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HARDING CONFERS WITH CHIEFS IN RAIL STRIKE

Cuyler for Operators and Jewell for Shopmen Discuss Issues.

WASHINGTON, July 27 (Associated Press).—The White House again today became the center of developments in the rail strike and the focus of efforts toward peace.

Mr. Jewell and his colleagues went into conference with the President at 11 o'clock, shortly after Mr. Cuyler had concluded an hour and a half's discussion of the strike situation with Mr. Harding.

On leaving the White House after an hour and a half's conference Mr. Jewell and his associates said they would again meet with Mr. Harding at 3:30 P. M.

Mr. Cuyler indicated that he would return to the White House for another conference after the President had discussed the situation with the strike leaders.

Pressed for an opinion as to whether benighted was the sole stumbling block in the way of settlement, he said he had seen no statement from Mr. Jewell on the point and could not therefore say whether that was the position taken by the unions.

The strike leaders held a brief conference at the hotel before going to the White House, the heads of the six international unions meeting with William H. Johnston, President of the International Association of Machinists, another of the labor organizations involved in the strike.

Mr. Jewell participated in the conference only for a few minutes just before it adjourned.

All of the strike leaders maintained absolute silence regarding their visit to Washington prior to seeing the President, even refusing to say whether they came at the invitation of Mr. Harding or upon their own initiative.

The general belief, however, was that Secretary of Labor Davis, during his conference with Mr. Jewell last week, at Moosehead, Ill., had suggested the leaders come to Washington and that they had acted upon that suggestion, after Mr. Davis had acquainted the President with it.

The union chiefs who conferred with the President in addition to Mr. Jewell and Mr. Johnston included Timothy J. Heney, president of the firemen's organization; J. W. Kline, President of the Blacksmiths; J. A. Franklin, President of the boiler-makers; M. F. Ryan, President of the carmen; James Burns, Vice President of the sheet metal workers union, and Edward Evans, Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

While Mr. Cuyler was at the White House Alfred P. Thom, general counsel of Mr. Cuyler's organization, visited the Department of Justice seeking a conference with Attorney General Daugherty. The Attorney General was busy at the time and an engagement was made for later in the day.

It was understood, however, that Mr. Thom desired to see Mr. Daugherty on a minor phase of the strike situation.

STATES MOBILIZE THEIR RESOURCES TO MOVE TRAINS

Disorders at Widely-Separated Points Mark Day in Strike.

CHICAGO, July 27.—(Associated Press).—Government and local officials in various cities were preparing today to mobilize resources at their command in response to the Interstate Commerce Commission's orders concerning the transportation of fuel and foodstuffs.

Since developments in the rail strike included disorders at widely scattered points, a walkout of 300 shopmen of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway not hitherto affected by the strike, several arrests on various charges, issuance of an injunction or two and service of eviction notices on former employees occupying railway company dwellings at Casper, Wyo.

Thirty-four men formerly employed in the shops of the Bangor and Aroostock Railroad, at Derby, Me., were allowed two weeks in which to vacate houses owned by a subsidiary company.

Interference with mails was charged against seven men bound over to the Federal District Court at Augusta, Ga. Six were alleged to be striking shopmen.

An injunction was issued at Dallas restraining strikers from interfering with operation of the Houston and Texas Central trains in the northern district of Texas.

CHARGES, L. & W. VIOLATE RULES OF LABOR BOARD

Road Denies Employees Are Forced to Sign Such a Contract.

SAY GUARDS DECREASE.

Renewed Rumors Here That Settlement of Strike Is Not Far Away.

New employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad are required to sign an agreement to be governed by the road's shop regulations, Chairman John J. Down of the Central Strike Committee announced today.

This is an attempt on the road's part to establish a "contractual relation" which would nullify the jurisdiction of the United States Railway Labor Board over such new workers, Mr. Dow claimed.

Prompt denial of such intent was made by Lackawanna officials, who explained the men signed only the conventional "application for employment" to be found in use by employment departments of all corporations.

Claims of the Central Strike Committee that 1,000 members of the American Federation of Railway Workers had walked out on the Philadelphia and Reading system was ridiculed today by John G. Walber, Secretary of the Bureau of Information of Eastern Railways.

On Tuesday, ninety-six of these men went out and yesterday, seventy-nine, Mr. Walber said he had been informed by C. H. Ewing, Vice President of the railroad.

While there were no open signs locally today of a compromise in the strikers' strike, there were renewed rumors here that a settlement might not be far away.

