

Weather Forecast

Cloudy in north and rain south and central portions Sunday. Monday rain

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Good Morning

The zenith of a good man's life is when he rises to the perpendicular line of truth.—R. Young.

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FREIGHTS ORDERED REDUCED MAJORITY WORKERS REFUSE TO GO ON STRIKE

I. C. C. TAKES PRIMARY STEP IN AN EFFORT FOR A PEACE

Grain, Grain Products and Hay Rate Lowered to Pacific Coast

OTHER HEADS ACTIVE

Department Justice to Protect Railroad Properties

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 22.—Federal action affecting the railroad strike situation was taken today by two departments of the government when the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered freight rate reduction on grain products and hay in the territory between the Mississippi river and the Pacific coast, and the Department of Justice issued instructions for the protection of the property of the International & Great Northern railway in Texas, where a strikers' strike became effective today.

The commission's decision did not deal directly with the impending strike but was considered significant in its presentation of prospective future reductions of railroad operating expenses as a basis for rate making activity.

How Commission Views It "So far as a reduction downwards rates can be induced," the commission said, "and so far as the reductions in wages and prices, which have already been made effective, are converted into rate reductions, we are assured that the full return of prosperity will be hastened for both industry and labor."

In the International & Great Northern railroad development the Department of Justice took cognizance of the fact that receivers representing the United States court are in charge of the property and instructed the federal marshal at Houston to employ special deputies as the court might consider necessary. At the same time it was indicated no legal steps were for the moment under consideration touching upon the call of the five brotherhoods of men in its service for a national strike.

All dealing with the railroad under so far as the government is concerned still remains in the hands of the Railroad Labor Board at Chicago.

Most Sweeping Reduction The rate reduction is the most sweeping issued by the commission in several years and on the commodities named which constitute a heavy percentage of railroad traffic throughout the western territory amounts to one half of the increases allowed in 1920. These were 35 per cent in the western group territory, 25 per cent in the mountain Pacific group territory and 1-3 in the division.

The commission also ordered rates on coarse grains including corn, oats and wheat, fixed at ten per cent, but the level of wheat in the new schedule, while rates on grain products are to be altered to fit the new schedules ready by November 1, at the latest.

Reasons of Commission Summarizing its reasons for the rate reduction the commission said that agriculture was "a basic industry which the evidence shows in a state of financial prostration receiving for its

MRS. ELIZABETH TYLER



Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, Atlanta, Ga., the only woman member of the Ku-Klux Klan and one of its highest officers, who offered her resignation along with that of E. Y. Clarke, also an officer, following charges made against them in newspaper articles on the Ku-Klux Klan.

Storm Warnings Issued For Big Blow to South

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 22.—The weather bureau tonight issued the following storm warning: "Tropical storm over Caribbean sea, central west of Grand Canyon and north of Swan Island, moving westward, attended by shifting gales and probably winds of hurricane force. Dangerous for vessels in northwestern Caribbean sea, Yucatan channel and southeast Gulf of Mexico. Storm warning displayed over extreme southern Florida."

Gibbs Refuses to Let Pope Out On Bail During Wait

(By Associated Press.) Jacksonville, Oct. 22.—Circuit Judge Gibbs late today denied bail to John H. Pope, local attorney, convicted two weeks ago of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the killing here last month of George H. Hickman by Frank Rawlings, during a robbery. Pope sought liberty pending a decision of the state supreme court on his appeal for a new trial and his counsel cited, as a precedent, the action of Judge Gibbs in granting bail in a similar case in Nassau county in 1914.

Rawlings, who was tried after Pope's conviction, and also sentenced to life, was taken to the state prison at Raiford late today. It is expected that after undergoing his physical examination he will be sent to a road camp as an able bodied prisoner.

products prices which approach, and in some cases have fallen below war levels, while "paying transportation costs many of which are still at the war time peak.

Railroads also are suffering from depression, the commission found, and the six per cent, return upon their property declared by congress to be the object to rate making is not being earned generally. The regulatee body, however, declared itself bound "to reflect our best judgment as to the basis which may reasonably be expected for the future to yield the prescribed return."

Potter Takes a View Commissioner Potter, one of the three members who concurred in the action of the full commission, (Continued on Page 8)

REPUBLICAN TAX REVISION IS PUT THROUGH SENATE

Maximum of 50 Per Cent On Income Sur Tax. Adopted

NOW UP TO THE HOUSE

Believed Reduction to 40 Per Cent. Will Be Result

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 22.—One of the big tax revision issues in the senate was settled today with the adoption 54 to 13 of the Republican compromise income sur tax rates, with the maximum at 50 per cent. All those voting against the compromise were Republicans. The compromise plan will have to run the gauntlet of house opposition, and there were predictions that the maximum rate finally agreed upon in the conference would be around 40 per cent.

