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## STRIKE ORDERS SIGNED CALL FOR STRIKE ON ALL RAILROADS IN U. S. JULY 1

### President Obregon Declares News of Americans Held Captive Is Part Of A Malicious Scheme

Mexican President Says Report Is Absolutely Baseless and Is Part of Plot to Create Unfavorable Opinion Between the Two Nations—San Francisco Paper Makes Expose of Facts. Obregon Charges Reports Are Malicious.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29. — President Obregon, in a telegram to the San Francisco Chronicle, asserted that news from Tampico of Americans held captive by bandits was "absolutely baseless." He characterized the dispatch as "only one of the many malicious deeds to create unfavorable opinion between the two nations."

The Chronicle telegraphed to President Obregon, asking for a statement as to conditions at Tampico and the truth of reports of Americans held for ransom. His answer read:

"As Chief Executive when I received your dispatch I knew that the news to which you allude is absolutely baseless and is only one of the many malicious deeds of persons whose intentions are inimical to the interests of Mexico. However, to satisfy public opinion I telegraphed to the chief of operations at Huasteca, for complete information, I herewith submit the telegraphic communications:

"General Guadalupe Sanchez, Chincochillo.

"I see that newspapers in the United States publish in scandalous form a report from Tampico announcing that forty Americans have been taken captives and held for ransom from the camps at Aguada de la Cortez Oil Company by the bandit Gorozave and although I feel positive that this report is one of the many painful means used by the enemies of Mexico to bring about difficulties between the two governments and create animosity between the two nations, I want your official advice

### NEW ENGLAND'S COTTON MILLS ARE FIGHTING FOR EXISTENCE, SAYS REPORT

Struggle Between North and South for Possession of Nation's Manufacturing.

THE SOUTH IS COMING

Capital In New England Mills Will Gradually Transfer Itself to the South.

NEW YORK, June 27.—The strike in New England's cotton mills, which has dragged on since January 24, causing a production loss of more than 215,000,000 yards of cloth, is a symptom of a struggle between the South and the North for the possession of America's cotton manufacturing industry, according to The Industrial Digest. The result of the conflict, in the long run, may be the virtual disappearance of the cotton industry in New England, the magazine says.

North vs. South

"Fifty thousand cotton-mill operatives have been idle, and the industry in New England has been disorganized for nearly five months as the result of a strike that is more than a mere struggle between capital and labor," says The Industrial Digest. "This conflict, which has stopped 10 per cent of the cotton spindles in New England is a symptom of a profound change in the conditions governing textile manufacturing. It is not only a local dispute over wages; it is an indication that one of America's greatest industries is changing its location."

The strike is a result of the competition between the cotton mills of the North and the South. Manufacturers in certain parts of New England declare that they cannot meet Southern competition without cutting wages, and they therefore announced the 20 per cent reduction that caused the strike.

"Since the 1880's the cotton industry of the South has been growing steadily. The invention of apparatus to humidify the air artificially in the mills so that cotton could be kept in the proper condition during the processes of manufacture, caused the industry in this section to advance with tremendous rapidity. Under the stimulus of war conditions it reached the point where it was consuming 55 per cent of the cotton used in the United States."

"While the demand for cotton was kept up by the war and by the post-war boom the competition between New England and the South was not dead. There was a market for all the goods that both sections could produce."

"When the slump came in 1920 the textile industry began to realize its position. Prices dropped precipitately, and the mills began to shut down. Then wages were made. The New England mills successfully fought a 22 1/2 per cent general reduction in December, 1920. Labor disturbances and wage reductions occurred in the South also."

"At the close of 1912 wages in both North and South, according to the best available estimates, remained about 100 per cent above those which had been paid before the war. The Southern industry felt that the readjustment was fairly complete and that development could continue without further cuts. The New England manufacturers, however, were not satisfied. Hence, the attempts at wage reduction in the Pawtucket district of Rhode Island, later in New Hampshire and still later in Massachusetts, resulting in the present strike."

What of the Future?

"What does the future hold for the New England textile manufacturers?"

"There can be no question that they are in an extremely difficult position. Even if they are able, in the present instance, to enforce their wage reductions, their situation will be none too comfortable. The wages they can pay do not compare favorably with those paid by other industries in the North. The union in this strike is showing fully as great strength as it has ever shown before, and some think it is stronger than ever. Surely the labor troubles of the mill men will not be over after this strike. As Mr. Harris pointed out, the advantage of the South in this respect is great. Added to the advantage of proximity to raw materials, it is likely to be overwhelming."

