

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD TAKES HAND IN STRIKE

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 16.—The newly appointed railroad labor board, which is to consider immediately the wage demands of railroad employes, held its first meeting here today, with six of the nine members present.

The three railroad representatives—Horace Baker, J. H. Elliott and William L. Clark—were on hand, but J. J. Forrester was the only labor representative present while only two of the public group were at the meeting. They were C. Wallace Whanger, of this city, and Henry Hunt, of Cincinnati.

Judge R. M. Barton, of Memphis, Tenn., the third public representative, has been urged to come to Washington and is expected tomorrow. The president also has telegraphed to Albert Phillips, and A. O. Wharton, the other two labor representatives, to hurry to the city. Mr. Phillips is expected today from Cleveland and Mr. Wharton should arrive tomorrow from Kansas City, where he has been attending a railroad union meeting.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Direct government intervention in the railroad strike situation took shape today with the initial meeting of the railway labor board, created by the transportation act to deal with all railroad labor disputes. The nine members of the board, called by the president to meet and organize immediately, were confirmed yesterday by the senate after two days of discussion of Mr. Wilson's selections.

There was pressure for speedy completion of organization by the board in order that quick action might be had in the strike situation. Virtually all strikers throughout the country who have voted to return to work, did so with the stipulation that their demands would be referred to the board.

Chicago was contemplated in the act as the meeting place for the labor board, although authority to sit in any part of the country also was included. Decision to hold the first meeting in Washington was announced from the white house at the same time the president's nominations were disclosed.

Confirmation of the board members came only after sharp criticism of the president's nominees had been voiced by republican and democratic senators.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Indications that the unauthorized railroad strikes were nearing an end in this vicinity were declared to be visible today by railroad officials and officers of the "big four" brotherhoods.

They said the ultimatum of the railroad managers yesterday, giving the men until Sunday noon to report back for work on penalty of being dropped from consideration, was a body blow to the morale of the strikers.

JUMPS INTO RIVER WITH CHILD IN HER ARMS

Belmont Woman, Suddenly Insane, Supposed to Have Committed Suicide By Jumping Into the Catawba River With Two-Year-Old Child in Her Arms—River Being Dragged For the Body—Annual Meetings of Mills and Bank Held Thursday.

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette. BELMONT, April 16.—A most terrible and distressing affair occurred here Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Bob Ramsey, of the National Mill village, is supposed to have jumped into the river with her little two-year-old child. Mrs. Ramsey had been suffering with pellagra for several years but her mind had never been seriously affected. The members of her family had recently thought that she acted peculiarly. She seemed all right when her husband was at dinner, but must have left home soon after dinner, as neighbors saw her going in the direction of the river with her little child. It is presumed that her mind became suddenly unbalanced. When two older children who attend school returned home and found their mother gone they supposed she was at some neighbor's house and no search was made for her until Mr. Ramsey came home from work. He traced her steps to the river, where the tracks led directly to the water and were plainly visible. It is therefore believed that she jumped into the Catawba river with her little child in her arms. A large number of men searched the river to a late hour last night and resumed the search today without result. The river is very deep at this point and searching for the body is very difficult.

Mrs. Ramsey was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Conrad, who live at the Climax mill. She was born on Sept. 2, 1890, in Catawba county. She is survived by two children, Moselle, aged 11, and Hazel, a boy aged 6, and four brothers, Messrs. J. O. and C. L. Conrad, of Gastonia, A. G. Conrad, of Belmont and G. F. Conrad, of Dryville, Va.

Thursday was quite a lively day for Belmont, with a bank meeting in the morning and several mill meetings in the afternoon. The entire day was given over to important business interests.

At special meetings held Thursday of the five cotton mills of Belmont, the Chronicle, the Imperial, the Majestic, National and Chimix, it was decided to revalue the plants of these corporations to correspond with the actual present value of the property. The capital stock of each mill will be increased to cover at least a part of this and additional stock will also be issued.

It was the annual meeting of the Chronicle and National mills. All of the old officers were re-elected and a very creditable showing was made in the yearly reports. The usual dividend checks were passed around.

The annual stockholders meeting of the Bank of Belmont was held Thursday morning at ten o'clock. The annual report of the bank was a splendid one, showing that it is in a very flourishing condition and it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The bank already has a surplus of \$50,000, thereby giving it a working capital of \$100,000. An annual dividend of 20 per cent was paid to the stockholders. The old officers were re-elected for another year.

