

LITTLE DANGER CITY WILL HAVE TO FACE SHORTAGE OF FOOD

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MOTOR TRUCKS TO GET SUPPLIES HERE—YARDMEN WILL NOT STRIKE WITHOUT ORDERS FROM INTERNATIONAL.

Trains were coming through on time today and there was little or no delay with the mails. One of the heads of the local trainmen's union stated very decisively that none of the men would go out here unless orders were issued from the headquarters of the International Brotherhood. Conditions having improved at the New York terminals the Merchants Limited has been restored and the order to discontinue the Knickerbocker Limited has been cancelled.

That there is but little danger of a food shortage in Bridgeport or the State for that matter was the general opinion of men in the city interviewed today, men who are by virtue of their business connections in positions where they know whereof they speak.

"We are not the slightest bit worried about the food situation," said one of these men this morning. "The thing which would first be affected would be meat and arrangements have already been virtually completed whereby Bridgeport will be insured of its meat supply through the use of motor trucks. We have arranged for several fleets of these and if freight and express service stop altogether the motors will be brought to aid."

Milk, vegetables and other foodstuffs are coming into the city regularly by motor truck and although there is a scarcity in some lines an actual shortage has not yet appeared and is not likely to do so.

In contradiction to these statements, however, most of the wholesale meat dealers in the city were pessimistic. Wholesale generally reported themselves cleaned out of meat and with no sign of shipments which have been on their way. The Woodhull Co. stated that eight cars of meat were on their way from Chicago but so far only one had been located, at Port Jarvis, and there seemed to be no chance of getting it out of there.

Swift & Co.'s local office reported that meat was almost an unknown quantity and that the chance of getting meat by motor truck seemed slim to them.

Prices on wholesale meat have gone up in the last few days, although the wholesalers insist that the advance is not nearly as large as the retailers would have the people believe.

"Two or three cents is the approximate increase," said one of the

wholesalers, "and this talk about jumps of five and ten cents is all bosh as far as I know."

George S. Hawley, counsel of the Manufacturers' association, took an optimistic view of the situation this morning. Mr. Hawley stated that the factors here will not be inconvenienced in his opinion before another week of the strike has elapsed and stated that even then shortage would probably be in raw materials and not in foodstuffs.

A shipping representative of one of the larger wholesale houses stated today that most of the stuff needed in Bridgeport is being routed by way of the B. and O. through Springfield to this city. Conditions on that road are said to be a great deal better than on most of the others.

Boston, April 13—Effects of the unauthorized strike of railroad employees were felt in all parts of New England today through further reductions and consolidations in all classes of traffic. The ranks of loyal workers remained unbroken on lines running through this section.

Complicating difficulties here was a threatened strike of freight handlers at the Boston and Albany and Boston and Maine terminals over a demand for wage increases. The matter has gone to the state arbitration board with a request from the men for immediate favorable action.

Dealers in perishable foodstuffs have commenced shipment to New York and other points by motor trucks. Several truckloads of fish were sent from here today in this manner. Boats also are being utilized to capacity for passenger and freight service.

CABRERA SPRUNG TRAP UPON HIS ENEMIES

IRISH BEGIN HUNGER STRIKE

London, April 13—The general strike declared in Ireland in protest against the treatment of the political prisoners in Mountjoy jail at Dublin who are on a hunger strike, began this morning.

Early reports to the Irish offices here said that the strike had gone into effect but the officials gave no details regarding the scope of the movement.

The strike call eliminated employees of newspapers, those in the telegraph service, the humanitarian service, the bakers and the necessary workers caring for cattle and horses. The latest official reports given out here regarding the condition of the hunger strikers, made public in the House of Commons, yesterday, said the striking prisoners all were weak and that some were nearing the danger mark.

M'AULIFFE NOT TO BE REMOVED

Washington, April 13—Private affidavits received here picture the situation in Guatemala City as a trap that had been sprung by President Estrada Cabrera on his enemies rather than a rebel victory. It was explained that the failure of the president to use the army to prevent the entry of the rebels into the capital was a strategem employed to give him the upper hand with a minimum of bloodshed.

Strong government forces were stationed at LaPalma, a suburb where President Cabrera is located, and at other points from where operations can be directed that will effectually close all the exits from the city, these reports said. After the rebels had flocked into the city Cabrera was said to have announced to them the capital would remain under siege until the insurgents sued for terms. Only the water supply would be cut off, food shipments would be stopped and only women, children and other non-combatants would be permitted to pass the line of siege, the message added, in order to hasten a comparatively bloodless victory.

Restaurant Inspection System Is Excellent

It has been acknowledged by all those visitors to the city who have been at all interested in the Board of Health and its workings that the Bridgeport system of restaurant inspection takes its stand with any in the country. This work comes in the division of sanitary inspection headed by C. Howard Dunbar, chief sanitary inspector.

