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RICHMOND RAILWAY WORKERS VOTE TO GO TO WORK. CONGRESS TO ATTACK STORAGE ABUSES TOMORROW. GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS COMING HERE WEDNESDAY.

SENATE AND HOUSE READY TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

Committees of Both Bodies Will Launch Probes of Profiteers.

REPUBLICAN FLOOR LEADER FORECASTS PROMPT ACTION

Declares Executive's Recommendations Will Be Made Quickly Effective.

LICENSING SYSTEM DISCUSSED

Senator Pomerene Points Out Principle Already Has Been Upheld by Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, August 9.—President Wilson's program for legislation to control the prices and distribution of food supplies will be taken up by the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate next Monday. The committee held a meeting this morning and decided to go over the text of the President's message as a basis for legislation which they will recommend to the Senate. Hearings on new cold storage legislation recommended by the President will also begin before the House Agriculture Committee Monday, Chairman Haugen announced late today. It is understood that the measure as proposed would limit the time in which supplies might be held and compel disposal of them after the permitted period.

Republican Leader Mondell declared in the House today that Congress was ready to act promptly on such legislation as needed to carry out the suggestions made yesterday by President Wilson for reducing the high cost of living.

Make Further Appropriations.

Further appropriations suggested by the President will be made quickly, Mr. Mondell said.

"Congress stands ready to consider any estimates," declared the Republican leader, "and hopes such estimates as are necessary and essential will be submitted to Congress as promptly as possible. All appropriations found necessary and needed will be made as soon as possible."

In regard to legislation, Mr. Mondell said some of it could be enacted promptly, while that affecting "profoundly the policies of the government" would be debated. All will receive the active and quick consideration of the House, he added.

All special agents of the Department of Justice over the country have been ordered to assist district attorneys in uncovering evidence of profiteering in foodstuffs and other necessities.

Attorney-General Palmer's instructions were that the special agents should drop everything but the most pressing cases now pending and devote their entire attention to assisting in the campaign to reduce the cost of living. The result will be to put hundreds of trained investigators in the search for men who have inflated prices exorbitantly.

While it was not so stated, the impression was gained that nothing but the investigation of radical propaganda which resulted in recent bomb outrages would be allowed to interfere with the efforts to punish profiteering.

Most of the members of the committees are in accord with the President's recommendations in favor of legislation to regulate the storage houses and to license the distributing agencies. Some opposition to the plan of branding all foodstuffs with the price paid the producer was expressed at the committee meeting, but no definite stand was taken against it.

Watson for Licensing Plan.

Senator Watson, Republican, of Indiana, expressed himself strongly in favor of the licensing plan, but is not inclined to favor a general scheme of price-fixing. He believes strongly in legislation to limit the exportation of foodstuffs and pointed out that during the year ended June 30, 1919, the exportations from the United States of food materials amounted in value to $2,504,000,000.

The Senator is of the opinion that the exports are largely in excess of what should be allowed under the existing state of production in the United States. He said he could not foresee how prices in this country will fall so long as exports in excess of the normal surplus are permitted.

Senator Pomerene, Democrat, of Ohio, explained to the committee that in his opinion there is no doubt of the right of the Federal government to license and control all storage houses whose contents enter into interstate commerce. He pointed out also that the States have the right to license cold storage plants and warehouses which held goods for interstate traffic.

Principle Already Upheld.

Senator Pomerene found this authority in a decision rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Munn vs. Illinois, in which the validity of a law passed by that State to license grain elevators was upheld. The court ruled in a decision written by Chief Justice Waite that the grain elevators were in the nature of a public utility, and as such were subject to State regulation.

In the decision it was stated:

"When the owner of property devotes it to a use in which the public has an interest he in effect grants to the public an interest in such use, and must, to the extent of that interest, submit to be controlled by the public for the common good, as long as he maintains the use. He may withdraw his grant by discontinuing the use."

The court held that the rights of property cannot be taken away without due process, but laid down the principle that the State has the right to say what the reasonable charge for such service should be. This, the court said, "establishes no new principle in the law, but only gives a new effect to an old one." It was also held by the court that "where warehouses are situated and the business is carried on exclusively within a State, she may, as a matter of domestic concern, prescribe regulations for them, notwithstanding they are used as instruments

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Federal Agents Begin Probe for Hoarders

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, August 9.—Tangible results from the investigation of hoarding and profiteering initiated by Attorney-General Palmer are expected to develop in the immediate future as the result of an order today directing the entire secret service of the Bureau of Investigation to assist the forces now at work trying to uncover instances in which the public has been gouged by the illegal control of prices.

