

TRANSPORTATION IN FAR WEST PARALYZED; UNION HEADS HOLD KEY TO STRIKE

JOHN L. LEWIS PREDICTS THAT THE COAL STRIKE WILL END IN A VERY FEW DAYS

VISCOUNT NORTHCLIFFE FOREMOST BRITISH PUBLISHER, DIED TODAY

Was One Of World's Greatest Newspaper Publishers. Had Great Influence.

ENEMY OF LLOYD GEORGE

Was Largely Responsible For Arousing England To Action In World War.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Viscount Northcliffe, noted publicist, died this morning. News of Lord Northcliffe's death was given out by the doctors who have been attending him in this bulletin: "Viscount Northcliffe died at 10:12 o'clock. The end was perfectly peaceful."

Later it was stated that the cause of Lord Northcliffe's death was suppurative, or the production of pus, within the heart, which was followed by acute blood poisoning. The death of no other unofficial person could have made a deeper impression in England than that of Lord Northcliffe. The news was not a surprise, as the bulletins issued by the doctors for the last week plainly indicated their patient was dying.

Lord Northcliffe was by far the most noted figure in British journalism, and the first question on everyone's lips was what effect his death will have on the policies of the Times and his other newspapers, which since the end of the war have strongly opposed the Lloyd George administration and its principles, with the notable exception of its dealings with Ireland, which the Northcliffe press supported throughout.

The medical terms used in giving the cause of Lord Northcliffe's death were ulcerative endocarditis, streptococcal septicaemia and terminal syncope. This in popular parlance means an inflammation of the lining membranes of the heart, with consequent infection of the blood, and in sudden failure of the heart due to fainting.

Viscount Northcliffe, the son of an Irish barrister, became an editor at 17 years, owned and published of the London Times and Daily Mail, the moulder of public opinion, a man of powerful influence in the making and unmaking of British cabinets and who, with David Lloyd George, contributed in a great measure to arousing England to more vigorous action.

To Viscount Northcliffe is ascribed the arousing of the British public to a knowledge of the fact that the British army in France was insufficiently equipped with high explosive shells, that British guns on the French front were short of ammunition and that Lord Kitchener, then secretary of state for war, was sending the British gunners shrapnel while Sir John French, as commander, was appealing for the same kind of high explosives that Germany

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Operators Agree To The Wage Scale In Force When Strike Was First Called, Says Report to Lewis

S. D. Warriner Heading Anthracite Operators' Scale Committee Offers To End Strike—Lewis Replies, "Your Invitation Augurs Well For Success Of Conference"—Predict Opening Of Mines Wednesday.

Postpone August Payment Of Germany

PARIS, Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press)—The reparations commission this morning decided to postpone the August 15 payment of 50,000,000 gold marks by Germany until a decision had been reached by the allied premiers who are now meeting in London.

This action was taken by the commission in view of the fact that Germany was promised a decision regarding a moratorium today, which was apparently impossible unless it should be reached by the Allied premiers at a late hour.

The decision to leave in suspense the August payment was unanimously taken after members of the commission had been instructed by their respective governments.

The impression in commission circles was that the premiers would grant a short moratorium, even though they did not reach a complete understanding and this respite could continue until another meeting had arrived at a comprehensive settlement.

SIXTY SOLDIERS GO WITH NEGROES TO THEIR TRIAL

CARTHAGE, N. C., Aug. 14.—Three negroes, charged with attacking Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ketchen, while camping a few miles south of Southern Pines, about ten days ago, will be placed on trial for their lives in Moore county superior court here this afternoon.

Sixty soldiers from the Raleigh and Durham military companies accompanied the negroes here today from the state prison at Raleigh, where they were taken for safekeeping shortly after their arrest. Troops will guard the courthouse during the trial.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Cotton futures closed barely steady; Spots quiet, 55 cents down; October 20.24; December 20.22; January 20.12; March 20.16; May 20.00; Spots 20.50.