After voting in the sur tax rates the senate took up an amendment by Senator Gerry, Democrat, Rhode Island, proposing normal rates of two per cent on the first \$5,000 of income, four per cent on the second \$5,000, six per cent on the third \$5,000, and the existing rate of eight per cent on all over \$15,000. After some discussion the amendment went over at the request of Senator Lodge, who said he desired to obtain official figures as to how much loss of revenue would result from such a plan.

Senator Gerry has proposed that the loss of revenue which he estimated at \$135,000,000 could be made up through increased corporation taxes, levy on gasoline and retention of some of the so-called luxury taxes proposed for repeal.

Boy Tries to Skin Cat on Wire With 60,000 Volts On It

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 22.—Thomas O'Daniel, 17, climbed one of the Carolina Power company's transmission towers yesterday afternoon at Mefford, three miles from here, and announcing to a companion on the ground that he was going to "skin the cat" on the wire grasped the cable, the entire 60,000 volts of electricity entering his body. The boy dropped fifty feet or more to the ground. Death was instantaneous.

Herbert Crook Is Slowly Regaining His Sight Again

Friends in Palatka of Herbert Crook will be interested to know that he is slowly regaining his sight, and has so far recovered it that he is able to write a letter, one having been received by David Benbow telling of the progress he has made. He said in this letter that he had discarded his colored glasses.

In a half page advertisement in the Washington Star of October 16 is a picture of Mr. Crook, published by the specialist who has been treating him which says that he has been cured of total blindness. There is also carried a picture of Miss Lillian Frost, of Ocala, a sister of Mrs. Crook, who has been constantly with Mr. and Mrs. Crook.

When he left Palatka several months ago to secure treatment by Specialists in Baltimore and New York, Mr. Crook was totally blind. He finally went to Washington, after being told by the Baltimore and New York specialists that his case

FORMER KING RETURNS IN A PLANE TO GET THRONE BACK

Charles, Of Austria-Hungary Has Large Force of Men

IS CORDIALLY GREETED

New Monarchistic Cabinet Formed With Maj. Oestburg at Head

(By Associated Press.) Vienna, Oct. 22.—Former Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary is making another spectacular bid, the second in eight months, to regain his throne in Hungary. But this time as in the case of his former attempt, he is finding obstacles in his path.

Today's outstanding developments in his latest attempts were as follows: Reports from Odenburg that the ex-emperor with ex-Empress Zita in an airplane had sored from Switzerland on Thursday and had landed there yesterday.

His enthusiastic reception by military forces in that disturbed area, under the leadership of Major Oestburg who immediately proclaimed him king of Hungary.

The formation of a monarchist cabinet headed by Stephen Rokovcky, former president of the Hungarian lower chamber.

Declaration by the present Budapest government that this attempt the throne would be met with the same measures as those which prevented his reaching his goal last March.

Willard to Meet Dempsey in Trial For Lost Titles

(By Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 22.—Jess Willard will attempt to regain the world's heavy weight championship from Jack Dempsey, at Jersey City next July 1, Tex Rickard said today. Rickard who returned from Chicago where he conferred with Dempsey's manager, said he had verbal agreements with Dempsey and Willard for the fight. Dempsey he said has agreed to accept 35 per cent of the gross receipts and Willard 20 per cent.

DEMITROFF ASSASSINATED

(By Associated Press.) Sofia, Oct. 22.—M. Demitroff, Bulgarian minister of war, was assassinated this morning while motoring near this city. His chauffeur and two companions also were killed.

LABOR HEADS ARE CERTAIN STRIKES WILL GO THROUGH

Stone and Lee See No Reason to Change Their Views

TO SHOW THEIR SIDE

Will Prepare Statement Between Now And Conference

(By Associated Press.) Cleveland, Oct. 22.—Following a practically all-day session of four of the Big Five railroad brotherhood leaders here which adjourned late today, President Stone, of the Engineers, said: "There is no question in my mind that the men will go through no matter what instructions they get."

President Lee, of the Trainmen, who also attended the conference, said: "As per the orders of the Railroad Labor Board, the strike situation as far as I am concerned, is status quo. I am obeying the board's instructions and issuing no further orders for the men to leave the service."

Asked if his statement meant that the meeting of the Brotherhood officials and railroad executives with the Railroad Labor Board in Chicago next Wednesday would prove futile, Mr. Stone said: "I didn't say that. I don't know what the Labor Board or any one else will have to offer at those hearings."

Intervention & Great N. No Test The railroad chief said the strike on the International & Great Northern which was begun by the trainmen at noon today was not "a test case." Mr. Stone's statement today was the first definite one made by any of the leaders of the railroad men in reply to requests for an expression of an opinion as to the strike scheduled to start at 6 a. m. next Sunday.

Union officials announced today that between now and the hearing in Chicago Wednesday they intend to prepare statements on various phases of the threatened strike with the object of "countering the publicity of the railroad experts and open shop advocates," and "in order that the public may be fully acquainted with labor's side of the question involved."

