

TABULATION OF STRIKE VOTE WILL SHOW A BIG MAJORITY FOR THE STRIKE

Provided Other Union Workers Whose Wages Have Been Cut, Join In, Too.

CONFERENCES CONTINUE

Some Say Strike Will Be Called July 15, Others Predict It for August 1.

DETROIT, June 27. — (By The Associated Press.) — Tabulation of the strike vote taken by the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers...

The count started yesterday, and approximately 40,000 votes were counted. Today's tabulation is expected to bring the total to about 100,000 and it was said the returns would be around two thirds complete by the end of the week...

CHICAGO, June 27. — Railway union officials continued their conferences today on the threatened railroad strike.

With informal statements by Union leaders indicating that the referendum on shippers, maintenance of way employees and clerks throughout the United States discloses a strong sentiment in favor of a strike as a protest against wage reductions...

Word came out of the secret conferences that a meeting of union executives within the next few days might include the "big four" brotherhoods of trainmen, who are unaffected by the wage cut decisions of the railroad labor board.

B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employes department of the American Federation of Labor, said an "important announcement" will be made Thursday as a result of the meetings on strike plans and policies.

BRASS BAND ALMOST ASSURED FOR DALLAS

Dallas To Have Brass Band — Town Rallying To Support — Mr. W. W. Francis, of Gastonia, Instructor.

(By Mrs. Joe Gribble.)

DALLAS, June 27. — The Dallas Brass band was officially organized Monday night at a most enthusiastic meeting held at the home of Mrs. Joe Gribble on Monarch Heights. Messrs. F. C. Todd and W. W. Francis, of the Gastonia Pythian band, were over and some mighty good things are promised for Dallas in the near future.

Some few have responded splendidly with cash gifts while others haven't, as yet, had the opportunity to show their appreciation in this way. So let all open up the purse strings wide and boost the boys with a little financial aid.

Mr. Todd and Mr. Francis have already made time sacrifices for the encouragement of our boys and will do more as the weeks pass and there is no doubt but Dallas will rally heartily to their aid and push them to the top.

There will be preaching at the Dallas Presbyterian church Sunday morning at the regular hour with a congregational meeting immediately following. Matters of importance to the church will be considered that will require full attendance if possible.

The Economy Home Choral Club, of Kings Creek, S. C., will present the "Evolution of Childhood Up," Thursday night at the graded school auditorium. This is a worthy cause and it is hoped a large audience will greet them.

Had 18 German Machine Gun Bullets Taken From Body

SATAWISSA, PA., June 27. — Herbert McCarty, 29, a veteran of the seventy ninth division, lost a foot year fight for life after undergoing nearly fifty operations to overcome wounds he had suffered a few days before the armistice, when his body was riddled by bullets from a machine gun of a German airplane.

Twenty four of his operations were major ones, and 24 others were classified by surgeons as minor. Eighteen machine gun bullets had been taken from his body and he carried two, grown into his jugular vein, to his death. In the operations 14 ribs had been entirely removed, a portion of one shoulder blade and a collar bone take-out.

His case is said by specialists to be one of the most remarkable in American surgery. Until two months ago he had recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital for short periods. McCarty had been cited for extreme bravery, his citation stating, he was dragging bodies of his comrades back from exposed positions when wounded.

BARCENA, BIELASKI'S MATE, IS RELEASED BY BANDITS

Mexican Lawyer, Kidnaped With American Agent, Set Free—Ransom On Bruce Bielaski Being Paid.

MEXICO CITY, June 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—Mannuel Barcena, Mexican lawyer, who was kidnaped together with A. Bruce Bielaski, near Cuernavaca, on Sunday, has been released and news is momentarily expected from Cuernavaca said Mr. Bielaski parted of Bielaski's freedom. Late ad was safe and that negotiations with the bandits were under way.

Mr. Bielaski, former chief of the American department of justice's investigation bureau, and Senor Barcena were seized while motoring with their wives. The negotiations for his release are being carried on by friends, and the ransom is being paid on the order of Richmond Levering & Company, New York, of which Mr. Bielaski is the head.