Officials of the Department of Justice said reports from many sections of the country showed the search for evidence of extortion in the necessities of life was proceeding vigorously, and it was indicated that many prosecutions might come very soon.

ELEVATOR'S EXPLOSION COSTS LIVES OF EIGHT

Twenty Others Injured in Catastrophe at Port Colborne, Ontario.

MUCH GRAIN IS DESTROYED

Spontaneous Combustion Believed to Have Caused Disaster—Financial Damage Estimated to Have Reached Sum of $1,800,000.

[By Associated Press.]

PORT COLBORNE, ONTARIO, August 9.—Eight persons were killed and a score were injured, seven of them seriously, in an explosion which wrecked the large government grain elevator on the Welland Canal here this afternoon.

Four of the bodies have been recovered; one has been located in the debris of the elevator and three others are in the wreck of the barge Quebec, which lies on the beach outside the harbor, where she was towed to prevent her sinking.

The financial loss is estimated at $1,800,000. Spontaneous combustion is believed to have caused the explosion.

The superintendent of the elevator, D. S. Harvey, was among the injured.

The explosion occurred shortly after the elevator hands returned to work following their dinner hour. The concussion shook the whole town, and windows in nearby buildings were smashed. Flames spread through the wreckage but because of fireproof construction they soon burned out, and an hour after the explosion, rescue parties were at work.

The barge Quebec, moored at an elevator leg, was smothered under a pile of wreckage as she heeled over and a huge rent was torn in her side by a block of concrete. To prevent her sinking she was towed outside the breakwall and beached.

The elevator was built eight years ago at a cost of $2,000,000. It had a capacity of more than 2,000,000 bushels and the bins were said to be about one-third filled with grain, mostly wheat.

JENA UNIVERSITY MAN, SUPPORTER OF THEORY OF EVOLUTION, IS DEAD

Professor Ernst Heinrich Haeckel Carried His Researches Farther Than Darwin.

[By Associated Press.]

JENA, GERMANY, August 9.—Professor Ernst Heinrich Haeckel, professor of zoology at the University of Jena, and famous throughout the world for his research work supporting the theory of evolution, died here today.

Present-day knowledge and theories of evolution along biological lines are largely indebted to scientific researches made by the venerable Professor Ernst Heinrich Haeckel, whose death is reported today. Next, in fact, to Darwin and Wallace, it was said no one had done more to sustain, explain and defend the doctrine of evolution than Haeckel.

He was the leading exponent of evolution upon the continent of Europe, and he carried his researches far beyond those begun by either Darwin or Wallace. Some index to the influence which he had on the scientific world is furnished by the fact that his literary output amounted to some fifty scientific works, including nearly 20,000 printed pages and that the principal editions have been translated from the original German into fifteen different languages.

Professor Haeckel was the first to draw a genealogical tree exhibiting the relationship between the various orders of animals with regard both to one another and their common origin. In a notable paper before the International Zoological Congress, in 1898, he traced the human race back to simple structureless masses of protoplasm.

WILSON PLANS TO START TOUR OF COUNTRY AUG. 23

Will Combine League of Nations and High Cost of Living In His Speeches.

(By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 9.—The outlook for the President's carrying out his plan to make his swing round the country and visit the Pacific Coast was very favorable today. In official circles it is taken for granted that the President will leave Washington about August 23 and that he will reach San Francisco about September 2.

The President's mind is now occupied with the preparation of the speeches he will make during his swing around the circle. The two dominant subjects will be the league of nations and the high cost of living. As indicated by the earlier part of his message yesterday to Congress, the President will use the high cost of living situation to re-enforce his appeal for an early ratification of the peace treaty by acceptance of the league of nations covenant.

MANY START FOR EUROPE

Ocean Liner, However, Is Forced to Return to Port Because of Broken Apparatus.

SAVANNAH, GA., August 9.—The City of Atlanta, sailing for New York this afternoon with a heavy passenger list, was forced to turn back because of a broken steering apparatus. It was not know tonight when the voyage would be resumed.

STATE MOTORISTS PREPARING FOR RUN

Many Good Roads Advocates Already on First Leg of Trip Here.