"A man who has followed the textile industry for many years expressed this opinion of its future:

"Capital invested in cotton mills will probably transfer itself by degrees to the South. A textile plant involves a tremendous investment in structure and equipment, and therefore the change in location cannot be sudden. Mill owners will put up a strenuous fight before they will abandon their property in the North. They will probably refuse to build new mills, however, and as the old mills get played out move their capital below the Mason-Dixon line. This is being done to some extent already. There is undoubtedly much Northern capital in the Southern textile mills today."

The bonus advocates reason that we should pay for valor ad valorem.—Chicago Journal of Commerce.

### Kidnaped



A. Bruce Bielaski, former chief of the bureau of investigation, Department of Justice, in being held for \$10,000 ransom near Cuernavaca, Mexico.

### HAGGARD MEETINGS ARE GROWING IN INTEREST

Evangelist Is Preaching to Crowded Tent Every Night. The Choir Is Fine Feature of Meeting.

(Reported for The Gazette.)

Another large crowd attended the Haggard meeting last night. There was a considerable increase over the previous evening. Many out of town folks were there, some as far away as Gaffney, evening. Many out of town folks were represented. The preachers were not out in great numbers as it was their prayer meeting evening. Many of them are attending when they are off at home. One of the outstanding features of the service last night was a duet by Haggard and Sumner. They sang "My Record Will Be There." The song made a very profound impression. Especially did the last stanza impress the congregation.

Haggard called upon the people of Gastonia to make the choir all that it is possible for it to be. We have many in the choir, but some do not go in as they should. Of course this will all work out in the near future. The songs are new, and many do not go into the choir because of this. As the songs are learned the choir will increase. If you go to this evening and can sing, be sure to go in the choir. We want five hundred singers. Would you be one of them?

3:11. His theme was "Building For Eternity."

In discussing this theme he said, "To build right you must first have a good foundation. He especially emphasized the fact that Christ must be the foundation for eternity, or the building would not stand the tempest to come. He said that Christ was the sure foundation. He has made salvation big enough for everybody to be saved. Everybody's work will be tried by fire. Every building will be tested, and your selfishness that will save you, but Jesus Christ. Build on him the sure foundation. You are building some kind of building. Every day you are putting some kind of material into the building. Are you building for eternity? What kind of a building are you erecting? When we build our homes we want a good foundation so that the structure will stand the storm. If they are not founded as they should be, they soon tumble. If you were brought before the judgment seat of Christ, how would your building stand? Let us photograph our lives tonight."

Is there a bad place in your building? There is no monkey business about God's business. Your life must be tried by the word of God. Look to Jesus Christ. His blood will cover all sins. We sometimes look back and see the scars. The blood of Christ will cover them. Remember, your building must stand the test. Your soul will live after this old body of yours has gone back to clay. I will live on in eternity. I'll live through eternity. I have declared my hope in Jesus Christ. It pays to place your hopes in him. Do not anchor your hope in any man. Fathers, how are you building? Are you teaching your children about Jesus? Many fathers are leading their children to hell, right here in Gastonia. The thing that touches me most is a wicked mother. God help our mothers to wake up and give their lives to God.

Services will continue through this week at seven forty-five. Prof. Sumner is very anxious to have the choir get ready for the work, and to give all the practice possible, he is going to change the hour from eight to seven forty-five. There will not be any services in the tent next Sunday morning. The evangelist will preach to the colored people at four o'clock Sunday afternoon. All of the colored people of the city are invited to this service. The evangelist wants some old time singing.

### FIRST STEP IN PROTEST AGAINST DECISIONS OF U. S. LABOR BOARD

#### 21,000 SPINDLES ORDERED FOR MILLS AT BELMONT

Linford, Perfection and Acme Mills Order New Machinery to Complete Equipment—To Be Running January 1.