Railroad executives discussing sentiment as to the reason they had remained so firm in their determination to stick to the employees who have stuck to them, and to the new men, is that strikers have threatened foremen and assistant foremen who were not included in the strike call and did not quit voluntarily, with this warning: "When we get back we'll get you."

Virtually, all the important railroads touching New York issued statements, including figures, indicating improved conditions on their lines.

Emphatic denial was made by New York Central officials this morning of published reports that rail strike guards at Harmon had been doubled, and that 145 new men had quit at the electrical shops.

Guards, who are but the regular railroad police, according to officials, have been decreased in the last few days instead of increased. A full complement of workers has been maintained at the electrical shop, the locomotive shop and the engine terminal, they said.

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Immediately after being named Chairman of the Governmental committee yesterday, Secretary Hoover, at the request of the President, asked State Governors to set up the necessary organization in each State for insuring equitable distribution of coal and the maintenance of fair prices, under the Administration's plan. This organization he said, was to assume responsibility for all distribution within the boundary of each State, except to railroads.

At the same time reorganization of the several transportation regulatory bodies were requested by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Atchison, another member of the committee, in facilitating operation of the priority orders for shipments of coal and necessities.

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GRAND TRUNK MEN LIKELY TO STRIKE, SAYS LABOR CHIEF

Forced to Repair U. S. Cars at Canadian Shops, He Claims.

MONTREAL, July 27.—Canadian shopmen employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad are being practically forced to repair an immediate strike because that system is "determined" to keep repairing engines and cars sent to its shops by lines in the United States whose repairmen are on strike, said an announcement today by R. J. Tallon, President of Division No. 4, Railway Employees Department, of the American Federation of Labor.

It is undoubtedly true that to all purposes and effect the mine workers have won their present strike, and it is almost universally recognized in industrial and financial circles throughout the country that no wage reductions can be applied in the mining industry.

It only remains for an interstate joint conference to be convened to permit of the immediate negotiation of a new wage agreement. This is the only way in which a settlement can be made. There will be no district or separate settlements.

"I have every reason to believe that an interstate joint conference of the central competitive fields will be arranged within a few days. Such an arrangement will permit a resumption of mining and relief to the embarrassed industries and a suffering public."

The miners' representatives and John L. Lewis, their chief, resumed their conference today.

Those present at today's meeting, besides Lewis and Philip Murray, Vice President of the national organization, are William Brennan, Secretary; Thomas Kennedy, Hazleton; C. J. Golden, Shamokin, covering the anthracite field; John Brophy, Clearfield; P. Coal Fagan, Pittsburgh; Lee Hall, Columbus, Ohio; John Heaster, Terre Haute, Ind.; and T. I. Roberts, of the same district.

At the close of the morning conference Ellis Searles, Indianapolis, editor of the Miners' Journal, speaking for John L. Lewis, said the time had been consumed in a general discussion of present strike conditions but no definite agreement had been reached regarding a call for a miners-operators conference. The matter was to be discussed again at the afternoon meeting, he said, and it was hoped to conclude today.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Illinois operators will not enter into a joint interstate wage conference to settle the coal strike, it was declared today by Dr. P. C. Honnold, Secretary of the Illinois Coal Association.

CLEVELAND, July 27.—Ohio coal operators today asked John L. Lewis to call a nationwide conference of coal operators and union chiefs in Cleveland Saturday, in an effort to end the coal strike.

This was revealed by Ohio "Conservatives" who have been willing for some time to negotiate with the strikers on a national or central district basis.

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\$20,000 DIAMONDS SEIZED BY LONE THUG IN NEWARK

Lorenz Collin, Son of Fifth Av. Dealer, Held Up in Early Afternoon.

CARRYING UNCLUT GEMS.

"Make a Sound and I'll Drill You," Says Robber, Pointing Gun.

Lorenz Collin, a son of William L. Collin, a diamond dealer at No. 347 Fifth Avenue, was held up by an armed thug and robbed of \$20,000 worth of uncut diamonds in Newark, N. J., at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The hold-up occurred in the Chestnut Street archway under the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, two blocks from the South Street station, in a section given over to factories. The thief disappeared before the victim of the robbery could summon help.

Mr. Collin is employed by his father. He went to Newark this afternoon carrying the diamonds in a small leather case in the inside pocket of his coat for the purpose of delivering them to the jewelry factory of W. L. Mertz, No. 21 Scott Street, to be set.

