

TIEUP IS BEGUN ON AROOSTOOK

Engineers and Firemen on Strike For Higher Wages

NO FREIGHT TRAINS RUNNING

Passenger Service Partly Maintained by Strikebreakers—Three-Quarters of Bumper Potato Crop Awaiting Shipment to Tide Water Points—Paper Cars Are Held Up.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 20.—Strikebreakers are in the cabs of the Bangor and Aroostook railroad engines and an attempt is being made to keep the passenger trains on time despite the absence of the regular 150 engineers and firemen who are on a strike. Freight trains are not moving.

The striking enginemen and firemen ask an increase in wages from 12 to 24 percent. For instance, the engineers get \$3.75 to \$4.30 per hundred miles. They want 17 percent more. They claim this increase is not more than the scale adopted by all other eastern railroads. They also want shorter working hours and more comfortable accommodations at the terminals.

No violence is reported. The strikers have already asked mediation, but were told that the railroad's "pocketbook is empty."

It is feared the strike-breakers, not experienced in operating trains on the long grades and sharp turns of the Bangor and Aroostook system, cannot move the freight. President Todd admits it will be several days before any attempt can be made to try to start the freight trains. He is sure, however, that the strike-breakers can keep the passenger traffic on the move.

If the freight of Aroostook county cannot be kept going it will mean that New England housewives will have to pay more for potatoes. Only a quarter of the Aroostook bumper crop has been taken to the tide wa-

ter points, ready for shipment to the markets of New England.

The big newspapers of the country will soon know if freight on the Bangor and Aroostook is not moving. The Great Northern Paper company's big mill is located at Millinocket. This mill supplies many large dailies with white paper. Every working day in the year a carload of papers is hauled out of the Millinocket freight yards. Should freight traffic on the road cease these paper-carrying freight trains could not leave Millinocket.

Sheriffs and deputies yesterday swept through the towns and villages bordering the lines of the railroad and closed every barroom and "speakeasy," seizing considerable liquor and leaving orders that any resumption of business will mean trouble as long as the strike of the engineers and firemen lasts.

It is feared that in the event of a shutdown of the mills and factories through the suspension of the freight service the idle workers might become riotous.

At Millinocket there are large Italian, Polish and Lettish colonies, and it is feared that in this and similar mill places any shutdown might be followed by the workers taking sides with the men on strike.

Both sides stoutly maintain they are certain of victory. In opposition to the statements of the railroad officials the strike leaders say that within a week there will be no wheels turning on the Bangor and Aroostook.

The strike, in a roundabout way, involves the sale of this big railroad system, built a long while ago by F. W. Cram of Bangor. It seems Cram was forced out of office by financiers of the road. Arthur Holland of Concord, Mass., took his place. Many Aroostook people resented the forcing out of Cram. They have been on the warpath ever since.

Their time for revenge has come. They won't give the strike-breakers food or lodgings and the railroad fears that many of the imported men will have to sleep and eat in the railroad cars.

Suicide in Front of Train
Housatonic, Mass., Jan. 20.—Henry Buck, aged 67, committed suicide by jumping in front of a train. His body was terribly mangled. He had recently been discharged from a hospital and was despondent over his condition.

COLEMAN SIFTING JUGGLED ACCOUNTS

Embezzler Leaves Jail to Assist Bank Receiver

Boston, Jan. 17.—George W. Coleman, the convicted looter of the National City bank of Cambridge, is in Boston, explaining to the receiver of the wrecked bank his forgeries, false entries and methods of covering his thefts. Coleman is again at work on the books he manipulated as cashier of the bank.

Guarded by a deputy United States marshal, Coleman has left his cell in the Franklin county jail at Greenfield for at least ten days, and all of this time will be occupied in assisting the bank's receiver, John L. Bates, in preparing his suit against the directors of the bank. Bates has charged the directors with criminal neglect and the responsibility for all losses suffered by depositors of the defunct institution.

Step by step the former cashier is sifting out the accounts which he juggled during his efforts to secure money to "back" the faro game with "Big Bill" Keliher.

AT 80 GIVES HEALTH RULES.

Enjoy Yourself and Ignore Diet Tables, Says Sir George Birdwood.

Sir George Birdwood, officer of the Legion of Honor, laureate of the French academy and formerly professor of anatomy and physiology at Bombay, has contributed at the age of eighty his views on how to reach a ripe old age. His maxims are:

Don't think about your health. Enjoy yourself as much as possible. Ignore dietary tables.

Eat whenever you feel inclined. Look on the bright side of things.

Sir George is particularly scornful about the diet on which another contributor to the discussion thrives—namely, two meals of eggs, bread and butter daily.

"Such a life," he says, "would not be worth living. The great question is not how to live long, but how to live well."

Merriam's 5th Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

We have a larger stock to clean up this time than ever before, and for that reason shall make lower prices. These goods are all new goods and perfectly up-to-date unless otherwise specified.

