

OFFICIALS OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES CLAIM TO HAVE SITUATION WELL IN HAND

Announce Themselves to be Well Satisfied With Progress Already Made.

UNION OFFICIALS ARE NOT GRUMBLING

Offer of Reagan to Try to Bring About Settlement Declined by Both Cos.

NEW YORK, August 13.—From the viewpoint of the employers of telegraph operators the strike situation tonight was declared to be improving hourly and the officials of both the Western Union and the Postal Companies announced themselves to be more than satisfied with the progress that has been made during the day and the early hours of the night toward the restoration of wire communications throughout the country.

These officials were frank to admit that some surprise was occasioned by the action of their operators in additional cities going out today but declared that none of the day strikers left them with an entirely crippled force.

These statements on behalf of the Companies were declared to be based on reports all over the country. The officials of the telegraphers union on the other hand expressed confidence and satisfaction with the progress of the strike. In New York at a meeting of the Wall Street Chapter of the commercial telegraphers union late this afternoon it was decided to present a demand tomorrow for a minimum weekly wage scale of thirty dollars.

The Wall Street chapter has about 500 members, all men who operate breakers leased wires in this and nearby cities. The proposed contract is to run for one year but no time limit was set for its signature.

Other Declined.

J. Reagan, State mediator of the department of labor of the state of New York offered his good offices to bring about settlement. Mr. Reagan called on the officials of both the big telegraph companies, General Supt. Brooks of the Western Union declared his company had nothing to arbitrate and Mr. Nally of the Postal made practically the same reply.

Local Union.

Joseph F. Ahearn, President of the local union said that he had told Mr. Reagan that the operators were perfectly willing to submit their case to "Sincere Arbitration."

General Superintendent Brooks of the Western Union said tonight after receiving late reports from all divisions.

"The Western Union is practically on a normal basis tonight.

"The New York office answers to 1500 offices direct and today and tonight not a single call from one of these offices has been unanswered and without delay at that. We have now on duty more operators than we actually need and so far as my reports from all over the country go the same is true of all other divisions."

E. J. Nally, Vice-President and General Manager of the Postal Company said: "We handle in the New York office today up to five P. M., 33951 messages exclusive of press matter and when it is considered that the normal traffic of our office is approximately 45000 messages per day you can judge for yourself the situation as it effects us."

Percy Thomas, National president of the Telegraphers Union said: "Twenty six cities in the United States and Canada struck today. The situation tonight is satisfactory in every way to National officers." The Associated Press wires were working tonight as usual. The entire force of day operators in the New York office reported this morning and remained at their keys until late in the afternoon when a special order directing them to go out made by the president of the local union. These obeyed the call.

OUT AT BRISTOL.

(By Associated Press.)

BRISTOL, Tenn., Aug. 13.—All Western Union operators here walked out at 4 o'clock.

EXCITEMENT AT BELFAST INTENSE

No Disorders Occur and Steps Toward Arbitration Are Now Well Underway.

(By Associated Press.) BELFAST, Aug. 13.—The strike situation is held to have improved today, inasmuch as steps are underway to arbitrate the differences between the laborers and their employers. The experiment of keeping both the police and the troops outside of the disturbed area of the city has been attended with a great measure of success and the day passed without a serious conflict between the strikers and representatives of authority, the soldiers and constables.

There has been much effervescence among the strikers, but no actual outbreak of violence. Large and excited crowds collected and assumed threatening attitudes, but confined their demonstration to shouting. At 11:30 o'clock tonight the streets of Belfast are practically deserted. Troops and police were withdrawn to their barracks. Apparently doubting the sincerity of the authorities, several large crowds spent some time today in digging up and stacking paving stones to be in readiness for the soldiers should they reappear. Tonight Joseph Devlin, nationalist member of the house of commons for Belfast, and a number of priests and magistrates patrolled the disturbed area, urging the people to keep the peace and avoid collisions with the Orangemen. At the same time, the troops were held in readiness in their barracks should their services be required. This afternoon a body of the city workmen attempted to repair the streets which had been torn up yesterday to secure ammunition in the form of paving stones with which to pelt the soldiers. They had not been at work for five minutes before a mob of young men and girls began to stone them, and they had to run for their lives.

