

DANGER OF RAILROAD STRIKE IS LESSENER

Men's Agreement to Arbitrate Relieves Situation in the West.

BOARD MEETS TO-MORROW

Federal Mediators Will Take Up Wage Question in Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 18.—The agreement of the engineers and trainmen of the Western railroads to the request of the managers that they submit their demands for wage increases to the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation has greatly relieved the situation.

The board will meet here on Monday to consider the controversy.

The offer of mediation was made by William L. Chambers, chairman of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, and came as a result of a request by A. W. Trenchholm, chairman of the committee of general managers, which was made in spite of a formal announcement that the employees would decline to accept mediation. The latter charged that in the past the railroads had refused to abide by the findings of arbitration boards.

The refusal and statement were contained in a letter signed by W. S. Stone for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and W. S. Carter for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. It was addressed to Mr. Trenchholm.

"Your request has been referred to the joint committee," said the letter refusing mediation, "and has been declined for the reason that should the joint committee request to the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation they would place a moral obligation upon themselves to accept arbitration as provided in the Newlands act. As we have stated to you on several occasions, they will not accept arbitration because in our past arbitrations the railroads have refused to place the awards into effect."

"It appears that it is the purpose of the conference of managers to prolong the negotiations indefinitely for the sole purpose of defeating the requests of the men."

Message of Acceptance. The message of acceptance was also signed by Stone and Carter and was as follows:

"We have refused to join the managers' committee in the request for mediation because we believe it would be an implied acceptance of arbitration. No one knows better than yourself and the other members of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation the manner in which the railroads have repudiated arbitration awards. We recognize, however, that we cannot afford to refuse your courteous proffer of your friendly offices and therefore we accept them. We believe it is unfair to ask us to wait more than four days before mediation begins in view of the present strained relations."

The railroad managers' committee denied that they had refused to abide by awards. A letter from them says:

"We deny for them [the railroads] that they have either refused or failed to put into effect any arbitration award. In discussing this matter we not only guaranteed the good faith of the roads in putting into effect any awards which might follow our negotiations, but we suggested that a commission, permanent or otherwise, be established so that all disagreements arising out of a misunderstanding or misapplication of an award might be speedily and amicably settled."

The proposals submitted by the men and the counter proposals submitted by the managers have not been changed in any degree since last May. The controversy is precisely where it was when the strike vote was taken on the Western roads.

The railroads, through their general managers' committee, contend that to grant the employees' demands would mean an increase of \$32,000,000 annually in wages. The engineers and firemen asserted that their requests were fair and equitable.

Requests of Employees. The principal requests made by the employees of the roads were:

Increases in the rates of pay of engineers and firemen in all classes of service.

Number of hours after which overtime will be paid in freight service to be reduced from ten to eight and in passenger service from ten to five.

Overtime to be raised to a basis of time and a half in freight service and double time in passenger service.

Engineers and firemen to be paid an arbitrary thirty minutes preparatory time for each trip instead of computing service continuously from actual time of reporting for duty.

Allowances to be made for terminal delays in addition to payment for the miles of the hours of the trip.

Differentials paid for running Mallet engines to be increased.

Differentials between local and through freight service to be increased.

Two firemen to be employed on large coal burning engines, regardless of the character or length of the run, the tonnage hauled or the work required of the firemen.

It was announced by Carter that the vote of the B. of L. E. was 87.37 per cent. in favor of a strike, and that the vote of the B. of L. F. and E. was 99.2 per cent. in favor of it.

Should all mediation negotiations fail the resulting strike would directly affect 55,000 engineers and firemen and indirectly a much larger number of workers. The total mileage of the roads involved is 140,000 and includes practically all lines in the United States west of Chicago, including the Illinois Central, and all lines in Canada west of Fort William except the Grand Trunk Pacific. The present annual wage of the engineers and firemen is about \$67,750,000.

PLANS TO END BRIDGE CONTRACT

City Would Oust Company Operating Williamsburg Trolleys.

The city plans to cancel the contract of the Bridge Operating Company, which as a holding company for the several Brooklyn and Manhattan street railway companies operates the local trolley service over the Williamsburg Bridge. Corporation Counsel Polk has been asked to advise the legal procedure by which the company's contract may be terminated at once. The action followed several conferences between Mayor Mitchell and E. J. Commissioner Krueke.

Bridge Commissioner Krueke is convinced that the company is earning an unfair profit on its investment. In a statement which he issued yesterday he stated that the company earned a surplus of \$112,759.57 in 1910 and \$112,987.49 in 1912.

POISON SQUADS KILL GRASSHOPPER HORDE

Commissioner Huson Reports Progress Against Pest Up-State.