At a directors meeting of Belmont's recently completed cotton mill, the Linford, Perfection and Acme addition, held Tuesday, it was decided to purchase machinery for these mills and install it at once. Half the capacity of these mills was ordered out for immediate delivery, the other half to be sent later. The Acme mill has been running for over a year and this is for the addition for that mill. The amounts of the spindleage for the various mills ordered yesterday is as follows: Acme, 5,000; Linford, 8,000; and Perfection, 8,000; and as stated is half the capacity. They expect to have this machinery running by the first of January. The officers for these mills are: Acme, A. C. Lineberger, president; R. B. Suggs, secretary-treasurer; Perfection, A. C. Lineberger, president; D. P. Stowe, secretary-treasurer; Linford, A. C. Lineberger, president; J. E. Ford, secretary-treasurer. Machinery was also bought last week for 8,000 spindles in the China Grove Cotton Mill at China Grove at a meeting held here and of which Mr. Lineberger is also president.

The total amount of machinery thus purchased in the last few days in Belmont makes the splendid sum of \$1,500,000, and would seem a good indication that times are again on the upward trend.

Belmont Masons Install Officers.

At a regular communication of Belmont Masonic Lodge held Monday the officers for the coming year were installed. Mr. C. C. Craig, of Gastonia, past assistant deputy, was present and installed the following officers: G. G. Dixon, worshipful master; G. P. Caldwell, senior warden; Dr. H. W. Jordan, junior warden; W. H. Horsely, secretary; W. D. Crawford, treasurer. The appointed officers were as follows: F. W. McKee, senior deacon; R. D. Hall, junior deacon; C. W. Fite and J. Earl Armstrong, stewards; R. S. Dixon, tyler.

Mr. S. N. Boyce, of Gastonia, member of the board of custodians of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was also present and made an excellent address to the fraternity.

#### BRUCE BIELASKI ESCAPES FROM MEXICAN BANDITS

Returns After Four Days of Captivity to Mexico City. Dispatches Say 40 Employees Are Held.

MEXICO CITY, June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — Escaping from his bandit kidnapers, after four days of captivity, A. Bruce Bielaski, former head of the American Department of Justice's investigation bureau, has returned to Mexico City.

Covered with dust, unshaven and showing plainly the marks of his imprisonment in the mountains of Morelos, Bielaski was taken to his apartment where his wife and a half dozen friends greeted him.

His friends declared the former American official had escaped from his captors at Tecate, walking the 30 miles to Cuernavaca, near which he was captured last Sunday while motoring.

Julius arand, head of the Mexico City banking firm which is understood to have furnished \$10,000 for the ransom on the order of Mr. Bielaski's New York company, said he had been authorized to state that Bielaski eluded his captors before the money was paid. Bielaski suffered no more ill effects than might be expected from four days of roughing it in the mountains.

Dozen of automobiles carrying American cars since Sunday have tried to get in contact with the bandits returned to the capital last night, each person telling a different version of the affair and ascribing credit for Bielaski's safe return to several sources.

Press dispatches from Tampico quote W. P. Taylor, manager of the Tampico branch of the Cortez Oil Company, as confirming the capture of 40 employees at the company's Aguada camp by the bandit Gorozave, but do not state whether the ransom has been paid.

#### RAIL OFFICIALS DECLARE THAT TRANSPORTATION WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE

Impending Strike Saturday Marks a Momentous Day in Railroad World.

400,000 MEN AFFECTED

Millions of Dollars Will Be Slashed From Workers' Wages.

CHICAGO, June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — In addition to the shopmen, whose strike order already has been issued, the four other unions cited now taking a strike vote, are the clerks, maintenance of way men, stationery firemen and oilers and signal men.

B. M. Jewell, leader of the shop men, today served formal notice on the Railroad Labor Board that a strike had been issued "on all railroad and Pullman operating department local lodges of the six shop crafts."

Railroad maintenance of way men were reported to have quit in West Chicago, Ills., today, without awaiting receipt of strike orders. It was said the men "crossed in droves," leaving many crossings unguarded. Mayor Edward J. McCabe, of West Chicago, has sworn in a number of special policemen to guard railroad property.

The United States Railroad Labor Board today cited the national officers of the six shop craft unions, the rail-way executives now meeting here and the officers of four other railroad unions to appear before the board tomorrow afternoon in an inquiry into "the threatened interruption of traffic."

The meeting of the railway executives and heads of the ten unions was set for two o'clock tomorrow by the Labor Board, when the formal notice of the strike call was received from the shopmen, announcing the time for the "walk-out" as next Saturday at 10 a. m.

