

DAINGER OF STRIKE ON I. R. T. LESSENS

Traction and Union Leaders Confer and Generally Are Optimistic. FRIDIGER IS FOR PEACE No Walkout in Any Event, Without Fair Warning, Counsel Asserts.

The local car strike forecast is cloudy and warmer to-day and to-morrow. Indications are that the storm which brought growth in Brooklyn, east of Manhattan and The Bronx without doing any damage. Experts predict nothing more serious within the next forty-eight hours than occasional gusts of wind.

This promulgation is the result of observations taken yesterday in the offices of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and affiliated lines, chambers of Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer, office of Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon and in the Hotel Continental. Representatives of the unionized street, elevated and subway workers have their headquarters. It was generally admitted that there is no possibility of a strike in the vicinity of City Hall.

All parties agreed that the likelihood of a strike being called to-day was small and Commissioner Nixon, who is leaving to-night for Washington, said: "I can assure you that there is no likelihood of a strike being called in any of the City Hall."

Commissioner Nixon is investigating the affairs of electric railroads, and he does not expect to return until Friday morning.

Hedges Not Worried. Job E. Hedges, receiver for the New York Railways Company, didn't look at all worried over the possibility of a strike made against him by Mayor Hylan in the letter which that official wrote to District Attorney Swann on Monday, and it was learned that the District Attorney had agreed to let him go without taking any action whatever on the Mayor's complaint.

Frank Hedley, vice-president of the Interborough, has no remarks to make about the strike situation. The Mayor of New York, but intimated that should a strike break, it would not catch him unaware.

What Unions Demand. Mr. Fridiger let it be known that the request which the union is planning to submit calls for recognition of the organization and better pay and working conditions, as did the demands which caused the B. R. T. strike.

He said that the pay received by car men in New York City is lower than what is paid in other large municipalities, and pointed to the fact that car men in Chicago and Boston get 15 and 16 cents an hour, respectively, in New York. In Boston, however, carfare has been raised to 10 cents on all lines above and below ground.

While Mr. Fridiger said that upward of 60 per cent of the employees of the surface, elevated and underground railroads of New York had enrolled with the union, it was learned that the leaders feel that further efforts at organization are advisable before taking any definite stand.

An extensive campaign is being carried on among carmen, conductors, motormen and subway guards for the purpose of strengthening the union before submitting any demands, and it was reported yesterday that the organization has enlisted the greater number of shopmen of the lines.

Many Recruits Claimed. A number of recruits are claimed by the union organizers from the ranks of that employees' body which was formed by Mr. Shonts after the last Interborough strike. This body, known as the Brotherhood of New York Railway Employees, is a cooperative organization which is composed of workers and run by the union under the name of the company, and it has protested in meetings within the last few days against "outside" interference with the affairs of the carmen—referring to the activities of the union.

Union Poll Is Protested. While they declare that they can easily show a membership larger than requirements, the union men were complaining yesterday that a bad precedent had been established. They contend that employees are often afraid to affiliate themselves with the union for fear of becoming targets for official wrath, and that a union having only 10 per cent of the employees on its rolls may have to pay for its maintenance.

These people, Mr. Fridiger explained, often sympathize thoroughly with the union but feel that they cannot take a chance of enrolling with it. When a strike is called, he said, they flock to the organization.

Mr. Fridiger spent a few hours yesterday with Commissioner Nixon, going over the enrollment records of the Interborough carmen's union, which were referred to the Public Service Commission Monday for the purpose of supporting their claims to more than 50 per cent membership.

Commissioner Nixon is having these records checked up with the employment lists of the company and will call the men to the office of the Public Service Commission in person to get their individual statements regarding their affiliation with the union. Officials feel certain that the required enrollment will be proved.

Rejected by Hylan. It became known yesterday that at last Saturday's conference in Judge Mayer's chambers a plan to end the B. R. T. strike by having the city name a third arbitrator to act with arbitrators named by the receiver and the strikers was rejected by the Mayor. The agreement finally adopted evolved from this scheme.

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NIXON DENIES FARE FORECAST.

Never Said 5 Cent Rate Was Necessary, He Declares. In view of a story published yesterday afternoon, which represented him as saying that an eight cent fare on the transit lines here was necessary and inevitable, Public Service Commissioner Nixon today made a statement.

S. F. TOLMIE TAKES SEAT IN CABINET

He Is First Live Stock Breeder to Fill Portfolio of Agriculture.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Sun. OTTAWA, Aug. 12.—The new Minister of Agriculture, Hon. S. F. Tolmie, was sworn in this morning by Supreme Court Justice Sir Louis Davies, acting as Governor-General, who is East to welcome the Prince of Wales. Dr. Tolmie represents Victoria city in Parliament, having been elected in 1917. He is a livestock breeder on a large scale and is the first of that branch of agriculture to be head of the department. British Columbia now has two Ministers in the Cabinet.

Sir Robert Borden has stated his intention of continuing that representation of the west coast province, to which he is entitled by reason of its importance and loyal support of the Government. The other Minister, Hon. Martin Burrell, may retire, and either H. W. Steeves or J. G. Green of Green's is expected to be appointed to the Ministry.