MILITARY BOYS ARE OFF TO JAMESTOWN

A telegram received in the city last night from Maj. Eugene B. Glenn, who is in charge of the hospital corps of the First regiment, now in camp at Morehead City, stating that the First regiment broke camp there yesterday afternoon and took the train for the Jamestown exposition. Major Glenn stated that the health of the regiment was excellent, and that the Asheville companies would arrive home Saturday afternoon.

RALEIGH MEN JOIN THE CROWD

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 13.—The four operators in the Western Union office quit work tonight and joined the strike shortly after 7 o'clock. Only four men are concerned, two union and two non-union, the union men having won over the others. The manager, H. O. Banister remained at work. There is no strike yet in the Postal office where there are no union men.

MANAGERS IS ALL BY HIS LONESOME

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 13.—All Western Union operators walked out today leaving only the manager in the office. It is said Norfolk and Western operators are refusing to work with Western Union men who refused to go out.

RICHMOND MEN STRUCK AT NOON

(By Associated Press.) RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 13.—The Western Union operators here struck today at noon. The superintendent of the Western Union stated that 33 men went out and 24 remained. He says he expects to be able to handle the business.

ANNUAL EXCURSION WILL BRING IMMENSE CROWDS TO ASHEVILLE

"The Seashore to the Mountain" excursion is run today and this afternoon and tonight will see the already large number of visitors in Asheville augmented possibly by several thousand people many of whom will stay in the city until the first of September. This excursion is an annual affair run from Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Columbia and other points in the South to Asheville the return tickets being good until the first of September. From information received from the Southern offices late

last night, the number of people who will take advantage of the exceedingly low rates to come to the mountains will be largely in excess of any previous year. One indication that an unusually large crowd will make this trip is the fact that three trains will be run to accommodate them. These trains will probably be made up of eight to ten coaches and from all indications they will all be crowded. The first train No. 9 will arrive about two-thirty, the other two following an hour or more later running as second and third section of No. 9.

THE MODERN TROUBEADOR WOOS A LEMON.



A mighty pain to love it is, And 'tis a pain that pain to miss; It is to love, but love in vain.—Cowley.

INJUNCTION IN BECKWITH CASE IS CONTINUED

Two Important Decisions Were Rendered by Judge Pritchard Yesterday.

WILL TAKE APPEAL FROM DECISION

Case Argued By Col. Rodman for Sou. and By Mr. Beckwith Personally.

Two highly important decisions were rendered by Judge Pritchard yesterday morning in the celebrated North Carolina case. They were rendered in the ancillary suit brought by the Southern Railway Company to prevent B. C. Beckwith, an attorney at law of Randolph county, and his clients to prevent them from bringing any penalty suits against the railway company for failure to observe the new rate law, which came on to be heard yesterday morning by Judge Pritchard on motion of the railway to continue the temporary injunction he issued at the time the bill was filed.

The injunction was continued by Judge Pritchard until the final hearing. The holdings of the Judge were these:

A lawyer can be prevented from bringing penalty suits for clients in any court.

Such suits can be forbidden against the North Carolina Railroad and other North Carolina railroads although these are not parties to the suit and were not protected by the injunction forbidding such suits against the Southern Railway company.

The holdings which were in connection with the signing of an order continuing and extending the original restraining order in the ancillary suit are important now only because of the principles involved because of the new rates being now in operation there can of course be no penalty suits for violation thereof, but they will receive much attention because they are only less important than the issuance of the original injunction against the corporation commission.

Mr. Beckwith stated that he would appeal from the decision and signing of the order and that the appeal would go to the Supreme Court in connection with the main suit to which it is an appendage so that the Supreme court of the United States should pass on these matters of moment.

