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## ILLINOIS CENTRAL FIREMEN THREATEN TO JOIN SHOPMEN ON STRIKE

### *Claim Road Is Mistreating Men—McComb City., Miss., Center of Shopmen's Strike, Placed Under Martial Law—Report No Union Men Returning to Work.*

Dissatisfaction among the firemen on the Illinois Central railroad threatens to further embarrass the railway, already said to be in difficulty because of the alleged demoralized condition of its rolling stock and motive power as a result of the shopmen's strike.

According to information in the hands of W. F. Kramer, general secretary of the Blacksmith's union, when engines from the Burnside shops become "dead," the present custom is to remove the crew and place the engineer on another engine as firemen. In this way two firemen are eliminated, instead of laying off the crew of the dead engine.

Reports of similar conditions are coming in to strike headquarters from other points on the Illinois Central.

Firemen are becoming angered at being laid off in such summary manner, and the matter will probably be brought before the I. C. officials, and a different arrangement demanded. Mr. Kra-

mer said that a jurisdictional fight between the firemen and the engineers was improbable as entire blame was placed on the I. C.

McComb City, Miss., one of the centers of the shopmen's strike, where state troops have been on guard since the strike began, was today under martial law on orders from Gov. Noel. It is understood the governor's action was based on representation to him that strikers who desired to return to work were being intimidated.

At strike headquarters it was said that the latter report was groundless. Labor leaders declared that they were more strongly entrenched at McComb City than at any other point, and there were no union men returning to work.

### LATE WIRE NEWS

The armour Packing company of Fargo, N. D., started today to fight against a suit brought up against the company by Pure Food Commissioner Ladd, charg-