Letters of instruction regarding the progress and conduct of the strike were being prepared at general headquarters here today and were to be mailed out tonight.

"The issue is clean cut, with no strings attached," said B. M. Jewell, president of the Railroad Unions section of the American Federation of Labor. "It is up to the railway executives at their meeting today. They can stop this strike today or tomorrow, but after Saturday at 10 o'clock it is all off. The telegrams of the union heads to Cuyler is the union's last word."

The general committee of 90 general chairmen today were on the way to their home districts to take active charge of the strike. A sub-committee remained at headquarters to direct operations.

Members of the Association of Railway Executives under the chairmanship of T. DeWitt Cuyler, to whom the shopmen's ultimatum was addressed, were to meet here today, in response to a call issued several weeks ago, but the program of their conference was not announced.

While union heads refused to discuss the strike call, it was said a statement would be issued later in the day. No provisions have been made for calling off the strike in event of an acceptable settlement, it was understood, but instructions being prepared for district leaders will include such arrangements later on telegraphic instructions.

### IRISH INSURGENTS HOLDING OWN AGAINST FREE STATERS

Firing Has Been in Progress Practically All Forenoon—Casualties Number More Than 50—Garrison Has An Unlimited Supply of Ammunition and Plenty of Provisions—Insurgents Are Extending Their Operations.

DUBLIN, June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — Rory O'Connor's band of insurgent Irish republican army men was still holding out in its Four Courts stronghold at noon today against the continuing attempts of the Free State troops to dislodge it.

Firing was in progress all the forenoon and there was an especially heavy burst of fire at 11 o'clock. Sniping operations were almost incessant, with the casualties estimated this forenoon, at more than 50, hourly increasing.

The insurgents have extended their operations in other parts of the city. Shortly before noon an ambush of Free State troops was reported from College Green and the irregulars were fortifying various outposts. A party of Free State forces on the watch for insurgent activities poured a volley into a public house in the vicinity of yesterday's ambush.

One of the outlying places seized by the irregulars was the Sackville street club, an old fashioned aristocratic country gentlemen's club near the Nelson Pillar. In addition to the various organized operations of the insurgents their sympathizers in several parts of the city, acting as snipers, made many attacks on Free State soldiers.

Meanwhile the replies from O'Connor's men to the firing on the Four Courts were feeble. The garrison, which is believed to number about 150, is said, however, to have unlimited supplies of ammunition and plenty of provisions.

The prospect was that the operations at the Four Courts would increasingly assume the character of an investment. The building lends itself peculiarly to defensive purposes, and it is considered unlikely that the Free State troops will, at least for the present, attempt to take it by assault.

The most menacing feature of the situation from the provisional government standpoint is the fact that the insurgents are developing activities along guerilla lines, particularly in the form of ambushes. Many of the insurgents wear no uniforms, and the Free State soldiers, like the British before the truce, are exposed to attack while traversing narrow streets and from their barracks.

The prevalence of these tactics makes it seem improbable to the government side that the situation throughout the city will speedily become much better.

Direct telegraphic communication between Dublin and the north and west of Ireland is practically at a standstill. A number of wires between Dublin and London were cut last night near Hews.

In other parts of the country the provisional government has also military affairs on its hands. In Drogheda the insurgents who are occupying the Round Tower fort on the hill commanding the town have been invested by the Free State troops in the same way as at the Four Courts in Dublin. The Drogheda position of the irregulars is regarded as un-

### UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA GETS LARGE INCOME

ATLANTA, Ga., June 29. — One tenth of all of the State's income would be set aside annually and appropriated for the support and maintenance of the University of Georgia and its branches, under provisions of a report by a joint legislative committee appointed by the General Assembly last year.

### MELON CROP YIELD GREATER BY 10,000 CARS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 29. — An abundant crop of watermelons in the early producing States was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture, which placed the total at 60,102 carloads, compared with 51,481 cars last year.

There was an increase in acreage planted, the department said, from 117,000 to 168,100 acres. Crop forecasts for some of the largest producing States were Georgia 22,307 cars, Florida 12,744 cars; South Carolina 6,044 and Alabama 4,890.

### STUDENT ARRESTED IN RATHENAU CASE

(By The Associated Press.)

FRANKFURT — ON — ODER, GERMANY, June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — Ernest Werner Tschow, of Berlin, a student twenty-one years old, who the police declare, was the driver of the motor car in the assassination of Foreign Minister Rathenau last Saturday, was arrested in the vicinity of this city today.