BEGINNING JAN. 25

AND

CLOSING FEB. 3

\$16 to \$20 SUITS \$14.00 There are about sixty suits at this price and all new.	About 12 OVERCOATS from \$15 to \$20, at \$13.00
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\$12 to \$15 SUITS \$10.98 Only about fifty suits at this price	15 OVERCOATS from 12.00 to 15.00 at \$10.50
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10 OVERCOATS from 8.00 to 10.00, at \$7.50	\$10 Suits at - \$7.98 All the other Suits in the store at \$6.00
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All Fur Coats 25 p. ct. discount.
Gloves and Mittens 20 p. ct. discount.

All the Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Odd Pants, 25 p. ct. discount.

Men' Odd Pants

\$4.00 and 5.00 grades, \$3.25. \$2.50 and 3.00 grades, \$1.98
\$1.50 and 2.00 grades, \$1.25.

Men's Heavy Shaker Hose, 50c. grade at 39c. 25c. grade at 19c.
A lot of Wool Shirts, \$1.00 1.50 and 2.00 grades at 79c. 1.19 and 1.49.

Sweaters at Greatly Reduced Prices

We have a few dozen Grey Sweaters made with two pockets and a collar, 1.00 grade at 69c.

All Winter Caps, \$1 grade 75c., 50c. grade 35c.
\$1.00 Underwear, 79c. 50c. Underwear, 39c.

Neckwear at Greatly Reduced Prices

\$4.00 Shoes at \$2.98 \$3.50 Shoes at \$2.49

A large amount of goods not listed, which we shall sacrifice on. Mail or telephone orders given special attention.

All goods at these prices, cash.

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EXTRAORDINARY - ANNOUNCEMENT

A Great Reduction Sale

Of Ladies', Misses' and Girls' Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Furs, etc.

\$5. Messaline Petticoats Made of soft, lustrous finish messaline, light in weight, durable in texture, and will wear well. Handsome plaited flounce with new fringe effect. Black and the new colors. \$2.98	\$5.00 Girls' Coats Girls' coats, sizes 6 to 14 years, made of fine quality zibeline cloth, box style front, can be buttoned up close to the neck. Colors, navy, brown and green. Your choice for \$3.98	\$22., 25. and 30. Suits Suberly tailored suits of fine wool materials, in black and colors, this lot will include odd size suits for stout women. A variety of styles to choose from, and worth up to \$30.00. Sale price \$19.87
\$5. and 6. Wool Skirts Handsome dress skirts of all-wool serge, in navy blue and black, all splendid, new styles, girldle top, smartly trimmed, great values. Sale price \$3.98	\$10., 12. and 14. Dresses Stylish one piece dresses of all-wool serge, in black and colors. Made in the newest styles. Pretty collars in both circular and Robespierre effects, wonderful values. Sale price, \$7.98	\$15., 16. and 17. Suits Strictly tailor-made suits of all-wool serge, chevot and self stripe worsted, in black and colors. This season's styles, in the popular length coat, lined with satin, new style skirt. Your choice at 9.98
\$25., 28. and 30. Coats Handsone new coats of fine boucles, zibelines, vicunas, broadcloths and chinchillas in season's latest styles, with the new close fitting collars. This line includes odd size coats for stout women. Your choice for \$19.87	\$3.98 Raincoats Full length coats, the outside being a smooth rubberized surface, the inside of plaid to harmonize. Loose fitting, high military collar. Tan only. Sale price \$1.98	\$10., 12. and 15. Coats Women's, misses and junior stylish long coats in a variety of styles. Heavy wool materials, in plain colors and fancy novelty mixture. Garments worth up to \$15, your choice for \$7.98
\$23.00 Caracul Coats A warm, serviceable coat, made of heavy caracul cloth, in black only, full length, semi-fitted, lined throughout with fine quality yard dyed satin, rich gold shade, large shawl collar, deep turned back cuffs. \$15.87	\$65. and 75. Fur Coats Full length coats of choice quality, near seal and black, Russian Pony, lined throughout with Skinner's satin and beautiful brocade silk, semi-fitted back, large roll collar, your choice for \$47.50	\$18. and 20. Coats A large assortment of nobby coats for ladies, misses and juniors. Heavy wool cloths in plain colors and novelty mixtures, including the popular Boucle cloths with close fitting collars. Choice of this lot \$14.87
\$6. to 9. Girls' Coats Finely tailored coats of heavy wool chevot, in solid colors and fancy mixtures, 6 to 14 year sizes, very stylishly made, sale price \$4.98	\$3. to 3.50 Infants' Coats This lot will include infant's coats in 2 to 6 year sizes, the materials are bearskin, corduroy and heavy cloths, white and colors. \$1.98	Furs! Furs! Reduced Prices All fur coats, muffs, and neck pieces will be offered at greatly reduced prices, all of the popular furs will be shown during this special reduction sale.

\$4.50 Silk Waists \$2.98

This very special value we offer in a messaline waist in black and colors. Strictly tailor made, finished with the new Robespierre collar, beautifully trimmed with blue and white buttons to match the waist. Splendid holiday gift.
\$2.98

A Great Bargain Event

Unquestionably the greatest collection of high grade garments ever offered at a reduction sale in this town. This will give you an idea of the many good bargains that will be offered. Remember that this line has been secured on consignment from one of the most reputable houses in the Coat and Suit trade, and the reductions listed below are positive reductions from former prices.

One Day Only, Friday, Jan. 24th

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