

will be the first to obey the strike order.

The second blow to be struck will fall at 5 p. m. Sunday, when trainmen on the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio and the Virginia railway will go out.

If it is necessary to call out a third group the strike is scheduled for 5 p. m. Monday. This order is expected to effect all men still at work.

Local railroad managers have made no plans to combat the strike. From their attitude it appears that they are willing to test the strength of the unions at this time with the expectation that having fulfilled all legal requirements, the government may intervene.

Charles W. Ellis, special agent of the bureau of labor, and Ethelbert Stewart, federal statistician, are here to watch developments. Railway managers see in their presence an indication of the intention of the government to take over the roads in case of a showdown.

A strike would cause an inconceivable situation here, business men say. Factories would close and the food shortage would become acute almost immediately.

"How we will feed the people should the strike materialize, I cannot imagine," John O'Leary, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said. "Chicago, the center of the nation's bread basket would be the hardest hit of all."

Chief Schuettler has 600 policemen ready for strike duty. Can be rushed to any part of the city on 15 minutes' notice.

PRESIDENT MAY TAKE HAND IN RAIL DIFFICULTY

Washington, March 14. — That President Wilson will take a hand to check fulfillment of the railroad strike orders was the belief here today.

Some believed he would wait until after tomorrow's session in New

York between brotherhood chiefs and railway managers, but others thought he might before then make some kind of announcement aimed at stalling off the great industrial strife.

His advisers early today did not know certainly, though, what he may have in mind. The president's condition appeared to be better, but everything is being done to relieve him from mental and physical strain. He is still very weak from his grippe attack.

The brotherhoods professed before leaving for New York last night to be grimly set upon carrying out their strike plans should the managers fail to grant their demands. The union men say that their "progressive strike" is such as to give little inconvenience and suffering to the public as possible, compatible with winning their own cause. They point out that they have openly notified the president that strife will not be carried to a finish if war comes.

If a railroad strike is called, as is threatened, or if the United States supreme court declares the Adamson 8-hour law unconstitutional, new legislation may have to be substituted.

CIRCULAR OUTLINES ACTION OF RAILROAD MEN

Unless the railroad managers meet the brotherhood officials tomorrow in New York and come across with concessions, there will be a series of strikes beginning Saturday night on certain groups of railroads.

Unless the demands of the brotherhoods are met after the freight service strikes of five days, the strike will be extended to passenger service.

From one group of railroads to another the strike will be extended until every road in the country is tied up.

This in a nutshell is the plan by which the engineers, firemen and trainmen expect to attack the ~~cases~~