### THE WEATHER

North Carolina, local thundershowers tonight or Friday.

### MEXICAN REBELS WITHDRAW, BUT THREATEN TO RETURN

WASHINGTON, June 29. — Mexican rebels who seized the Aguada camp of the Cortez Oil Company in the Tampico region Sunday, holding the property and forty American employees for 15,000 pesos ransom, withdrew on Monday without damage or injury to the employees, but with threats to return, Consul Shaw at Tampico today advised the state department. A later message said the same rebels yesterday seized a camp of the La Corona Oil Company, a Dutch-British concern, in the same vicinity, and were holding 85 employees, including about six Americans.

### YOUNG LADIES LEAVE FOR SUMMER CAMP

Gastonia will be well represented at Camp Illabe, for girls, at Brevard, N. C., this summer. A party of nine young ladies left here early today for the camp. They were: Misses Louise Reid, Mabel Pratt, Frances Robinson, Mary Shepard Gray, Katherine Harper, Lillian, Edith and Elizabeth Parker. Accompanying the above was Miss Bettie Hicks, of Danville, Va., who has been visiting Miss Gray. Misses Reid and Potts are members of the council of Camp Illabe. Some of the young ladies from here will stay for a month, while others will remain for the entire two month's session.

### TWO NEW CLUBS JOIN INTER-CHURCH LEAGUE

Two new clubs have been recently added to the Inter-Church Baseball League. They are the First Baptist and the Lutheran teams. These two teams will play their initial game this afternoon at the Central school grounds at 5 o'clock. It is to be recalled that the Baptists objected to certain rules laid down by the association's Board of Control and refused to enter the league. This difficulty has been smoothed over and the Baptists have joined in with their brothers in the interest of church baseball.

### SPECIAL GRAND JURY TO PROBE HERRIN MINE AFFAIR

MARION, Ill., June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — A special grand jury on July 9 will begin investigating the Herrin mine massacre of last week. Circuit Judge Hartwell announced today.

Excavation of the Southern Illinois Coal Company's strip mine, where the slain union men were employed, was begun this morning, following rumors that a number of bodies were buried at the mine. The digging is under direction of Colonel McGowan.

### COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, June 29. — Cotton futures closed steady, spots steady, 10 points up.

July 21.65; October 21.65; December 21.54; January 21.21; March 21.06; May 20.88; Spots 22.20.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Receipts ..... 16 Bales  
Price ..... 21 1/2 Cents  
(Strict to good middling.)

### CHENG CHUNG-MING REPORTED ASSASSINATED

MAHILA, P. I., June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — Cheng Chung-Ming, whose recent coup d'etat drove from Canton, Sun Yat Sen, president of the Southern China republic, has been assassinated, according to a cable dispatch received here today from Shanghai by Kongsipao, local Chinese daily identified with the adherents of Sun Yat Sen. Reuters' news agency fails to confirm the report.

### SAN FRANCISCO, June 29. — Young China, a Chinese language newspaper published here, announced today it had received from Hong Kong a report that General Chen Chung-Ming, the captor of Canton, had been shot and wounded seriously at a meeting with leaders of his own troops ten miles from Canton.

### KU KLUX TAKE GEORGIA MAN AND BEAT HIM

VALDOSTA, Ga., June 29. — Wearing white robes and hoods, five men visited the place of business of N. G. Roney early yesterday, according to a story Roney told late in the day, and carried him away in an automobile by a strip of woods, where they gave him a severe beating.

Roney said he was told by the band to stop selling and drinking whiskey and never again address a white woman. Roney was almost in a fainting condition when he arrived back in the city, he said, and was unable to appear at his place of business during the day.

### WARREN STONE, PRESIDENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS, ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TODAY.

WARREN STONE, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, issued instructions to this effect to all members of their organizations today. W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, was absent from the city today but it was announced officials at local headquarters would issue similar instructions to firemen.

### CHICAGO, June 29. — (By The Associated Press.) — Strike orders signed by the six craft presidents of the railroad shopmen's organization were sent out today to general chairmen representing 400,000 men, authorizing a strike at 10 a. m. July 1 on all railroads and Pullman shops in the United States.

The first actual step toward a strike of railroad workers in protest against