Could be Enjoined. Judge Pritchard held that the suits against the North Carolina Railroad Company could be enjoined because it was being operated by the Southern under lease and the lessee could not be held responsible because the lessee was obeying the order of the court in refusing to put the new rates into effect and the court having taken jurisdiction of the subject matter drew to it all matters connected with it.

The case was argued yesterday by Col. W. B. Rodman of Charlotte, division counsel for the Southern, and by Mr. Beckwith personally. The latter made a vigorous legal argument despite the fact that the court in granting the first order had indicated

SHOWERS TODAY.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—For North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and East Florida. Occasional showers Wednesday and Thursday light variable winds.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 13.—Ten men were injured, one of them fatally, by the explosion of a gas tank today at 21st street and Franklin avenue. All of the men were laborers.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 13.—The yacht Seneca, defender of the Canada Cup today, won from Adel, the Canadian challenger, finishing more than one mile ahead. This concludes the contest, the cup remaining here.

PRINCESS ANNE, MD., Aug. 13.—The large frame business building at the corner of Main and Princess streets, and other frame store buildings and dwellings adjoining were burned today. Loss \$21,000 insurance \$7,000.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The second trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, is not likely to take place until the January term of court. This information was developed today at a conference between Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Thaw, and district attorney Jerome.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—An official report of the existence of yellow fever among the Cuban army of pacification at Cienfuegos has reached the war department in a telegram from Colonel Taylor, chief surgeon at Marianna. He says there are ten cases of yellow fever at Cienfuegos in the command.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 13.—John D. Rockefeller, referring to a widely circulated interview, criticizing the present administration, purporting to have been given out by him and printed today, said: "There is certainly some mistake about the matter. I neither gave out nor authorized the statements attributed to me."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Advises to the War Department report that Sergeant Wesley E. Metcalf, of the Army hospital corps, died at Cienfuegos yesterday from yellow fever and that there are only nine other cases of yellow fever there, all of them light. The infection is attributed to an unrecognized case, in the civil end of the hospital.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

The local conditions in the telegraph strike remained practically unchanged yesterday and last night despite the various rumors that the boys here had gone out. Manager Calvert has two or three men at work with him and by strenuous work and long hours, assisted by them he has furnished the Citizen with telegraphic news of the country although in somewhat abbreviated form. Yesterday afternoon some of the union operators in town who have struck sent up a small balloon with the Western Union hanging in effigy to it, and many people who were on the streets at the time supposed that the local operators had gone out and that this was a signal.

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HEARING IN THE FAMOUS EDDY SUIT WAS OPENED YESTERDAY AT CONCORD

ROOT SAYS HE "NEVER SAID IT" Denies Report That He Had Been Hobnobbing With Bloated Bond Holders.

OYSTER BAY N. Y., Aug. 13.—Secretary Root came to Oyster Bay late this afternoon. He spent a greater part of the day in New York. On his arrival he denied absolutely the widely published report that he had been in conference with a number of New York bankers in the office of J. P. Morgan and Company. "There is absolutely no foundation for the rumor," he said. "I had no conference with Morgan and Company or with any other New York bankers, or with any one else. The Secretary who was accompanied by Mrs. Root went at once to Sagamore Hill where he will remain over night."

LEXINGTON NEXT MEETING PLACE

NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 13.—The convention of commissioned officers of the United States Army in biennial joint with the biennial encampment of the uniformed rank at the Jamestown exposition elected Major General W. H. Slater of Cleveland, Ohio as commander on chief and selected Lexington, Ky., as the next place of meeting. Additional companies arrived today and joined the camp at the exposition. The competitive drills for the \$500 silver trophy cup began on the Lee parade at the exposition grounds today. The judges will announce the winner of the contest tomorrow.

NO FURTHER ROW AT ONANCOCK

(By Associated Press.) ONANCOCK, Va., Aug. 13.—While some 88 soldiers are still on duty here and at Onley, there is no excitement here and no further trouble is anticipated. The town council has decided to allow Dr. Moore, the colored physician, to remain, it having been shown that he had nothing to do with the recent rioting. The people of Onley became greatly excited last night upon the discovery that about 250 negroes had assembled in a wood to hold a consultation. Trouble was feared for a time, but before midnight citizens from Pocahontas City, Md., and Virginia troops arrived on the scene and the negroes dispersed very quietly.