THOUSAND CARS TO PARADE

Plan Special Moving Picture Show Wednesday With Autoists as Audience.

Virginia motorists in every county in the State are preparing today for participation in The Times-Dispatch "Booster Run." Many of the good roads advocates have already started on the first leg of the overland trip to Richmond, where they will parade before the Commonwealth's legislators next Wednesday, when the special session of the General Assembly convenes to enact highway laws.

In the Southwestern section of the State the motorists gather at Bristol and other points today and begin the journey eastward, growing in numbers as they travel. Scores of other delegations will join them at Roanoke, Lynchburg and other points.

Plans are practically completed for the big parade here next Wednesday evening, when it is expected that 1,000 cars from various sections in Virginia, bearing on their mudguards the mire of the Commonwealth's highways, will proceed through Richmond streets, actual evidence of the need of proper legislation.

Special Movie Film.

The line of parade, and other events in connection with the "run," were announced last night. At 5:15 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon all good roads advocates and those who participate in the "run" to Richmond, as well as Virginia's legislators, will be guests at the Lyric, where a good roads film will be shown.

This film is introduced with a good roads message from President Wilson, and the picture rapidly traces by maps and scenes the nation's growth from colonial days to the present, and the development of transportation from the hunter's pack to railroad flyers and motor trucks.

Ninety-nine per cent of America's 2,000,000 miles of roads are unimproved. How this short-sightedness hampers industrial and social progress is shown in the film by struggles of trucks in the deep mud of main highways, by the stalling of army motor transport trains because of the roughness of badly built roadways, and by the comparison of slipshod road construction with that which was made to endure.

What good trucks and well built roads do will be shown in striking views of trucks rushing up troops to beat back the Germans, of the transport of supplies to the allied front lines, of military trucks in the Italian mountains, of American farmers motoring to town with their products, benefiting both themselves and the consumers, and of many other examples of advanced transportation methods.

Parade Route Given.

The parade of automobiles will form at Byrd Park at 6:45 o'clock Wednesday evening. All Richmond motorists are invited to participate. The line will be headed by J. A. Kline, president of the State and City Automobile Dealers' Associations. Officers of the State association will come next and then the Richmond Dealers' Association and the band. Immediately following will come the "boosters" from every part of the State.

The line of parade will be north on the Boulevard from Byrd Park to Monument Avenue, down Monument Avenue to Franklin to Foushee, north on Foushee to Grace, east on Grace to the Capitol, which will be circled, the cars passing out on Ninth Street and north to Broad and up Broad to Belvidere, where the parade will disband.

Word was received yesterday that the Petersburg delegation will come with a band, which will participate in the parade. The Lyric has been opened for showing of the film by Manager Charles Rex, and a full house is expected, as the film is reported as one of the most complete ever produced on good roads.

There will be a meeting tomorrow night at the Business Men's Club of the Richmond Automobile Dealers' Association, when final arrangements for Wednesday will be completed and reception committees appointed to care for the many visitors.

SHERIFF ARRESTS FARLEY ON FLAT TOP MOUNTAIN

Alleged Leader of Outlaw and Moonshiners' Band Now in Jail in Beckley, W. Va.

(By Associated Press.)

BLUEFIELD, W. VA., August 9.—Manderville Farley, alleged leader of an outlaw and moonshiners' band in the Flat Top Mountains, and charged with desertion from the army and abduction of the fourteen-year-old daughter of Kenneth Abshire, a farmer, was arrested today by the sheriff of Raleigh County. He was captured in the mountains with his brother, Maitland, and the girl, whom, it is alleged, he abducted. The three were placed in jail at Beckley, W. Va.

When arrested the Farleys, though armed, made no resistance. Deputy sheriffs are searching for the remainder of the band.

Posses from Raleigh and Mercer Counties have been searching for Farley since his alleged abduction of Abshire's daughter several weeks ago.

BANDIT-CHIEF SURRENDERS

Carranza Advises Mexican Embassy Result of Campaign Against Outlaws.

WASHINGTON, August 9.—President Carranza has advised the Mexican embassy here that the bandit chief, Roberto Jameson, has surrendered to Mexican forces in Coahuila, and that bandits in the Tamesi River region have been attacked by government troops, which recovered eighty-six horses and more than 200 head of cattle, some of which probably were stolen from American citizens.

York to Start School.

