

CITY TROUP THREAT MADE BY B. R. T. MEN

Plan Strike From Yonkers to
Coney Island if Union Is
Not Recognized.

CHARGES OF SPY SYSTEM

Demands, Including Call for
Wage Increase, Will Be
Presented to Garrison.

Possibility of a strike on the lines of the B. R. T., surface and elevated, will again turn on the claim of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees to represent all or a substantial majority of the employees of the system, according to information available yesterday. Members of the union, claiming to represent 1,500 of the 11,500 employees eligible to membership, decided at two meetings on Friday night and yesterday morning to appoint a committee to wait on Lindsey M. Garrison, receiver of the road, and demand 75 cents an hour, an eight hour day and recognition of the union. This committee plans to make its demands tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. If refused the men threaten a strike on Wednesday.

Louis Fridger, attorney for the Amalgamated, asserted that he had received assurances of support of the trolley men in Manhattan.

"If we do strike," he declared, "we will tie up every line from Yonkers to Coney Island."

Membership Is Extended.

Color to the claim of the union that it has extended its membership is lent by the replacement of many of the women who in March were serving as conductors and guards. It is reported that the men who took their places when the women were legislated out of their jobs are almost all members of the Amalgamated.

Nevertheless, recognition of the union promises to be the rock upon which the receiver and the employees may split. The demand for 75 cents an hour and changes in the time schedule, including the eight hour day, can be compromised, according to unofficial admissions from both sides. But the union men are determined that their organization shall be established as the official organ of the employees, and it was indicated at the office of the receiver yesterday that Mr. Garrison will not change the position he has heretofore taken, that while he has no objection to any employee joining the Amalgamated he will not treat with that organization as such.

Granting of the two cent transfer order has brought the present situation to a head. Receiver Garrison showed in March that there were no possible funds out of which a wage increase might be granted. The meetings held by the employees were preparatory to their part to establish a first lien on the additional receipts predicted from the transfer order, though neither the men nor the company were prepared yesterday to say what those additional receipts would be or how far they would go toward meeting the demands of the men.

There was plenty of radical sentiment expressed at the meetings held yesterday morning, just as there was at the meetings held in March. There were frequent demands from the audience for "action, not words."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at both of the meetings held in Brooklyn:

"That a committee be appointed to call on Receiver Lindsey M. Garrison on Monday to demand recognition of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, Division 470; 75 cents an hour for surface motormen and conductors, also guards and conductors of the elevated and subway; lines and a proportionate increase for the mechanical and other departments, and for an eight hour day."

Men Appoint Committee.

A committee was named consisting of Edward Smith of the mechanical department as chairman, and George Thompson as Puller and Motormen; Edward McGovern and Edward McCaffrey, for the surface men; Chairman Smith, Raymond Duhy, George Bub and E. Sims, representing the mechanical department, and M. Drubin, "L" conductor, and Max Brodie and Edward Meyers, "L" guards, for the elevated and subway employees.

Receiver Garrison is on his vacation in New Hampshire, but it was said at his office yesterday that arrangements would be made to receive any communication the men had to make and forward it to him when he call on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The committee has already sent a telegram to Mr. Garrison announcing their call.

"If Mr. Garrison refuses to see you as representing only the union what will you do?" a reporter asked Chairman Smith.

"We'll report back to a meeting of the men on Tuesday night," he replied, "and there'll be nothing left for us to do but to strike."

Louis Fridger of Manhattan, attorney for the union, said yesterday he had written to Judge Mayer, sending him the names of seven company men who had applied on the meetings yesterday morning and tried to intimidate the men attending, in violation of Judge Mayer's orders last March.

"I feel sure that the Judge know nothing about these spotters and that it was the dirty work of petty officials of the road," said Fridger.

Though P. J. Shea, member of the Amalgamated's executive board, who presided at the meetings yesterday morning, declared openly that he would urge a strike if Receiver Garrison still refuses to recognize the union, there were many yells for action in the court room and the speeches of other labor leaders.

"We won't stand for any such thing as was handed to us last March," said one spokesman of the Amalgamated line. "Garrison will have to see us. We've got him now. When we hit, we'll hit hard."

LEWIS QUESTIONS 'TRANSFERS' LEGALITY

Doubts Commission's Power
to Authorize Them.

District Attorney Lewis, Kings county, raised yesterday a question as to the authority of the Public Service Commission "to increase the rates of fare over 5 cents for a continuous ride within the limits of the city over the lines owned or operated by a given company."