Travelers returning from Cuernavaca said an unsuccessful attempt was made to obtain Mr. Bielaski's freedom by the payment of \$1,000 in cash, camouflaged to represent ten times that amount. The effort was thwarted, however, when speculators in automobiles approached too closely and the bandits became suspicious.

The dispatch was dated yesterday and said that the "rebel General Gorozabe" had seized the company's property and was holding it with 240 well armed men. Prompt instructions were sent by the state department to the embassy in Mexico City and to the consul at Tampico to urge the Mexican authorities to take immediate action for the protection of American lives and property.

The consul reported that Gorozabe had demanded payment of the 15,000 pesos within 48 hours from yesterday morning when his forces seized the property. The message also said that there were no Mexican federal troops in the vicinity.

The consul's message contained few details. As the message was dated yesterday the time for payment of the 15,000 pesos fixed by the rebel leader probably was due to expire some time today.

The state department sent the following message to the embassy at Mexico City, similar instructions going to the consul at Tampico at the same time: "Urge the appropriate authorities to adopt vigorous measures to extend adequate protection to the lives and property of American citizens reported held by the rebel General Gorozabe and to punish the perpetrators of this outrage."

Meanwhile the department was still awaiting advices from Mexico as to action taken by the Mexican government to obtain the release of A. Bruce Bielaski, captured by bandits and held for ransom not far from Mexico City, near Cuernavaca. The embassy has communicated no additional details of Mr. Bielaski's capture since it received the department's instructions to press the Mexican authorities for prompt action in the case.

ONE DEAD, 10 WOUNDED IN HAMBURG UPRISING

BERLIN, June 27.—One man is reported to have been killed and ten others wounded in disturbances which followed a big demonstration in Hamburg last night over the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau.

LIVES OF 40 AMERICANS ARE HELD FOR RANSOM

WASHINGTON, June 27. — The lives of 40 American employes of the Cortez oil company, near Tampico, and destructible property valued at a quarter of a million dollars, are being held by a rebel general until ransom of 15,000 pesos is paid, according to a message today from the American consul at Tampico to the States department.

REV. J. A. SHARP COMES BACK WITH ANOTHER ATTACK AT OFFICIALS

Charlotte Preacher Declares Judge Jones Violated One of Confidences Imposed.

HITS CHARLOTTE PAPERS

Declares Police and Newspapers of City Are Not Toting Fair With Him.

CHARLOTTE, June 27. — In an impassioned speech before the Men's club of Tryon Street Methodist church Monday night, Rev. J. A. Sharp made a scathing attack on city and county officials, the court, the police and the newspapers.

Referring to the \$10,000 hush money he said in his sermon the night of June 18 had been offered Frank Littlejohn to "let up," he declared that since last week, when the ad testificandum proceedings were begun with Sharp a leading figure, \$5,000 had been offered Littlejohn to cease his activities against bootleggers.

Mr. Sharp made the statement that he recently received a letter from a woman in Kentucky who said she would send an affidavit in a few days giving evidence about a liquor transaction that took place within the very walls of Mecklenburg courthouse.

The husband of this woman is a contractor operating in this section, according to Mr. Sharp, who said that the letter said that she had stopped with her husband in front of the courthouse, that her husband went into the place, leaving her outside in their automobile, for the sole purpose of purchasing liquor. This he did, the janitor being salesman, who divided the money with an official in the courthouse, he charged.

The speaker attacked Judge J. L. Jones, of recorder's court, on the ground that he broke faith with him and J. F. Newell in regard to the ad testificandum trial a week ago. He charged he presented affidavits regarding illegal transactions of certain officers, one of whom was Deputy Sheriff Vic Fesperman, to the judge, who informed him that he would be unable to take action as the affidavits concerned county officials. However, he was advised to take the matter up with county commissioners, Mr. Sharp said.

Mr. Fesperman next day went to the man who signed the affidavit and bitterly arraigned him for his action, the minister declared.