NASHVILLE, TENN., August 9.—Application for a charter for the Alvin C. York foundation was filed with the Secretary of State Saturday morning by George N. Welch. The specific purpose is given as "establishment of a nonsectarian Christian school or schools" in the mountain section of the State.

H. C. L. WILL SHARE STAGE WITH ROADS

Food Situation Calls Forth Companion Regulatory Measures From Governor.

HIGHWAY BILLS ARE READY

Expect Little Delay in Handling Legislation—Senator Goolrick Completes Draft of Bills.

Sharing with the high cost of living the spotlight of popular thought, legislation which will express the desire of voters of the State of Virginia for better highways will take the center of the stage in legislative effort when the General Assembly convenes here in extra session on next Wednesday.

Called by themselves for the especial purpose of meeting Federal appropriations of about $5,000,000 with an equal amount, extending over the period to July, 1922, before the food situation became so acute, it is likely that the Legislature will devote its time entirely to these two emergencies.

Redrafts Former Measure.

Governor Davis has announced that, in view of the food situation, he will have introduced at this session two companion measures, one designed to brand as criminal any attempt to combine in restraint of trade or business and the other to regulate food storage in Virginia. Both will carry jail sentences for violation and will be administered under the supervision of the State food and dairy commissioner.

The anti-trust measure is a redraft of the one which was introduced in the last Legislature at the instance of the chief executive. It is being perfected by Charles H. Morrisette, director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, and will be so drawn as to give the widest possible latitude to the efforts of officers of the law.

Expect Little Delay.

Under the companion measure, storage will be limited to a reasonable date, to be fixed in the law, a special license tax will be required for the storing of products, the date of storing will have to be stamped upon the products, as also the date of removal, and periodical reports upon the quantity, kind and condition of food so stored must be submitted.

Little delay is expected in the handling of roads legislation. The Virginia Good Roads Association executive committee, at a meeting held some time ago in Richmond, authorized Senator C. O'Conor Goolrick, of Fredericksburg, to frame the necessary bills. This Senator Goolrick has done.

The association at this meeting decided that a tax on general property for roads of 15 cents on the $100 probably would be necessary, together with an increase of 50 per cent in the automobile license tax.

TRIAL OF EX-KAISER WILL TAKE PLACE IN HISTORIC STRUCTURE

London Paper Says Noted Case Will Come Up Next April.

(By Universal Service.)

LONDON, August 9.—Announcement is made by the Evening News that the trial of the former Kaiser will open in April at Hampton Court and that Lord Finlay probably will preside over the court. Lord Finlay is to sail in a few days for a tour of the United States and Canada.

Hampton Court is a historic structure on the Thames, fifteen miles southwest of London, in Middlesex. It was planned by Cardinal Wolsey as a residence and was formerly one of the royal palaces. It is surrounded by beautiful grounds.

The Right Honorable Robert Bannatyne, Lord Finlay, G. C. M. G., is Lord High Chancellor of England. He is seventy-seven years old and has been solicitor general and attorney-general of Great Britain.

Wm. Hohenzollern, former Emperor of Germany, now a refugee at Amerongen, the Netherlands, is charged under the treaty of Versailles, with "a supreme offense against international morality and the sancity of treaties."

The international tribunal appointed to try the former Kaiser, will be composed of five judges, representing the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. Sir Gordon Hewart, solicitor general of Great Britain, probably will be the prosecutor. The King's Council Chamber at Hampton Court is likely to be the scene of the trial.

FIFTY KILLED IN BATTLE OF GERMANS TO GET FOOD

Troops at Chemnitz Overpowered and Meat of Slaughtered Horses Is Distributed.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, August 9.—Fifty persons were killed during disturbances yesterday near Chemnitz, a railroad station, thirty-eight miles southwest of Dresden.

Troops were overpowered and disarmed by a mob. The soldiers' horses were slaughtered, and the flesh distributed to the crowd. Many wounded persons are in the Chemnitz Hospital.

Additional troops are being sent to quiet the disorders.

SOVIETS OUT OF POWDER

Bolshevist Troops Unable to Continue Campaign Against Admiral Kolchak.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, August 9.—The Bolshevists are suffering a shortage of munitions and have been obliged to cease operations against the troops of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all-Russian government at Omsk, according to advices received here today.