Receipts 1 bale
Price 21 cents

COAL STRIKE SUMMARY

Developments in the coal strike situation today included: Anthracite operators and miners arranged conference at Philadelphia Wednesday, at which the union will consider an offer from the operators to resume work at the wage scale in force when the strike was called. Cleveland conference nearing a showdown in its peace efforts and definite decision is expected shortly. Arbitration still declared to be the stumbling block.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 14.—An offer to end the anthracite strike by agreeing to the wage scale in force when the strike was called, was received today by President John L. Lewis, of the miners. It came from S. D. Warriner, heading the anthracite operators' scale committee.

Accepting Mr. Warriner's invitation to meet the operators in conference at Philadelphia, on Wednesday, Mr. Lewis said: "The broad premise upon which you have based your invitation is commendable and augurs well for the success of the conference."

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 14.—Samuel D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and spokesman for the anthracite coal operators, announced today that he had notified John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, that the mine owners were willing to resume operations in the hard coal fields at the old wage scale pending the appointment of a commission to investigate the situation. Mr. Warriner said he had telegraphed Mr. Lewis last night suggesting that a conference of anthracite operators and representatives of the miners be held in this city Wednesday.

Mr. Warriner's action followed a conference yesterday with United States Senator George Wharton Pepper, Governor Spruiell, W. J. Richards, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company, and William A. Glasgow, Jr., counsel for the United Mine Workers.

At this meeting, it became known today, Senator Pepper read a letter from President Harding in which the president declared that further delay in the resumption of mining would mean "danger of nothing short of nationwide disaster."

The president said that no time was to be lost in getting the men back to the mines and that if mining was resumed at once, "the future consequences of past delays must necessarily be serious. But, if there is any further delay we shall be in danger of nothing short of nationwide disaster."

President Harding suggested that the operators take the men back to the wage scale in effect on March 31, 1922, when the suspension began, "until a commission or other agency has had an opportunity to examine into the whole situation."

Mr. Warriner, in his telegram to Mr. Lewis, said that the operators had been moved to extend the invitation for a conference, "not merely by our own desires, but because the president of the United States has communicated an expression both of his wish that we should do so and of his hope that you will accept."

LEWIS OPTIMISTIC AS TO SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—After a week spent in preliminaries, the joint conference of miners and soft coal operators controlling an annual production of 40,000,000 tons, today was near a showdown in its negotiations for peace. On the heels of the soft coal meeting the miners were preparing to resume negotiations with the hard coal operators, who employ 155,000 men in Pennsylvania.

President John L. Lewis, of the miners, was optimistic as to the peace possibilities of both conferences, expecting the end of the soft coal parley to come by tomorrow evening. Some operators also forecast opening of some mines on Wednesday.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Aug. 14.—See train No. 144 was wrecked last night just south of Portal, killing twelve persons and injuring others, said reports reaching here today. Detailed information was unavailable here.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—Although this morning's session of the Allied Premiers was adjourned without their having reached an agreement on the German reparations question or having arranged for another meeting, it was announced shortly before four o'clock this afternoon that a plenary session would be held at five o'clock.

"Layingest" Hen



Here's a hen that laid its first egg when seven months old and in the 561 days that followed laid 505 eggs. If you know of any hen that can equal that record you'll surprise Mrs. J. J. Skinner of San Diego, Cal., the owner shown here with the "layingest hen that ever laid."

RESIDENTS OF RALEIGH ARE TOLD OF ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE PEACOCK

Tom Bost Declares Movement Is On Foot To Free Lexington Man.

NO LEGISLATIVE MOVE

Decision Of Supreme Court Knocks That Out; May Ask Habeas Corpus Writ.

RALEIGH, Aug. 14.—Lexington and Davidson know nothing of an effort to get Dr. James Walter Peacock out of the state prison here; but Raleigh does.

The story in these columns a week ago stands up with additional force. Then a simple hint of an organized effort, "a drive" so as to speak, was given. Care not to connect the visit of Dr. J. E. Cathell, ancient resident of Davidson, with the propaganda was taken.

