

P. R. REFUSES ALL OF MEN'S DEMANDS

Power to Declare Walkout Given by Trainmen to a Committee of Six.

STRIKE VOTED IN THE WEST

Negotiations Between Railroad and Its Employees Apparently at an End—No Arbitration.

Philadelphia, July 14.—Whether a strike of the fifteen thousand conductors, trainmen, baggage masters and yardmen employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad lines east of Pittsburgh, Erie and Buffalo, shall be called is now in the hands of a committee of six, headed by A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The conferences today between the committee of railroad men and General Manager W. Heyward Myers of the Pennsylvania Railroad resulted in no agreement, and so far as can be learned neither side conceded anything to the other.

The result of the vote on the Pennsylvania lines west was announced in Pittsburgh to-day. It is overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

When the final conference was over the committee representing the railroad men filed out of the Pennsylvania office, each member with a serious face. None had anything to say, and the Pennsylvania officials also declined to talk.

The railroad men held a brief meeting later, and at its conclusion President Garretson announced that the 120 members of the general committee who had received power through the strike ballot to order a walk-out had unanimously voted to leave the matter in the hands of a committee of six. Except that President Garretson and President Lee are members of this committee its make-up was not announced. It was further given out that this committee of six has the power of fixing the time the men should quit work. Just when a strike order might be expected Mr. Garretson refused to state.

Situation Appears Critical.

Thus the situation appears to be at a critical stage, but there is still hope among the railroaders that a way will be found that will prevent the men from going on strike. It was pointed out that the situation on the Pennsylvania road to-night is somewhat similar to that which existed on the New York Central and several other railroads where strikes were prevented by a resort to arbitration.

Two conferences were held to-day, one at 11 a. m. and the other at 3 p. m. At the morning session the entire membership of 120 of the committee met the general manager of the company. What actually transpired was not made known, but the committee seemed to be in good humor when it left the Pennsylvania offices, and several members went so far as to state that they believed that an agreement would soon be reached. It was said that the committee of 120 was too large, and that they had agreed to reduce this committee to twelve.

The smaller committee was with Mr. Myers less than two hours, and whatever good feeling was created at the morning session was apparently wiped out at the later meeting. It was rumored that a misunderstanding occurred at the morning session which was cleared up in the afternoon, and left the differences between the men and the company exactly where they were before the day's meetings began.

Negotiations at an End.

So far as can be learned, neither side had anything new to offer. The railroad men insisted upon the ten-hour day with the present eleven-hour rate of wages paid by the railroad. The company, on the other hand, again declined to concede anything further than had already been offered. Mr. Myers, it is said, reiterated that the company would give the men the same conditions as those under which the New York Central men work, provided that it meant no increase in the operating expenses of the company.

So far as could be learned to-night, there has been no further meeting fixed between the railroad men's committee and General Manager Myers. Efforts to learn from Messrs. Garretson and Lee to-night what move they purpose making failed to elicit any information. They declared, however, that they did not intend to invoke arbitration, as provided in the Erdman act. Whether or not the railroad will attempt to take advantage of that legislation is not known.

President Lee, in the course of an interview, stated that it was not alone a question of money. He said the railroad had made the recent 6 per cent increase in wages with the expectation of shutting off the work of the employees' committee.

At 11 o'clock to-night the Pennsylvania Railroad gave out its version of what occurred at to-day's conferences. According to the company, Mr. Myers at the morning conference said that the company would grant a ten-hour day on a mileage basis a thing which, they declared, they had been considering prior to this discussion, and would endeavor, with some exceptions, to apply the conditions to the New York Central award.

The statement, the company says, was received with applause by the delegates present. Mr. Garretson said, "Now, we're getting together." "I do not understand the applause," Mr. Myers is reported to have said. "I want to make it clear that I mean conditions and not rates."

It was then agreed that a smaller committee should be appointed, and an adjournment was taken until 3 o'clock. During the recess it was shown that the labor men understood Mr. Myers to mean that the company stood ready to make some concessions to their demands, and they entered the afternoon

BEVERIDGE GETS A BLOW

Convention Indorses Taft, but Not the Senator.

