

PILOTS OF AERIAL MAIL PLANES STRIKE

Compelled to Fly in All Weather, U. S. Birdmen at Three Stations Quit

ACTION TO REINSTATE MEN

By the Associated Press New York, July 25.—A strike of air mail pilots began today, no aviator appearing at Belmont Field to take out the plane with Chicago mail due to start for Bellefonte, Pa., at 5 a. m.

The strike, the first of its kind in the country, follows the refusal of the Postoffice Department to reinstate two pilots discharged for refusing to take out planes Tuesday on account of the fog. Postoffice officials at Belmont Park, L. I., the landing field for mail planes, stated that they had received instructions to give out no information concerning the aviators' action.

Hamilton Lee, one of the discharged aviators, said today in speaking of his dismissal: "I won't go up in foggy weather with a big machine which travels 100 miles an hour. The smaller ships are all right because they are slower. In foggy weather it is often necessary to fly only 150 to 250 feet above the ground and a high compression Liberty motor is apt to get hot at a low altitude, causing a forced landing. If I am traveling over a large city, such flying is dangerous to people below as well as to me."

Mover to Settle Strike Although it was announced by persons connected with the local office of the aerial mail service that mail deliveries to Washington would continue in spite of the strike of regular pilots, no request for aviators had been received at noon by officers of the army aviation field at Mineola, L. I.

Superintendent Stanton, of the eastern division of the service, went to Belmont Park to take action looking toward a settlement of the strike. He refused to discuss the situation, but it is said he will confer with the pilots whose recent discharge from the service led to their aviators' refusal to take out their planes.

Protest Not Heeded The birdmen allege that the planes they are compelled to fly in all kinds of weather with machines so poorly equipped as to make it difficult to fly even in good weather, and positively dangerous in misty or foggy weather because of poor visibility.

A protest against the discharge of the two pilots, Leon Smith and Hamilton Lee, was sent to Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger, Wednesday, giving him twenty-four hours to make known his decision. Mr. Praeger, in his reply which was received by the aviators last night, announced that the orders discharging the two men had not been revoked.

"They came into the service," Mr. Praeger's telegram said, "as every other pilot, with the knowledge that they must comply with the department's orders to fly with the mail and where flying conditions are such that they cannot operate they have the option to resign."

While the Washington-New York airmail plane left on time today despite the strike of pilots, the Postoffice Department had no official reports at noon to show that any others were in flight. A report from Chicago, however, said the machines in the western division were "leaving on time."

MARINE STRIKE END IS EXPECTED TODAY

New York, July 25.—(By A. P.)—Announcement of the settlement of the marine workers' strike is expected today. Raymond B. Stevens, vice-chairman of the United States shipping board, who came here Monday, has since had conferences with representatives of both the seamen and the employers. He intimated that virtually the only thing necessary to complete a compromise is the signatures.

Bank Victims More Hopeful

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An effort to force the hand of District Attorney Rotan has been made by Leo Weinstock, counsel for a number of depositors of the bank.

Lafean Mentioned Weinstock demands action against former insurance Commissioner Lafean and Mr. Ambler. If this is not done within forty-eight hours he declared in letters to Mr. Rotan and Banking Commissioner Fisher, he will proceed against the two former state officials.

The attorney says he has intimation to show that Ambler and Lafean, during their tenure of office, permitted the institution to remain open, although knowing the bank was insolvent.

Colonel Pusy was interrogated regarding the charges by the law enforcement division of the bank. The colonel has no information of any loans made to the former bank commissioner, but added that Mr. Lafean is found to owe the bank anything it will be gotten from him.

Mr. Weinstock was very indefinite in his reply when pressed to explain the connection between Mr. Lafean and the defunct institution.

"I only know what everybody knows," he said, "and if District Attorney Rotan subpoenas me I am here."

Mr. Lafean in denying today that he was concerned in any way in the bank trouble, said he had advanced \$2000 note which was paid upon maturity, and that his signature was not affixed for several months after he had retired from office.

He says he welcomes an investigation of his work as banking commissioner and denies all knowledge of the affairs of the bank, and of former Insurance Commissioner Ambler, who has assigned deposits of approximately \$223,000—funds of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company, which were in the defunct bank.

