

BRITISH LABOR SPLITS; STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

NATIONAL WAGE PACT OF RAIL MEN ABROGATED

To End July 1, is Decision of Railway Labor Board in Chicago. Conditions, Are Set Both Sides See Way Opened for Negotiating New Agreements

Chicago, April 14.—(By the Associated Press)—National agreements defining working conditions for employees on all American railroads formerly under federal railroad administration were ordered abrogated effective July 1, 1921, by the United States railroad labor board.

The board called upon the officers and system organizations of employees of each railroad to select representatives "to confer and to decide" as much of the rules controversy as possible. "Such conferences shall begin at the earliest possible date," the decision said.

While the decision did not specifically say so, members of the board said that all disputes as to rules and working conditions automatically were referred back to individual conferences between each individual road and its employees.

The decision affected all railroad employees except those in train service who are under separate agreements between individual railroads and the four big brotherhoods.

In connection with the conference negotiations, the board laid down a set of 16 principles which are to serve as a foundation for rules which may be agreed to in the conference. The present general rules hearing before the labor board, which has been in progress since January 10, will continue until both sides have completed their testimony, following which the board "will promulgate such rules as it determines just and reasonable, as after July 1, 1921, as is reasonably possible and will make them effective as of July 1, 1921."

Sixteen Principles. The sixteen principles outlined by the board were drawn up by Henry T. Hunt of the public group to uphold the right of the employees to organize for lawful purposes, the right of employees to negotiate through representatives of their own choosing, the right of seniority and the principles of the eight-hour day.

Both sides hope to confer and agree on new working rules by July 1. Labor representatives said that many of the sixteen basic principles to govern the conference of new working agreements, especially the eight-hour day and the right of the employees to organize and select their own representatives include principles they have been fighting for.

Railway executives said the decision recognized their contention that many of the roads should not have their wage scale fixed on a national basis.

New York, April 15.—Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared today that the railroad labor board evidently had been influenced by big business in ordering abrogation of existing national working agreements between the carriers and their employees.

"The whole railway act," he said, "once pronounced a perfect piece of legislation, now is denounced as an utter failure. The board evidently was influenced by big business."

REDUCTION IN SHEET IRON IS DECIDED UPON

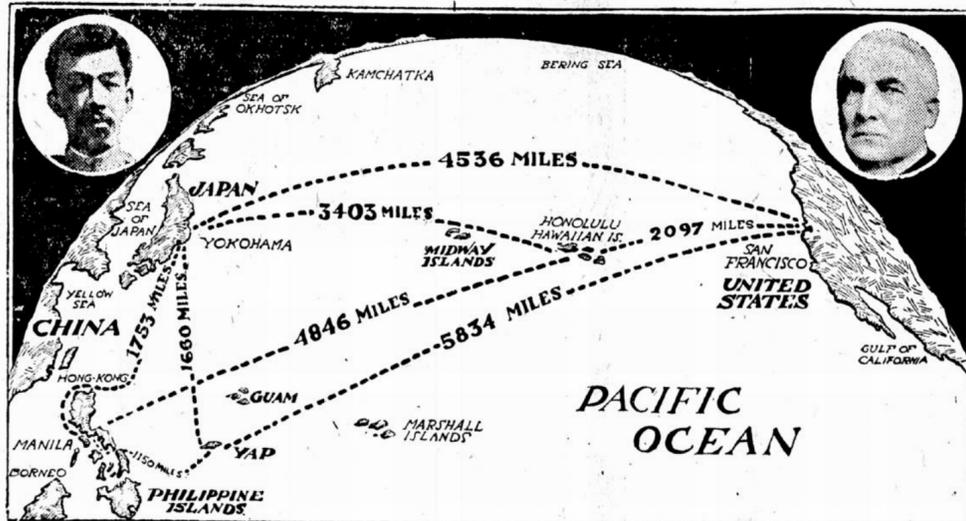
New York, April 15.—Price reductions for sheet iron were announced today by the American Tin Plate Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. The reductions vary from \$5 to \$14 a ton on various products. Earlier this week the steel corporation announced price cuts in other lines.

CONVICTION OF 7. I. W. W. UPHOLD

Olympia, Wash., April 15.—The conviction of seven alleged I. W. W. for shooting an murderer day was upheld by the supreme court.