FIGHT ON ARMY WORM ALSO

Even Lawns Being Eaten Bare in Buffalo by Pennsylvania Invaders.

ALBANY, July 18.—Armed with spraying machines which throw out a solution of paris green and lemon and orange juice "poison squads" are killing grasshoppers by the millions in Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Warren and adjoining counties. Calvin J. Huson, State Commissioner of Agriculture, who from Gloversville is directing the efforts of several hundred men, reported to Gov. Glynn to-night that he was making some progress toward the extermination of the hopper horde. He will enlarge his force on Monday to wipe out the pest before it spreads.

A solution of arsenate will check the army worm, but to wipe it out the department will have to send a force of experts.

Elimina and surrounding places are infested with the worm, which also is stripping front lawns and the fields near Dunkirk.

Cooperation between the Pennsylvania and New York authorities is expected to check the spread of the worm, which, it appears, emigrated from Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Huson was summoned to Glens Falls this afternoon by an appeal from business men to look over the situation in that section. The grasshoppers have swarmed into Warren county in such numbers as to destroy hundreds of acres of crops. Vegetables were ruined in Warren county. Commissioner Huson detailed experts to Glens Falls to direct the efforts of a force of men at that place.

The methods of fighting the hoppers are simple. Hoppers are run over the top of the crops and the grasshoppers are driven to the feeding ground, where they eat the poison mixture. "Hopper dozers," a machine drawn by horses, into which the hoppers are drawn by the thousands and destroyed, are doing effective work.

State Entomologist E. P. Peil, who was detailed by Gov. Glynn to the grasshopper-ridden districts, declares there are only a few instances in history in which grasshoppers have been so destructive. He says the hopper infesting the Gloversville territory is the red-legged type. This variety infested the most district some years ago, he says, and history recalls how they ate holes in the clothes of the laborers in the field as well as in the wooden handles of farm implements.

WORM IN PENNSYLVANIA. Appears in Great Numbers in Centre of State.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—Following closely on the discovery that army worms are ravaging lawns and fields in this city and suburbs comes the report that the pest has appeared in great numbers throughout central Pennsylvania and is doing great damage. The worms also have invaded the Wyoming Valley.

In Lancaster county the danger is becoming serious. Whole grass fields have been eaten off to the roots and gardens laid bare. Similar conditions exist in Altoona and the State Agricultural Department has been asked for help.

Wilkesbarre lawns, trees and shrubbery have been eaten clean and appeals have been made to city officials.

QUITS CITY AS "TOO HOT" AS GIRL SEEKS \$50,000

Armstrong Leaves Waldorf With Wife After Miss Shaw's Suit.

John R. Armstrong, a real estate operator of Cleveland who was sued here on Friday in an action for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise brought by Miss Naomi Shaw of the Hotel Latham, left the Waldorf-Astoria early yesterday morning with his wife and returned to Cleveland. Before going he told the hotel clerk that things were getting too hot for him here. He added that he didn't "refer to the weather either."

Miss Shaw denied the statements made by Mrs. Armstrong to THE SUN on Friday night to the effect that her husband met Miss Shaw at Rector's when Mrs. Armstrong was alone and that Miss Shaw made repeated but unsuccessful attempts to communicate with Mr. Armstrong afterward.

Miss Shaw said that she met Armstrong at a house party. She had been divorced and Mr. Armstrong knew it, but she didn't know that he was married. She asserted that she went to her birthplace at Columbus, Ohio, last winter with Mr. Armstrong and introduced him to her mother and sister, at which time he made his promise of marriage. Armstrong returned to New York before her, she said, and then kept flooding her with messages urging her to return alone.

"The first intimation I had that he was married was when I got back and carried out his instruction to call him on the telephone in the Waldorf," said Miss Shaw. "I got his apartment and when a female voice answered I said 'Please let me speak to John.' The woman asked me by what right I referred to Mr. Armstrong so intimately and I announced that I was engaged to marry him. She replied 'You're foolish. I'm Mrs. John Armstrong. Don't you dare call my husband again.'"

A dispatch from Columbus yesterday stated that Mr. Armstrong left there two years ago to go into the real estate business in Cleveland. Just before going he filed a petition in bankruptcy listing debts of \$150,000 and assets of little value. Miss Shaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shaw of Columbus.

HONOR TO THEIR EX-PASTOR.

College Point Lutheran Hold Jubilee for the Rev. Mr. Ehbendick.

The golden jubilee of the Rev. August Ehbendick, who was ordained a clergyman of the Lutheran church by the Synod of Missouri fifty years ago, is being celebrated by the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, in College Point, where the venerable clergyman served as pastor for forty-seven years.

