

SHIPS TO BE USED IN CASE OF STRIKE

Workers at Steel and Ordnance Plant Have Transportation Means If Men Go Out.

"Should the street car men strike, the steamers St. John and Majestic will be at the disposal of the employees of the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company to carry them to and from work."

This was the statement of Charles H. St. John, president of the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamship Company, today. The Washington Steel and Ordnance Company has chartered the two vessels and will maintain a schedule which will enable the men to arrive at work on time, it is stated.

KILLS TEACHER, SHOOTS 2

Ferdinand Laudati Wounds Mother-in-Law, Tries to End Own Life.

STAMFORD, Conn., March 11.—Ferdinand Laudati, formerly of this city, now of New Haven, shot his father-in-law, Ernest Pumpi, a music teacher, in the latter's home here late yesterday. Six shots were fired, one of the bullets lodging in the brain. Pumpi died half an hour later in Stamford Hospital.

518,741 BRITISH PENSIONS

225,000 More Soon to Be Added to List, Says Senator.

LONDON, March 11.—The minister of pensions gave astonishing figures in the House of Commons when he came to review the operations of the new pensions department. He explained the ministry had charge of the following: Disabled men, 140,275; children of disabled men, 157,544; widows, 62,796; children of widows, 128,294; dependents of deceased men, 29,832; total, 518,741.

BETHLEHEM WINS AGAIN

\$13,000,000 Ship Contract Said to Have Been Sublet.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Another large shipping contract has been obtained by the Bethlehem Steel Company, it is learned, for cargo-carrying vessels of 6,500 tons and over, involving an expenditure of \$13,000,000. It is understood they are to be built for the Cunard Steamship Company.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT ILL.

LONDON, March 11.—The Duchess of Connaught, wife of the Duke of Connaught, uncle of King George and former governor general of Canada, is suffering from an attack of measles. It is officially announced and her condition is causing anxiety. The duchess was stricken with a bronchial affection in February, and the measles, accompanied by considerable bronchopneumonia, developed.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for the District of Columbia: Rain tonight and warmer; Monday cloudy and colder.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 noon, 3 p. m.

Tide Tables.

High tides—9:28 a. m., height 2.7; 9:59 p. m., height 2.3.

Low tides—3:55 a. m., height 0.4; 4:25 p. m., height 0.5.

Sun and Moon Tables.

Sun rose—6:25 a. m.; Sun sets—6:11 p. m.; Moon rises—9:15 p. m.; Moon sets—7:16 a. m.

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CAR LINES THREATENED BY STRIKE

Following are the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company on which the unionized motormen and conductors are employed and on which they threaten to strike:

- East Capitol, F street and Georgetown. Columbia line, from H street northeast, to Chesapeake Junction and Benning. Bladensburg line, from Fifteenth and H streets northwest. Capitol and Mt. Pleasant. Ninth street, Brightwood and Four-and-a-Half streets. Eleventh street and Anacostia. Branch line from Portland street and Nicholas avenue to the Giesboro steel plant. Takoma Park and Forest Glen. Georgetown, Tenleytown, and Rockville. Great Falls line, from Bradley Heights, Tenleytown, to Great Falls. Cabin John Bridge and Glen Echo. East Washington line, from Treasury to Eckington. Hyattsville, Riverdale, and Laurel, Md. LeDroit Park, Bureau of Engraving, and Wharves. Thirteenth and D streets (from Mt. Pleasant).

MOBILIZE TAXIS FOR STRIKE

Washington Companies Prepare for a Heavy Demand.

Washington taxicab companies today were making available for service all reserve equipment for any demands that might be made on them in the event of a tie-up on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric street cars.

None of the taxicab companies contemplate a regular schedule of trips from outlying points to Government department buildings, but the managers of the larger companies are preparing to supply any demand that might be made.

Taxicab rates for one to five passengers to any point in the city proper is 75 cents. This enables five persons to ride to and from their work each for 15 cents each way.