The article was written just as a political excursion in the making would have been written. Indeed, there is a dash of politics in it. Everybody here knows that the "drive" is going on and has gone on. It is no insidious lobby; it is an open enterprise which newspapers compelled to observe some of the personal amenities, have been forced to ignore. But inside stuff has been breaking. Here is some of it.

Field men in the department have been moved to come back telling what the Peacock men are doing. Residents here have been told categorically that the Peacock release is being sought. How much progress has been made can be learned from this item vouchsafed by a Peacock partisan to the Greensboro Daily News correspondent. The prison physician, so the Peacock friend says has declared that Peacock is sane. There is a legislative act which makes necessary another legislative enactment before the prisoner in the criminal insane department can be released.

Statute Is Unconstitutional. But lo, and behold, when the Peacock partisans look at the wise saws and modern instances, they find in the 140th North Carolina a Supreme Court decision declaring that statute unconstitutional and invalid. So the legislative enterprise is not necessary; likewise it is abandoned. The next step, the Peacock man says, is to take the affidavit to the prison physician or one setting out his opinion, carry it before a judge and apply for a writ of habeas corpus. That is the procedure necessary to get Peacock before a tribunal. It is the course in mind now. For a fortnight people here have been expecting a commission to whom will be delegated the duty of inquiring into Peacock's condition. The Daily News bureau did not advert any of this until Peacock men sought his own office in getting Peacock before some competent board of inquiry.

Once before a court in de lunatic inquiring, the Peacock folks would have a real battle on their hands. It would drive them and their resourceful attorneys to the utmost to convince the court that a man cunning enough to execute the Taylor killing was not playing out of position in the bughouse. Similarly, having turned up there via the petit jury, it would be hard to prove out. Yet that is the program and everybody outside Lexington seems to know it.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC IN CALIFORNIA IS DEMORALIZED; FRUIT GROWERS' LOSS RUNS INTO THE MILLIONS

Seventh Week of Strike Marked By Rail Tie-up In The Far West And Instances Serious Violence

Northern and Central California Are Without Transportation To East.

BLOW TO FRUIT GROWERS

President Harding Offers Federal Aid To Those Stranded On Trains.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press.)—Further paralysis of rail transportation in the far west and at least two instances of serious violence against railroad property marked the opening hours of the seventh week of the strike of rail shop crafts workers. Northern and central California today were without fast freight transportation east, and indications were the sole remaining passenger route also would be abandoned. Upwards of 1,700 passengers were marooned on nineteen trains abandoned in Arizona, New Mexico, California deserts by members of the operating brotherhoods.

Many cities of California's San Joaquin valley were without mail service as a result of cessation of transportation, and eastern mail, halted in southern California Thursday, still was unmoored. Fruit growers estimated their accruing losses at a million dollars a day and one shipper professed his loss reached \$500,000 daily.

President Harding's proffer of unstinted federal aid for passengers suffering on trains stalled in the humid Arizona wastes had met no response early today, as Governor Campbell, of Arizona, to whom the chief executive's telegram was sent, was travelling and the message had not reached him. Passengers marooned at Albuquerque telegraphed President Harding, urging he take command of the situation.

Reports of instances of personal violence to non-union workers who have replaced the men who went on strike were few, but for the first time attacks of magnitude were made against railroad property.

Lives of passengers were endangered and ten persons were injured when a passenger train loaded principally with week-end excursionists was bombed at Granton Junction, N. J. Steel coaches, which were marked visibly by the explosions served as veritable bombproofs in protecting the passengers.

At Ash Grove, Mo., the St. Louis and San Francisco's 4000-foot bridge over the Sao river was dynamited. The north abutment was destroyed, according to early and fragmentary reports, and for quite a distance the tracks were raised a foot.

Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway's shops at Wichita Falls, Tex. Three locomotives, numerous coaches and box cars were lost. It was only with difficulty that several loaded oil trains were saved.

