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ORDER 400,000 RY' MEN TO STRIKE

SHOP CRAFT HEADS CITED TO APPEAR BEFORE RAILWAY LABOR BOARD TODAY—RAILWAY EXECUTIVES AND HEADS OF TEN UNIONS SUMMONED.

Chicago, June 29.—The United States railroad labor board today cited the national officers of the six shop craft unions, the railway executives now meeting here and the officers of four other railroad unions to appear before the board tomorrow afternoon in an inquiry into "the threatened interruption of traffic."

In addition to the shopmen, whose strike order already has been issued, the four other unions cited now taking a strike vote, are the clerks, maintenance of way men, stationary firemen and oilers and signal men.

B. M. Jewell, leader of the shopmen today served formal notice on the railroad labor board that a strike call had been issued "on all railroad and Pullman operating department local lodges of the six shop crafts."

The meeting of the railway executives and heads of the ten unions was set for 2 o'clock tomorrow by the labor board when the formal notice of the strike call was received from the shop men, announcing the time for the walkout as next Saturday at 10 a. m.

Detroit, Mich., June 29.—Decision whether to call a strike of the approximately 400,000 railroad maintenance of way men in the country probably will be made late today. E. F. Grable, international president of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers announced.

Chicago, June 29.—Railroad maintenance of way men were reported to have quit in West Chicago, Ill. today, without waiting receipt of strike orders. It was said the men "deserted in droves" leaving many crossings unguarded. Mayor Edward J. McCable of West Chicago has sworn in a number of special policemen to guard railroad property.

Cleveland, O., June 29.—Engineers and trainmen, members of the railroad Brotherhoods with headquarters in this city, will continue to perform their regular duties and will not take the places or do the work of any railroad employees on strike in connection with the strike of the shop crafts called for Saturday morning, chiefs of these brotherhoods advised the members of their organizations today.

Chicago, June 29.—Strike orders signed by six craft presidents of the Railroad shopmen's organization were sent out today to general chairman representing 400,000 men, authorizing a strike at 10 a. m., July 1 "on all railroads and Pullman shops in the United States."

Letters of instruction regarding the progress and conduct of the strike were being prepared at general headquarters here today and were to be mailed out tonight.

"The issue is clean cut, with no strings attached," said B. M. Jewell, president of the Railroad Unions section of the American Federation of Labor.

"It is up to the railway executives at their meeting today. They can stop this strike today or tomorrow but after Saturday at 10 o'clock it is all off. The telegrams of the Union head to Cuyler, is the union's last word."

FIREMEN TO PRACTICE

The Fire Department of Abbeville will hold a meeting this afternoon to take up the matter of regular practices in the future. The plan is to have about two practices a week, and the volunteer members are requested to come to the meeting this afternoon at the fire department between six and seven o'clock.

CHINESE LEADER FAVORS UNION

WU PEI FU INDORSES SUGGESTION—"UNITED STATES OF CHINA" MAY BE NAME OF REORGANIZED REPUBLIC, GET PATTERN HERE.

Peking, June 29.—Wu Pei Fu, dominant figure of the northern China, today indorsed the recent suggestion of Gen. Chen Chiung-Ming, outstanding leader of the south that a federal system be adopted for reunited China, patterned after that of the United States of America. General Wu suggested that the reorganized republic be known as the "United States of China."

The majority of the provinces already have signified their approval of the proposal to reunite the country under a federal governor at Peking with each province enjoying rights similar to those accorded the separate state of the American union, General Wu said.

The quiet little man who drove the Mancurian war lord, Chang Tso Lin, in rout from the gates of Peking, and recalled to office the constructional president, Li Yuan Hung, declared that sentiment is growing in favor of the United China program with American ideals as its guiding star.

Wu asserted that he had no opposition in predicting that as China traveled the road of progress she would be found copying and putting into practice America's ideals to an extent not reached by any other country.