Boonville, Ind., July 14.—The friends of Senator Beveridge were greatly disappointed to-day when the Republicans of the 1st District met here in convention, nominated Frank B. Posey, of Evansville, for Congress and refused to indorse the whole record of the Senator. When it became known that the committee on resolutions did not propose to mention his name in the platform, ex-Senator Hemenway and ex-Congressman Wilson went before that body and declared that it was necessary for party harmony to give Mr. Beveridge some kind of indorsement. They declared that they did not advocate such a course for love of Mr. Beveridge, and after much argument, the Senator's votes on the child labor and staidhood bills were indorsed, but the committee would go no further. The convention indorsed the Payne-Aldrich tariff law unreservedly, and President Taft and his administration.

FIGHT WITH BANDITS

Three Men Fatally Shot at Construction Camp.

Cleveland, July 14.—Three men fatally shot and a possibility of other casualties is the result of a revolver battle to-night between three bandits and forty members of a construction gang on the Lake Shore Railroad at North Olmstead, twenty miles southwest of here.

It was pay day at the construction camp. Near midnight, when the railroad men had retired to their bunks, the robbers suddenly appeared. They ordered the sleeping men from their beds, but four of their intended victims had decided to sleep in the open air on account of the heat.

The men from the bunks, aroused to face leveled revolvers, were handing over their pay envelopes to the robbers when their companions on the outside opened fire. In a moment the shooting had become general. For several minutes the fight continued, and three of the railroad men were shot fatally. Then the robbers took to flight. A general pursuit has been started.

AMMONIA BEATS FIREMEN

Three Overcome in Fire in Bonded Warehouse.

Fire did much damage early this morning in the six story bonded warehouse owned by F. & C. Linde, at Nos. 48 and 50 Jay street, before the firemen could get it under control. It was still burning at 1 o'clock this morning, and several firemen were overcome by ammonia fumes.

Harry Byrnes and his brother, Edward, who are employed as watchmen in the building, saw flames bursting from a third story window and ran to the house of Engine Company 27, calling out the members of the company. When it was found that the fire was gaining headway it was decided to turn in an alarm from a fire box, which brought additional apparatus. After the firemen had climbed to the top floor three of them were overcome by the dense fumes and had to be carried to the street.

BOYCOTTED JACOB SCHIFF

Walters and Cabin Boys Refused to Serve with His Attendants.

Juneau, Alaska, July 14.—The waiters and cabin boys of the Yukon River steamer White Horse, which carried his party from White Horse to Dawson and return, refused to go on the boat when they learned that the financier had brought with him his own cooks and attendants.

Mr. Schiff sent his employees back to Skagway on his yacht, the Ramona, and the strike ended at once.

Mr. Schiff declared that this country should become as populous as the productive parts of Norway, Siberia and Russia, in the same latitude, which are now sustaining millions of people. He said the greatest need of the Far North is transportation, and he expressed the belief that a railway from Edmonton, Alberta, to the headwaters of the Yukon would furnish the quickest method of development of the country.

AVIATOR OF 5 YEARS HURT

"Flew" from Roof in "Airship" of Brother's Invention.

"Ah, gee! It's too bad the airship got busted, but I guess I can make another one, and, then, if the kid hasn't lost her nerve, we'll let Yetta take another ride of the roof. She'd flew all right if she worked them levers like I told her to, but she didn't, and that caused all the trouble and busted my good old airship."

Thus Harry Shappert, No. 78 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, explained last night to boy chums just how he felt regarding the wrecking of his "airship" on its initial flight yesterday afternoon, after being pushed by the lad and two other youngsters from the roof of the four-story brick tenement. It crashed down into the rear yard with its passenger, Harry's five-year-old sister, Yetta.

Yetta had grasped the sticks of wood attached to the side of the soapbox in which she was made to seat herself, and these she worked back and forth like levers. For Harry explained that the success of the flight depended entirely upon a skilful operation of these levers. They would disengage the springs or depressing of the "wings" of the heavier-than-air flyer, he said. "The planes" or "wings" of which there were four—two on each side of the soap box—were made of four feet lengths of wood, two slats and a piece of cloth stretched taut over them, making each wing.

Harry disappeared after the "flight" was stumped and painfully bruised, but left a lot better after Dr. Delaney, of St. Mary's Hospital, had attended her.

CHURCH GUM CHEWING CONTEST

Elder Stretched His Further than the Minister Could.

Canton, Ohio, July 14.—To find out who could chew their gum the longest and the fastest and who could stretch it the most, ministers, deacons and elders entered into a unique contest yesterday at the picnic of the German and United Evangelical churches here.

Much disappointment was caused by the quality of the gum, which refused to stretch more than a foot or so. Finally the prize was awarded to John William Davis, of Trinity United Evangelical Church, who was beaten by only a fraction of an inch.