"The strike on the International & Great Northern and the situation on the Tremont & Gulf, where the company posted notices abrogating rules and working conditions yesterday," Mr. Stone said, "would be among the things considered at another conference of the brotherhood leaders tomorrow. By that time we hope to get reliable information from the chairmen of the different organizations in the territory covered by the two roads." Mr. Stone said.

Daugherty Says "No Strike" Columbus, Oct. 22.—Attorney General Daugherty arrived in Columbus late today following a secret trip into the west in connection with the threatened railroad strike and a few hours later left for Washington. The attorney general would not say where he had been or the nature of his activities in the west, but he did say that he did not believe there would be a general railroad strike.

Although declaring he did not believe there would be no serious interruption in the operation of trains. He declared that the government would promptly exercise its authority and would operate mail, freight and passenger trains.

The first public intimation that Attorney General Daugherty had left Washington in connection with the

MISS JANE HENDRICK



Miss Jane Hendrick occupies the position, unusual for a woman, of assistant traffic manager of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique—the French line. She has been in the New York office of the company for 20 years.

WEEKS THINKS FORT MARION SHOULD NOT BE ABANDONED BY U.S.

Movement Is On Foot to Have Fort McHenry Saved Also

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 22.—Fort Marion, at St. Augustine, the oldest fortification in America, was mentioned today by Secretary of War Weeks as among the military reservations he believed should be preserved. The secretary informed Senator Weller, of Maryland, that he would give approval to bill which the Maryland member said he intended to introduce in the senate, making a public park out of the site of Old Fort McHenry near Baltimore.

With the announcement several days ago that Fort Marion among other military reservations now regarded as useless, would be sold at public auction, citizens of St. Augustine appealed to Senator Fletcher and other members of the Florida delegation to take steps to preserve the old fort and it is expected a bill similar to the one proposed by Senator Weller, as regards Fort McHenry, will be introduced by one of the Florida members.

Banker Said Booze In His Barn Was Not His Property

(By Associated Press.) Fort Lauderdale, Oct. 22.—W. C. Kyle, representative in the legislature and president of the Fort Lauderdale State Bank, returned home last night from a fishing trip of two weeks to learn that state prohibition enforcement officers were investigating his alleged connection with 58 quarts of liquor seized last week at a cold drink stand at Colohatchee. Enforcement officer Devlin discovered the liquor in the cold drink stand and arrested two men who, according to Devlin, claimed they had stolen the liquor from Mr. Kyle's bond. Mr. Kyle declares the liquor was not his property.

strike situation was had on his arrival in Columbus, his home city. He said he expected to be in Washington tomorrow. The attorney general refused to say what action the Department of Justice would take should there be a strike.

OVER HALF OF WORKERS ARE IN UNIONS OF THESE LISTS

Three Unions Withdraw Decision to Walk Out October 30

CLERKS TO ACT TODAY

Officials Said They Will Probably Not Join Big Five

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 22.—The United States Railway Labor Board announced tonight it had received word that the employes on the Tremont & Gulf Railroad Co., a 67 mile line in Louisiana, had accepted the open shop and that consequently as there was no dispute the board relinquished the jurisdiction it yesterday announced it had assumed over the road.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 22.—Officials of unions with more than half of the rail employes of the nation in their membership, tonight announced that their men will not be authorized to join the Big Five organizations in the strike called for October 30, in protest of wage cuts.

Announcement that they would not join in a walkout came from eight of the eleven "standard" rail unions which for a week had been withholding their final strike decisions, although in most of them the members had voted overwhelmingly to quit work rather than accept a recent twelve and a half per cent. wage reduction authorized by the United States Railroad Labor Board. Only one of these eleven groups now is determined to stand by the Big Five, it was announced, but two others have not yet taken final action.

Following announcement by heads of the six shop crafts organizations totalling 600,000 men, that they would not sanction a walkout the leaders of the 375,000 maintenance of way employes and of the 25,000 stationery firemen at an executive meeting voted to withdraw their authorization of a walkout leaving only the 75,000 railroad telegraphers positively with the Big Five. Chiefs of the 350,000 clerks will make their decision tomorrow and the signal men, 35,000, also are yet to act.

Officials of the clerks said tonight they probably would not authorize a strike meeting scheduled tomorrow, thus indicating, union leaders said, that a strike, if it materialized, would affect less than one fourth of the country's railway employes, being confined to the switchmen, the conductors, firemen, engineers, trainmen and telegraphers. The organizations which decided not to join an immediate walkout will take new strike votes after an expected Labor Board decision in regard to rules and working conditions, it was said.

This Road On Open Shop (By Associated Press.) Houston, Texas, Oct. 22.—Manning of freight and passenger trains on the International & Great Northern railroad by non-union train men to take the places of striking members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen who walked out today will start Monday, General Manager Goforth announced tonight.