisbury and are stored in the jail.

WILL SOON FIGHT OVER POLE July 1.—Capt. Raold to attempt his airman's flight across the North Pole, according to his plans. He has just reached New York well, he will try to cross the pole across the polar region in the Arctic.

REVEALS HEAVY SALES OF COLLEGE DEGREES July 1.—Charges that there is a heavy sale of degrees by the American University in Washington, D. C., have been made by George E. Macdonald, director of the British division of the American University in Europe. Agents of so-called American universities of colleges, with ingenious pretenses, are persuading thousands of students to buy degrees and sometimes to pay for honorary degrees by correspondence. Macdonald charged that it is notorious that some institutions have made the District of Columbia, controlled by Congress, in view of the laxity of its regulations, their seat of operations. The Oriental University of Washington, D. C., has had agents working in England to give in return a payment of considerable sum to nationals of foreign countries.

LINEMAN KILLED BY A LIVE WIRE Fred Miller Instantly Killed When Body Came in Contact With Live Wire.

Coming in contact with a live wire while working on the private telephone line of the Southern Power company between Salisbury and China Grove, Fred Miller, lineman, 25 years of age, was instantly killed about 11:30 o'clock this morning. Members of the crew of linemen who were working with Miller, endeavored to rescue him but the victim of the current was dead before they could reach his body. Gripped by the strong current, Miller hung to the post on which he was working until dead. The live wire touched his body immediately under his right arm. He was unable to break loose from the wire, his death being instantaneous, according to associates who were employed nearby.

REV. DR. C. A. OWEN SPENDS DAY IN CITY The Rev. Dr. C. A. Owen, former pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, spent the day here, being on his way to Sanford, where he will conduct a meeting. He has just closed a meeting in Alabama. Dr. Owen makes his headquarters in Atlanta. He is now with the evangelistic branch of the Southern Baptist church and holds meetings throughout the bounds of the Southern church.

MAN AND WIFE FORM LAW PARTNERSHIP Kansas City, July 1.—Not satisfied with the strength of the bonds which link them in conjugal partnership, Alfred E. Carroll and Lucy, his wife, are now contemplating strengthening their marital relation links by entering a partnership in the practice of law.

DATA ON BAPTISM Paris, July 1.—Documents purporting to prove that Madame Liouboff Vonsiatky and her parents were baptized as Russians in the Orthodox church were forwarded to New York today. This is another step in the Russian girl's action against her husband, Anastase Vonsiatky, and Mrs. Maria Beam Stephens, for alleged bigamy and alienation of affections. Madame Liouboff Vonsiatky understands her husband is seeking annulment of their marriage on grounds she is a Jewess, and the papers forwarded today are considered most important evidence to the contrary. The Russian girl expects to leave shortly for America to confront the jealous wife of her husband against whom she has brought suit for \$500,000.

R. R. WAGE CUTS TOTAL OVER 135 MILLION A YEAR Estimated One Million Will Be Effected; Table of Reductions; From 1 to 9 Cents An Hour.

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, July 1.—Wage slashes totalling \$135,000,000 annually go into effect on the railroads of the country today. There are approximately 1,425,000 railway workers in the service at present, but probably not more than one million of these will feel the cut in their pay envelopes.

Three decisions of the United States Railroad Labor Board during the last month and a half form the basis for the wage reductions. Several classes of employees, notably the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen were not included in the reductions and no decision has yet been issued for one other group, the telegraphers, and the train dispatches suffered no reduction whatever.

The railway employees were not hit as hard this year as when the board cut the wages of all workers last year a total of \$350,000,000. The cuts ranged from one to nine cents an hour for various classes of workers, while certain groups of semi-official and supervisory employees escaped the pruning knife entirely.

Table with 2 columns: Employee Class and Amount. Rows include Yardmaster and assistants (7,000 @ 5.65), Train Dispatchers (5,500 @ 5.25), Engineers and firemen (136,950 @ 120.15), Conductors and trainmen (189,900 @ 170.40), Maintenance of way employees (589,500 @ 383.90), Clerks (218,500 @ 211.25), Other station forces (127,500 @ 85.35), Shop mechanics (314,500 @ 220.25), Mechanics' helpers (141,250 @ 129.65), Telegraphers (77,500 @ 75.00), Signal department employees (15,000 @ 12.00), Stationary engineers and firemen (8,000 @ 8.00), Marine employees (850 @ 8.00).