"There were only three men in the room when I gave the affidavit to the court," he exclaimed. "I didn't divulge the information. Jake Newell didn't. Now I leave it to you to decide who did. That is the kind of a judge you've got."

The minister, turned his guns on the police department and reiterated his charges that they wink at big operators in whiskey and nail the "small fry." He said he had a letter from a revenue officer, now in New Orleans, who works from Raleigh, offering to make an affidavit that when he comes to Charlotte and asks Chief Walter Orr to assist him in running down bootleggers, Orr tells him to do the work himself and refuses to assist in any way.

So rotten are the morals of the city, that are winked at by the police, that mean women drive down the streets of Charlotte, stop, take 14-year-old boys to their machines and carry them to the country to debauch them, the speaker maintained. He returned to his accusations made in his now famous "Law and Order" sermon to their backs are picked up on the streets "within a block of the city hall and carried to Camp Greene and Derita road" there to be brutally attacked by monsters in human guise.

He accused the newspapers of Charlotte with being leagued with the police to continue corruption and foil those who are trying to clean up the city. He referred directly to a report of his "Law and Order" sermon written by Mason Hood, of The News, which he contended, was not fair to him.

When anything is said against Chief Orr, he claimed the newspapers rush to Orr's rescue. The police chief must have something on the newspapers because they "holter 'ear barn" and go to his rescue whenever he is assailed," the preacher declared.

MINER IS KILLED IN THE OHIO REGION

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Indications were given at the White House today that the government soon would be able to make an announcement in the coal strike situation and that the state contemplated was a move to bring the leaders of the union miners and representative operators together for a discussion of wage differences.

BRIDGEPORT, O., June 27.—One miner was killed and another wounded this morning when they were fired on from the hills while on route to work at the strip mine of the Catherine Coal Mining Company at Uniontown, near here, according to information reaching here. The victims were in an automobile when the shooting began.

The shooting occurred near Laferty, Belmont county. There were six miners in the automobile, but four escaped without injury. According to reports to the authorities here the firing began without warning and lasted only a few moments. The assailants escaped.

Three strip mines of the Catherine Company in this region have been operating since the strike was called April 1. There have been several minor disorders in that region within the past month.

Harvey's Son-in-Law Indicted



Colonel Marcellus Thompson, indicted on a charge of conspiring to ship machine guns to Irish rebels, has pleaded not guilty to the indictment at Newark, N. J. Col. Thompson, son-in-law of Col. George Harvey, U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, is shown on the right examining a new machine gun invented by his father, General John P. Thompson.

DECLARES BOOTLEGGERS IN ATLANTA IMMUNE

Former Federal District Attorney Will Be Called On to Make Good His Assertion About Law Enforcement.

ATLANTA, June 27. — Hopper Alexander, former Federal district attorney here, will be called before the Federal grand jury to "make good" his assertions in a statement published today that bootleggers in Atlanta are immune from prosecution. N. T. Jones, assistant Federal prohibition director, characterizing the charges as "ridiculous" stated that the former district attorney would be subpoenaed to appear and tell the grand jury what he knows about the violations of prohibition laws here.

In a statement to newspaper men, the former Federal prosecutor suggested that the Federal grand jury should investigate for itself whether bootleggers in Atlanta are immune from prosecution. "I am of the opinion," he said, "that an adequate investigation will show there are even some who are protected from Washington."

There is "no explanation except official incompetency or official corruption," the statement declared.

Mr. Jones, on the other hand, said more violators of liquor laws are being punished here now than when Mr. Alexander was in office.

BURGLARS ENTER LEBOWITZ' STORE

Entrance Gained Through a Rear Door Monday Night and \$200 Worth of Clothing Stolen—Officers Have Clue

Unknown parties entered Lebowitz Department Stores on West Main avenue last night between the hours of nine and one o'clock and helped themselves to a generous supply of goods' furnishings. Local officers making their rounds in the rear of the buildings found everything as usual at 8:10 p. m. On their return about 10 o'clock they discovered that the store had been broken into and the parties had made their getaway.