LEAPS FROM TOWER OF WILLIAMSBURG BRIDGE

Man's Body Crashes Through Sandbox on Parapet, 200 Feet Below.

WROTE NOTE SIGNED "J. C." CONFINED IN FILTHY CELL

"Tired of Fourflushing," His Explanation, "and Could Stand the Strain No Longer.

Leaving only a note signed "J. C.," an unidentified man, after a thrilling climb to the topmost point of the Brooklyn tower of the Williamsburg Bridge, 335 feet above the East River, threw himself into space. Instead of striking the water, the man's body was shattered on a sand box standing on the parapet which runs around the tower. Nearly every bone in his body was broken by the force of the 200-foot fall, but he was still breathing when he reached the Eastern District Hospital. He died, without recovering consciousness, at 9 o'clock.

From the note left in his coat pocket, at the top of the tower, it is believed that the man decided to kill himself after having lost money on the races at Empire City track.

Nobody, apparently, saw him make the sensational dive. Some minutes after the body had struck the sand box, Patrolman Rosenstock, of the Bridge Squad, picked up a Panama hat. Thinking some one would come along to claim it, because of its fine quality, Rosenstock looked up and down the roadway. When the owner failed to appear, he began to investigate, and four drops of blood on the parapet. A few feet further on was the crushed and shapeless body of the man. It was lying doubled up in the sand box, having shattered the two-inch oak covering in its fall.

Depressed by Racing News.

The only man who says he saw the man before he jumped was Samuel Peu, of No. 132 North 1st street, Williamsburg. Peu said he was sitting on a bench in the footpath of the bridge, near the Brooklyn end, when the man came and sat down beside him. He showed an evening paper, giving the results of the fifth race, in which a horse named Bad News won. He seemed greatly depressed, and said his luck had turned against him.

After sitting on the bench for a few minutes the man got up and walked toward the Manhattan end of the bridge. Peu watched him as he walked along the footpath, and saw him climb through the ironwork which separates the path from the south roadway. He thought the man was going to enter the roadway in order to get a lift on a passing wagon, and paid no more attention to him.

After climbing through the ironwork that separates the footpath from the roadway the man must have walked to the foot of the tower and crawled through the steel trellis work of which it is built.

Inside the tower is a stairway leading to the top, but before he could gain access to this he must have crawled up the outside of the tower, like a fly on a wall. Nobody saw this perilous climb, although he must have been in plain view of the passing hundreds on the bridge.

Once inside the tower the man made quick progress to the top. Before crawling out on the steel platform cresting the tower he stopped to take off his overcoat and to write a brief note hinting at the reason for his act. He then hung the coat on a projection and began the last stage of his climb.

He walked to the south side of the tower, thinking, probably, that his body would clear the steel parapet, and made his leap.

When Captain Barry, of the bridge squad, was told of the suicide he instructed a patrolman to climb the steps of the tower and get the man's coat, which was missing. In the pocket of the coat was found a note, which read:

When you know you're not forgotten By the girl you can't forget, When you find the quest you left behind In laughing at you yet—it's a joke.

The word "laughing" was strongly underscored.

Another note scribbled in lead pencil said that the writer could stand the strain no longer, and that he had been four-flushing all his life. It was signed "Adies. J. C."

LIGHTNING HITS OBSERVATORY

Compels Texas Physician to Treat Wounded at Bluefields Bluff.

New Orleans, July 14.—Reports received to-night by steamer from Bluefields state that Dr. Lawrence Burghelm, an American, is held a prisoner by the Madriz forces in Nicaragua. He is compelled, it is said, to treat the wounded at Bluefields Bluff, as well as those who are convalescing on the steamer Venus.

Dr. Burghelm, whose home is given as Houston, Tex., is charged by the Madriz commanders with having aided General Estrada at Bluefields by treating the wounded there. Giving this as an excuse, they made him a prisoner when they found him later at Principulka.

PLEA FOR INTERVENTION

Nicaraguan Women Tell of Madriz's Barbarism.

New Orleans, July 14.—A petition from the women of Nicaragua, reciting tales of barbarity, rapine, reconcentration and other offenses against civilization, has been received by Don Adolfo Vivas, of this city. The petition requests the State Department, in the name of humanity, to intervene and bring about an end of the Madriz government.

It asserts that through the cruelties of agents of Madriz in Grenada, Nadaine and other cities of the Pacific Coast section of Nicaragua, conditions have grown to be

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PITTMAN STARVING IN MANAGUA PRISON

Consul Olivares Forces Madriz to Give American Better Treatment.

