

BRITISH RAILWAY UNION STRIVES TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN INDUSTRY

Adopts Policy of Conciliation and Endeavors to Co-operate With Carriers in Bringing About Conciliation.

London—This year's annual conference of the National Union of Railwaymen at Bradford has shown conclusively that the influence of the extremists has been rapidly waning in this body, that the moderate leaders, like J. H. Thomas, have completely reasserted their authority and re-established confidence in themselves, and that other leaders who were disposed to be aggressive in the industrial field at one time, like C. T. "Ramp," are now among the most fervent advocates of conciliation and honest, zealous work in return for fair conditions.

Two or three years ago, the National Union was regarded as the most militant of unions, and even when, after a period of acute unrest and advocacy of strike by many district leaders of the men, the present favorable wage agreement was negotiated with the government, the action of Mr. Thomas and his colleagues was strongly criticized. Again, when the Triple-Alliance breakdown occurred during the coal trouble last year, Mr. Thomas was subjected to the most virulent denunciation by a majority of the union members.

All this now is ended. The failures of the miners and of the engineers and shipbuilders, workers have convinced the railwaymen that it is to their interest to avoid conflict, if they possibly can. They realize fully that if they had struck against the agreement two years ago, or if they had joined in a sympathetic strike with the miners, they would have been in a far worse position today.

Their present position, which was gathered from conversation with officials and delegates at Bradford, is this: In response to constant appeals by their leaders, and especially by Mr. Thomas, the majority of the rail workers have rarely, if ever before, been so assiduous in their duties, or so eager to improve the efficiency of the service. They hope, through the newly established machinery of joint councils, to contribute more ideas for the increase of efficiency, and to remove all kinds of small but irritating grievances which tend to prevent smooth working in the depots. Elections of workers' representatives to these councils of which each company has five, for specific groups of workers, have aroused great interest throughout the service.

Turning to the employers' side, it appears that while some of the managers are in favor of forcing the wage issue, whatever the consequences might be, others hold that it would pay the companies to continue the present wage agreement, providing that the men continue to co-operate with the management in reducing costs in other directions, and in giving whole-hearted service. They argue that it might in the long run be more costly if they compelled the acceptance of reduced wages after a period of strife, and if this led to slack work by discontented employees.

Effect of This Plainly Seen. Mr. Thomas and his colleagues are pressing this view with all the eloquence they can command, both on the companies and on the men. It is particularly important that Mr. Cramp, the secretary of the union, is pointing out to the men with much force of argument that they have to consider the interests of the public, that the companies cannot get revenue if their rates are too high for traders to bear, and that unless revenue is obtained their improved ages cannot be paid.

The effect of all this has been seen plainly of late, and some of the managers have expressed their appreciation of the manner in which the railmen are now working. An interesting indication of the wider interest which they are taking in the affairs of the companies and in the public point of view was given at the Bradford conference, when the delegates pledged their members to do everything possible to remove the great evil of pilfering, which has increased to such an extent since the war that both the companies and

traders are seriously concerned. The matter has been discussed in private by the railwaymen on former occasions, but it was decided this year, although with some reluctance, that the time had come to admit publicly the gravity of the evil and to declare that members of the union guilty of the practice ought to be shown no consideration by their fellow workers.

Future in Doubt. What the action of the companies on the wage question will be, no one yet knows. They are constantly being pressed to follow the example of the coal owners and other employers, and cut wages drastically at all costs. The men's leaders sincerely believe that the present wages are not a penny too high for the responsible and arduous work the men have to do, and there can be little doubt that if a demand for any serious reduction were made and enforced, the present good relations prevailing in the railway industry would quickly be submerged by a new wave of angry discontent.

Anything depends upon the relative strength of the two influences in the managerial ranks noted above. The present indication is that if strife on wages can possibly be avoided, the British railway service will be a model of stability, willing work, and good relations, due to the application of the fundamentals of conciliation and fair dealing.

HUNGRY PROFITEERS BOOST COAL PRICES

Coal owners have smashed the "fair price" agreement they made with Secretary of Commerce Hoover, several days ago, and congress will be called upon to check the profiteers.