He held that charge for transfers is in effect an increase in fare. Calling attention to the railroad law, which states that the Legislature "expressly reserves the right to regulate and reduce the fare on any railroad constructed or operated wholly or in part under said chapter . . . and the Public Service Commission possesses the same power to be exercised as prescribed in the Public Service Commission law," the District Attorney added:

"To my mind the language 'regulate and reduce' does not give the right to the Public Service Commission to 'regulate and increase.'"

His opinion, he said, was not affected by the recent decision of the Court of Appeals in the so-called Buffalo case, in which the Milburn agreement was involved.

"In my judgment," he declared, "that decision has no application on the case now before the Public Service Commission. The power reserved in the Milburn agreement was the general power to regulate, while the power now invoked by Section 131 of the Public Service law is the very restricted power to regulate and reduce."

"The decision to permit charges for transfers was made almost immediately after the decision of the Court of Appeals in the International Railways case. Will the people ever be able to obtain as speedily from the public officials the assurance of a reduction of fare when the situation warrants and demands it?"

GIRL'S LEG CRUSHED BY MOTOR TRUCK

Child of 10 Stealing Ride Is
Hit as She Jumps Off
Truck.

Mary Gallina, 10, of 129 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, paid for the pleasure of stealing a motor ride heavily yesterday. She had swung up on the running board of an automobile and was enjoying the ride until the car reached Montrose avenue and Leonard street. Then she decided she had ridden far enough from home and the rest of her playfellows and hopped off.

She tumbled directly in front of a heavy commercial truck, and before the driver could jam on the brakes a wheel went over one of her legs. The driver, John Scallon, 416 West Twenty-sixth street, Manhattan, picked her up and flagged an automobile. The car got as far as the Stagg street police station toward the hospital when it was struck by a truck of the Texas Oil Company which was being backed down Bushwick avenue. The lighter machine was thrown against an electric pole.

There were no injuries in the second accident, and the girl was given treatment in the police station until an ambulance arrived from St. Catharine's Hospital. This surgeon said it would be necessary to amputate the leg. The driver of the oil truck, John Leriowski, was summoned to appear in court on Monday for reckless driving.

Adam Newman, driver of an automobile which ran down and killed Charlotte Bierschank, 14, of 249 Meeker avenue, Brooklyn, on Friday, was fined \$1 yesterday for driving without a license. His home is in 1047 Manhattan avenue.

Edmund Nedley, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Nedley of Greenwich, Conn., received serious injuries when he was struck by an automobile near his home in Hamilton avenue, and it is feared he may die. The driver was held in \$500 bail pending the outcome of the case. The boy's grandfather is Capt. James J. Nedley of the Greenwich police.

ARCENA'S WIDOW FILES PLEA

Rich Mexican's Will Failed to Provide for Young Bride.

Application for her appointment as temporary administratrix of the estate of Rafael Arcena, the aged Mexican multi-millionaire who died at the Hotel Plaza June 18, was made yesterday before Surrogate Cochran by Consuelo Carras de Arcena, the 35-year-old widow of the decedent. Arcena, who was 80 years old at the time of his death, was a resident of Torreon, Mexico, near which place he had extensive mining and ranching interests.

The widow stated that as far as she knows the decedent left no legal will, but on information and belief, she states, a document purporting to be the last will and testament of Arcena was discovered in this city immediately after his death and was hurried to Mexico City, where it was filed for probate. An exemplified copy was filed recently here and the petition stated that Arcena owned Manhattan realty valued at more than \$1,500,000.

In the will filed in Mexico no mention is made of the widow. The residuary estate, valued at nearly \$20,000,000, was to be divided between two granddaughters, aged 18 and 9 years, who live in Durango, Spain. The argument on the widow's petition will be heard on September 23.

MORE CROSSES AWARDED

Gen. Pershing Decorates New Yorkers Among Others.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The War Department announced to-day that Gen. Pershing had awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to the following officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Capt. Martin C. Rudolph, Charleston, S. C.; Lieut. Arthur E. Westphal, Hartford, Conn.; James J. Roach, South Boston, Mass.; and Joseph A. Mendelson, Washington, D. C.; Sergeants Ruth Bean, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Sidney H. Palmer, Richmond Hill, L. I., and George A. Caswell, Colt Springs, Hudson; Corporals Charles Cain, Waltham, Mass.; George Warner, Albany, and Fred Schick, Rosebank, S. I.; Privates Carl J. Gentry, immediately after his death; Duncans, Dearborn, Mo.; Daniel T. Warner, 3240 Woodbury street, Brooklyn; Louis H. Sweeney, Patchogue, L. I.; John G. Frya, Bartle, Mo.; Saxton C. Post, Somerville, Mass.; George R. Pratus, Providence, R. I.; Pietro Formica, Turin, Italy; Charles E. Epler, Dayton, Ohio, and Guy L. Borman, Hughson, Cal.

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