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RAILWAY EMPLOYEES POSTPONE STRIKE

PRESIDENT OF UNION AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONFERS WITH CHAIRMAN HOOPER OF LABOR, BOARD AND MEMBER

Chicago, July 4.—The threatened extension of the strike of railway employees to 400,000 trackmen was averted today through the efforts of members of the United States railroad labor board and officials of the United Maintenance of Way employees and railroad shop laborers.

Postponement of the strike was announced tonight by E. F. Grable, president of the maintenance organization, after he and his executive council had conferred throughout the day with Chairman Ben W. Hooper of the labor board and W. L. McMenimen, labor member of the board.

Maintenance of Way chairmen were instructed to proceed to take up Maintenance of Way disputes with the individual roads, and in case an agreement is not reached to refer the matter to the labor board. These disputes include the wage cut recently authorized by the board for Maintenance of Way employees, changes in maintenance of way rules and of contracting out of track work.

Members were directed to continue work under the cut wages ordered by the labor board, effective July 1, and to withhold strike orders, pending the carrying out of these matters.

It was also announced that an immediate ruling from the labor board would be sought absolving members from doing any work formerly done by members of other organizations on strike.

One of the conditions to postponement of the strike was that the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad cancel its contracts with an outside agency to do track work and officials of the road were summoned before the meeting, and agreed to do this, maintaining, however, that such contracting was lawful.

With this crisis safely past both railroad executives and officers of the shop crafts now on strike admitted tonight that the first real test of strength of the striking shopmen will occur tomorrow morning when the whistles blow.

B. M. Jewell head of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, has contended that practically 100 per cent of his 400,000 members had obeyed the strike call.

The carriers have asserted that many men who walked out last Saturday were merely going for a holiday over the Fourth of July and will be back on the job tomorrow.

Mr. Jewell today replied the pronouncement of the labor board yesterday "outlawing" his organization by asserting that it was not the shopmen but the board itself that had been "outlawed." Mr. Jewell, in his letter to the board, asserted that the body had failed to negotiate a settlement between the shopmen and the carriers and reiterated his intention of dealing only with the roads in making a settlement.

GREENWOOD TO PLAY HERE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

AT Rosenberg Field—Both Games Will Be at 5 O'clock—Come Help Your Team.

Greenwood will come to Abbeville tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday to play ball at Rosenberg Field. Both games will be at 5 o'clock.

Greenwood will be sure to bring along their rooters, so everybody come out tomorrow and boost your team.

BOTH SIDES CLAIMS THE UPPER HAND

RAILROAD OFFICIALS SAY PLACES OF STRIKERS ARE BEING FILLED BY EXPERIENCED MEN—25 WORKERS STONED

New York, July 4.—Union officials insisted today that hundreds of other union workers employed by railroads would join in the strike against wage reductions made by the railroad labor board.

At the Sunnyside yards of the Long Island railroad, strike leaders said, that oilers, clerks, freight handlers and general workmen had joined the strike ranks. The strikers also claimed that the walkout of electricians at the Long Island power house had compelled the railroad to get its power from public utility corporations.

Railroad officials, denying that the walkout had hampered the operation of trains, declared the ranks of strikers were being rapidly filled by experienced men who had been laid off during the depression. Many pensioners were said to be reporting for work.

There was little trouble reported, union officials instructed their followers to avoid violence. In New Jersey a squad of 25 men who had replaced striking railroad workers were stoned by a crowd and five of the men refused to continue working.

Members of the railroad clerks union in New York were instructed by their national officers to continue on their "routine jobs" and not be stampeded into a sympathetic strike until the result of the strike balloting now taking place was ascertained.

HOME ON A VISIT.

Miss Caroline Graves who has been visiting at her home in the county for the past ten days arrived in the city today for a visit of several days with Mrs. Frank B. Gary. Miss Graves is in the Navy Department in Washington and is home for a vacation. She has joined the new Woman's party and is South Carolina's representative in this organization.

A GLORIOUS FOURTH

Usual Barbecue and Ball Game Held At Cotton Mill.

The Fourth of July is always a pleasant holiday for the people of the Abbeville Cotton Mill and Tuesday was no exception to the general rule. The usual barbecue was held in the grove near the Mill and baseball game in the morning and one in the afternoon made up the pleasures of the day.

The tables for the dinner were spread under the trees and at 1 o'clock was surrounded by a happy group who enjoyed the hash, the barbecued meats and the delightful cakes and pies provided by the energetic house-keepers of the village.

Rev. Mr. Kilgore was present and asked "the blessing" at the dinner and Hatch's Concert Band made the music for the day.

JOHN T. EVANS SICK

John T. Evans, of the firm of Miller and Evans, is confined to his home on Church street with a case of bronchitis. This is the second attack he has had in the last month and his friends hope for his early recovery.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 23½ cents on the local market today. Futures closed:

July	22.90
Oct.	22.90
Dec.	22.66
Jan.	22.31

FINAL DEFEAT OF REBELS IS IN SIGHT

FIGHTING AIRCRAFT SENT TO DUBLIN—THE ENVELOPING MOVEMENT IN SACKVILLE STREET COMPLETE—FIGHTING IN SILGO

Dublin, July 4.—Hamman's hotel on Sackville street, one of the main positions of the insurgents, was captured by the national army forces this afternoon. The hostelry with its garrison of 30 men was surrendered to the Free State troops after the building had taken fire.