Total 1,827,950 1,425,450 Of these groups, the yardmasters and assistants, train dispatchers, engineers and firemen, conductors and trainmen and telegraphers are not touched by the reductions which go into effect today.

The maintenance of way men, who formerly received from 28 to 40 cents an hour, were cut five cents, making the new range from 23 to 35 cents, the rates varying in different parts of the country, according to local labor conditions.

The clerks were cut 3 cents an hour in the case of those who have had two years' or more experience, and 4 cents for others, with a minimum starting salary of \$60 a month for beginners. After six months service, a minimum of \$70 was set, and after a year, rates are set according to ability, position and seniority.

Shop mechanics receive, under the board's new order, a minimum of 70 cents an hour, a reduction of 7 cents. Due to higher ratings and seniority, many employees receive a slightly higher rate. Helpers will receive a new minimum rate of 40 cents, being reduced 7 cents, but freight carmen got the biggest cut of any class—9 cents—cutting their hourly rate to 63 cents.

Signalmen, who received a cut of 5 cents, will hereafter receive 64 cents an hour, and stationary engineers and firemen, who were reduced 2 cents an hour, will get a rate of 49 cents.

According to hourly reductions, the groups follow: Reduced One Cent An Hour: Maintenance of Way Departments, Mechanics' helpers (exclusive of those in shops).

Reduced Two Cents An Hour: Stationary engineers, Stationary firemen and engine room oilers, Boiler room water tenders and coal passers.

Reduced Three Cents An Hour: Maintenance of Way Department, Section track and aid, maintenance foreman, Assistant section, track and maintenance foreman.

Clerical Forces: Storekeepers and assistants, Chief Clerks, Foremen, sub-foremen and supervisory forces, Clerks with 2 or more years' experience, Train and engine crew callers, Assistant station messengers, Baggage and parcel room employees, Train announcers and gatemen.

Reduced Four Cents An Hour: Maintenance of Way Department, Mechanics (exclusive of shop mechanics); Clerical Forces, Clerks with less than two years' Janitors, Freight handlers, Messengers, Elevator Operators, Office boys, Office station and warehouse watchmen.

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Thousands of Shop Men Drop Tools and Join Nation-Wide Strike Today; Six Crafts Walk Out At Spencer Shops

UNION OFFICIALS CLAIM A GENERAL WALKOUT IN SOUTH Laborers Not Affected By Strike Order Walk Out in Sympathy With the Shopmen.

(By Associated Press)

Atlanta, Ga., July 1.—Upwards of 30,000 shop craft employees in the Southeastern territory answered the strike call of the presidents of the six international unions, according to figures up to noon. All reports stated that the walkout was carried out in an orderly manner. So far as learned here no maintenance of way employees in the Southeastern territory joined the strikers but in several places some foremen and others not affected by the strike order are reported to have walked out with the shopmen.

Railroad officials are watching the situation closely and saying little. No figures from this source as to the scope of the strike were available at midday.

Atlanta, Ga., July 1.—Reports of the walkout of railroad shopmen in the Southern territory reaching here early showed union officials claiming a general walkout of from 2,500 to 3,000 men in Richmond, with railroad headquarters silent as to the extent of the strike. Approximately 1,500 men quit work in the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard terminal shops at Jacksonville.

Laborers not affected by the strike order walked out in sympathy with the shopmen at the Florida East Coast shops.

At Albany, Ga., 1,000 men quit work, while 800 employees of the Southern and Seaboard shops at Columbia, S. C., walked out, and a force estimated at 500 to 750 quit the Seaboard at Portsmouth, Va. At Bennettsville, S. C., 55 men, the entire force of the Seaboard, quit work, but two of the six men comprising the Blue Ridge repair shops at Anderson, S. C., remained on the job. Approximately 350 men walked out of the Norfolk & Southern shops at Raleigh. Every one of the approximately 2,000 members of the shop crafts unions at Atlanta answered the strike call, union leaders declared.

