

CHICAGO TRAIN SERVICE PARALYZED BY STRIKE OF SWITCHMEN FOR MORE PAY

Entire Police Force Placed in Reserve - Service Already Crippled by Heavy Snowstorm - 2,500 Switchmen Were Out at Midnight According to Strike Leaders - Demand Higher Rates of Pay.

CHICAGO, April 5—Train service throughout the Chicago district, already seriously crippled by a heavy snowstorm, virtually was demoralized today by the spread of an unauthorized strike of switchmen, according to reports from the eleven railroads affected.

Fearing possible riots John J. Garrity, chief of police, early today placed the entire police force on reserve. Five hundred policemen patrolled the switchyards last night.

Mr. Garrity said the situation was serious and added that "it may be necessary to call out the militia and declare military control in the railroad yards."

Approximately 2,500 switchmen were out at midnight according to strike leaders and the General Managers' Association, representing the railroads. The strikers asserted 9,000 men would be affected today and predicted a "complete tie-up of freight traffic and serious impairment of interurban service."

After a long conference with representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen with which the switchmen are affiliated, and the switchmen's union of North America, the General Managers' Association issued a declaration that there would "be no compromise" with the strikers.

"Sixty per cent of the switch engines in Chicago are out of service," said the managers' statement. "This has been caused by an 'outlaw' organization which has presented demands for rates of pay that already had been presented to the railroad organizations by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the switchmen's union of North America."

"These demands are being handled by the wage conference at Washington and must, under the transportation act, be concluded before the labor board, yet to be named by the president."

The trouble broke out five days ago, switchmen in the Chicago district yards of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad going on strike. The Illinois Central and the Northwestern next was affected, the strike spreading to the other railroads yesterday and last night.

The Chicago switching district covers a radius of 30 miles and in it 25,000 cars are handled daily. The yardmen make up and "break" all trains in that area, also "spotting" cars at loading and unloading platforms.

The demands of the "outlaw" organization, the recently formed Chicago yardmen's association, are:

Foremen of all yard and transfer engines, \$1 per hour; yard helpers, 95 cents an hour; switch tenders \$5 a day for attending not more than three switches; helpers rate of pay to apply at 95 cents an hour; time and a half for overtime, Sundays and all legal holidays, and where they are requested to work more than eight hours on Sunday or legal holidays double time for all time exceeding eight hours.

TEN PERSONS DROWNED WHEN FLATBOAT SINKS

(By The Associated Press.) ANDERSON, S. C., April 5.—Ten young people were drowned Sunday afternoon when a flat boat on the Savannah river, at Harpers Ferry, near Lowndesville, S. C., sank. The flat boat was hooked to a cable and used as a ferry, and it was the slackening of the cable which caused the sinking of the flat. Early reports today give the list of dead as follows:

Miss Inez Manning, age 22; Miss Annie Manning, 18; Mr. Robert Manning, 20; Miss Lucy Bradshaw, 16; Miss Allie Bradshaw, 14; Mr. Albert Southerland, 17; Charlie Machine, Miss Alice Machine, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Waters. Robert Bradshaw, the eleventh member of the party succeeded in reaching the Georgia side of the river and was saved. Savannah river was some eight feet above normal due to recent rains. No bodies are yet reported recovered.

POSSE SCOURS COUNTRY FOR 15 INSANE PERSONS

CHESTER, Ill., April 5.—An armed posse today scoured the Mississippi river bottom south of Chester, in pursuit of eight of fifteen inmates of the Chester state hospital for criminal insane, who escaped late last night. Hospital officials said the men were considered among the most dangerous at the institution.

GREENWOOD, S. C., YOUTHS FACE SERIOUS CHARGE

(By The Associated Press.)

GREENWOOD, S. C., April 5.—Indictments against John and Kenneth Gossett, young white men charged with criminally attacking two white girls at Abbeville Sunday, March 14, will be handed the grand jury at a special term of court which will convene at Abbeville this morning with Judge Thomas S. Sasse presiding.

If a true bill is found attorneys for the defendant will argue for a trial of venue on the ground that a fair trial cannot be had at Abbeville. In the event that Judge Sasse orders the trial to proceed the defendants will be brought from Greenville, where they were removed from the state penitentiary a week ago. They will be guarded by a state militia company. Threats of violence are reported to have been made since the alleged attack.