ROBY OF HERO BURIED. Drake, N. D., April 15.—The body of David D. Nehrenberg, the first Drake boy to lose his life in the world war, was buried here with military honors. Nehrenberg was killed in action in France on May 2, 1918.

NO WAR WITH JAPAN UNLESS UNITED STATES STARTS IT



When you think of the possibilities of war between America and Japan, with its eventualities, you must think of the great stretches across the Pacific that divide the two continents. Inset in this map are picture of President Harding and the Emperor of Japan.

STUTSMAN HITS COLLEAGUES ON PHONE INCREASE

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President Harding has said: "Mankind needs a world-wide benediction of understanding." Only such a benediction can avert the most serious eventualities between America and Japan.

Mr. White is 65 years old. He was educated in the University of Illinois City, N. D., was nominated today by President Harding to be treasurer of the United States.

Mr. White is a former governor of North Dakota, and was a colonel in the American expeditionary forces in France during the World War. He is succeeded by Guy F. Allen, who has been serving as treasurer since last January when John Burke resigned.

Mr. White's elevation will mark the United States treasury as a North Dakota place for several years, as former Governor John Burke, whose signature appeared on all United currency only a few months ago.

Charges Fund Raised to Put Sales Tax on Counties to Have Agent

Fargo, N. D., April 15.—Two more North Dakota counties—Renville and McHenry—have voted to take up county agent work and agents will be appointed this spring, according to John W. Haw, state county agent leader.

With these two counties, and Foster and Wells, which voted two weeks ago to employ agents, the work is now being carried on in 34 North Dakota counties. Mr. Haw announces that this department is making arrangements to employ five new county agents.

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ULSTER LORD IS SHOT DEAD NEAR DUBLIN

Dublin, April 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Sir Arthur Edward Vicars former Ulster King-of-Arms, was shot dead this morning at Listowel and his residence was burned.

BANK CASHIER DEFEATS GANG OF 6 BANDITS

Chicago, April 15.—S. Witowski, cashier of the state bank of Cicero, a suburb of Chicago, shot up and defeated a gang of six auto bandits today.

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NATIONAL CRISIS AVERTED

Miners Delegates From all Over Field Are Called to Conference

LONDON, April 15 (By the Associated Press).—Announcement that the railway men's strike for 10 o'clock tonight had been cancelled was made shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon, J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the railway men's union, said.

No explanation was immediately available on the action, but it was thought in some quarters that it might indicate a split in the "triple alliance."

The transport workers' strike has also been called off, Mr. Thomas announced.

Miners Send Letter. "As far as the railway men and transport workers are concerned the strike is cancelled," he said.

The prime minister, Lloyd George, read in the House of Commons a letter from the Miners Federation stating that the only condition demanded was one which made concessions to the two principles of national wage board and national pool.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE SPLITS. London, April 15.—An unexpected and sensational split in the ranks of the powerful triple alliance of labor this afternoon completely changed the complexion of the blackest industrial crisis Great Britain had ever faced and averted the projected strike of railway men and transport workers in sympathy with the striking miners set for 10 o'clock tonight.

Events developed with such sudden and startling changes as to leave the public in a maze. Simultaneously with the announcement in the house of commons that the miners had declined to accept his invitation to reopen negotiations with the mine owners on the terms advanced last evening by Frank Hodges, the miners secretary, came the announcement that the railway men and the transport workers had "cancelled" the strike called for tonight.

Call Miners Together. The calling of a conference of representatives of miners from all the coal fields at a date to be fixed tomorrow was decided upon by the executives of the miners federation this evening.

It took this action after hearing the decision of the railway men and transport workers to cancel their sympathetic strike.

Frank Hodges, the miners secretary, when questioned regarding this decision, said it meant that the miners strike would continue.

Hits Miners Action. George Moore, acting general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, said the decision to call off the railroad men and transport workers was reached because the other union in the triple alliance was considered wrong in refusing to resume negotiations on the lines indicated by Secretary Hodges last evening.

It appeared that the conference throughout the day among the members of the alliance had developed a heated conference over the proposals of Secretary Hodges.

The miners condemned them with the assertion that Secretary Hodges had conceded too much in offering to discuss the question of rates without raising the controversial issue of a national pool while the railway men and the transport workers said the proposition was reasonable and the miners should renew negotiations.

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