In the south, Wu said, where Sun Yat Sen's followers had been accustomed to Western methods, the new leader there, Chen Chiung-Ming, who recently drove Sun from Canton, was a particularly strong supporter of the "Americanized China" program. Support for the proposal that China adopt Western ideals is said to be strong in Peking, owing to the presence there of many Chinese officials who have been educated in America.

Leaders of this class are Dr. Wellington Koo, who is acting as financial adviser in the reorganization plans; Dr. W. W. Yen, acting premier and foreign minister, and Dr. Wang Chung-Hui, minister of justice. In their following are many minor officials who gained their education in the United States by means of the Boxer indemnity funds returned to China by the Washington government.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE

E. P. McCravy of Easley is announced in this issue as a candidate for the democratic nomination for congress from this district. Mr. McCravy is a native of Abbeville. He is a namesake of Dr. Edwin Parker, late of this city. His father left Abbeville residing for awhile in Greenwood, and later residing in Laurens. Mr. McCravy was reared on the farm in Laurens County, where after his father's death he was the mainstay of the family for many years.

About twenty years ago Mr. McCravy settled in Pickens County. Since then he has been prominently identified with the affairs of that county. He has served in the lower branch of the legislature and is now Senator.

Mr. McCravy announces that he will make a vigorous campaign for the seat now held by Mr. Dominick.

TO ATTEND DANCE

Miss Virginia Owen, Miss Mildred Cochran and Messrs. Davis Kerr and Allen Haskell will go over to Greenwood tonight to attend the dance at the Oregon Hotel.

PRIZES ON DISPLAY

The prizes to be given at the Hospital Birthday celebration here July 6th will be displayed in Rosenberg's show window tomorrow.

DENIES AMERICANS ARE HELD CAPTIVE

MEXICAN PRESIDENT SAYS REPORTS WERE MALICIOUS STATEMENTS TO CREATE UNFAVORABLE OPINION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

Washington, June 27.—Mexican rebels who seized the Aguada camp of the Cortez Oil company in the Tampico region Sunday, holding the property and forty American employees for 15,000 pesos ransom, withdrew on Monday without damage or injury to the employees but with threats to return, Consul Shaw at Tampico today advised the state department. A later message said the same rebels yesterday seized a camp of the La Corna Oil company, a Dutch-British concern, in the same vicinity and were holding 85 employees including about six Americans.

The dispatch did not indicate whether ransom had been paid in the case of the Aguada camp which is an American owned concern. On the strength of the second message sent last night the state department directed the embassy in Mexico City to make new demands on the Mexican government for protection of the Americans employed by the Dutch-British company.

Consul Shaw telegraphing yesterday from Tampico said that the rebel leader, Gorozave, and his men left the Aguada camp of the Cortez company at 10 o'clock Monday morning. This was 24 hours before the time limit set by Gorozave for payment of the ransom demanded had expired and the message did not say whether payment had been made. The consul reported further that Gorozave had threatened on leaving the American camp to come back and seize the property of La Corona, which is among the Dutch Shell oil interests, and also property of the Mexican Gulf Oil company in the vicinity. The rebel leader said he would demand payment of ransom on these properties by July 25.

Consul Shaw also reported that two detachments of Mexican federal troops had been dispatched to the Tampico region by boat from Vera Cruz.

WORLD SURVEY COTTON

Senator Harris of Georgia Introduces Proposal.

Washington, June 29.—A world survey of cotton on September 1, December 1 and March 1 of each year, to include a census in the United States of cotton tenderable under the law on the same dates, is proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Harris, of Georgia, and approved by Secretary Hoover, of the Commerce Department.

The presentation of the bill followed a conference between the Senator and Secretary Hoover. The figures covering the United States would be gathered by the census bureau and the foreign data would be compiled by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, both bureaus being in the Commerce Department.

VALUE OF CHARACTER

Jury Returns 12-Cent Verdict in Libel Case.