Street Car Men to Strike.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 10.—All street car conductors and motormen in Charlotte and Winston-Salem and Greenville and Anderson, S. C., will go on strike this morning it was announced at the conclusion of a lengthy conference of the carmen at 2 A. M.

Mountain Excursion, N. & W.

August 19. Low fares.—Adv.

SHOPMEN DIVIDE ON PROPOSAL TO RETURN TO WORK

Thousands Vote to Resume Duties, While Others Stay Out.

OFFICIALS THINK SITUATION WILL GRADUALLY IMPROVE

Chesapeake and Ohio Employees at Cincinnati to Continue Strike.

S. A. L. MEN, HOWEVER, RETURN

Impression Prevails Majority Will Heed Warning Issued by President Wilson.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, August 9.—Refusal of 1,200 striking shop employees on the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Louisville and Nashville Railroads to return to work, after a meeting of the strikers' representatives in Covington, Ky., today blasted the hopes of operating officials and the United States railroad administration for an immediate lifting of the embargoes in the Cincinnati district.

The men voted to remain on strike until their demands are met by the railroad administration.

At Montgomery, Ala., the 1,200 striking shopmen today voted to return to work, provided proper assurances of a speedy and satisfactory adjustment of demands, retroactive as of January 1, 1919, is given them.

Seaboard Air Line and Norfolk and Southern shopmen, who have been on a strike here since Friday, August 1, completely tying up the freight traffic out of Raleigh, N. C., and severely crippling passenger service, voted to return to work immediately this afternoon under the advice of their grand lodge officers and with assurances from them that an adjustment would be reached.

Five Hundred Involved.

Five hundred men were involved at Raleigh and points in the immediate vicinity, and the men go back to work with the yards crowded with bad-order cars and engines needing repairs.

The resolution adopted at 5 o'clock this afternoon in a meeting of the shopmen expressed no confidence in the national officers of the national organization, and asserted that the "labor men of the United States are under lasting obligation to the President, who has always been fair and just in his dealings."

A message from Atlanta, Ga., tonight said that although union railway shopmen in Atlanta and Birmingham continued to remain away from their work today, the promised return Monday of 4,000 striking shopmen at Macon, Ga., and Albany, Ala., improves the situation in the Southeast.

Two Thousand Vote to Begin Work.

Two thousand shopworkers of the Central of Georgia, Southern, Georgia Southern and Florida, and Macon, Dublin and Savannah Railroads employed in Macon shops voted by a substantial majority to resume their work Monday. At Albany, Ala., where 2,000 men have been on strike at the Louisville and Nashville shops, a mass-meeting was held with a result that a vote favorable to return was tabulated. At Savannah, Ga., and Montgomery, Ala., shopworkers agreed to return under conditions which have not as yet been definitely settled.

So far as Atlanta was concerned, the shopmen remained firm in their refusal to resume work. Another mass-meeting was held today, and additional resolutions were adopted emphasizing the men's determination to remain out until wage increases were granted.

Word was received tonight from Columbus, Ga., that 500 shopmen who had been on strike at a mass-meeting late today voted to return to work pending action on their wage demands by Director-General Hines.

Shortly after the meeting the regular night shift reported for work at the Central of Georgia shops and were assigned to their regular duties.

Birmingham Holds Out.

Birmingham striking railroad shopmen, who walked out last Saturday, steadfastly refused to return to work to await action by the President in a mass-meeting today. A telegram sent last night to Director-General Hines, declaring that the men would not compromise unless they had been assured of "time, date and amount," was fully indorsed at the meeting today.

From East, South, Southwest and the Far West came reports that the men had decided not to return to work until their wage demands were met. Advices from Atlanta, Ga., were to the effect that the executive committee of the federated shopmen had adopted resolutions not to resume operations until their wages had been adjusted.

Denver, Col., reported a similar attitude on the part of more than 3,500 men in the railway shops there, and Little Rock, Ark., messages stated that 1,800 workmen at that point had decided not to go back to their jobs until they were assured of more pay. Indianapolis shopmen also were holding back, while in the East many shopmen in the vicinity of Boston decided to remain out.

Return at Kansas City.

At Kansas City 4,000 of the craftsmen were reported at work.

Limited embargoes on freight were continued on nearly all roads, but the most pronounced freight regulations incidental to the strike were on the New England lines.

While several of the railroads announced the discontinuance of passenger trains, principally locally, the Chesapeake and Ohio gave notice of the restoration to schedule of two trains between Cincinnati and Chicago.