McADENVILLE MATTERS.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette. McADENVILLE, Apr. 5.—Among the McAdenville people in Gastonia for shopping purposes last Wednesday were Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Miss Eliza Hooper, Miss Daisy Hooper and Miss Barbara Brittain.

Mr. J. C. Pool went to Gastonia last Wednesday to visit his son, who is in a hospital there.

Mrs. William Farrington was in Gastonia on a visit last week. Miss Lucy Webb and Miss Lorean Webb were in Gastonia shopping Saturday.

Messrs. Ed C. Ray, G. L. Webb, George Costner, John Bentley and Brunt Inge attended the district meeting of the Red Men in Dallas Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Pool and son Walter Pool visited relatives in Taylorsville Saturday and Sunday.

The meeting which has been in progress here for the past two weeks at the Methodist church closed Sunday.

A series of meetings will begin at the Baptist church here next Sunday and will probably continue two weeks.

Mr. James Turner and two daughters, Pearl and Isabel, of North Charlotte, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Edith Kennington and sister, Miss Rubie, were visitors here Sunday.

A mass meeting will be held in the library hall tonight for the purpose of taking some steps to obtain a better observance of the Sabbath here. There is much complaint of the selling of coca-cola, and other disorder of various kinds. A movement will probably be started to elect a new set of town officers.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY

HAVERLY-BURKE WEDDING INVITATIONS ISSUED.

Invitations reading as follows have been received in the city:

Mr. and Mrs. John Locke Burke request the honor of your company at the marriage of their daughter Edith to

Mr. Edward Hugh Haverly on Wednesday evening, April seventh nineteen hundred and twenty at eight o'clock

St. Andrews Episcopal Church Beesemer City, North Carolina

The bride-elect has made her home in Charlotte for the past three years and holds the responsible position of chief bookkeeper in the offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company. She is a young woman of marked business ability and is extremely popular with a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Haverly is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Haverly, of Middleburg, N. Y. He saw service with the Fourth Motor Mechanics regiment and was stationed at Camp Greene prior to going overseas. Prior to entering the service Mr. Haverly was with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y. After returning from overseas he came to Charlotte and is connected with the Regent Garage.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rankin underwent an operation Sunday for the removal of her tonsils.

REV. BARRETT PREACHES SERMON TO KNIGHTS

Pastor First Baptist Church Delivers Excellent Discourse to Gastonia Commandery Knights Templar - Musical Program Very Good.

The annual sermon before Gastonia Commandery, Knights Templar was delivered by Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, at the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Barrett preached an able and effective sermon from the advice given the young king Solomon by his aged father, David, "Show thyself a man." Mr. Barrett's subject was "Manliness." In a strikingly appropriate and able manner he showed the threefold nature of man, physical, mental and spiritual and urged upon his hearers the necessity of the highest development of manliness in each of the above.

The musical features of the service were particularly impressive. The three special numbers were:

Quartet—"Remember Me"—Mrs. J. Holland Morrow, Miss Marian Harvey, Mrs. H. Rutter, Miss Edmee Smith.

Solo, "The Old Rugged Cross," Miss Ruth Mason.

Duet, "Crossing the Bar," Mesdames Morrow and Rutter.

The anthem, "Easter Vespers" sung by the whole choir was also very beautiful.

Members of the local commandery, Knights Templar attended the services in a body, although their number was depleted by the absence of several who attended the funeral of Mr. Clyde C. Riddle at Union church.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT EDINBURGH DEAD

(By The Associated Press.)

EDINBURGH, Scotland, April 5.—Rufus Fleming, American consul here, is dead.

Rufus Fleming was born at West Lebanon, Ind., July 11, 1853, and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1871. He entered newspaper work shortly after his graduation and became managing editor of the Cincinnati Times Star in 1882. He remained in this position until 1897, when he was appointed consul at Edinburgh by President McKinley. His wife was formerly Miss Annabelle Lee Hutchins, of Ann Arbor, Mich. Mr. Fleming was widely known as a writer on commercial and economic subjects.

It is understood that any Democrat in good standing may go as a delegate.