The Rev. Mr. Ehbendick was born in Germany in 1838 and came to this country when he was 25 years old. He was called to St. John's Church soon after his arrival and was pastor of the church until a few years ago.

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Infants' Imported Dresses 49c Were 99c.

Noticeably pretty are these little German Dresses of white twill, trimmed with unique bands of colored embroidery in effective design. Sizes 3 to 5 years.

Infants' Bishop Dresses Were 79c Now 24c

Very dainty hand-made Dresses of nainsook with neck and sleeves edged with lace—Sizes 6 months to 2 years.

Imported Pique Coats Were \$8.49 Now \$3.69

Good quality of pique; attractive model with dainty hand-embroidered collar and cuffs. Sizes 1 to 2 years. Third Floor, 35th St., Near.

Clearance of Dress Goods at Remarkable Reductions

The season's most desirable Fabrics, including staple and novelty weaves—in a wide range of the most fashionable colors.

English Coatings Were \$4.49. Now (yd.) \$2.49

For Capes and Coats, 54 inch Coatings in eight smart color combinations; very fine quality.

Silk-and-Wool Crepes Were \$1.79 and \$1.98. Now \$1.49

In light blue, pink, tan, lavender, grey, Alice blue, plum, taupe, gold, green, rose, mahogany and raisin. Width 40 inches. Also printed silk-and-wool Crepes and Poplins.

English Suitings Were \$3.49. Now (yd.) \$2.49

Novelty Suitings in very effective color combinations; width 54 inches. Correct weight for tailored suits.

Silk-and-Wool Fabrics Were \$2.89 to \$4.96. Now \$1.98

"Crepe Ondre," brocaded Poplins, reversible Poplins, Moire Poplins, brocaded Poplins—all of silk-and-wool. In rich street shades and in cream color. Widths 40 and 42 inches.

The Clearance of Dress Goods Remnants Continues Fabrics—formerly 29c to \$1.98—Now 19c to 79c yard

Hundreds of lengths of fine woolen materials and English mohairs at a fraction of former prices.

The New "Basque" Blouses of "Society Satin," \$7.49

Two charming models in the picturesque Basque effect now so modish—developed in ivory white, navy and black "Society Satin," lustrous and perfectly washable.

Both are on the straight figure-concealing lines now in vogue and are smartly trimmed with black buttons in novel shapes. One has a "Jester" collar and pointed cuffs of the satin. The other features a deep waistcoat girdle, collar and vest of moire silk.

Third Floor, 34th Street.



The New "Cassock" Redingote Suits, \$32.75

Copied from an Advance Autumn Model—A Clever Paris Creation.

Broadcloth of superior quality and high lustre is employed for the Suit (illustrated), in the new shades of Tete de Negre, Midnight Blue, Russian Green, and in Black.

Note the long "Redingote" Coat—finely tailored and cut on very novel lines; its high collar and deep cuffs of caracul cloth. The skirt features a new yoke effect with pleats. Third Floor, Broadway.

White Goods Most Attractively Priced

The offerings listed below are among the most attractive values in desirable white goods we have offered this season:

Fine White French Crepe 39c

Macy's Usual Price (yd.) 59c

An excellent quality of imported Crepe, 36 inches wide. Desirable for this season's dresses and blouses.

"Tango" Crepe (yd.) 24c

Width 32 inches. The coolest fabric for summer dresses.

"Rice Cloth" (yd.) 24c

Macy's Usual Price (yd.) 39c

Width 39 inches. Very fine and sheer, but durable.

Ratine Striped Voile (yd.) 19c

Macy's Usual Price (yd.) 29c

A dainty material for this season's most fashionable dresses. A great value.

Loop Cloth Ratine (yd.) 24c

Macy's Usual Price (yd.) 49c

An effective new weave; width, 31 inches.

Snowflake Crepe (yd.) 24c

Macy's Usual Price (yd.) 39c

A pretty, sheer fabric for summer waists. Width 36 inches.

Persian Lawn, 31 Inches (yd.) 10c

Very fine, sheer and durable quality. Width 31 inches.

Snowflake Ratine (yd.) 29c

Macy's Usual Price (yd.) 49c

An attractive fabric. Much in demand for skirts and dresses. Width 36 inches.

White Corduroy Pique (yd.) 24c

Standard Price (yd.) 50c

A smart looking, durable weave. Excellent quality, width 27 inches. No fabric in greater demand than Pique just now. Is used for women's suits, skirts, shirt waists, dresses, Men's outing shirts, boys' suits and children's coats, hats and frocks. Second Floor, Centre.

Remnants of White Ramie Dress Linens

(yd.) 29c

There are only 1,200 yards in the lot. In lengths from 2 1/2 to 7 yards.