Strike Faction Dominates.

A Chicago dispatch tonight says that representatives of the Chicago district council of the federated railway shopmen's union, which called a strike August 1 in defiance of the international officers of the shop crafts unions, today dominated conferences at which some of the international officers sought to have the men return to work in obedience to the wishes of President Wilson.

The council sent a telegram to the President stating that until some con-

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Stockyard Workers Return to Work Monday

[By Associated Press.]

CHICAGO, August 9.—Striking stockyard workers at a mass-meeting today decided to return to work Monday. Withdrawal of the militia from the yards yesterday and of the deputy sheriffs today was satisfactory to the men.

In some quarters it had been believed the union leaders would demand a closed shop with discharge of the 9,000 negroes not members of the unions. About 3,000 negroes are said to be members of the unions.

PLUMB PLAN ADVOCATES SEEK SUPPORT OF PUBLIC

First Conference Held for Extending of Movement Out of Unions.

TARHEEL JUDGE IS CHAIRMAN

Walter Clark, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of North Carolina, Leader in Effort to Interest All Classes.

(By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 9.—Readjustment of the forces behind the Plumb plan for the nationalization of the railroads so as to include interests other than those of organized labor was begun today.

The first of a series of conferences, which will mark the extension of the activities of the railroad brotherhoods and other labor organizations to men and women in every walk of life, was held this afternoon, and Judge Walter Clark, chief justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, was elected temporary chairman. The men who responded to the invitation sent out by Glenno E. Plumb, counsel for the organized railroad employees of America, and Edward Keating, manager of the Plumb Plan League, were in session all afternoon, and will resume their sitting Monday.

Intention of Meeting.

The intention of the meeting was described as follows:

"A definite policy will be agreed upon to protect the public's interest in the solution of the railway program. The purpose of the movement is to effect a clarification of national thought upon the basic principles involved in the so-called Plumb plan for the nationalization of the railroads under tripartite control, with especial reference to the principle loosely known as 'industrial democracy.'"

The first meeting was an executive session. Among those in attendance were Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas; Professor Edward Bemis, of New York City; former Governor Dunne, of Illinois; Frederick C. Howe, commissioner of immigration of the port of New York; J. A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the executive committee of the committee of forty-eight, and Morris L. Cook, consulting engineer, of Philadelphia.

Meet With Union Chiefs.

This group met with A. B. Garretson, adviser of the Order of Railway Conductors; James J. Forrester, grand president, Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, and other officials of railroad labor organization who are now in Washington.

An announcement from the headquarters of the Plumb plan said this afternoon's session was devoted to the presentation of the theory of the brotherhood's railroad plan and to an examination of the evidence in Mr. Plumb's possession showing that the railroad properties of the country have been ruined by the manipulations of private owners. The statement also said that the conference was in direct line with the President's address before Congress yesterday, and that the proponents of the Plumb plan would seek an early audience with him.

BROOKLYN STREET CAR MEN CALL OFF STRIKE, RELIEVING CONGESTION

Receiver of Rapid Transit System Agrees to Recognize and Deal With Union.

(By Universal Service.)

NEW YORK, August 9.—The subway, surface and elevated strike of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit System, which for four days has paralyzed the transportation service of Brooklyn, was declared off tonight, following a prolonged conference at the chambers of Federal Judge Mayer. At the conference, besides Judge Mayer, were Mayor Hylan, Lindley M. Garrison, receiver of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, and Louis Fridiger, counsel for the striking employees.

The chief obstacle to an agreement was Receiver Garrison's unwillingness to recognize the union. Tonight he agreed to recognize and treat with the Union of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employees, provided the strikers can prove to him that at midnight on August 8 as many as 50 per cent of the company's employees were members of the union.

BLOW TORCH CAUSES TANK TO EXPLODE, INJURING ONE

Piece of Iron Becomes Lodged In Lower Part of Browning's Abdomen.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., August 9.—Gordon L. Browning, employed at J. T. Morris & Son's undertaking establishment, was seriously, if not fatally injured this evening by the explosion of an empty gasoline tank. Browning was using a blow torch mending a leak in the tank when the tank exploded blowing off the top of the torch, and the bottom and top of the tank.

A piece of iron or nut from the tank struck Browning in the groin and stuck in the lower part of his abdomen. Another piece struck him over the heart making an ugly and dangerous cut. Browning was rushed to the hospital and physicians regard his wounds as serious.