Before a new restaurant is permitted to open in the city the proprietor must notify the sanitary division of his intention and the plans inspected by the department. Light, ventilation and plumbing and if the specifications meet with his approval, permission to go ahead with the work is given.

Among the equipment which the restaurant must have is a two part wash tray, a lavatory, an icebox connected with a sink, outside windows toilet facilities, hot and cold running water, blower fans where necessary and in one story building adjoining higher structures, skylights for ventilating and light.

When completed the restaurant is inspected by Inspector Dunbar and if everything meets with the requirements a license is issued the proprietor which he brings to the Sanitary division and receives his license to do business. This card is renewable every January and if the restaurant is sold the new owner must procure a duplicate.

Monthly inspections are made of all the restaurants and the reports tabulated in an index system in the depart-

ment. If changes are ordered reports on whether they are made promptly or not are also filed. Changes are ordered wherever violations occur.

There were on March 19, 149 restaurants in Bridgeport, all of them being visited at least once a month. Two years ago over \$10,000 was expended by various restaurant proprietors in repair work and alterations, the yearly average being around this sum. One restaurant alone expended \$700 for necessary changes ordered by the sanitary division.

SALESMEN LOSE SAMPLE CASES

Two sample cases, one valued at \$400 and the other at \$100, were stolen from an automobile in front of Murray's restaurant in Main street yesterday afternoon, while the owners were in the eating establishment.

Mathew Wittken, of New York City, who was the owner of the case which was valued at \$400, told the police that he and another traveling man left their cases in an automobile when they went to get dinner in Murray's. They were in the restaurant about 45 minutes, and when they returned to the machine both cases had disappeared. The contents of the sample cases consisted mostly of dresses and sample goods.

Railroad Board Is Chosen

Nine Men Represent Public, Railroads and Employees.

Washington, April 13—The railroad labor board was appointed today by President Wilson. The members are:

Representing the public—George W. Hanger, Washington, D. C.; Henry Hunt, Cincinnati; R. M. Barton, Tenn.

Representing the railroads—Horace Baker, J. H. Elliot and William L. Park.

Representing the employees—Albert Phillips, A. O. Wharton and James J. Forrester.

The board will be authorized to meet in Washington at once to take up the grievances of the railroad employees now on strike.

The nomination went to the Senate at noon today and prompt action by that body is expected.

Under the transportation act the railroad labor board is the court of last resort in disputes between the roads and their employees. Its first work after considering the present strike will be to take up the whole railroad wage question which has been pending for nearly a year.

The board is to establish permanent headquarters at Chicago and its members will devote all their time to the work. They will receive salaries of \$10,000 a year each.

Mr. Hunt, one of the public representatives, is appointed for one year. He is former mayor of Cincinnati and former member of the Ohio House of Representatives. During the war he was a captain in the National Army. Since 1915 he has been a member of the board of trustees of Cincinnati Southern Railway, a city owned utility.

Mr. Hanger, another representative of the public, is named for two years. He is assistant commissioner of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, and as a member of that body has had considerable experience in handling labor disputes.

Horace Baker, who is appointed to represent the railroad executives for a three year term, is a former general manager of the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific railroad.

J. H. Elliot of Texas, is appointed for two years. He formerly was general manager of the Texas & Pacific railroad and subsequently was a colonel in the transportation corps of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Mr. Park is vice president of the Chicago Great Western Railroad, and is appointed for one year.

Mr. Phillips is vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. He is appointed for three years.

Mr. Wharton, whose home is in Missouri, is an official of the Railway Employee's Department of the American Federation of Labor and a member of the board of railway wages and working conditions of the United States Railroad Administration. His term is for two years.

Mr. Forrester is president of the Brotherhood of Railway Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees. His term is for one year.

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His Work In This Section Has Been Most Thorough.

Prohibition Enforcement Officer Thomas McAuliffe is not to be removed from the command of the men who have been enforcing the 18th Amendment in this section, according to James Shevlin of New York, who has charge of the enforcement in Connecticut as well as in New York.

Mr. Shevlin said that he knew of no reason why such a rumor had been circulated as he had never contemplated such a move.

The law is being more strictly enforced in this State by McAuliffe and his men than in any State in the northern part of the country.

It is believed that the story printed in a Sunday paper to the effect that McAuliffe is to be removed was started by political enemies of Collector Walsh who are attempting to hit him through McAuliffe.

Attention was called to the fact that McAuliffe was a resident and voter in Hartford and not in New Haven as the article stated and that he had not been involved in any political fight in either city.

DEATH DUE TO INJURIES

Angelo Mazzone, of 61 Goodwin street died in St. Vincent's hospital at 5:15 o'clock this morning as the result of injuries which he received when he was thrown from a motorcycle at the corner of West avenue and West Liberty street, Sunday afternoon.