Entrance was gained through the rear door of the dry goods department. The main part of the left door was cut and a small portion of the glass was removed, enough to enable a man to get his arm through with ease. The bars used to hold the doors were next removed by the above means and entrance was easily made.

No articles were missed from the dry goods section, where entrance was made. The robbers went over the stock of men's clothing and helped themselves to about \$200 worth of goods. Three suits are known to be taken. Several ties, silk hose, and two pairs of men's shoes were taken. A high priced suit case was also removed. Other articles are believed to have been stolen but with such a large stock on hand, the management can not estimate the missing goods to any definite amount. A small clue was found, which local officers are at work on endeavoring to find the guilty parties.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXECUTIVE DEAD

WINDSOR, Ont., June 27.—A. Stuart Baldwin, 61 years old, of Chicago, vice president of the Illinois Central Railroad, died suddenly of heart failure while en route from New York to Chicago on a Michigan Central train last night, the crew reported on arrival here this morning.

Mr. Baldwin, accompanied by his wife and daughter, had only returned from a three months visit in Europe Monday morning.

The train had just entered St. Thomas when Mr. Baldwin was stricken. Trainmen summoned a physician at St. Thomas, but the railroad executive was dead before medical treatment reached him.

Have Complete Record of Every Georgia Soldier Who Died in the War

ATLANTA, GA., June 27. — A complete record of every Georgian who died in the world war has been prepared by the Georgia department of archives and history, according to the annual report of Lucien Lamat Knight, director of the department.

The record consists of newspaper clippings and other data regarding each Georgian who made the supreme sacrifice. Seventeen scrap books of 450 sheets each, arranged in alphabetical order, were required for the record. Eight other volumes have been compiled, covering various phases of Georgia's participation in the war, the report says.

HAGGARD MEETING IS GROWING IN INTEREST

First Two Days of Evangelistic Services Promise Great Meeting—Singing Is Unusually Fine.

The crowds at the Haggard tent last evening were very large for Monday evening. They were there from many sections of the city, and many from Bessemer City, and some as far away as Gaffney.

The choir took on much life and the singing was very fine. Prof. Sumner uses a song book especially prepared for the Haggard meetings. It has some of the best songs for evangelistic meetings ever heard.

Many of the preachers of Gastonia were present last evening. We hope that all of them may fall in line and cooperate with us in this great campaign against sin. If the meetings increase in interest for the week as they have for the first two days, we are going to have one of the best campaigns we have seen. We feel sure that our preachers who attend are going to lend their hand to help in this great work.

The sermon was very fine last evening. We are so glad that Haggard does not use any slang whatever. So many of our modern evangelists want to take advantage of the pulpit to unload lots of "sush" that is not fit to be heard anywhere. This meeting is free from all such. This man is an evangelist, and when we say this, we mean that he preaches as they usually do with all of the fervor of their souls, but with all of this, he keeps close to the old Book.

The sermon last evening was one of the most practical ones I all. His text was Phil. 3:100. "That I may know Him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

The thing that he emphasized most in this text was knowing Jesus. His real theme was "How We May Know Jesus."

He said there were many ways by which we might know Him.

1. We may know Him by the record of His wonderful life given us in the New Testament. God's word reveals one of the purest lives that any record has ever given.

2. We may know Him by talking to Him. At this point the preacher stressed the necessity of prayer. He told of what it had been to him and how that his mother years ago prayed while his father was away from home preaching the Word of God.

3. We may know Him by singing about Him. He showed what wonderful power there is in a good gospel song, and how that we may know Jesus in the singing of good songs.

4. We may know Him by talking about Him. At this point he showed how we may make our lives worth so much more by talking about Jesus to our friends about us.

As a whole the sermon was above the ordinary. Evangelists do not do the preaching they should, but this man made a wonderful appeal last evening. His message was entirely free from all kinds of slang and expressions that lower the standard of Christianity.

There will be services tonight at eight o'clock. The cars will wait until nine-thirty to carry the folks to East Gastonia.

ALL GAS AND OIL TANKS TO BE REMOVED FROM STREETS

After July 17 All Tanks and Pumps at Filling Stations Inside City Limits Will Be On Private Property.