Touring cars, accommodating seven or more passengers, also will be available for street car patrons living on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company at a rate of 10 or 12 cents a head. Smaller cars, or jitneys, also are expected to be pressed into service, although no definite routes have as yet been mapped out by their operators.

MRS. KREISER HELD IN BAIL.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 11.—Mrs. Mary Kreiser waived a preliminary hearing here late yesterday on a charge of having murdered her husband on March 2 and was admitted to \$15,000 bond.

BERNSTORFF NEARS HOME

Returning German Ambassador Due at Copenhagen This Evening.

COPENHAGEN, March 11.—Count von Bernstorff, dismissed German ambassador to Washington, who arrived at Christiansia yesterday, is expected to arrive here this evening if the Frederic VIII is not held up by ice. Count von Bernstorff, it is understood, intends to proceed to Berlin immediately if he can catch a regular train or get a special train.

Count von Bernstorff reached Christiansia in the midst of a violent snow storm, and the Frederic VIII was completely covered with ice and snow. On reaching the quay several hundred members of the German colony and representatives of the legation gave the returning passenger an enthusiastic welcome, the first words heard by Count von Bernstorff as he entered the harbor being those of the German national anthem, sung by the assemblage at the pier. A few moments afterward the Germans boarded the ship singing "Deutschland Uber Alles."

The German minister to Norway visited Count von Bernstorff later on board the Frederic VIII. Passengers on the vessel said bad weather prevailed throughout the voyage, and that nearly all those on board were exhausted by seasickness from the numerous violent storms.

GERMANS ACCUSE U. S.

BERLIN, March 11 (via Sayville wireless).—Charge that the United States assisted the entente powers "a considerable time before the rupture between the United States and Germany" was made in a statement issued by the official government press agency today.

STRIKE BREAKERS READY FOR DUTY

Chief of Men Promises That There Will Be No Car Tie-up.

(Continued from First Page.) said before, however, Washington appears to be a peaceable community and we do not expect any rough stuff here."

Wardwell said that if called on to operate the cars here he would employ the same methods used in Bayonne, New York City, Buffalo, and other cities.

"We have a regular organization," he said. "I, as the leader, have a number of lieutenants, who have under them guards who in turn protect the motormen and conductors whenever necessary. We put five men on a car, two on the front end, two on the back platform and one inside the car.

Guards Ready for Duty. "The extra man on the front is expected to protect the motorman, and, if necessary, take his place in an emergency. The extra man on the rear platform guards the conductor and takes his place when necessary. The man inside the car keeps an eye on all four men and stands ready to aid any or all of them.

"In other cities our men have been furnished with 'gats' (pistols), while the guards were armed with Winchester. We have also had the protection of uniformed and armed policemen. I do not think all this will be necessary in Washington."

Asked if any arrangements had been made to provide him or his men with pistols here, Wardwell said there had not. He said that after looking the situation over he did not believe weapons would be necessary.

The strikebreakers' leader said he and his men had ridden over all the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company several times during the last week, and were familiar with the operation of the cars, the stops, where crowds got on and off, and where dangerous curves were situated.

On the Job Six Weeks. "We have been in touch with this situation for six weeks," said Wardwell. "I was down here six weeks ago with some of my men looking things over and getting the lay of the land. We have made preparations for more than a month to handle the situation and are ready when the company calls us.

"We are expecting orders late tonight or early tomorrow morning. There probably will not be many cars operated the first day of the strike, because people do not ride on the cars in such great numbers on the first day. After

that, though, we will maintain regular schedules on all the lines." Asked if the strikebreakers felt any compunction or had any scruples about taking the places of strikers, Wardwell said: "Certainly not. Strikebreakers are looking for work and a chance to make a dollar. If they can make it by taking the places of men who prefer to stand on their rights as unionists instead of working, it is all right with them. Every workman takes somebody's place, strikebreakers do not look at their work from a sentimental standpoint, but from a financial point of view.

WERE OUT OF WORK.