Quite a number of prominent men were present for the mill meetings Thursday, among them being Messrs. W. C. Wilkinson, J. W. Hastings, E. B. Littlefield, J. R. Hastings, J. J. Wooten, R. A. Dunn, Dr. W. W. Pharr, J. W. Pharr, W. H. Bell, W. J. Stultz and J. M. Harry, all of Charlotte, A. M. Hastings, of Welford, S. C., H. A. Query and C. B. Mason, of Gastonia, D. E. Rhyme, Paul Rhyme and C. S. Little, of Lincolnton.

NEW YORKERS LEARN TO WALK UPSTAIRS

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 16.—Revelry of the last act of walking up stairs was forced upon thousands of reluctant persons in New York today by a strike of union elevator operators. The union claims a membership of more than 17,000.

The operators, who voted last night to strike for increased pay and shorter hours, did not show up for work this morning. Rumbling of the impending strike had reached the ears of owners of office buildings, department stores and apartment houses, and an effort was made to maintain a service, but it was not adequate to the demand. Women who ran the lifts during war days were being sought as strike breakers by building owners, who said they hoped soon to have a service approaching normal. The great office buildings in the downtown skyscrapers district, some of which house more than 10,000 persons each work day, were hard hit. Hundreds stored the elevator entrances, overcrowding the few that were operated by engineers, lectricians and hastily gathered volunteers.

HEARING IN TELEPHONE CASE IS POSTPONED

Mayor Cherry and Mr. P. W. Garland Return From Raleigh Where They Appeared For City Before Corporation Commission in Matter of Telephone Rates.

Attorneys R. G. Cherry and P. W. Garland, appearing for the city of Gastonia and A. G. Mangum, appearing for the P. T. & T. Co., before the Corporation Commission in Raleigh in the matter of the petition of the telephone company to be allowed to increase its rates, returned to Gastonia last night. It was stated that by request of the telephone company which wished to make a re-examination of its books, segregating again assets and liabilities, on account of slight errors in the original appraisal, that another hearing would be had May 25. The telephone company has until May 5 to prepare its papers and the city until May 20 to prepare rebuttal. The final hearing will come up May 25. W. H. Richardson, correspondent of The Charlotte Observer, gives the following account of the hearing:

"The hearing of the Piedmont Telephone company, asking an increase in its Gastonia rates of one dollar on business telephones and 50 cents for residences, was continued until May 25. The hearing is before the corporation commission.

"Robert G. Cherry, mayor of Gastonia, City Attorney P. W. Garland and Attorney Willis Smith, of Raleigh, appeared for the city, entering a counter petition asking that the increase be disallowed.

"In answering the petition of the Telephone company the city officials pointed out that if the increase asked for was granted the Gastonia patrons would be discriminated against inasmuch as the audit for the past twelve months showed the company had made a reasonable profit from the Gastonia exchange while in other towns and cities in which the company operated a loss was shown and no effort was made to increase the rates. Some of these places were Gaffney, S. C., Shelby and Lincolnton.

"The officials thought the petitioned increase in the Gastonia rates was for the purpose of taking care of the losses in other places, which should not be allowed, they asserted."

NEW SERVICE STATION WILL OPEN SATURDAY

The Consumer's Tire and Supply Co., which has been doing business the past eight months at the old stand, 210 North Fall Street, is now housed in the handsome new building just completed on the corner of Airline avenue and Fall street East of the Armington hotel, and are ready to serve the public to all automobile accessories, including the very best oil, gas, tires, etc. The commodious building is well equipped, with two tanks under cover providing shelter from the rain or the hot sun. With the 500 handsome globe lights, brass hangings and white interior, this could easily be termed the Light House Filling station. The grand opening will take place tomorrow when souvenirs will be presented to both the ladies and men, and a costly spot light to the one holding the lucky cash register number, at the close of the day's business. Mr. J. J. Weiss is manager and has had wide experience in work of this kind, and Mr. J. E. Phillips director.

SMITH-PIERCE WEDDING THURSDAY EVENING

On Thursday evening, April 15, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Pierce, on South Broad street, was the scene of a lovely wedding ceremony when Miss Ethel Pierce became the bride of Mr. Bryan Smith. The ceremony was solemnized at 7:30 o'clock in the living room, which was beautifully arranged with potted plants and white lilies. Tall vases of graceful spruce were placed about the room. Only the immediate families witnessed the ceremony. Just before the bride couple entered Miss Edna Smith sang "At Dawning," with Miss Bleckman as accompanist, and Miss Bleckman sang "Glover, S. C., at the piano. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, the bride's pastor. The impressive ring ceremony of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church being used.

