

MARINE STRIKERS SPLIT IN TWO CAMPS

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Nothing But Scale and
Conditions of 1920.

FIGHT OFF COMPROMISE
Part of Committee Still in
Washington Seeking Set-
tlement With Board.

BENSON'S STAND FIRM
Idle for Unions to Expect Any
Concessions, He Says Af-
ter Conference.

The situation in the marine strike last night indicated plainly that the strike leaders have split into two camps, one of which, composed of the "bitter enders," will accept of the shipowners nothing short of a return to work under the 1920 conditions. The other is disposed to compromise on the basis of accepting the wage cut and obtaining certain concessions as to working conditions. Whether the split will make a settlement possible will depend upon the attitude of the men when they hold their mass meeting Sunday.

Three members of the joint council of the marine engineers remained in Washington yesterday against the wishes of the other two members in New York, endeavoring to effect a settlement through the mediation of Secretary of Labor Davis. These three, Bert L. Todd, secretary of the Atlantic and Gulf conference; C. E. Thurston of Norfolk, and William Hyman of Baltimore, were formed by Thomas B. Healey, president of the Atlantic and Gulf conference, and Ernest F. Pegg of the Pacific coast conference, that the men would not stand for compromise measures and that they might as well return to New York.

The three persisted in remaining, but according to despatches from Washington no progress was made in their conference yesterday. Through Secretary Davis their proposals, which embodied the acceptance of the 15 per cent. cut with the compensating guarantee of an average of one hour a day in overtime to be paid for at overtime rates, were submitted to Admiral Benson. After an hour and a half's discussion no settlement had been reached. The conference will be continued to-day.

Before entering the conference Admiral Benson stated that "the compromise wage scale now in effect is the maximum scale at which the Shipping Board can operate ships and any talk of further compromise is idle."

Healey and Pegg stand firm in their position, asserting that the strike is practically won and that there is no call for compromise from the strikers. They announced also that the Oceanic Steamship Company in San Francisco and another steamship company in Houston had signed a twelve months' contract under the old conditions. Galveston reported that only one ship has sailed since the stop.

The split among the union leaders began Tuesday night when Healey and Pegg blocked the plan of Todd to have Secretary Davis address a meeting of the striking engineers. Secretary Davis was brought to the hall in Todd's machine. He asked if he might address the meeting and was informed by Healey that he could not. According to Healey, Secretary Davis said "he had nothing particularly to say to them."

To Sell Brooklyn Pier Lease.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Authority to sell the unexpired portions of the ten year lease executed between the city of New York and the Hamburg-American Line in 1913 covering the pier at the foot of Thirty-third street, Brooklyn, and the bulkheads adjoining, is contained in an executive order by President Harding made public to-day.

PANHANDLE STATE FIRE LOSS ONLY \$10,000

Blaze Caused by Cigar or
Cigarette Stub in Oil.

Francis R. Mayer, president of the United States Mail Steamship Company, said yesterday that the fire on the steamship Panhandle State Thursday night damaged the vessel only about \$10,000, and that she will be ready to leave New York next Wednesday, only a day behind her scheduled sailing. Earlier reports of the damage, he said, were greatly exaggerated.

Several members of the Panhandle State's crew made affidavits that the fire was set by marine strikers, but a survey by the United States Shipping Board engineers found this charge to be without foundation. The survey established that the fire was accidental, caused by an inexperienced member of the crew throwing a lighted cigarette or cigar on oil as it was being drawn from a tank.

SEVEN HOLDUP MEN GET HEAVY SENTENCES

Hotel Astor Robber to Serve
Forty Years.

Judge Charles C. Nott in General Sessions yesterday imposed a sentence of forty years in Sing Sing on Carl M. Weiner, who was found guilty Monday of holding up four persons on the second floor of the Hotel Astor, on December 15. Lawrence Hawthorne, who, with the other man, aided Weiner, was sentenced recently to from thirty to sixty years in Sing Sing.

Stavaro Dagnas and Anthony Graef, found guilty of robbing a party of card players of \$900, on March 27, were sentenced to from ten to twenty years. Four men, convicted of stealing jewelry valued at \$14,000 from the store of Abraham Duboff, 155 Christie street, on February 9, got the following sentences: Anthony Magano, ten years; Samuel Galanti, Alphonse Restiva and Thomas Davey, all eight to sixteen years.

Dead from Brother's Shot.