Japanese Decline Shantung Pledge

Continued From Page One Monroe Doctrine for the Pacific, upon the same lines that we propose to enforce the Monroe Doctrine against foreign nations out of the western hemisphere," said Senator Warren Harding, chairman of the Philippines committee.

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"We shall give the Philippines independence in our full time, and ultimately, after we have released, I believe they will be dominated by the Japanese in colonization," continued Senator Harding.

Hitchcock Points Moral Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, leading Democrat on the Senate foreign affairs committee, believes that Marquis Okuma's statement that the United States should cheer out of the Philippines shows the call of making rash statements in the Senate concerning nations with whom we are on friendly terms.

"Marquis Okuma belongs to the old-time, aggressive military element in Japan, which desires the domination of everything in the Far East by the Japanese," said Senator Hitchcock.

"I do not believe his statements represent the views of the majority of the Japanese toward the Philippines and I have no idea that what the Marquis said will hurry the United States in giving the Philippines independence."

Premier Hara, of Japan, according to advice cabled through official channels, has told representatives of the Kensei Kai party that should the disintegrators in China continue Japan may be compelled to adopt suitable measures "for safeguarding of Japan's interests."

Hara Expects to Win Wilson He is also quoted as saying: "The attempt on the part of some members of the American Senate to separate the league of nations proposition from the peace treaty must prove a rather troublesome question to America."

President Refuses to Present Treaty

Continued From Page One require the consent of each of the parties to make the treaty valid.

"Speaking purely as an American, I believe that our nation will be in much stronger as any other country in the world if this treaty fails," continued Senator Pittman.

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Two Automobiles Stolen

Thief in Third Attempted Robbery Scared Off by Shot

Thiefs of two more automobiles have been reported to the police.

In another robbery attempt the proprietor of a garage fired a revolver at the thief, who fled without securing any loot.

Jacob Feinstein, who conducts a garage at 3222 Columbia avenue, discovered a man walking from his place early today. The stranger was carrying four automobile tires. Feinstein fired one shot at the man, who dropped the tires and escaped. The intruder was described to the police as being about twenty-five years old, tall and slender.

The General Electric Company reported the theft of a \$600 automobile from Juniper and Sunson streets. It was taken last night. The \$1000 car of Walter R. Armstrong, 5000 Ellsworth street, was reported stolen from Woodside Park.

Connelly Considered as G. O. P. Choice

Continued From Page One From the main committee two important subcommittees will be selected: a campaign committee that will manage the campaign and a finance committee.

The Town Meeting party appreciates the character of the fight it is about to enter upon, and is arranging its affairs accordingly. It proposes to raise \$250,000 to finance the campaign. Of this sum, one-half has been already pledged, it is assured, and this before a finance committee has been named.

Senator David Martin, in published interviews, has declared Congressman J. Hampton Moore out of the senatorial race, and it is scarcely possible that he will continue to figure in the preliminaries. One of the inside secrets of the Independents was the hope that Senator Martin would declare for Mr. Moore as his candidate, and thus, as a result of an understanding with them, force him on the Vares. Mr. Martin's declaration has ruined all this. The possibility that Congressman Moore will become the candidate of the Progressives is so faint as not to be worth considering.

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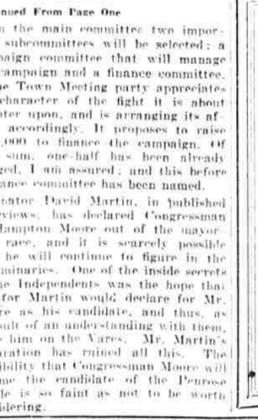


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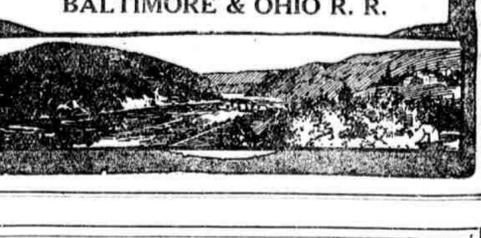


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