"Our men were out of work when they answered advertisements by employment bureaus to go to Bayonne, New York city, and Buffalo, and now that they have found regular employment, it does not matter to what city they are sent. We have no union. Every man looks after himself and finds work wherever he is sent, or gets paid while waiting for work.

"The Washington Railway and Electric Company has treated us as well as anybody could expect to be treated. We are living in good hotels, eating the best food, sleeping in good beds, and our pay is running along whether we work or not."

WOULD LICENSE CATS

Official Says They Do More Harm Than Weasel to Game.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 11.—State Game Commissioner John M. Phillips, wealthy local sportsman, has signified his intention of using all influence within his power to bring about the passage of the bill providing for the licensing of cats, now pending in the legislature.

Asserting that the cat is the most dangerous enemy to the rapidly diminishing quail, Phillips says Tabby should be exterminated, or, at least, be licensed.

The hunting dog, he avers, hundreds of times more valuable than the cat, must be licensed, while the cat, which exterminates more quail and rabbits in a season than weasels, foxes, or ferrets, is allowed to roam freely without cost to its owners.

A great fight is anticipated in the legislature as the result of the effort to place a cat license law on the statutes.

SACRIFICE FOR ECONOMY.

MARIETTA, Ohio, March 11.—More than 200 married women of this city, at a mass meeting agreed to do without their new spring bonnets. They also agreed to help their husbands with the gardening this spring in an effort to bring down the high cost of living.

Exquisite Fresh Cut Violets—Will add much to the charm of milady's spring costume. Gude's, 1214 F St.—Adv.

PULLMAN INSTRUCTS OFFICERS ON STRIKE

With Captains and Lieutenants, Lays Plans for Keeping Order.

With the city apparently on the verge of another street car strike, Major Pullman, Superintendent of Police, is in conference in the boardroom of the District building this afternoon with his captains and lieutenants, laying final plans for handling any emergency that may arise.

The full reserves of all precincts will be called to their respective station houses at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Leave of absence will be granted policemen only in extreme cases of necessity in case of a strike.

Details will be placed around all the properties of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, probably at midnight.

JUSTICE TO BOTH SIDES.

Major Pullman impressed upon the officers the fact that they must enforce the law with justice to both sides in the controversy. He stated before the conference began that violence will not be tolerated.

Peaceful assemblies will not be disturbed and the major laid the heads

of the precincts at today's conference that they are to make every effort to prevent disorder in a good-natured but firm manner. The full force of headquarters detectives also will be kept on duty. The major today said his department is ready for anything that may come, but urged upon the people generally, and particularly those whose sympathies are strong for the car men or the companies, not to become excited over rumors of disorder, which, he pointed out, might be easily exaggerated.

PRELIMINARY FORCES DETAIL.

In the Ninth precinct Captain Schneider and Lieutenant Hodges will have the East Capitol street, Thirteenth and D street, and Fifteenth and H street barns, as well as the Benning power plant of the Potomac Electric Power Company, in their jurisdiction.

Captain Judge, of the Tenth precinct, will have the neighborhoods of the Brightwood and Eckington barns.

Captain Williams, of the Fourth, will protect the Four-and-a-half street barn, and Captain Falvey, the Georgetown barn. The territory around the main offices of the street car company and the Potomac Electric Power Company, Fourteenth and C streets, will be policed by Captain Fisher, of the First precinct.

LOCAL MENTION.

Today, Table d'Hote Dinner, 5 to 8, \$1.25. Music Harvey's Famous Restaurant, 11th and Pa. Ave.

Music and Dancing Every Even. Table d'hote dinner, 7c, 5:30 to 8 p. m. Sterling Hotel, 13th & E Sts. N. W.

The Bank of Personal Service The Commercial National Bank ANNOUNCES its removal to the corner of 14th and F Streets (Westory Building) while the new COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK BUILDING is being erected at 14th and G Streets, Northwest. The Commercial National Bank, 14th and F streets.

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