Macon, Ga., June 29.—The jury in the libel suit of former Mayor Glenn Toole, against the Macon Telegraph for \$50,000 damages returned a verdict for the plaintiff this afternoon in the sum of twelve cents. Toole claimed that his character was defamed by publication of an article in the Telegraph on May 13, 1921.

Size Of Army Fixed

Washington, June 27.—The house tonight concurred with the senate in fixing the size of the army at 125,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers.

HARRY G. KAMINER NAMED MANAGER

GADSDEN MAN ALSO HEADS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION—J. B. JOHNSON, J. P. McNAIR AND HAROLD BOOKER NAMED ALSO

Columbia, June 29.—The board of directors of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association last night announced the election of Harry G. Kaminer of Gadsden as president and general manager; J. B. Johnson of Rock Hill, first vice president; J. P. McNair of Aiken, second vice president and Harold C. Booker of Columbia, secretary and manager of field service.

The president and two vice presidents and L. D. Jennings of Sumter and R. C. Hamer of East over constitute the executive committee of the board. The president and E. W. Evans of Bennettsville and A. R. Johnston of St. George are trustees of the American Cotton Growers' exchange.

Mr. Kaminer, the president and general manager of the association, is a successful planter and business man of Richland county. In addition to his large farming interests in Richland and Calhoun counties he operates a general merchandise store at Gadsden. He is a director of the Palmetto National bank of Columbia and stands high in agricultural and business circles.

The board at its meeting yesterday authorized the reopening of the membership books and the prosecution of a vigorous campaign during the months of July and August for additional members. With over 440,000 bales already signed up, the board hopes that an additional 150,000 may be signed, making this association the largest in the belt.

Permanent headquarters will be secured and announced in a few days. The board is proceeding with the selection of the various departmental heads very carefully and will probably not have any announcements to make for several days.

FIND LARGEST STILL

Officers Destroy Elaborate Outfit in Greenville County.

Greenville, June 29.—The largest and most complete distilling plant ever seen by the raiding officers was taken and destroyed Tuesday night by a group of federal prohibition officers operating out of Greenville, near the boundary line of Edgefield and McCormick counties.

The outfit was too large to be destroyed with axes in the regular fashion and two sticks of dynamite were set off under the apparatus, blowing it to bits. The plant consisted of a large brick furnace base, over which was a steel riveted boiler having a capacity of about 400 gallons. Two copper condensing outfits were connected with the boiler, each having a capacity of 90 gallons. Five thousand gallons of rye beer were poured out by the officers. No arrests were made.

METHODISTS MAKE PLANS FOR MISSIONARY CAUSE

Chicago, June 28.—Plans for advancing the world wide missionary work of their church and for teaching the \$100,000,000 goal of the Methodist Centenary for work at home and abroad, are under discussion by fourteen of the thirty-seven bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church here for a four day meeting.

MAYOR'S COURT

Four cases of disorderly conduct came up before the Mayor Thursday morning two were fined \$10.00 each and two \$7.50.

MINORITY FIGHT ON SHIP SUBSIDY

REPORT BY DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE. PEOPLE MUST PAY HEAVILY IF PROPOSED BILL BECOMES LAW

Washington, June 29.—Passage of the administration's ship subsidy bill was opposed in a minority report today by all of the Democratic members of the house merchant marine committee, by which it was drafted.

Declaring the government owned merchant tonnage cost the people about \$3,000,000,000, the minority held that it probably would be sold for \$200,000,000 meaning "the people will stand a loss by deflation of \$2,800,000,000."

"Furthermore," the report added, "it is contemplated that either existing shipping companies or companies to be organized which buy the ships, will capitalize them largely in excess of the cost price and sell the stock and bonds to the American people will be standing the war inflation, the post-war deflation and then promotion deflation."

The people, through the government, the report declared, "will sell the ships for approximately \$200,000,000, lend \$125,000,000 to recondition these ships or build others and then pay the owners approximately \$750,000,000 in subsidies and aids within the next ten years, with the chances that such burdens will hereafter continue indefinitely and probably increase if the policy is once fastened on the government."