It is Mr. Collin's opinion that he was followed from the office in Fifth Avenue and probably had been followed before, as he frequently made the trip to the Mertz factory. The archway was deserted as he entered it today. He had proceeded but a few feet when a man stepped rapidly past him, turned and pointed a pistol at his abdomen. The thug was short, stocky, swarthy and determined looking.

"If you make a sound," he said, "I'll drill you. Put up your hands."

Collin elevated his hands. The thief tore open his coat which was buttoned and showed his familiarity with the job by reaching straight for the packet of gems. Warning Collin that if he made an outcry he would be shot, the thug ran to the entrance to the archway and turned the corner. It was probably a minute before Mr. Collin ventured to follow. The thief had disappeared.

Mr. Collin ran to the Mertz factory and telephoned news of the hold-up to Police Headquarters.

B. & O. PROPOSAL TO SHOPMEN IN HARDING'S HANDS

Senator Watson Brings the Road's Plan for Ending of Strike to White House.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The President received today from Senator Watson, Indiana, a copy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's proposal to the striking shopmen on its lines for a termination of the dispute.

Watson said he could not reveal the details.

It was rumored that a basis of agreement with the men had been reached.

BORAH AIMS TO STOP ALL COAL STRIKES

Blocked in Senate Labor Committee, but Will Take It Up to Harding.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Immediate action on Senator Borah's bill for a sweeping investigation of the coal industry by a coal commission which would recommend means of preventing future strikes was blocked in the Senate Labor Committee today, by Senators Dupont, Delaware, and Phillips, Colorado.

The two Senators insisted that Borah submit the bill to President Harding, stating that if Harding thought Congress ought not to take up at this time the question of permanent legislation, to prevent strikes, they would not agree to report the bill.

At the direction of the committee, Borah will submit the bill to Harding this afternoon.

FOUR PENNA MINES RESUME WORK

Expect to Hoist Coal Before Night, Operators Announce.

PITTSBURGH, July 27.—Miners went into four mines in the Pittsburgh district today and would tonight be expected to resume work, it was announced by the State Committee of the Pittsburgh Operators' Association at noon.

Pennsylvania cavalry under Capt. R. O. Dunkle patrolled the roads in the vicinity of the mines. The Captain said there had been no congregating of miners or any trace of disorder.

WIFE OF EX-POLICE COMMISSIONER WHO IS MOTHER AGAIN



MRS. ARTHUR S. WOODS.

Col. Arthur Woods, former Police Commissioner, is again a happy father, his wife having presented him with another son this morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pierson Hamilton, Table Rock, Sterling, N. Y.

This is the third son born to the former Commissioner and his wife. Mrs. Woods is a granddaughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

EX-CONVICT ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF STEALING TRUCKLOAD OF BEER

A man who gave the name of William Crowley, No. 775 10th Avenue, but whose fingerprints, the police say, reveal him as William Conway, ex-convict, was held in \$1,000 bail in the West Side Court today on the charge that he is one of those who stole a truck loaded with beer (or an imitation of beer) last Tuesday in front of No. 356 West 44th Street, but the load—sixty half-barrels—had disappeared.

The owner and driver of the truck was August Otto of Union Hill, N. J. He says three men in an automobile stopped him, said they were prohibition agents, flashed shields, and took possession of the truck and beer. In addition, he acquired twenty acres adjoining the property.

A real estate company recently advised him to sell the property. Mr. McCormick stated and began an advertising campaign.

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DEPUTY BADLY BEATEN WHILE SERVING WRIT

U. S. Court Orders Marshals to Find Attackers.

CINCINNATI, O., July 27.—Howard Gau, a special deputy of the United States District Court here, was so badly beaten today, while serving a writ in the Baltimore & Ohio injunction case against striking shopmen, that he was taken to a hospital. Judge Peck immediately ordered a search by Deputy United States Marshals for the attackers.

STORAGE MAIL CAR ROBBED IN VIRGINIA

Thieves Escape After Looting Hundreds of Packages.

ROANOKE, Va., July 27.—A storage mail car, unattended on the Norfolk and Western Railway train from Cincinnati to Norfolk, was robbed last night by two unidentified men, who ripped open hundreds of packages at their leisure, pilfered contents of value into mail sacks and escaped here before the robbery was discovered. Postal officials said there was no way of estimating the loss.

S. R. T. TO GET REPAIR SHOP HERE

Condemnation proceedings have been ordered by the Transit Commission to acquire about sixty acres near 86th Street and Shell Road, Brooklyn, for an additional storage yard and repair shop for R. E. T. subway cars. The property is owned by the Coney Island and Brooklyn Terminal Company.