Dublin, July 4.—The enveloping movement by the Free State forces in the Sackville street area is complete, and the final defeat of the rebels is in sight, says a communique issued from general headquarters in the Beggars Bush barracks today.

The insurgents have been driven out of the positions in Earl street, so that their comrades in the Gresham hotel and adjoining buildings in Sackville street are entirely surrounded.

Thirty-two rebels were captured when the national troops rushed the Earl street positions and the Catholic club, opposite the Gresham hotel.

The Young Men's Christian association building in Sackville street, which has been occupied by insurgents, was burned during the night, after an attack by the Free Staters.

Yesterday's casualties were three killed and 27 wounded.

The lull since the termination of the fierce attack on the insurgent's position early this morning had been broken up to 9 o'clock only by the activities of snipers.

The government forces now hold all the positions dominating the buildings in Sackville street occupied by the rebels. Barricades at the Liffey bridges and across the principal thoroughfares leading to the center of the city prevent the republicans from escaping or reinforcements from reaching them.

MINE CONFERENCE IS IN DEADLOCK

OPERATORS AND UNION MEN ADJOURN TO MONDAY. CONTENTION CONTINUES TO BE OVER SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, July 4.—The conference of bituminous coal mine operators and officials of the miners union summoned by President Harding to consider methods of ending the coal strike in unionized fields adjourned today until Monday in the same deadlock which had characterized its sessions on two previous days.

Participants apparently considered that only government intervention going much further than it has to date would offer possibilities of an early strike settlement. President Harding is expected on Monday to have again direct dealings with the negotiators but the government's plans are kept entirely secret.

From first to last, employers contended in the discussions here that they could no longer negotiate wage scales with the union in the central competitive field as a unit or in a national gathering of all union coal operators and miners. Miners' officials continued to demand such negotiations as the established practice in the industry, and to refuse offers of negotiations by districts, repeated in several forms as they were. Secretaries Hoover and Davis, who have attended the meetings as representatives of the administration, have offered no propositions outside of a tentative suggestion that a conference of miners and operators might be appointed to consider possibilities of outlining districts.

Meetings of operators and of miners separately from the joint conferences were held today, but led to no action. Secretary Hoover remarked after the meetings had been concluded that participants might renew their gatherings Monday with more hope of success after discussing the situation with associates at home.

REDUCTION MADE FOR PUBLIC WORK

GOVERNMENT GIVES FIGURES FOR YEAR.—SURPLUS SHOWN BY FINAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SAYS TREASURY.

Washington, July 4.—A reduction of \$1,014,000,000 in the public debt during the fiscal year ended June 30 and a reduction of \$175,000,000 in the debt during the month of June was announced today by the treasury.

At the same time the treasury announced that the final figures of government receipts and expenditures for the past fiscal year revealed a surplus of \$314,000,000.

The total ordinary receipts of the government for the fiscal year 1922 amounted to \$4,169,000,000 compared with \$5,625,000,000 the previous year, while the total expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts amounted to \$3,795,000,000 as against \$5,538,000,000 during 1921.

"When the budget was submitted last December," the treasury stated, "the estimate indicated a deficit for 1922 amounting to \$24,468,703 and the better showing which has been made results from a combination of several factors. Aggregate receipts for the year were about \$140,000,000 greater than originally estimated. Customs receipts proved to be larger than for any previous fiscal year in the history of the government and amounted to \$356,443,387.18, as compared with the estimate of \$275,000,000. Internal revenue receipts amounted to \$3,213,253,256.79, or almost exactly the estimated \$3,214,500,000. Miscellaneous revenues, including Panama canal tolls, amounted to \$539,407,506.97, as compared with an estimated \$478,953,663, the difference being due chiefly to increased realization on property and securities and the sale of about \$44,000,000 of federal land bank bonds owned by the government. Total expenditures, on the other hand, were almost \$200,000,000 less than the estimates given last December in the budget, due largely to decreased expenditures on account of the railroads and to unexpectedly large realization upon railroad obligations held by the government.

Total gross debt of the United States June 30 amounted to \$22,963,000,000, compared with \$23,138,000,000 on May 31, with \$23,997,000,000 on June 30, 1921, and with \$26,596,000,000 on August 31 when the war debt was at its peak.

DEATH OF L. B. RAMEY

Lucius B. Ramey died this morning July 5, 1922, at 2 o'clock at his home in the Sharon section. He was 77 years old, yesterday being his birthday, and had been in frail health for many months.

Mr. Ramey has lived in Abbeville County all of his life. He was a confederate veteran, enlisting at fifteen years of age, and was wounded in battle.

Funeral services will be held at Sharon tomorrow at 11 o'clock conducted by Rev. J. B. Kilgore, and interment will be in the Sharon burying ground.