Miss Anna Conboy, 19, who was shot by her brother, Anthony, her inseparable companion, at their home at 20 Seventh avenue, Brooklyn, Saturday night, died yesterday in the Holy Family Hospital, Brooklyn. Her brother is confined there with a bullet lodged near his right temple, under a charge of homicide. He is expected to recover. Anthony served overseas, and the shooting was believed to have been due to mental derangement resulting from shell shock.

WOMAN IS ACCUSED IN GRISWOLD WILL

Countess da Contubia Says
Mrs. Drischman, Benefactor,
Influenced Her Mother.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, ATLANTIC CITY, May 20.—Attorneys for Countess Claire da Contubia of Milan, Italy, in a petition filed against the probate of the will of Mrs. Alice Gerry Griswold, the countess's mother, declare Mrs. Mary Drischman, a realty broker here, who was made chief beneficiary of Mrs. Griswold's \$200,000 estate, violated her deed of trust in administering the affairs of Mrs. Griswold and illicitly transferred the properties of the dead woman to others or appropriated them to her own use. They allege the estate at the time the deed of trust was executed was \$500,000. The case will come up at Mays Landing on Thursday.

Mrs. Drischman, who is the wife of a butcher, handled Mrs. Griswold's properties under a five years' deed of trust. The two women became devoted friends and Mrs. Griswold came to regard Mrs. Drischman as almost an indispensable factor in her life. The Countess da Contubia, to whom was left only \$500 in her mother's will and to whose children were bequeathed like amounts, has retained Clarence L. Cole, former Common Pleas Judge, and Clifford C. Shinn, a lawyer, to bring a rigid accounting by Mrs. Drischman, and have filed a petition in the Court of Chancery. It is alleged that "at the time of the making of said deed of trust Alice Gerry Griswold did not know the contents thereof and was incapable mentally of executing same or appreciating its contents, all of which was known to the said Mrs. Drischman."

The petition alleges that Mrs. Drischman bought properties from funds received under the deed of trust and that title to several pieces of land is in the name of Mary Drischman, trustee, and others who are holding title for her.

Dismiss Charge Against Broker.

The Grand Jury yesterday dismissed the complaint against Le Roy A. Strasburger, a broker of 50 Broad street, who was held for a Grand Jury examination on April 20. W. E. Ackerman, of Ridgely Park, N. J., complained that Strasburger had appropriated for his own use 6,000 shares of Midwest Texas Oil Company stock which Ackerman had given him to sell.

ZAYAS INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF CUBA

Gomez, Defeated Opponent,
Wires Promise to Cooperate
in Policies.

By the Associated Press. HAVANA, May 20.—Dr. Alfredo Zayas y Alfonso to-day became the fourth President of the Republic of Cuba. He took the oath of office before a brilliant assemblage in the national palace. The ceremony marked the end of one of the most bitter campaigns in Cuba's political history. Immediately after the inauguration, Mario G. Menocal, the retiring President, boarded a steamer for Key West, on his way to Europe for a vacation. He had held the executive power for eight years. Earlier in the day Gen. Francisco Capillo took the oath of Vice-President of the Republic.

Dr. Zayas was cheered by a cablegram from Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez, his opponent in the bitterly contested election last November, extending his felicitations and promising his cooperation. Gen. Gomez is at present in New York and his cablegram was considered an indication that his party will actively participate in the future work of the Cuban Government.

Policies to be pursued by Dr. Zayas were indicated in one of his recent addresses when he emphasized the need of economy in governmental expenditures and declared he would recommend to the Congress the reduction of the budget from \$135,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Conditions of unemployment expected on the completion of the sugar harvest could be met in part, he said, by giving idle men a chance to work on contra sign-

ways construction of which is planned in four provinces. Negotiation of a new commercial treaty with the United States was approved by Dr. Zayas. As means of solving the acute financial stringency in Cuba he advocated an extension of the moratorium, aid for banks by the issuance of adequately guaranteed paper currency and formation of a cooperative organization of Cuban banking institutions.

President Zayas received the following cablegram from President Harding: "On this the anniversary of the independence of Cuba, I send to your Excellency my most hearty felicitations upon your assumption of the high office of President of the republic."

"I wish to express to your Excellency my most earnest hope for the success of your administration, during which, I am confident, the bonds of friendship between the United States and Cuba will grow even stronger. Please accept as well my best wishes for your personal happiness and well being."

To this message President Zayas replied: "I am profoundly gratified by your cordial felicitations. I return an adequate salutation, and I am confident that the bonds of friendship and of good relations of every kind will each day become stronger between the United States and Cuba."



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