Approximately 1,500 men walked out of the Southern shops in Richmond. Union leaders stated that 7,000 shopmen were out at Birmingham. At Winston-Salem, 95 went out, while at Macon, Ga., 1,450 employees quit work. Ninety craftmen of the Southern, 20 of the Seaboard and five of the Norfolk Southern shops went out at Charlotte. Fifty shopmen quit work at Lynchburg. At Hickory 35 men of the Carolinas & Northwestern road walked out.

Five roads running into Athens, Ga., including the Seaboard, Southern, Central of Georgia, Gainesville Midland & Georgia lines are unaffected by the strike order, according to statements made by representatives of these lines.

Shopmen employed by the Georgia-Florida railroad at Augusta did not obey the strike order, according to A. C. Kirkland, general manager of the road.

S. A. L. Men Quit Raleigh, July 1.—Between 350 and 400 shopmen employed here in the Seaboard Air Line and Norfolk Southern shops responded to the strike call promptly at 10 o'clock.

A. C. L. Men Out Rocky Mount, July 1.—Between 1,000 and 1,100 shopmen employed in the shops of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad walked out this morning.

40 Quit at Fayetteville Fayetteville, July 1.—Forty men, working in the shops of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad walked out at 10 this morning.

140 Out at New Bern New Bern, July 1.—One hundred and forty men employed in the shops of the Norfolk Southern railroad in this city went on strike at 10 this morning.

ALLEGED MURDERER OF HIS WIFE FREED (By Associated Press) Washington, Ga., July 1.—J. G. Sargus, charged with the murder of his first wife and of his neighbor, Charles Willbanks, whose widow he later married, was freed today after a long hearing.

STRIKE COMPLETE AT SPENCER; SHOP COMMITTEE TO OUTLINE POLICY FOR STRIKERS TODAY Men Walked Out Quietly and Held General Meeting in the Ball Park; Warned Against Violence By Ellis; To Meet Again Monday.

(By Associated Press)

Workers of the six allied crafts at the Spencer shops walked out this morning in compliance with the strike order received Thursday.

The walkout included all machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, carmen and electrical workers with the helpers and apprentices in each craft. Laborers in the shops also walked out. Within a minute after the blast of the whistle, rousing the call to lay down tools and leave their posts the men began to emerge from the main entrance opposite the ball park, while others were marching down the south end of the shops and out the gate near the Y. M. C. A., and still others crossed over on the East Spencer side. Many went to their homes while a big number remained for their open air meeting in the ball park. Nearly all of the men were carrying some personal effects and many of them had their tool chests on their shoulders or were being assisted in removing their tool boxes by some fellow craftsman. The men came out in a most orderly fashion and there was nothing done or said that could in the least be construed as being unprudent or out of the usual.

Even the mule employed on the lumber yard at the Spencer shops walked out or rather was led out. The employe that works the mule was among those affected by the strike and when he came out of the main gate the faithful mule registered no kick and was among the first to answer the call to quit work.

There are quite a number of employes of the six crafts who were not on duty this morning when the strike hour arrived, these being the night men, who were not scheduled to report for duty until tonight. That they will remain out is a foregone conclusion. The night shifts include men of all the crafts.

Mr. J. M. Ellis, general chairman of the shop crafts, and whose headquarters are in the Busby building at Spencer, is directing the strike in this territory and will be in receipt of official information daily as to the progress of the walkout and any matters that may come up. He has been attending meetings of the union executives in Chicago and returned from there within the past few days, when it was seen that the strike was inevitable, in order to be within his jurisdiction when the walkout took place.

The general shop committee will meet this afternoon at three o'clock to outline the policy of the federated crafts during the strike. A general meeting has been called to be held in the ball park Monday. A roll call will be taken at the meeting and the exact number of union men out checked up.

Many See Men Leave Work. It was an unusual and intensely interesting scene at Spencer when the men walked out. Some time before 10 o'clock, the hour set for the walkout, people began to assemble in close proximity to the main entrance to the big shops on Salisbury avenue, almost within the heart of the business section and the strike signal the street was literally filled with automobiles. Many of these contained those curious to watch the men file out.

TWO NEGROES LYNNED IN GA. FOR AN ASSAULT (By Associated Press) Jessup, Ga., July 1.—J. R. Pary, a deputy sheriff of Wayne county, early this morning telegraphed to the home of Sheriff Rogers, that James Harvey and Joe Jordan, two negroes, convicted of criminal assault and given respite by the governor, have been taken from him in Liberty county and lynched. The men were on route to Savannah for safe keeping.