PRISONER FURNISHED WITH BED AND FOOD—LIVES OF AMERICANS IN WESTERN NICARAGUA THREATENED.

Washington, July 14.—Confined in a filthy cell, 6 by 5 feet, unfed save by charitable strangers, William Pittman, the American engineer who was captured by the Madriz forces while engaged in laying mines near Bluefields, was found in an overcrowded local prison at Managua, Nicaragua, by Consul Olivares yesterday. The consul informed the State Department to-day by cable that he visited Pittman, discovered the revolting conditions and forced Madriz to furnish the adventurous American better prison accommodations.

Pittman was starving. Consul Olivares immediately protested, reminding Madriz of his promise to treat the prisoner with consideration. Madriz finally agreed to transfer Pittman to a larger and cleaner cell, and to allow the consul to supply him with a bed and food.

Pittman informed Mr. Olivares that he was removed from Bluefields to Managua on July 4. On the way his captors failed to provide him with food, and he was dependent on the charity of his fellow travelers for subsistence.

The State Department has instructed Mr. Olivares to keep in touch with Pittman and to insist to Madriz that no harm shall come to this American citizen and that he shall be treated properly while he is held prisoner. Madriz informed Consul Olivares that no definite action regarding the fate of Pittman had been determined. The commander of the Madriz forces promised to inform Thomas P. Moffat, American Consul at Bluefields, in the event of an order to transfer Pittman. This promise was not kept.

Mr. Olivares has informed the State Department that the anti-American sentiment is growing in the western part of Nicaragua, which is under the control of the Madriz forces. The department believes the condition makes it necessary that unusual precautions be taken to prevent ill treatment of Pittman.

Warning to Madriz Repeated.

Constant complaints from American citizens at Matagalpa relative to threats repeatedly made against their lives and property by agents of the Madriz government are being received by American consular representatives. Mr. Olivares has made vigorous representations to Madriz, and has reiterated to him Secretary Knox's warning that this government will hold the Madriz faction strictly accountable for the security of American life and property.

British and German subjects at Matagalpa have appealed to their consuls in Managua for protection. So far no such representations have been made to the German and British governments or to Washington, probably because the British and German consuls are Nicaraguan local merchants.

Consul General Eberhardt, who is detailed at large and happens to be in Nicaragua on a tour of inspection, sent a cable dispatch to the State Department to-day corroborating the reports of alarm of foreign residents over threats of Nicaraguans. He said that the opinion at Matagalpa was that these anti-foreign demonstrations were instigated by the Madriz faction, whose officials have openly threatened Americans and other foreigners.

The cruiser Tacoma has sailed from Guantanamo, Cuba, for Bluefields to relieve the Paducah, which has been ordered home. Two vessels are to remain on guard at Bluefields, so that when the Dubuque leaves those waters she will be relieved by the Marletta, which will sail from Portsmouth, N. H., for Bluefields in a week or ten days.

A report that the steamer Venus, which the Madriz government purchased at New Orleans and outfitted at Greytown as a war craft following a neutrality fight in the American courts, had been captured by the Estrada forces was circulated here to-day, but lacked corroboration. The Venus is the backbone of the naval establishment of the Madriz faction. The San Jacinto, a tug, which joined the Venus less than a fortnight ago in an unsuccessful attack on Pearl Lagoon, is the only other craft the Nicaraguan navy can boast.

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As to whether or not he had changed his attitude on direct primaries, the state chairman would not say. He thought probably it would be easier to unite the leaders on some such proposition in the fall than during the session of the Legislature.

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Woman Friend of His Dead Wife Went to Brooklyn Police Before Body Was Found.

WAS SUSPICIOUS EVEN THEN

She Had Found That Belle Elmore Did Not Die in Los Angeles, as Husband Had Written.

The spotlight in what looks like a murder of international interest, in some respects similar to the Charlton tragedy at Lake Como, shifted yesterday from London to a huckster's cottage in East Williamsburg. There lives Frederick Mersinger, the stepfather of Belle Elmore, the music hall singer, whose mutilated body was uncovered on Wednesday night by the London police under the cement cellar floor of a house at No. 39 Hilldrop Crescent, Islington, London, where she lived with her husband, Dr. H. H. Crippen, said to be an American physician and dentist, and once agent for several patent medicine concerns in the British metropolis.

The dead woman was born in Brooklyn, and was the daughter, it was said, of a Polish nobleman. Her maiden name

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