

RAILROAD MEN WANT MINERS TO JOIN IN STRIKE

New York, Feb. 7.—Strike of 100,000 union coal miners and railroad workers is plan of agents of Railroad Men's union now in Mobile, conferring with heads of coal miners, according to reports here today.

W. S. Carter, president of Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen, and W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, were said to be directing efforts to combine miners and railroad men in demands for increased wages. Radicals among railway employes declared power of combined forces would compel employers to grant increases.

Conference between representatives of the soft coal miners and operators opens in Mobile tomorrow.

Conference with representatives of the hard coal miners will be held here Feb. 21.

Cleveland, Feb. 7.—Both Warren S. Stone, president of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. G. Lee, head of trainmen, today said they knew nothing whatever of reports that 700,000 union miners and trainmen were to strike simultaneously if wage demands were not met.

In statement to be printed in Thursday morning papers the four brotherhoods will answer railroads' arguments against increased demands, citing wage conditions in detail. It will also say that organizations are not opposed to arbitration, significantly remarking that they are neither pledged to accept it.

CANADA STANDS IN FEAR OF NEW BOMB PLOTS

Ottawa, Ontario, Feb. 7.—Sensational reports of discovery of new German plots were in circulation as parliament prepared to assemble this afternoon to discuss origin of fire that destroyed Canadian parliament buildings.

From Bridgeburg came report that Canadian guards had fired on row

boat which approached international bridge early today. Guards were immediately doubled on suspicion that an attempt was being made to dynamite bridge, spanning Niagara between Bridgeburg and Buffalo. Row boat pulled hastily for American shore.

Ninth Overseas battalion of 1,156 men arrived at Welland today to reinforce two other regiments guarding Welland canal and munition plants in that vicinity.

BULGARS DRIVE FRENCH BACK ON GREEK SOIL

Salonika.—In first skirmish between allies and Bulgarian troops since allies' retirement from Serbia 2 months ago, French outposts were outnumbered and forced to retire yesterday morning in region south of Lake Doiran.

London.—Bulgarian and Turkish troops moving toward Roumanian border to meet concentration of Roumanian troops against Bulgarian frontier.

Reported central powers have demanded partial demobilization of the Roumanian army and pledge of benevolent neutrality toward Austro-Germans and Bulgars. These demands, it was stated, have been ignored by Roumanian government.

Rome.—Durazzo, capital of Albania, probably will be occupied by Austrians before many hours. Austrian cavalry has reached Arzeni river, 4 miles from Durazzo, awaiting arrival of main body of Austrian troops which crossed river Ishmi early Sunday, after defeating Serbian detachment.

FIRE IN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Fire in the laundry building of the German Old People's Home, Forest Park, caused more damage to nerve than to the building. The 225 inmates were in a panic. Forty aged men and women, some of them ill, were carried from the hospital which was once threatened by the blaze.