Mazzone was riding on a motorcycle with Joseph Melto, of 43 Hallett street when he tried to avoid a motor truck driven by Fred A. Marsh, of Easton. Both men lost control of their machines and the motorcycle hit a fence and the truck crashed into a tree. Mazzone and Melto received fractured skulls, but Marsh was unharmed.

It is probable that Marsh will be arrested today, on a charge of manslaughter.

Havana, April 12—Three hundred houses and a number of tobacco warehouses were wrecked when a waterspout and hailstorm struck the village of Baez, Santa Clara province, Sunday morning, according to dispatches received here. Two persons are reported killed, a large number were injured and 150 families are homeless as a result of the storm.

SUBURBAN TRAFFIC STILL VERY BADLY CRIPPLED

Developments On Sixth Day Of Railway Strike

New York, April 13—The sixth day of the "insurgent" rail strike shows the following developments:

The strikers are gaining ground north, south, east and west.

Commissioner Royal S. Copeland issues an appeal for relief measures for the women and children of New York.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer announces at Washington that steps are to be taken against the strikers today.

Army trucks are mobilized to take mail to New Jersey towns cut off by the strike.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, predict the strike will be over "soon."

Railroad Brotherhood agents appear in Jersey City to appeal to locals to break the ranks of the strikers.

Roads begin to look for and train strikebreakers.

Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City urges men to go back to work. Holds another conference with general executive committee of United Railroad Workers of America this morning.

Senator Miles Polk introduces bill in the United States Senate to make it a felony, punishable by a fine of \$10,000 and 10 years' imprisonment, to call a railroad strike.

SINGER CO. EMPLOYEES CONFER ON DEMANDS

The employees of the Singer Manufacturing company had a conference with Superintendent Barnes yesterday in reference to their demands for increased pay and were informed by Mr. Barnes that on account of conditions in Europe where their sales had fallen off and their factories taken over by the governments in Russia and Germany it was impossible for the Singer company to grant their demands at this time.

Mr. Barnes said however that he recognized the justice of the men's demands for more money on account of the increasing cost of living and the company had decided, in view of that fact, to allow the men to work for 50 hours a week instead of 44 as at present in order that they might make more money. It was even suggested that the men might get time and a half for the extra six hours.

The men took the proposition under consideration after a number had expressed themselves as opposed to the increased hours and are now taking a vote to determine whether they will work fifty hours or not. It is understood that so far a big majority are opposed to working more than 44 hours as they believe that it is simply the entering wedge of a movement to increase the hours of labor in all the shops of the city.

Strike Stops Freight Traffic With South

Washington, April 13—"The gateway to the south," through this city was closed to freight traffic today as a result of the spread of the "unauthorized" switchmen's strike to the Potomac yards across the Potomac river.

Superintendent Colver said all the men including conductors and brakemen as well as switchmen were out and that the yards were paralyzed. The total number of strikers was placed by him at 250.

Railroad officials could give no estimate as to the number of cars

that day but normally 3,000 railroads are handled through the yards, including all produce shipments from the south to the east.

Passenger traffic was curtailed but not suspended. The Southern railway reported that its fast mail and passenger trains were moving subject to some delay. The passenger line tracks do not go through the Potomac yards.

The single track bridge across the Potomac from this city into Alexandria, where the Potomac yards are located, is the only railroad inlet into the south, east of Cincinnati.

ASK TWO ROADS TO NAME LEADERS SOCIALISTS SEND DEBS MESSAGE

Chicago, April 13—The national executive committee of the socialist party has made public the text of a message sent yesterday to Eugene V. Debs, now in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga. It is described in the text as "fraternal greetings" and a "message of love on the anniversary of your incarceration."

The message is highly commendatory of Debs and declares that he is "a beacon light to the suffering masses."

"Dear Gene:— In the name of the millions whom you have touched with your love and inspired by your courage, the socialist party sends you fraternal greetings and wishes you well on the anniversary of your incarceration."

"Though in a cell you are too great a man, too magnificent a character to receive our pity. You have, instead, our admiration, loyalty and love. By your courage and example you have heartened the disheartened and encouraged the discouraged and given new enthusiasm to those who have never wavered."

"In your prison cell you are a beacon light to the suffering masses, and your words are winged messengers that are arousing the people from their slumbers."

"The spirit of our movement is abroad in the land; the day of our victory approaches. We greet you; we clasp your hand, resolved that we, your comrades, shall strive to live as you have lived, single mindedly, devoted to the workers' cause, to the end that the world may at least be free."

FARMERS FREED OF JURY DUTY

Stating that he did not believe anything should be done to hinder the raising of produce at this time, Judge Frank D. Haines of the Superior Court excused many farmers from jury duty today. There were numerous applications to be relieved but the farmers in all cases were excused. There were so many tillers of the soil allowed to go that it was necessary to choose a number of new talesmen.