No announcement is forthcoming as to the successor to Hon. F. B. Carroll, former Minister of Public Works, who is chairman of the Railway Commission. But it is the policy of the Prime Minister to continue the coalition principle of government. There has been some talk of a party of a Conservative party convention, but the idea has been given no encouragement from Ottawa.

The die hard element of the Conservative party, led by Hon. Robert Rogers in the west, and the Toronto Conservative associations, found little support in recognized circles of the Unionist and to the government. The situation will be clear itself in this respect in the by-elections in the near future.

Maclean Likely Candidate.

Sir Douglas Hazen of New Brunswick has been in Ottawa recently, but no word is passed that he or any other Conservative is likely to be chosen. Hon. A. M. Maclean, the member for Halifax, is about to leave for St. John's to welcome the Prince of Wales, and will be absent from Ottawa for ten to twelve days.

Sir Herbert Ames has been appointed a director of the League of Nations. He is a member of Parliament for St. Antoine division of Montreal, and head of the Canadian Patriotic Fund which raised \$17,000,000 for protection and help of the soldiers during the war. He is familiar with French as well as English. The duties of the office will have to do chiefly with the finances of the league, estimates, revenue and assessments, control over the expenditures of the secretariat and pension system for the staff of the league. For the present Sir Herbert will retain his seat in Parliament.

Army Nearly Demobilized.

Demobilization has so far advanced that the Department of Militia has closed eleven of the twenty-one dispersal areas created to handle returned soldiers. It is expected that Portland, Me., will be discontinued as a receiving base for disabled soldiers this month. It has been an important port of service in the past.

So far 3,748 entry grants have been made for soldiers in the Western Provinces under the Soldiers Settlement Board. Many of these men have been able to finance themselves, but a fair proportion have availed themselves of the loans provided for them.

By Provisions the grader were: Manitoba, 1,124; Alberta, 1,702; British Columbia, 84. In April there were 346 entries on crown lands, 463 in May, 818 in June and 1,041 in July. About one hundred and fifty men have gone into the Porcupine forest reserve in north Ontario, and the Provincial Government is proceeding to construct roads and bridges in the district. The Minister of Railways has ordered an inquiry into the explosion at the Government elevator at Port Colborne. The loss of property is estimated at \$3,700,000. Ten men lost their lives.

Offer to Work More Hours. ROME, Aug. 12.—Premier Nitti, it is announced, has received a telegram from several groups of railway employees who offer voluntarily to increase the number of their working hours in order to increase national production.

STRIKE MAY END ON NEW HAVEN FRIDAY

Counting of Employees' Bal-lots Is to Begin To-morrow. 200 TRAINS STILL OFF Bar Harbor Express to Leave Here at 7:30 To-night Without Sleepers.

While approximately 200 passenger trains were out of service yesterday on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad as a result of the shompen's strike, hope was held out that the trouble may end before Saturday.

Bulletins posted yesterday at Grand Central Terminal and other depots of the line showed that many changes have been made in the company's revised schedule. On some branches traffic that was suspended entirely has been restored, while other parts of the service have suffered additional cuttings.

The lines heaviest hit by the strike are the various suburban routes located in the vicinity of New York, Boston and several other cities. The company officials have been obliged to sacrifice some of these lines in order to maintain the through train service.

At the company's offices here it was said that traffic, curtailed as it has been during the last few days, was moving smoothly, and that no more immediate cuts were contemplated, as the traveling public has taken cognizance of the situation and has adjusted itself to meet it.

Daily through trains between Boston and New York which will not be in operation until the end of the month. Train 45, leaving Boston week days 7:45 A. M. for New York. Train 15, Knickerbocker Limited, leaving Boston week days 1 P. M. for New York. Train 55, leaving Boston week days 1:40 P. M. for New York. Train 21, leaving Boston daily 3 P. M. for New York.

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Raymond Hitchcock Refutes Pe-hoeman's Testimony. Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, appearing as a witness for Silvio Hieb, a composer living at the Lamb's Club, controverted the testimony of Patrolman Hieb of the station in traffic court yesterday and had the satisfaction of hearing the charge dismissed. Hitchcock said he was driving in another motor car when he saw Hieb's car on Broadway and at Eighty-first street they were blocked for a few minutes by an ice cream wagon. He denied the charge that he had run over the curb.

Pipe chauffeurs of sightseeing buses were fined \$15 each for collecting fares from other places than the public hack stands, and one, Karl Anderson, in addition to his fine was given a day's jail sentence. Anderson protested that the police were not to be taken in the taxi game and named some of the officers whom he accused. Magistrate Cobb said sharply he did not believe him and increased the punishment.

JAPANESE SEIZED AS PARK HIGHWAYMAN

Soldier Captures and Beats Him With Own Pistol. Sergeant John Bunick of 527 West Thirtieth street, attached to the Motor Transport Corps, recruiting duty, had a soldier of the old Sixty-ninth Regiment during the fighting in France, was sitting on a bench in Central Park last night when Miss Katherine Sider of 403 West Fifty-fourth street when a Japanese came along and asked the way to Fifth avenue.

Sergeant Bunick told him, and the Japanese sat down on the bench beside Miss Sider. The girl became nervous and suggested to the soldier that they leave the park. But as they got up to go to the Japanese, who later gave his name as Cadasai Sino of 524 Lexington avenue, drew a revolver and pointed it at Sergeant Bunick.

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