The following resolution was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, that we endorse the constructive and progressive policy of the Democratic Administration under the leadership of Woodrow Wilson and the Acts of Congress passed while the Democrats controlled such Congress, and in conformity with such policy; and

Resolved, further, that we endorse and commend the wise and economical State and county administrations.

CENTRAL WEST DIGS OUT OF EASTER SNOWS

Warm Spring Weather Turned Into Texas Blizzard Which Wraps Middle West in Blanket of Snow and Ice - Train and Electric Service Badly Crippled - Temperature Down to 20 Degrees.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 5.—The middle and southwest, heartened by weather bureau predictions of a "return to balmy weather" today set about digging themselves out of record breaking easter snowfalls. "The warm blizzard," as an official forecast designated it, developed in the Texas panhandle, and yesterday swept rapidly through the central west, today continuing steadily eastward, the snowfall ranging from six inches to two feet.

In the open country of the southwest cattle were reported to have suffered. There were few official reports of crop damage anywhere, however.

By noon yesterday the snow, driven in to huge drifts by gales, that averaged 30 to 45 miles an hour had buried railroad regions. Suburban and trans-continental trains moved hours behind schedules. Telegraph and telephone communication was cut off in some sections and electric service was crippled.

In Chicago, where the snowfall approximated six inches, street car service was abandoned partly and many automobiles were stranded in deep drifts. Temperature in portions of the southwest dropped as low as 20 degrees while in the central west, 27 was the minimum.

AMATEUR BOXERS GATHER.

BOSTON, April 5.—Amateur boxers from many cities were here today for the national championship tournament which is to begin tonight under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association. With 122 contestants for the eight titles the first night will be given over to elimination bouts. The semi-finals and finals will be fought tomorrow night.

DECREASE FROM LAST WEEK.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 3.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$21,819,700 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$10,010,240 from last week.

DEMOCRATS OF COUNTY IN SESSION SATURDAY

Gaston County Democrats Elect Delegates to State Convention in Raleigh Next Thursday - Endorse County, State and National Administrations.

The Democrats of Gaston county assembled in the court house Saturday at the call of the chairman of the executive committee, Jno. G. Carpenter, who welcomed the delegates and explained the purpose of the meeting. Representatives from all precincts were present. E. R. Warren was elected secretary of the convention and Jno. G. Carpenter was unanimously re-elected county chairman.

Delegates to the state convention at Raleigh next Thursday were elected as follows: Gastonia township, A. M. Dixon, C. B. Armstrong, J. G. Carpenter, A. C. Jones, A. G. Mangum, A. L. Bulwinkle, B. B. Gardner, E. R. Warren, A. E. Woltz, S. B. Dolley, O. B. Carpenter, A. C. Stroup, J. A. Sumney, G. W. Wilson, George Warren, Major Davis, W. F. Kincaid, T. L. Craig, R. N. Hoffman, A. B. Elliott, O. B. Killian, R. L. Sigmon, J. D. Sumney, W. N. Cloninger, T. A. Wilkins.

River Bend township, R. K. Davenport, C. E. Hutchison, Jr., W. T. Cornwell, E. E. Thompson, Wade Rutledge, Howard Tompson, Frank Rhyne, R. L. Melard, J. W. Holland.

South Point, E. C. Ray, R. R. Ray, R. L. Harris, E. D. Maynard, H. B. Gaston, R. L. Stowe, W. C. Wilson, T. P. Rankin, Cornelius Helton, J. D. McLean, J. R. Gaston, Jno. Bentley, W. E. Roberts and Geo. Webb.

Crowders Mountain, J. R. Carson, C. E. Whitney, S. J. Durham, Jno. H. Wilkins, W. S. Mauney, S. S. Wells and J. C. Harmon.

Cherryville, T. B. Leonhardt, D. P. Dellinger, M. A. Stroup, N. B. Kendrick, I. S. Sellers, C. A. Witherspoon, J. P. Harrelson, D. R. Mauney.

Dallas, S. A. Wilkins, E. L. Ray, F. H. Robinson, H. G. Rhyne, J. W. Sumney, S. L. M. Pasour, John Puett, L. D. Gribble, J. V. Stroup, Tom Garrison, S. R. Kennett, Joe Perry and T. R. Kidson.