SOVIET EXPENDS \$15,000,000 TO SPREAD ITS PROPAGANDA

Third of Sum Spent in Europe, Much in India and at Genoa.

CROWD THREATENS JOHN, THE BARBER AT KATZ FUNERAL

Surrounds Reiser in Carriage as He Weeps and Moans for Dead Girl.

POLICE GET NEW LEAD

To Present Evidence Son, Not Mrs. Reiser, Killed Bertha Katz.

John the Barber Reiser attended the funeral this afternoon of Bertha Katz, his sister-in-law, who was shot and killed in her home at No. 1735 Sterling Place, Brownsville, Brooklyn, Tuesday night by his wife or his son.

His presence at the ceremonies incensed numerous persons in a mob of several thousand that packed the block and adjoining side streets and riotous scenes marked the proceedings attending the departure of the funeral cortege.

Reiser, who has been dodging the police since the tragedy, appeared at his Katz home early this morning and spent some time with Mrs. Jennie Katz, mother of the murdered woman. Shortly after his departure the body of Bertha Katz arrived from the Morgue and a crowd began to assemble.

The first announcement of the funeral gave the hour as 2:30 o'clock. When Reiser had departed the announcement was made that the hour had been changed to 1 o'clock. Reiser returned about noon and entered the house. He wept and moaned during the services and was weeping when he appeared in the street, following the coffin, accompanied by two of his sisters.

Reiser and his sisters entered the second coach. Mrs. Jennie Katz, who was seated on the sidewalk and had to be lifted into her carriage. There were only four carriages in the cortege.

There was a rush for the carriage in which Reiser was sitting. Women shouted insults at him in English and Yiddish. He covered in his seat with his hands hiding his face.

The sisters were not so complaisant. One of them reached out, grabbed a straw hat from the head of a male spectator and hurled it at a woman who had been most prolific in abuse. The other sister leaned out of the opposite window and spat into the face of an old woman with a black wig who was voicing her opinion of John the Barber in a piercing voice.

Police arrived as the mob was making a rush at Reiser's carriage with the evident intention of overturning it.

The entire neighborhood was in an uproar. Women at the windows of the tenements screamed and gesticulated. The chauffeurs of about fifty taxicabs which had been driven to the scene in the hope of picking up fares for the cemetery pressed on the bulbs of their horns and set up a deafening din when they found they were unable to get any customers.

A police escort took the funeral out of the disturbance area. The Katz girl was buried in Washington Cemetery.

John the Barber and Bertha Katz had four children. Mrs. Reiser has a son, John, sister of Bertha and wife of "John the Barber"; her sons, Morris and George, and her brother, Max Katz, has served to confirm the charge made by Bertha Katz on her deathbed and upheld by her mother, who witnessed the tragedy, that the four fatal shots were fired by Morris Reiser.

The police theory is that Mrs. Reiser has assumed responsibility because she figures that, as a wronged wife, she would stand a chance of being acquitted by a jury of guilt in killing her sister.

The evidence will be presented to the Grand Jury tomorrow. District Attorney Ruston said today that it appears from the facts ascertained that all four share in the guilt. It is quite plain that Mrs. Reiser, her sons and her brother went to Brooklyn for the purpose of doing harm to "John the Barber" and Bertha Katz and it is probable that the plan was to shoot both. But "John the Barber" got away.

George Reiser, the seventeen-year-old son, has admitted that he was the first to attack the door of his grandmother's flat after she had refused to admit the party. Morris Reiser has admitted that he and Katz joined in attack on the door and forced it. George corroborates the statement of his mother that she fired the shots that killed her sister. Morris refuses to talk and Katz says he did not see the shooting, although he helped break down the door.

Mrs. Reiser has lost all the cheerfulness and satisfaction that carried her through the police court ordeal yesterday. She slept very little last night and was in a state of nervous excitement in Raymond Street Jail today, although she refused medical attention. She refused to talk, referring inquiries to her lawyer, James Lee Livingston.

Morris Reiser talked to reporters in Raymond Street Jail. While he would make no direct statement concerning the shooting it was inferred from his remarks that he will not dispute his mother's assertion that she shot her sister, even though he is formally accused.

"As to who fired the shots," he said, "I prefer to say nothing until after I have seen my lawyer."

"I will say, however, that this terrible thing was not planned in advance. I had no idea that there was to be violence."

"I went over to Brownsville with my mother with the plan in my mind of effecting a reconciliation between them. I had been trying to get my

THREE BOAT LOADS OF LIQUOR SEIZED WORTH \$200,000

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and put up in stone jugs. It is valued at about \$40,000 by the police.