The bride wore a handsome suit of blue tricotine with accessories to match and corsage of orchids and valley lilies. Mrs. Smith is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and is a charming and attractive young lady. She was educated at the Woman's College of Due West, S. C., and has many friends who will be interested in the news of her marriage.

The groom is a son of Mrs. A. J. Smith and is prominently connected. He is a member of the firm of Howell-Armstrong Shoe Company. The happy couple left immediately after the ceremony for an extended bridal trip.

The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome diamond cluster ring.

ARREST OF LEADERS IS SERIOUS BLOW TO STRIKERS

NEW YORK, Leaders of the "big four" railroad brotherhoods today renewed attempts to settle the strike of rebellious railroad workers before the ultimatum of the roads managers to the "outlaw," threatening to fill the deserted posts with volunteers and cut off consideration of strikers, expires at noon tomorrow. Union leaders went into a conference with strikers representatives and Mayor Frank Hague in Jersey City, and at the same time a mass meeting of strikers opened in Hoboken.

First indications were the railroad pronouncement had made no appreciable impression on the strikers. There was a general improvement in passenger service due to use of volunteer train crews, and receipt of two substantial shipments of foodstuffs was announced, but on at least three important roads no freight was moving.

It was said at the New York Central offices that freight service was so much improved that the embargo has been lifted on the Buffalo and north of Yonkers on the New York Central, and north of Newburgh on the West Shore railroad.

OVERALLS MAKE THEIR DEBUT IN NEW YORK

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 16.—A new attraction—the overall promenade, imported direct from the south—was billed to make its appearance on Broadway today.

Members of the Cheese Club, an organization of dramatic writers, press agents and editors of theatrical papers, announced their conversion to the cheaper clothes movement last night and sent forth a sheaf of press notices detailing plans for popularization of the lowly overall in modish New York.

The advance matter said today's promenade would arrest Broadway's startled eye at about the hour that the matinee crowds begin to gather. The promenaders planned to fortify themselves first with a luncheon at the national vaudeville artist club. A grand rally and overall parade is promised at a later day.

Boy students at the Jamaica High school adopted khaki as their standard costume at a rally yesterday. They will seek to avoid proffering in khaki by co-operative buying.

OVERALLS SUPPLANT PINCHBACK

(By The Associated Press.) BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 16.—The lowly overall today supplanted the "pinch back" in Birmingham.

Rainy weather, which sometimes disheartens the crusader and blights many an important event, served only to fortify the wavering intentions of those who had resolved "to see what the other fellow did" before they donned denim themselves. As a result the stride to put "on today was universally kept. Scores of men wore jeans under their raincoats on the way to work and later when the sun appeared they poured into the streets in their new costumes.

City Commissioners functioned in the same uniform; bankers, doctors, lawyers, and merchants wore their overalls. The women had quietly "organized" at home. Towards noon many appeared in dresses of calico and gingham of a variety of colors.

More than three thousand men had signed the roster of the overall club when it was organized Monday night and twice that number, it was estimated today, were bona fide members.

Retail clothing stores advertised "bargain sales" in men's wear and lower price marks were observed in some of the store windows. The cost of overalls and jumper is \$6 and there seems to be an unlimited supply.

FOUND THEMSELVES DANCING ON VOLCANO

Young People of Brest Scatter Cigar and Cigarette Butts Over Dynamite, Lyddite, Etc., Left By A. E. F.

BREST, April 16.—Young people of this city have been greatly enjoying dances at one of the large American barracks near here, and have just been apprised of the fact they were literally "dancing upon a volcano." The building was deserted after American forces departed for home, but they left behind them a large number of cases, which were piled along the walls by those who found the floor was admirably adapted to dancing. On the boxes were words in English, but the dancers, not understanding that language, did not know the words were "dynamite," "lyddite," "gun cotton" and "detonators."

Police officials who entered the building recently found the floor covered with cigarette butts, stabs of cigars and empty bottles.

HAIL IN PENSACOLA

(By The Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, Fla., April 16.—Hail stones as large as pecans, said to be the largest ever known in this section, fell early today. Window glass was smashed, early gardens damaged and young chickens and birds were reported killed. Rain followed the hail.

CUT TO 8-PAGES

(By The Associated Press.) CINCINNATI, April 16.—Announcement is made by the Cincinnati afternoon newspaper that owing to the shortage of news print paper accentuated by the railroad strike and resultant restrictions of transportation facilities, editions will be limited to eight pages until the situation is relieved.