When the agreement was made, no coal was being marketed, but when the coal strike neared an end, and the demand for coal increased the hungry profiteers could not restrain themselves and agreements went skyward.

This condition has been created despite the fact that the Hoover agreement called for substantial price increases for the coal owner, although he has not been called upon to pay wage increases.

MAN ON ERRAND KILLED; COMPENSATION TO WIDOW

A Pennsylvania compensation referee has ruled that the widow of a man who was killed while on an errand for his employer is entitled to compensation and the decision has been upheld by the state workmen's compensation board.

"The reason for the attack does not appear," the decision declares. "It has not been shown that it was directed against the deceased for personal reason, nor, has it been shown that the attack had no relation to the decedent's employment. Accordingly, the case is one in which the employe met with an accident while in the course of his employment, and his dependents are entitled to compensation."

For six months ended June 30, 1922, Pacific Oil company reports surplus of \$6,896,481 after charges of depreciation, debt and federal taxes. This compares with surplus of \$9,985,193 in corresponding period of 1921.

CANADIAN CO-OPERATORS WILL HOLD CONFERENCE

The executive board of the Canadian Co-operative Union has just issued a call for the annual congress of the union to convene in the city hall, Woodstock, Ontario, on Sept. 19 and 20. The Co-operative Union is a national alliance of farmer and labor co-operators for co-operative education and promotion, similar to the All-American Co-operative commission in the United States.

The executive board also adopted a resolution urging the forthcoming Canadian Trades and Labor congress to adopt a cooperative program to be worked out in harmony and co-operation with the Co-operative union.

NEW IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL HELP CO-OPERATION

The Irish Provisional government has just granted \$5,000 (\$22,500) to the Irish Agricultural Organization society for co-operative education and research.

The Agricultural Organization society is the Irish farmer's co-operative association founded by Sir Horace Plunkett twenty years ago. It now has 156,000 farmer members operating hundreds of co-operative creameries, stores, factories, egg markets, and other enterprises.

The generous grant from the new Irish government is a recognition of the valuable services being rendered by the society, as well as a tribute to the importance of co-operation in the development of the new Irish State.

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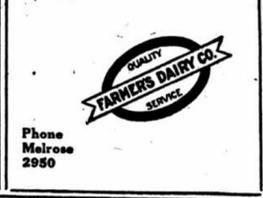
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PERIODIC PARLEYS DO NOT STOP CREEPING DOWN-DOWN OF ROADS

Chicago Stockyards Get Only 9,000 Cattle Daily as Against 30,000 in Normal Times; Labor Board Out of Running.

International Labor News Service. Striking railroad shopmen have not been chloroformed by the intermittent peace parleys conducted by President Harding at Washington during the past two weeks. Neither were they surprised when the president somersaulted over night in his position on the question of seniority rights. He apparently cannot forget big business which nominated him, at the Chicago convention in 1920. He is much less a free agent than any railroad employe on strike.

Therefore while negotiations were on, the strikers continued to strengthen their positions all along the line. Reports coming to the railway employes' department here indicate that a powerful reserve force is ready to be brought up to the line of battle just as soon as more pressure is needed to compel railroad executives to talk shop in a language that is comprehensible to the workers.

Stock Yards Barometer. Besides, the equipment is deteriorating so rapidly that the men have no cause for worry over the class of "mechanics" being recruited to take their places. There is plenty of evidence to this effect in addition to the statement to Chairman McChord of the interstate commerce commission that motive power is on a progressive decline, with 30 per cent of locomotives in an unfit condition. Today only 9,000 head of cattle reached the Chicago stockyards against an average of 30,000 per day before the strike. It is said in the local papers that the yards will soon be compelled to close unless the strike is settled.

Chief Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is quoted as saying that reports coming from his men in the cabs indicate that 50 per cent of the locomotives are defective, and getting worse each day. Passenger and freight trains start from terminal points with no assurance they will reach their destination.