Mr. Ramey is survived by his wife, who was a Miss Gray before her marriage, and ten children, Messrs. Hill, Lewis, Samuel, Allen Van Runey, and Paul and Mrs. J. E. Gray, Mrs. W. T. Sanders, Mrs. Sam Hammond and Mrs. Norman Cason and by one brother, L. A. Ramey and two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Moragne, and Mrs. S. M. Wardlaw, and a large circle of relatives.

BISHOP FINLAY TO PREACH

Bishop K. G. Finlay will preach here Sunday in the Episcopal church at 11 o'clock. He will go to Willington and conduct services in the Willington church that afternoon. This is the regular yearly visitation of the Bishop.

COTTON GROWERS SIGN FOR 5 YEARS

MUST TURN OVER ALL COTTON GROWN BY THEM TO THE ASSOCIATION SAYS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ASSOCIATION

Columbia, July 4.—Members of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association are not required to turn over to the association today. This statement was made, it was said, in reply to numerous inquiries received from all sections of the state.

The contract signed by the growers, it was said, left it optional with the growers as to whether they shall turn over any cotton now on hand to the association. If the grower does not care to turn over this cotton to the association he may continue to hold it and sell it at any time and under any conditions he elects. He must, however, turn over all cotton grown by him in the years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, and 1926 to the association, the statement says.

Further progress in the selection of the department heads and the perfection of the working force of the organization will be made by the board of directors this week. The board is proceeding most carefully, it was said, in the selection of all department heads and employees and is making careful investigation in each and every instance.

The contract for making the necessary alterations in the old Masonic Temple, which is to be occupied by the association, has been let and the association will probably move into its new quarters within the next two weeks.

The association will have no trouble in securing warehouse accommodations, it was said today, owners of warehouses in every section of the state having offered their places to the association. Important announcements concerning warehousing arrangements may be expected shortly, it was said today.

Preparations for conducting a vigorous campaign for new members during the next two months are going forward rapidly. The announcement that the membership books will be reopened has been received with enthusiasm. J. P. Quinerly, county agent of Lee County in a letter received yesterday said that he believed that 6,000 additional bales could be signed in Lee county. From almost every county comes word that many farmers who did not care to sign until the board of directors had been elected, are now ready to put their names on the dotted line.

MR. MCGOWAN LEAVES

Wayne G. McGowan has been appointed county agent for Baldwin County, Alabama, with headquarters at Baymanette, with a considerable increase in salary and expects to leave immediately to take up his new work.

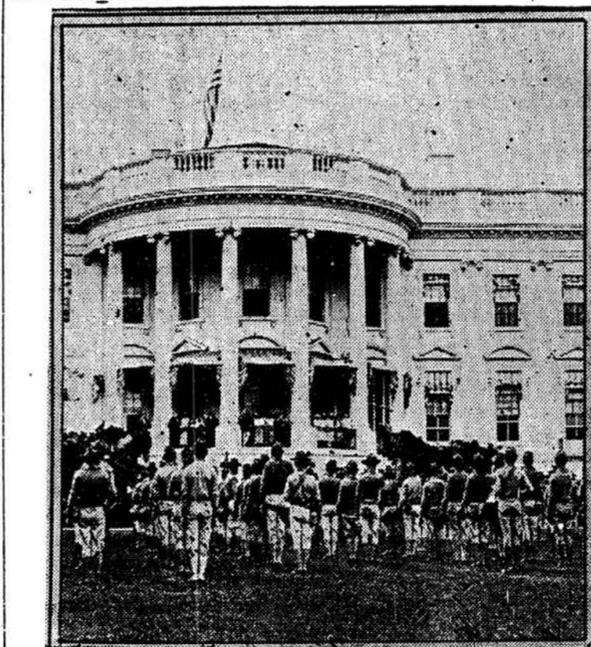
His place as County Demonstrator here will be filled by July 15 by Clemson College.

Mr. McGowan has made many friends during his short stay here who regret that he will leave Abbeville and make his home in Alabama.

TO DISCUSS WAR DEBT

French Representative Sails For America.

Havre, July 4.—Jean V. Parmentier was a passenger on the steamship La Savoie sailing today for New York on his way to Washington to confer with the American war debt funding commission, to which he will present fully the condition of France. It is understood he will declare there is no possibility of France paying anything at present on her debt to the United States and will ask the American commission to indicate a solution of the debt problem.



FIRST WHITE HOUSE REVIEW SINCE CIVIL WAR

For the first time since the Civil War, troops passed in review before the President of the United States recently. There were 6,000 marines of the Marine Corps Expeditionary Force at Quantico, Va. The Marines went to the Gettysburg battle ground for their annual maneuvers.

ABBEVILLE VS. WARE SHOALS

Ware Shoals defeated the Abbeville mill team here on the fourth, the score being 7 to 3. Ware Shoals had the pitchers and the pitchers had the game. Milan knocked a homer. Wolf and Watson pitched for Ware Shoals and Milan tossed for Abbeville.

SEEING THE GAME.

Mr. W. C. Cobb came over from Ware Shoals for the 4th and took in the baseball games at the Mill in the morning and enjoyed the barbecue at the mid-day. Mr. Cobb was accompanied by two of his charming daughters who in turn were accompanied by two good looking young men.