The first case on the docket was Sarah Cooperstein of this city against George H. T. Wallis of this city. There was so much delay because of the jury problem that the trial was not started until late. It is expected that the jury term in this city will continue for 11 weeks.

COMPLETE TIIEUP OF COAL INDUSTRY

Pittsburgh, Kas., April 13—Almost complete paralysis of the Kansas coal industry is reported today. The announcement at the headquarters of the coal operators as to operations said that only four steam shovels were working. No deep mines were working.

RAILROADS AND MEN IN CLINCH FOR CONTROL AT NEW YORK--THREE DIVISIONS OF STATEN ISLAND ROAD SHUT DOWN--WESTERN SITUATION BETTER.

Washington, April 13—President Wilson today called a meeting of the cabinet for tomorrow to discuss "the general situation."

White House officials would not say that the unauthorized railroad strike has prompted the call but it was understood that this would be the principal subject of discussion.

This is the first cabinet meeting called by the President since he returned from his western trip last September "a very sick man." Since his illness he has seen only a few members of his official family.

With freight traffic in the East seriously crippled, administration officials regard the strike situation as very serious the president has been kept advised as to general conditions.

Attorney General Palmer was studying additional reports today from department of justice field agents and was expected to make a complete report with recommendations to the executive.

It was announced at the White House that the cabinet officers would assemble in the president's study instead of meeting in the executive offices.

This will be the first gathering of the cabinet since the resignation of former Secretary of State Lansing on February 13 after the president had rebuked him for calling unofficial meetings of the cabinet during Mr. Wilson's illness.

New York, April 13—Railroads and strikers went into a clinch today for control of traffic arteries leading into New York City.

While the strikers, who yesterday crippled suburban traffic in New Jersey, succeeded this morning in inconveniencing 10,000 more commuters by shutting down the three divisions of the Staten Island Rapid Transit Co., and drawing out more firemen on the Long Island railroad, the other roads, rallying from the surprise of the sudden walkout, reported greater success in operating freight and passenger service.

Accepting the aid of citizens and working hand in hand with representatives of the "big four," the roads were able to move an increasing amount of food into the city, while specials operated by volunteer crews began arriving from suburban points in New Jersey. When similar tactics were adopted on Staten Island, however, the first car of the first train jumped the track while moving slowly and blocked the line.

Representatives of the "big four" working with railroad officials, are seeking to get strikers to return. Timothy Shea, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and later addressed a meeting of the executive committee and delegates of the Brotherhood in Hoboken, announcing that the meeting would continue "until some solution" of the strike was reached.

Philadelphia, April 13—The railroad strike situation in the Philadelphia district appeared more serious early today than at any time since the men began leaving their work last Saturday. Officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad admitted the walkout was spreading and estimated that 1,500 men, many of them shopmen, joined the ranks of the strikers late yesterday and last night. This increased the number of Pennsylvania employees out in the district to 2,500.

In the Eastern region, approximately 2,750 were idle. Officials of the company said they did not look for any noticeable relief for three or four days.

Freight and express traffic on all railroads entering the city virtually at a standstill, while the curtailment of passenger service was increasing hourly. Of the 700 passenger trains originating, passing through, or terminating in Philadelphia 105 were annulled yesterday and it was announced that unless the situation improved, more would be cancelled today. Many of the trains dropped were those running between this city and New York.

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MONMARTRE HAS SEPARATE GOV'T INCIDENT NOW THOUGHT ENDED

Paris, April 13—Montmartre, the light hearted, is today rejoicing in the possession of a separate government, having repudiated all allegiance to all other administrations in France. The "free commune of Montmartre" as it calls itself, will however, continue to pay taxes to France, being willing to meet even the higher rates to be voted soon by parliament.

Invoking the principle of "self determination of free people," Montmartre held an election on Sunday as a result of which Jules DeFauriol, a cartoonist of local renown, was elected mayor. He received an overwhelming majority of the votes cast by the painters, sculptors, and poets who form the predominant part of the population. His platform was termed high idealistic and it certainly had the merit of brevity being simply: "Free beer."

Only one prohibition vote was cast in the election and hurried search was made for the man said to have deposited that ballot. When found he produced a flawless alibi being able to prove he had been asleep in the rear room of a cafe until after the polls had closed. The immediate arrest of the man who impersonated this guileless citizen has been ordered by the new "mayor."

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Everett, Mass., April 13—Burglars dynamited the postoffice safe here early today and the building was destroyed by the fire that followed, causing loss of about \$6,000. The burglars obtained about \$115 in registered mail and a small quantity of stamps. The postoffice was in the general store of E. B. Howard, who is postmaster. The store stock was valued at \$3,500. Residents awakened by the explosion found the two story wooden building in flames.

POST OFFICE