TELEPHONE CO. IS RUSHED WITH WORK

Although the local Western Union office is still working all of its men with one exception and is receiving messages subject to delay, the telephone company is literally swamped with messages and finds it almost impossible to handle the long distance messages that came in yesterday. According to the statement made last night by Manager Wood the business they are handling is for individuals, and so far they have not been called on to handle anything for the Western Union. Whether they would handle anything for the telegraph company or not if asked to could not be learned, as Manager Wood declined to say.

MASSACHUSETTS DAY AT THE EXPOSITION OPENS WITH CEREMONY

NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 13.—Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., surrounded by members of the Massachusetts Jamestown Commission the bay state naval militia and many distinguished citizens from Massachusetts was the center of attraction at the joint observance of Massachusetts and Boston day at the Jamestown exposition today. The weather was ideal for the celebration, and thousands were in attendance. The formal exercises of the day took place in the auditorium early this afternoon. Arthur Lloyd of Plymouth, a member of the Massachusetts Jamestown Commission pre-

Masters Appointed to Determine Competency of Mrs. Eddy Get Busy.

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COUNSEL SAYS HE WAS HANDICAPPED

Chandler Says Mrs. Eddy Was the Victim of "Systematic Delusions."

(By Associated Press.) CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 13.—Three masters appointed by Judge Chamberlin of the Superior court to determine the competency of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, in connection with a suit brought by "next friends" for an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's finances, began their hearings today. The masters are Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States District court, Hosea W. Parker of Concord and Dr. George F. Jolly of Boston, an alienist. The commission is to determine whether or not Mrs. Eddy, on March 1st of this year, was mentally competent to execute a deed transferring her property to a trust. Counsel for the "next friends" contend that the trust deed is illegal because of the alleged incompetency of the maker. For the "next friends" Wm. E. Chandler outlined the suit and defended its good faith. Counsel for the "next friends," he said, had been handicapped in the preparation of their case by the refusal of the court to allow many motions of importance. He cited among the adverse decisions of the court the denial of the motion of the defendants that counsel for the "next friends" be required to furnish bonds for the costs of the suit; that the court grant counsel for the "next friends" an allowance from Mrs. Eddy's estate for the proper preparation and presentation of their case; the denial of access of counsel or the plaintiffs to witnesses on their side under the control of opposing counsel; and the resumption of the taking of depositions in New Hampshire. Judge Aldrich said that the masters regard this as a friendly proceeding and that there being no adverse parties the statutory right to take depositions did not exist.

At the afternoon session Mr. Chandler said that the incompetency of Mrs. Eddy was established by the trust deed which she executed on March 6, by which she transferred all her property beyond her control. Her incompetency, he added, is further shown by her evasion of taxes in the city of Concord. He stated in closing that Mrs. Eddy was the victim not of a solitary delusion, not of a notion, even insane notion, but of a series of systematic delusions which influenced her whole life, and which have resulted, or will result, in senile dementia. Just before adjournment Judge Aldrich asked what opportunity the masters were to have to examine Mrs. Eddy herself. Frank S. Streeter, her counsel, replied that she had not sufficient strength to come into court and undergo an examination, but she would be glad to receive the matters at Pleasant View and confer with them there. A date for the visit will be arranged later.

"LORD" BARRINGTON'S SENTENCE COMMUTED

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Aug. 13.—Governor Folk announced today that the sentence of "Lord" Frederick Selmour Barrington is commuted to life imprisonment. Barrington was sentenced to be executed at Clayton August 26 for the murder of James McCann, June 18, 1903. McCann's mutilated body was found in a stone quarry pond, and Barrington was convicted solely or circumstantial evidence. He has always declared that McCann is still alive.

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