RAISES DOE ON BOTTLE Greenfield, Mass., July 1.—Mrs. Harry Shaw is now the proud owner of a young doe which she recently found in the field near her home. She is bringing it up on a bottle.

Mrs. Shaw noticed some crows about an object in the fields, and on investigation found the doe. She notified Game Warden Lyman Rubert, who after a consultation authorized her to keep the deer.

DISAGREE ON CABLE ROUTE Washington, July 1.—A difference of opinion has arisen between Japanese and American promoters as to the route of the new submarine cable from the United States to Japan.

The Japanese promoters want the cable routed by Hawaii, Guam, etc. The American committee is convinced that the northern route, by the Bay of Alaska, Aleutian Islands and Kamchatka, is the most economic. It is believed construction of this line would be undertaken independently if the Japanese promoters fail to come to an agreement.

SIX ESCAPE FROM THE BURKE COUNTY JAIL (By Associated Press) Morganton, N. C., July 1.—After one prisoner had struck Jailer J. P. Bright over the head with a banjo six men escaped from the Burke county jail here last night. None of them had been captured up to date.

ACCURATE FIGURES UNAAVAILABLE YET, MEN WALKING OUT

Jewell "Flaunted" Labor Board, Chairman Hooper Charges After Meeting Yesterday.

(By Associated Press) Chicago, July 1.—Thousands of railroad shopmen dropped their tools today to join the nation-wide strike call issued by the international president of the shop crafts union.

Early reports indicated that the shop mechanics and their helpers from the New England states to the west transcontinental lines were generally joining in the walkout with 50,000 already reported to have acted on the orders and quit work at midday.

While there is no way of compiling accurate figures which might be all inclusive dispatches from Boston to Kansas City showed that the strike had taken effect in shops on nearly all of the important roads in the East and Middle West. Shopmen in the western states are expected to join the cessationist movement as the zero hour—10 o'clock arrived in their territory.

The strike call, summoning the blacksmiths, boilermakers, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, machinists and carmen, to stop work at 10 a. m. local time, was issued Thursday night after a ballot by 400,000 shopmen had shown, according to union officials, 96 per cent in favor of striking. Not more than 350,000 mechanics and helpers actually quit work, however, according to the latest government figures, although the union's total membership was allowed to vote, many of the shopmen being temporarily laid off.

Labor Board "Flaunted." The efforts of the railway labor board to delay the strike which took place today was "flouted," according to Chairman Hooper, by B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts unions, and the six international union heads when they refused to appear before the board yesterday afternoon at an official investigation called by the board.

No further attempt to forestall the strike will be made, Chairman Hooper announced, in adjourning the federal body's inquiry.

A threatened strike of the railway maintenance of way employes was at least postponed, however, by the board's intervention.

The strike of this group, which had been expected to parallel that of the shopmen, will not be further action of the organization's executive council, according to the announcement of President E. F. Grable, before the board today.

Jewell Condemned. President Jewell's failure to attend the peace conference brought severe condemnation from the chairman of the board, who in closing the inquiry declared the rail union chief's blood was "on his own head."

"Mr. Jewell has flouted a government tribunal," concluded Chairman Hooper, "charged with the duty and responsibility to investigate this matter, not only in the interest of the public but in the interest of his organizations, the railway transportation system of this country."

"He has shouldered the responsibility of his own volition, and the board desires to pursue the matter no further."

Timothy Healy, president of the stationary firemen and others, likewise failed to appear when the board's hearing convened and subpoenas were issued forthwith, summoning both Jewell and Healy before the board. Mr. Healy arrived just before the close of the session, but Mr. Jewell was not found, and it was said that he had left the city until after the hour set for the walkout of his men tomorrow.

In contrast to the complete failure to throttle the shopmen's strike, the labor board's inquiry met with marked success in the case of the maintenance of way employes and the contract case of the 25 railroads, also cited to appear at the inquiry.

To Cancel Contract War. Twelve railroad representatives turned the session into a national meeting as they came after another meeting, and announced willingness to cancel all existing contracts for the performance of railroad work.

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