Second Floor, 35th St., Near

2000 Hand-Embroidered Irish Linen Pillow Cases Reduced

Strong and serviceable. Hemstitched Pillow Cases (ea.) 73c

Macy's Usual Price (ea.) 99c

Excellent quality of linen, hemstitched and also hand-embroidered in a dainty floral and wreath design; four patterns. Size, 24 1/2 x 36 inches.

Embroidered Pillow Cases (ea.) 89c

Macy's Usual Price (ea.) \$1.19

Six embroidery patterns in floral and wreath designs. Prettily hemstitched; size 26 1/2 x 36 inches.

Finer Linen Pillow Cases, more elaborately embroidered. Were, each, \$2.44. Now \$1.69.

Basement, Rear.

Fine Crochet and Marseilles Bedspreads

Were \$1.29 to \$6.69

(now) 99c to \$4.49

These pretty bedspreads represent odd lots taken from our regular stock and are in many desirable styles and patterns.

Embroidered Lawn Bedspreads

Were \$6.49 to \$17.49

(now) \$4.69 to \$12.49

Included in this unusual offering are plain lawn Bedspreads with tape borders and a few embroidered Lawn Bedspreads in addition to those of embroidered lawn. Basement, Rear.

100 Imported Blankets—Were \$4.69 to \$16.49 Now \$2.69 to \$10.89

A choice variety from which to select, including Silk Spun Slumber Blankets from France, Jacquard Wool Blankets from Switzerland, and genuine Camel's Hair Blankets from Germany. Basement, Rear.

Clearance of Crepe de Chine Underwear

The daintiest creations of Crepe de Chine, trimmed with pleated chiffon, lace frills and tucks, marked at very low prices for quick clearance.

Crepe de Chine Silk & Combination Bloomers. Were \$2.97. Now \$1.98

Silk Combinations & Princess Slips. Were \$3.96. Now \$2.49

Crepe de Chine Night Gowns. Were \$16.74. Now \$12.74

More elaborate Crepe de Chine Gowns. Were \$21.75. Now \$16.74

Crepe de Chine and Chiffon Combinations and Night Gowns. Were \$4.96. Now \$3.49

Novelty Night Gowns. Were \$10.94. Chiffon Night Gowns. Were \$27.50. Now \$16.74

Fourth Floor, Centre, Rear.

Misses' Serge Suits—Advance Autumn Model, \$34.75

In navy and black Serge of superior quality; the model illustrated forecasts the fashions for the new season.

Black satin and leather colored broadcloth effectively combined are used for the collar and vestee and black braid binds all edges.

The redingote effect is featured in the straight buttoned coat, crossover sashes giving the new basque effect so fashionable. From a deep hip-yoke, braided and button trimmed, falls the pleated skirt on new lines.

Misses' Suits of Crepe Poplin, New Model, \$24.74

In navy, Russian green and the latest shade of brown, Russian blouse Suits with long skirted Coat, braid trimmed and with novel collar of silk velvet. The Skirt is gathered into a deep fitted hip yoke. Sizes 14 and 16 years. Third Floor, 35th St.

The "Miles Standish" Colonial Rag Rugs

In the making of these Rugs only high grade rags, cretonnes, prints, calicos, bed tickings, etc., all brand new materials are used.

24 in. x 36 in., 59c

27 in. x 54 in., 98c

30 in. x 60 in., \$1.19

36 in. x 72 in., \$1.64

4 ft. x 7 ft., \$2.44

6 ft. x 9 ft., \$4.89

8 ft. x 10 ft., \$7.24

9 ft. x 12 ft., \$9.24

12 ft. x 15 ft., \$16.89

2 ft. 3 in. x 9 ft., \$1.98

2 ft. 3 in. x 10 ft. 6 in., \$2.34

2 ft. 3 in. x 12 ft., \$2.69

2 ft. 3 in. x 15 ft., \$3.48

3 ft. x 9 ft., \$2.48

Special Size Rugs Woven to Order, and Procurable in About Two Weeks, at 89c square yard.

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Particularly adapted to summer use in sitting room or bedroom or any room in the cottage or bungalow. Fourth Floor.

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Included in this display of effective Curtain materials for Summer use are the choicest creations of the leading European and American designers and manufacturers.

Imported Scotch Phrygian Laces Width 27 inches \$1.24 and \$1.74 a yard

Width 45 inches \$1.74 a yard

Imported English Novelty Nets Width 36 inches 39c and 49c a yard

Width 45 inches 69c and 98c a yard

These are also known as Oriental Laces—very handsomely embroidered lace work on finest net. Fourth Floor.