Trainers who tied up traffic on the St. Louis and San Francisco out of Birmingham, Ala., returned to their jobs and officials announced immediate resumption of train service. Mails which were delayed were rerouted over other lines.

"Big Four" brotherhood men at Memphis, Tenn., deferred action regarding a suspension of work because of alleged crippled rolling stock. Members of the "Big Four" at Parsons, Kas., decided to continue work until after union officials conferred with rail heads at St. Louis today.

Bombs were thrown into the Southern Pacific yards at Roseville, Calif., early today.

Members of the "Big Four" brotherhoods at Topeka, Kas., were said to be unable to agree on strike action.

Officials of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway announced at Wichita, Kas., that any attempt to tie up traffic by striking rail crews would result in immediate suspension of all operations on the Orient.

Troops patrolled the Santa Fe shops at Newton, Kas., where several deputies and shop workers were beaten by a crowd Saturday night.

RAIL STRIKE SUMMARY

Developments in the rail strike situation today included: Union chiefs resumed meeting in Washington. No reply made to President Harding's proposals for ending the strike. Cessation of work by train service men in scattered sections, especially the west, continues on ground that equipment is defective. United States District Attorney for Southern California institutes investigation to determine if walkout of operating crews which left western trains stranded in the deserts was a conspiracy. General outbreaks of violence, including bombing of trains and equipment, reported in various sections of the South.

PASSENGERS TELL HARROWING STORY OF SUFFERING IN TORRID ARIZONA DESERT

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press)—A Santa Fe relief train carrying approximately 125 passengers many of whom are still suffering the effects of the terrific heat last night after four days delay, when train service men refused to proceed. Santa Fe officials manned the relief train.

A physician and a nurse boarded the train here to treat J. M. Norris, aged 91 years, Los Angeles, who was overcome by the heat at Needles Saturday. "Grandma" Malissa Wooden, aged 94 years, and travelling alone from the east to her home in Berkeley, Calif., was smiling when the train arrived here, although so weak she could hardly talk.

A pitiful story of how a mother and father fought death for their eighteen months old baby was told by Mr. and Mrs. Hebre, of Denver, Colo., traveling to San Diego.

Mrs. Hebre slept but a few hours in three days, working nearly all the time with her husband over the child, Robert, overcome by the heat.

"For three days we were unable to procure any fresh milk for the baby," Mrs. Hebre said. "A woman's organization finally secured the milk. I on sure their action saved Robert's life. The temperature in the Pullman cars registered 130 degrees during the day."

On the Santa Fe 19 west bound trains registered 130 degrees during the day."

RAILROADS DECLARE AN EMBARGO ON ALL KINDS OF PERISHABLE FREIGHT

Nineteen West Bound Trains With 1,700 Passengers Are Marooned In Desert.

U. S. MAILS ARE TIED UP

Attorney General Daugherty Makes Investigation To Determine If Conspiracy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Northern and central California today were without fast freight transportation east and seemed in a fair way to lose the remaining route for passenger traffic as a result of the spread of the transportation brotherhoods' walkouts at Roseville and Sacramento, Calif. The principal line north also was lost to fast freight traffic.

A number of Southern Pacific lines yard employes at Roseville quit work yesterday and at midnight the railroad officials declaring an embargo on all perishable freight, including livestock, for points "north of Gerber and east of Roseville." It was explained this meat traffic was impossible at present over the company's Ogden route east and its Shasta route to Portland, Oregon, and north, and created an admittedly serious situation for fruit growers of northern California.

Crews of two passenger trains abandoned them at Sacramento and the trains were still there early today. Should other crews follow their example, the only route remaining over which passenger traffic could flow east and west would be the Southern Pacific's line from Los Angeles.

The Santa Fe system virtually was paralyzed by walkouts of Brotherhood men at Needles, Calif., Seligman, Ariz., Ash Fork, Williams and Winslow, Ariz., and there was one in prospect at Albuquerque, N. M.

The Union Pacific's line from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles was blocked solidly by refusal of Brotherhood men at several points chiefly Las Vegas, Nev., to move trains.