DOUBLE WEDDING AT PISGAH CHURCH

A lovely double wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening, April 14, at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church when Miss Nannie Elizabeth Whitesides became the bride of Mr. Mott Crawford and Miss Annie Elizabeth Pearson the bride of Mr. Presley Anthony.

The church was beautifully decorated for the happy occasion. A background of green was used. Arches entwined with ivy and dotted with lighted candles were placed at each aisle and one directly in front of the pulpit. Potted plants were arranged about the pulpit and pedestals held silver candelabra filled with lighted candles which shed a soft glow.

The wedding music was rendered by Miss Ida Purley, of Gastonia and Miss Martha Bigham, of Chester, S. C. Miss Purley wore a lovely dress of cream colored beaded georgette with black picture hat and corsage of Russell roses. Miss Bigham wore a frilled rose organdie with picture hat and corsage of Bugeul roses. Just before the bridal party entered Miss Bigham sang sweetly "O, Promise Me" and "Constancy."

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. B. Hood, assisted by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood college. The bridal party entered as follows: Mr. William Whitesides and Mr. Thomas Carson, Miss Edna Henry and Miss Aline Crawford, Mr. Orr Crawford and Mr. Lee Pearson, Miss Naomi Crawford and Miss Rachel Pearson, Mr. Knox Whitesides and Mr. Harry Henry. Then came the maids of honor, Miss Margaret Pearson and Miss Dorothy Evans, of Abbeville, S. C. The groom entered, Mr. Mott Crawford with Mr. Major Whitesides as best man and Mr. Presley Anthony, as best man. Miss Whitesides was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Lee Whitesides, and Miss Pearson by her father, Mr. Charles Pearson. The bridesmaids wore lovely dresses of white georgette trimmed with bands of white satin, with white hats and carried shepherds' crooks tied with violets and purple ribbons. The maids of honor wore white georgette dresses and white picture hats and corsages of sweet peas.

The brides wore suits of blue tricotine with accessories to match and corsages of brides rose and valley lilies.

Miss Whitesides is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whitesides and has a winsome and pleasing personality. She is a graduate of Linwood College, Mr. Crawford is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crawford and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

THEODORE N. VAIL DEAD

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 16.—Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, died at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore at 5:32 this morning, according to word received here.

MEETING DATE CHANGED

The Woman's Club of Lowell will hold its last regular meeting for this school year on Thursday, April 23, at the home of Mrs. S. M. Robinson, instead of May 4th, the date formerly announced for the meeting. This change of date is made because of the conflict of the original date with the music festival at Charlotte and with the commencement exercise of the Lowell graded schools. All members are urged to be present. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Cotton futures opened steady, May 42.00 July 39.50; October 35.90; December 34.85; January 33.85.

Tailoring opening at the Young Men's Shop. Drop in and let us make your summer suit. 17 c 2

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Fish, sliced mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, Roe Shad. 16 c 2

CHICAGO, April 16.—Plans of the Industrial Workers of the World to advocate the one big union movement among railroad workers were outlined in a statement by William Haywood, former general secretary and treasurer of the I. W. W., and John Sandgren, editor of the One Big Union Monthly, published here today.

The two leaders were quoted as denying any connection between the I. W. W. and insurgent organizations now on strike but said efforts had been made to institute "industrial unionism" in the unauthorized rail strikes as in all other strikes of importance.

"We have always agitated securing recruits for the one big union idea," Haywood was quoted. "We will do so as long as we are an organization—for we consider that the goal of all industrial organization.

"Plans which the I. W. W. has been advocating include a complete organization for a one big union with the ultimate goal of taking over the railroads and operating them by the union.

"These plans are, briefly: The use of both verbal and printed propaganda to wean the railroaders away from all other organizations until the one big union would have strength to declare a general strike on all lines, in all crafts, thus precipitating the crisis through which it is hoped the companies will pass into the hands of the union."

—Mrs. S. A. Wrenn, of Charlotte, was the guest Thursday and Friday of Mrs. E. O. Jennings. 17 c 2

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GREENVILLE, S. C., April 16.—The faculty and student body of Furman University, by unanimous decision, will begin Monday the wearing of overalls to combat the high price of clothing. Employees of several of the large cotton mills near here have formed overall clubs.

—Messdames W. F. Casey, of Charlotte and E. O. Jennings will leave tomorrow night on an extended Western trip. They will visit Atlant, Chattanooga, Hot Springs, Ark., and points further west. Both ladies will spend some time at Hot Springs.

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