The men aboard were George Williams, the owner, and Edward Williams, a brother, who gave their address as No. 344 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City. They were arrested and the liquor was broken and added to the inventory of the Harbor A. Station. It took an hour to unload and a crowd watched the police carry it in. A few bottles were broken and added to the inventory of the Harbor A. Station.

By telephone the Coast Guard Steamer Hansen, which took the place of the Hahn in the Prohibition Navy, reported that at 4 o'clock the Sloop J. H. B. had gone ashore at the bar near Point of Woods, east of Fire Island, and that she had been seized and was full of liquor, having aboard 100 cases and thirty-five barrels. The value was placed at about \$75,000.

The commander said a richer load of contraband had been taken within the three-mile limit three miles southwest of Fire Island and bound apparently for either New York or Rockaway Inlet. The Coast Guard Cutter Manhattan was sent out to bring in the prizes. In the meantime the police are looking for other customers of the steamship that was leaving off the Jersey coast yesterday. They do not think the three boats captured got all her cargo.

AXE WIELDER WHO KILLED WHISTLING BLACKSMITH HIDDEN

HARLAN, Ia., July 27.—John Schaefer, sixty years old, whose aversion to whistling first gained him the name of crank, then sent him trudging moodily about carrying an axe as a threat against whistlers and finally landed him in a cell charged with murder, was transferred, for safety, to a secret hiding place today by Sheriff Hansen.

Schaefer carried his axe around the streets of Panama for years without more than raising it as a threat until last Friday, when it brought a whistler to death. The victim was the village blacksmith, John M. Herold, sixty-six.

Herold, who was a notoriously cheerful whistler, stood in front of the shack that housed his forge and watched Schaefer storm at some whistling boys. The boys fled and Herold shouted:

"Come on over, John, and whistle for me."

Herold was struck down and died in a hospital Saturday night.

father to drop Bertha and come back to my mother for years. That is why my grandmother and Bertha were so kind to me. They resented my interference with the shameful relations existing between my father and my aunt.

"I have no feeling against my father. He could have been a big man and a millionaire in New York if he had done right. My only feeling is one of sorrow for him, because he realizes that it was his actions alone that caused this terrible tragedy."

While John the Barber was attending the funeral his name was called in Justice Lydon's part of the Supreme Court where he had been summoned to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court for refusing to pay his wife \$50 a week alimony and \$500 counsel fees as directed by Justice Gay six months ago. When he did not answer he was declared in contempt.

Reiser did not learn of the murder of his paramour by his wife until shortly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning. After leaving Bertha Katz in the care of a detective at midnight Tuesday he went to the home of his sister, Mrs. Cecilia Underweiser, No. 612 Ashford Street, where he spent the night.

In the morning he started, as was his custom, for the home of Bertha Katz to take her to her place of business in Manhattan in his automobile. As he approached the house in Sterling Place he heard people talking of the tragedy. Inquiries and was told of the killing of Bertha Katz. He hurried away and remained under cover until this morning. District Attorney Ruston has asked Reiser's lawyer, Harold H. Cohen, to produce him.

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ROBBERS CARRY OFF 300-POUND SAFE FROM SHOE STORE

Get Same Number of Dollars in Second Raid in Two Months.

Burglars visited the Beck-Hazard Shoe store at No. 578 Ninth Avenue for the second time in a little more than two months, carried off a safe weighing 300 pounds, and got about \$300 in cash, it became known today. Besides being the second robbery of this particular store, it is the eighth time since Feb. 13 that the Beck-Hazard store has been looted.

Apparently this latest robbery is the result of information obtained by an ex-convict who obtained a job with the Beck-Hazard Shoe Company and then worked his way in short time to the position of assistant manager. This man is now under arrest. The safe is believed to be at the bottom of the Hudson River empty.

Three burglars jimmied the door of the store, in the heart of the congested Eddy's Market district, at 5 o'clock Sunday or Monday morning. At that time the time-clock stopped. The policeman on the beat had just made his rounds and found the safe in the front under the lights. A short distance from the store his beat took him down an alley and out of sight. When he came back, at 6:30, the door was ripped, the safe gone.

Until recently the Beck-Hazard store kept their Saturday receipts in the safe over the week-end. As a result of the series of robberies, however, store managers have been instructed to deposit Saturday receipts up to 8 o'clock. Manager S. Jankowitz accordingly sent his clerk, William Rotherford, to the bank with