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LOWELL LOCALS

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.

LOWELL, April 5.—Miss Isla Titman and Miss Reeta Lowry, students of Queen's College, Charlotte, spent the Easter holidays with homefolks here.

Miss Mary Reid left Friday for Winston-Salem to spend several days with friends.

Miss Iva Horn, accompanied by Miss Lottie Will Ivey, left Friday for Mecklenburg to spend Easter at the home of Miss Horn.

Mr. W. H. Holmes left Saturday morning for Atlanta, where he will spend a few days on business.

Miss Irene Harris spent Easter at her home in Newell's.

Miss Meek Beard left Friday morning for Lenoir to spend the Easter holidays with friends.

Those who went to Lincolnton last week as delegates to the Kings Mountain Presbyterian were Mrs. George Ford and Miss Moena Hand from the Lowell Presbyterian church and Mrs. P. P. Murphy and Mrs. J. R. Titman from the Covenant Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Murphy was re-elected treasurer of the Presbyterian.

Miss Marion Bridges, of Lattimore, was the Easter guest of Miss Etta Ford.

Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, Mrs. F. Torrence and Mrs. M. H. Curry were visitors in town last Wednesday, the guests of Mrs. W. P. Eddleman.

Miss Isabel Morris spent Easter at her home in Concord.

The Woman's Club held its regular April meeting last Thursday afternoon at the school building. It was voted to give \$10 to the Orthopaedic Hospital. A most excellent musical program was rendered under the direction of Miss Myrtle Titman. A special feature was a series of songs by Mrs. Frederick L. Strang, of Mayworth, who was accompanied by Mrs. Paul Titman.

AGREE TO END STRIKE.

(By The Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—An agreement to end the general strike which resulted in forcing King Christian to dismiss the Liebe cabinet has been reached by employers and workmen.

The strike weapon now has been employed in two important constitutional crises. The first was in Germany, where the reactionary government set up by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp was forced to relinquish power at the end of five days.

FRENCH TROOPS ALONG THE RHINE ARE READY TO CROSS INTO GERMANY

Under Command of General de Goutte French Soldiery Prepared to Enter German Territory - French Government Will Occupy Cities on Right Bank of Rhine as Reprisal For Movement of German Troops Into Neutral Zone Fixed by Versailles Treaty.

MICHIGAN VOTERS WILL CHOOSE FROM THIRTEEN

(By The Associated Press.)

DETROIT, April 5.—Michigan voters are today registering their preference for presidential nominations, with 13 candidates, seven republicans, five democrats, and one socialist—seeking indorsement.

An exceptionally heavy vote was in prospect, although a large portion of the state was covered with two to six inches of snow. The vigorous campaigns made by several of the candidates and hotly contested municipal issues in nearly all the larger cities, were counted upon by campaign managers to bring most of the voters to the polls.

Confidence in the outcome was expressed by the headquarters of Governor Frank O. Lowden, Major General Leonard Wood and Senator Hiram W. Johnson, all of whom made several extensive campaign tours. Other republican candidates were General Pershing, Senator Miles Poindexter and William G. Simpson, of Detroit. Herbert Hoover's name appeared on both the republican and democratic tickets.

Attorney General Palmer was the only democrat to campaign through the state, the others named on that ticket being William G. McAduo, William J. Bryan and Governor Edwards, of New Jersey.

The polls opened at 7 o'clock and were to close in the rural precincts at 5 and in the cities at 8 p. m.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

Local Committee Will Make Canvass of the City Wednesday to Raise Gastonia's Quota For This Worthy Cause.

This week, the week of April 4 to 10, has been set apart by the Jewish Relief Campaign in America for a nation-wide canvass to raise funds for the relief of starving, helpless Jewish children in the various countries of Eastern Europe. The American Jewish Relief Committee is asking for a fund of \$35,000,000 to carry on their humanitarian work among the almost forgotten waifs from whom the war took their homes and all their possessions.

The local committee will make a canvass of the city on Wednesday, April 7, and will endeavor to see everybody that they can. If you are missed in any way, send your contribution to Mr. J. Lee Robinson, at the First National Bank, who is treasurer for Gaston county.