Issues Made Clear. One beneficial effect of the parleys at Washington has been to acquaint the people with the real issues in controversy and guide them in fixing responsibility for continuance of the strike upon that small coterie of eastern executives dominated wholly by New York banking interests, who insist that the railroad labor organizations must be broken whatever the cost. They will collect later from the ultimate consumer.

who pays all the freight, both ways. Another result is the imminent danger of seniority rights being abrogated entirely if the rail executives have their way. This has aroused the train and engine service brotherhoods, to whom seniority rights are even more important than to the shopmen. They now realize that when the railroad labor board adopted the infamous "outlaw" resolution of July 3 there was written into the transportation act an amendment which can be made to reach every railroad employe. The rail executives, who inspired the resolution, know this, hence their obstinacy in holding out against the shopmen. Once it is established that men lose their seniority by striking, a way is found to abrogate the rule. No railroad executive is now supporting seniority rights for strikebreakers because he wants to do justice to these men.

Continue to Suspend. Engine and train service employes continue to suspend work at important division points in various parts of the country. The 1,600 men of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railroad, the outer belt line of Chicago, who started this movement over a week ago when state troops were placed in the yards, are still out and not a wheel is turning on that line. Several Western trunk lines have been badly tied up during the past week by the stoppage of train and engine men. Thus the strike promises to be progressive until a settlement is reached, either by direct negotiation between employer and employe or by the government taking over the roads.

The railroad labor board appears to be completely out of the running. In fact it is the opinion here that the board is dead at the hands of Governor Hooper, its chairman, who conferred "once too many" with General Attorney, czar of the Pennsylvania system.

FARMERS IN ARKANSAS ORGANIZE CO-OP BANK

The first farmers' co-operative bank in America has just been organized at Conway, Arkansas, by members of the Conway Farmers' union, announces the All-American Creameries commission of Cleveland. The bank is capitalized at \$50,000 under a state charter.

TEXAS FARMERS FEED STRIKERS

Truck Loads of Food From Farms to Strike Centers.

International Labor News Service. Washington, D. C., Aug. 24.—Advices reaching A. F. of L. headquarters from the southwest describe a movement for the development of co-operation between wage earners and farmers that may have far reaching consequences.

The farmers are feeding the railroad strikers! The movement began in Texas and is spreading through the whole southwest. Farmers, through their organizations—the Farmers' Union in Texas—are bringing in great truck loads of provisions. These provisions are placed in vacant warehouses and stores and systematically distributed to strikers.

In turn, strikers are being detailed to visit farm sections to help with caring for and harvesting crops. A movement of co-operation and understanding has sprung up that may make itself felt in politics. Nothing like it has been known before, according to advices from the southwest.

In Texas, it is reported, in defiance of the famous "open port" law, as many as ninety-eight per cent of stores in some towns display placards expressing full sympathy for the strike.

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RAIN SAVES CROPS.

Birchwood, Wis., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—A heavy rain fell here Monday morning, which came just in time to save the crops from burning up. The rain was the first to fall here in more than a month and the great potato crop in this locality had commenced to suffer.

NO COAL BEING MINED BY INDIANA SOLDIERS

The following Associated Press dispatch from Staunton, Ind., last week, is the best indication of labor's solidarity: "With the beginning today of the ninth day of occupation of the Staunton coal district by state forces there has not yet been a lump of coal mined at the shafts, and officials apparently are casting about for skilled labor, with which to begin the digging of coal. "There has been little response to Governor McCray's call for volunteers among striking miners to man the shafts, and the element of labor shipped in from outside points apparently has proven unsatisfactory to the operators of the mines taken over by the state."

SURE, STRIKEBREAKERS MAY WORK, WHO'S STOPPING 'EM!

In a speech before the Rotary club of Springfield, Mass., Governor Channing H. Cox shrieked to high heaven that strikebreakers have the right to work. The governor presented his plea for "free and independent" with the usual crafty implication that organized labor is responsible for the failure to recruit strikebreakers. The governor ignored the failure to mine coal in Pennsylvania and Indiana, where a score of soldiers guard over strikebreakers.

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