The Western Pacific, operating between San Francisco and Salt Lake City was blocked completely by walkouts at Oroville, Oakland and Stockton, Calif., and announced traffic was "suspended indefinitely."

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UNION HEADS STILL HOLD THE PRESIDENTS PROPOSAL

Real Key To Situation Is Held By Four Railway Brotherhoods and Attitude Of Their Officials Will Determine Action Of Striking Crafts—Government Is Marking Time.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The executives having submitted their conditional acceptance to President Harding said the executives at their meeting in New York Friday had "with practical unanimity responded favorably to the President's call."

Approximately three quarters of the mailage represented, Mr. Cuyler said, voted favorably for a resolution providing that all striking shopmen be re-employed while the remainder desired that the strikers be re-employed "as far as practicable."

The chief condition upon which the majority voted acceptance as shown in his statement was that such acceptance involves no surrender of the principals with respect to seniority adopted by the carriers August 1, 1922, also there was insistence that the labor board pass upon the relative seniority of loyal employes who remained at work and new employes who have been accepted re-enter the service.

The majority acceptance further provided that striking employes be assigned their former positions where vacancies exist and that where their former positions have been filled other employment of the same class be found for them. The minority resolution provided for restoring former positions to strikers only when vacancies exist.

When the executives left the impression prevailed among them that the strike would be fought out to a finish and that the government would not attempt further effort at compromise. Union leaders, however, said mediation and compromise efforts would be continued. There was no statement from the White House of administration sources.

PROSPECTS FOR COUNTY FAIR ARE THE BEST IN ITS HISTORY

Big Gaston County Fair Is Only Eight Weeks Away—Community Fairs To Be Feature Of Fair—Farm Booths, Livestock, Club Work To Be Featured—Resume Of Exhibits.

With the Big Gaston County Fair only eight weeks away when tomorrow dawn, prospects are now most excellent for the largest in the history of the big exposition. For eight years with the exception of the flu year the record of being larger has been maintained. Prospects are excellent, according to the executive secretary, for a realization of the mark he set this year of two thousand different people entering exhibits. Last year a total of 1,359, not counting the poultry exhibitors, took part.

Community fairs will be held on Wednesday, October 4, at Fairview, Thursday, October 5, at Mount Beulah, Friday, October 6, at Sunnyside, and the big First National Bank corn show at Cherryville on Saturday, October 7. These will all come into the big fair. And besides there are four top-notch community fairs coming from Cleveland county.

Community booths will also be a feature, one being planned from Crowders Creek and others are being contemplated. This feature was installed at the last minute to take care of communities but lacking time to get up local fairs.

Farm booths, this year designated "Live at Home Booths," will be a greatly extended feature this year, a large number of entries being assured. This will splendidly portray the diversified resources of the county agriculturally.

With the corn show from Cherryville as the nucleus the corn display will be probably the best in the state. The First National Bank of Cherryville will combine with the corn show a soil improvement exhibit, including soy beans and other legumes. This will be one of the great educational features of the fair agriculturally.

There is strong probability that the fruit department will be led off by an apple show placed by the North Carolina Horticultural Society. This will not be in competition but will be highly educational in picturing the possible development of fruit growing.

Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstrator, has everything lined up well for the woman's building and it will be the usual splendid success. Many leading women over the county are now working to make this an unusual success. All departments will be full up, judging by present promises.

The live stock show will be the best yet. The choicest from Mecklenburg, Catawba and Cleveland will be in competition and there will be unusually fine entries from Gaston. The beef cattle exhibit will be led off by a prize herd from Rowan and will have scores of local entries. Earl McLean, in particular, is going after the big premiums in this class against all comers.

Club work will make a phenomenal display. County Agent L. B. Altman and Miss Pickens are working hard to make up lost time in this department and the boys and girls are going to be represented by extensive exhibits reflecting splendid credit upon themselves and the county.

All in all indications point to a fair highly creditable to the farmers of this entire section and one that will be a strong argument in favor of cropping "the county" from the name hereafter.