To Keep Navy Yards in Operation.

WASHINGTON, August 9.—A bill to appropriate $25,000,000 for repair and construction work in navy yards was introduced today by Representative Fitzgerald, Democrat, Massachusetts. The navy is now short of funds for this work, and it was announced recently that approximately 15,000 navy yard employees would have to be discharged unless additional money war appropriated.

STRIKE CALLED OFF AFTER CONFERENCE OF UNION MEMBERS

Workers Will All Be Returned to Places by Monday Morning.

FREIGHT WILL BE MOVED HERE RAPIDLY THIS WEEK

Men in Clifton Forge and Hinton Also Vote to Resume Places at Once.

AWAIT ACTION BY PRESIDENT

Railroad Employees Declare They Will Walk Out Again Unless Demands Are Fulfilled.

Railway employees, comprising shopmen, roundsmen, freight handlers, machinists and helpers, union members, who struck last Monday, refusing to work unless their demands were immediately complied with, voted unanimously last night at the City Auditorium to resume work at once.

Many went to work last night, commencing on the 11 o'clock shift. They took this action following the announcement by chairmen of committees, who conferred with railway officials yesterday afternoon, that the railroads would receive them back without any discrimination. The shopmen are to return to work on Monday; all others immediately.

The returning strikers, who admitted during the discussions that their walkout was without official sanction from their superior officials, made it clear that they resume work subject to favorable action by the President, and that if the demands made shall not have been satisfactorily met by September 2 they would again leave off work, their superior organization so ordering.

Many Attend Meeting.

The strikers more than half filled the great Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of approximately 4,000; and applauded generously and loudly when the vote showed that nearly all the men desired to again follow their industrial vocations.

Thomas B. Morton, head of the local Federation of Railway Employees, who presided over the meeting, at the conclusion of the count declared that the decision was in accordance with that being made by groups of strikers in other places. It would not do, he said, for Richmond railway men to be in the minority, and he warned that the success of the labor movement depended very largely upon public sentiment.

Telegrams received during the day from such points as Clifton Forge, Va., and Hinton, W. Va., where similar walkout occurred, and which were read out, told that the men at those points had decided to start to work again. Shortly after the vote here similar communications were sent out to strikers at Lawrenceville and other points where strikers had deserted the shops.

Freight to Be Moved.

Movement of freight piled up in the depots will begin at once, and the shopmen will work overtime for days and nights to get rid of the accumulated locomotives sent to the shops for repair.

All of the railroads entering Richmond are affected by the return of the strikers and also the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Works, where repair men responded to the local union call.

ROOSEVELT BEGINS CANVASS FOR NEW YORK LEGISLATURE

Makes First Political Speech in Place His Father Opened Campaign For Governor.

(By Universal Service.)

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 9.—Lieutenant-Colonel, Theodore Roosevelt delivered his first political speech since he announced his candidacy for the assembly from this district, by addressing the Republican county organization today at a Clambake. It was recalled that upon the return of the candidate's father from the Spanish-American war, when he was elected Governor of New York, he, too, opened his political campaign by speaking here.

Congress was characterized by Lieutenant-Colonel Roosevelt as a "rubber stamp" and President Wilson as "the whole show."

"The anti-Republican voters of this county," declared Roosevelt, "do not know which way to turn. It is the duty of the Republican party to get after these voters and show them that the Republican party is the only stable political organization.

"The Democratic organization has done its utmost to upset the American idea of a representative government."

POLICEMEN ON STRIKE

Shake-Up in City Government Causes Blue Coats to Parade Main Street.

[By Associated Press.]

MUSKOGEE, OKLA., August 9.—Thirty-four policemen, all but two of the local force, struck this afternoon at 4 P. M., and paraded the downtown streets in a body. The walkout was occasioned by a shake-up in the government, which resulted in the removal of Berg Hughes as chief of police. R. L. McAfee, appointed chief this morning, is taking steps to organize a new force.

POLICEMEN JOIN UNION

Ask for Eight-Hour Day and Establishment of Pension System.

(By Universal Service.)

BALTIMORE, MD., August 9.—Eighty per cent of the police force of this city, including sergeants and rounds sergeants, have joined a union movement for an eight-hour day and establishment of a pension system. Two police commissioners have given the movement their endorsement.