In accordance with the terms of an ordinance adopted by the city council on January 17th of this year, on and after July 17th no gasoline or oil storage tanks or pumps will be allowed anywhere except on the property of the filling station or distribution agency anywhere within the city limits of Gastonia. This ordinance was published immediately after its adoption in January and was republished in the Gazette of last Thursday, the 22nd.

WOUNDED MINERS ARE IN DANGER OF A FURTHER VIOLENCE, IT IS FEARED

Some of the Wounded Non-Union Men Say They Feel Unprotected in Hospitals.

HERRIN CITIZENS ANGRY

Say Other Towns Should Bear Part of the Responsibility for Tragedy.

HERRIN, Ill., June 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—Removal to safety from "Bloody" Williamson county and the southern Illinois coal fields of wounded non-union men now in the hospital is one of the problems coming in the wake of last Thursday's mine massacres.

Twelve wounded survivors of the 47 guards and workers who were sent on the death march out of the Lester strip mine still are in danger, according to information reaching state and federal investigators.

Lying on their hospital cots, their wounds swollen in bandages, some of the wounded say they sense danger and express fear of further violence if they leave the hospital unprotected.

Herrin's law respecting citizenry believes a body of state troops would solve the problem and dispel any further danger to the imported guards and workers from the wrath of striking miners.

Herrin was speculating today on the fate of nineteen missing men who completed the gang of sixty-six in the bunk cars Wednesday night. Allen P. Findley, of Chicago, timekeeper, who is in the hospital with forty buckshot in his side and a bullet in his foot, is authority for the statement that there were sixty-six men in the cars when the attack was made. Whether the missing 19 escaped or were killed in the cars and burned when attackers fired the train still was unknown today.

Angered because their town has been blamed for the atrocities, Herrin citizens say other mining towns should bear part of the responsibility for having supplied rioters who joined the mob which stormed the Lester mine. Sheriff Mevin Thaxton said he had been unable to get any information leaning to the inequity of any member of the mob.

ASSASSINS OF RATHENAU WERE STRIKING AT GERMAN GOVERNMENT, SAYS EBERT

BERLIN, June 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—The assassins who killed Dr. Walter Rathenau, Germany's foreign minister, were striking at the republican government of Germany and its people, declared President Ebert at Dr. Rathenau's funeral service in the Reichstag chamber today in eulogizing the dead statesman.

"The bullet which struck down Rathenau was aimed at the German republic," said the president. "It robbed the nation of one of her most loyal patriots, one of the ablest champions of German rejuvenation. This murder is a crime against our industrious, suffering, hopeful people."

President Ebert was visibly moved, his normally strong voice scarcely reaching the corners of the crowded chamber.

From the former imperial box on the sent the ex-kanzler was wont to occupy on state occasions, Frau Ebert Rathenau, widowed mother of the dead minister, heard the oration of the president of the republic, and the addresses of other leaders in German public life who praised the character and achievements of her murdered son. Around her sat the members of the diplomatic corps, resplendent in full regalia, among them Alanson B. Houghton, the American ambassador, who provided the sole exception so far as simplicity in attire and the absence of decorations were concerned.

On the floor of the house sat the Reichstag deputies and as many of the government officials as could be accommodated there. President Ebert sat with the cabinet at the government bench. The coffin rested on the spot usually occupied by the president's desk. It bore two simple wreaths, one from Frau Rathenau and the other from the late statesman's sister, Edith.

The vicinity of the Reichstag building was crowded with masses of workers observing the day's abstention from labor decided upon in protest against the crime. The prohibited zone near the building was heavily patrolled. Up to the early afternoon no disturbances had developed.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, unsettled with thunder showers tonight or Wednesday; no change in temperature.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, June 27. — Cotton futures closed steady, 25 points up, spots steady, 25 points up. July 21.20; October 21.25; December 21.03; January 20.86; March 20.70; May 20.60; Spots 21.75.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts... None Price offered... 21 Cents (subject to local conditions)