The following are some pertinent facts in regard to the work given in one of the pamphlets published by the American Jewish Relief Committee:

"With \$200 you can save one child's life in eastern Europe for a whole year.

"For \$20 you can feed one little girl for a month, even in Poland, where food costs twice as much as it does here.

"For 25 cents you can buy a ten-year-old boy more food than he has had to eat at one time for the past five years.

"There are 6,000,000 Jews in eastern Europe whom the war has left dependent upon America for aid. About 800,000 of them are children.

"One change of clothes may save a boy or girl from the terrible typhus epidemic which is raging now in eastern Europe.

"Poland is full of children of eight or ten years old, no larger than infants of a few months, who cannot walk, because of lack of food.

"There are hundreds of thousands of Jewish children in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, Rumania, Siberia and the Orient, left helpless and homeless by the war. Thousands of them unable to get into the already overcrowded orphanages, beg on the streets by day, and sleep on the streets by night. And there, but for the grace of God, goes your own little boy or girl!"

COTTON MARKET STRONG.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 5.—The cotton market was strong and excited at the opening here today, when all deliveries made new high records for the season. Fog, continued rains and low temperatures in the south over Easter gave rise to greater anxiety than heretofore over the start of the new crop.

Attention, Gastonia Commandery will do work in The Red Cross Degree tonight at 7 p. m.

PARIS, April 5.—French troops commanded by General de Goutte, which are stationed along the Rhine, are prepared to enter German territory this morning, according to the Wiesbaden correspondent of the Matin. It is reported that the French government has decided to occupy cities on the right bank of the Rhine as a reprisal for the movement of German government troops into the neutral zone fixed by the Versailles treaty. No official announcement has been made of such an order, however.

Newspapers continue to discuss the situation resulting from the entry of German government troops in the Ruhr basin and the Petit Parisien declares the indications given by the German note concerning these forces do not correspond with the information received by Marshal Foch. Demand is made by the Journal that the expenses of the occupation be borne by the Germans, and it is suggested that cities occupied be taxed to make up this amount.

The British government will decline to co-operate in the occupation of Frankfurt, Darmstadt, and other German cities, according to the London correspondent of the Petit Parisien, but will, he says, "favorably follow the action of France, realizing the importance of the situation."

In the southern part of the Ruhr district, says the Echo de Paris, the German government troops have advanced without resistance, but have encountered serious opposition in the central portion of the Ruhr basin.

Two hundred persons have been killed in a fight near Duisburg, according to information reaching this city.

PARIS, April 5.—French military measures destined to force the German government to withdraw its troops from the Ruhr basin are now entirely in the hands of Marshal Foch, it was said at the foreign office today.

It is advanced in some well informed quarters that occupation of Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Homburg and Hanau is unlikely to exercise sufficient pressure upon the Germans since they may well argue that this occupation is distasteful to the French as well as to themselves, and cannot continue indefinitely. On the other hand the expense of the operation comes up as a vital question in the present state of French finances. The newspapers recall war tributes imposed by German troops upon French and Belgian cities and suggest similar measures being applied to German cities occupied by French troops.

Dispatches from Wiesbaden saying that General de Goutte's forces are under "alert" orders are explained as not necessarily meaning an immediate advance, but complete readiness to move forward unless Berlin promptly recalls the troops which have entered the Ruhr district against protests from France.

No censorship has been established here on news of the intended operation but since the matter now is entirely in the hands of Marshal Foch, communications from the army probably will be surrounded with the usual precautions, although the operation is not considered on a basis of war.

COLD WAVE PREDICTED FOR THE CAROLINAS

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The storm which was central over the lower Ohio valley Sunday advanced northeastward, divided and formed two centers of disturbance, the weather bureau reported today, one over Virginia and the other to the northward of Lake Ontario.

Cold weather is following in the wake of the disturbances and a pronounced cold wave has overspread practically all districts between the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains. Freezing temperatures were reported today as far south as the interior of Texas, the north portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

A falling temperature tonight and tomorrow with a cold wave is predicted for Virginia, North and South Carolina and southeast Georgia. Frost and freezing temperatures are probable tonight in the east gulf states, north and west Georgia, extreme north Florida, and Tennessee.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast at and north of Jacksonville, Fla.