The Democrats asserted "it was not even claimed by the proponents of the bill" that ocean freight rates would be reduced, "that loans from the \$125,000,000 revolving fund would be made at 2 per cent," whereas under the federal farm loan system farmers are compelled to pay about 6 per cent interest," that the bill confers "autocratic and unprecedented powers" on the shipping board, and that the board is not required to make any accounting to the president or congress.

"This bill authorizes the granting of subsidies and all other aids to the Standard Oil company, the United States Steel corporation and other large concerns which own and operate their own ships in the transportation of their own products and does not require them to operate their ships in whole or in part as common carriers," said the report.

TAKEN TO THE WOODS AND GIVEN BEATING

Five Wite Robed Men Abduct A Valdosta Man From His Place of Business

Valdosta, Ga., June 29.—Wearing white robes and hoods, five men visited the place of business of N. G. Romey early yesterday, according to a story Romey told late in the day, and carried him away in an automobile to a strip of woods where they gave him a severe beating.

Romey said he was told by the band to stop selling and drinking whiskey and never again address a white woman. Romey was almost in a fainting condition when he arrived back in the city, he said, and was unable to appear at his place of business during the day.

PRESIDENT GRIER HERE.

President R. C. Grier of Erskine College was a visitor to Abbeville today. President Grier is greatly encouraged at the prospects for a larger student body next year, and we all expect great things from his administration.

FIERCE BATTLE RAGING IN DUBLIN

CITY TRAFFIC CARRIED ON AS USUAL AMID RATTLE OF MACHINE GUNS AND THE BOOM OF ARTILLERY—ARTILLERY EMPLOYED

Dublin, June 29.—The Irish provisional government took forceful action today, against the insurgents of the Irish republican army, investing the Four Courts building where the insurgents were entrenched and opening a hot attack when a demand for surrender was ignored.

The fighting which opened shortly after 4 p. m. was still in progress late this forenoon, the crack of the rifles and the rattle of the machine guns resounding over Dublin above the noise of the city's traffic which was being carried on as usual.

Fowler hall on Parnell Square, occupied by irregulars, also was attacked by the Irish government troops.

The official troops command the Four Courts building from all sides, but the nature of the structure made an assault difficult and as the building contains irreplaceable legal documents there was no disposition to fire the structure as a means of ousting the insurgents.

The number of casualties on either side was not known definitely, but fourteen had been reported up to mid-forenoon. Three irregulars were carried out of the Four Courts building by the rear exit. They were believed to be badly wounded and it was rumored two others of the irregulars had been killed.

Artillery was re-employed to some extent by the provisional government troops for at least one eighteen pounder had been in action and considerable damage, was reported to have been done the insurgents stronghold. This had been strongly fortified by the irregulars who replied vigorously to the fire of the attacking parties.

About 700 men were engaged on the government side, and the rattle of rifle and machine gun fire was punctuated by the explosions of bombs and the occasional rattle of 12 pounder artillery.

Orange Hall, taken over by the insurgents as a "refuge" for Belfast Catholics, was also attacked.

The entire city was awakened by the din, even to the remote suburbs.

The first casualty reported was amongst the provisional government troops. Private Long was wounded while on duty in Chancery street.

It was learned during the morning that the official force were using against the Four Courts two 18 pounders firing high explosives. By 11:30 o'clock a breach had been made in one wall of the building.

The attack on the insurgents was preceded by the sending of two ultimatums to Commandant O'Connor. One of these demanded the release of Lieutenant General O'Connell, assistant chief of staff of the regular forces, who was seized yesterday by the insurgents. The other set a time limit after which an attack would be made.

Five casualties among the Free State troops had occurred up to 1:30 o'clock. One city the women died of heart failure from excitement brought on by the fighting.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 22 1-2 cents on the local market today. Futures closed

July	21.59
October	21.52
December	21.31
January	21.05
Futures closed Thursday	
July	21.70
October	21.66
December	21.45
January	21.21