

# FEAR MANY TRAPPED BY FIRES

## U. S. POWER TO MAINTAIN TRANSPORTATION--HARDING

### ASKS CONGRESS TO GIVE RAIL LABOR BOARD MORE POWER; WANTS NATIONAL COAL BODY

President in Address to Congress Says He'll Use U. S. Power to Keep Trains Going.

DEPLORES VIOLENCE  
Asks For End of "Warfare on Unions of Labor"—and Demands Unions Restrain Men.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Harding in an address to congress today on the industrial situation declared that the rights of employees and employers alike to conduct their business must be recognized and he also deplored what he termed "warfare on the unions of labor."

President Harding announced to congress and the country today that his administration having exhausted every means for a settlement of the rail and coal strikes now was resolved "to use all the power of the government to maintain transportation and sustain the right of men to work."

Groups who take the law into their own hands, the president said, and attempt to control for their own purposes the resources of the whole people can only be regarded as perils to public safety. He said neither employers nor employees could entirely escape responsibility for the present industrial situation but he condemned in particular the "shocking crimes at Herrin, Illinois," and described recent railway troubles as "a state of lawlessness shocking to every conception of American law and order."

Supporting his request for a temporary national coal agency, President Harding warned congress that although the "skies are clearing" in the coal situation a recurrence of difficulty might be expected next April, when wage contracts now being made are to be renewed, unless a cure were provided for the fundamental ills affecting the industry.

The president declared a national investigation for constructive recommendations as to the conduct of the coal industry to be imperative and recommended a government commission to advise as to fair wages and conditions.

### DE VALERA IS REPORTED DEAD

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### STRIKE MUST END NOW SAYS WARREN STONE

Chief of Engineers and Allied Crafts Bringing Pressure To Bear

### HARDING IS HOPEFUL

Mediation Committee Representing All Unions Meet Executives of Roads

WOULD END STRIKE  
New York, Aug. 18.—Heads of the five big railroad brotherhoods, serving as mediators, today pressed their efforts to end the nation-wide shoppers' strike—a strike which Warren S. Stone, leader of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, asserted this morning, must stop here and now.

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### TRAINS MOVE BETTER AS MEN RESUME WORK

Big Four Succeed in Clearing Transportation Blockades That Menaced Traffic

### PARLEYS CONTINUING

Disorders Incident to Rail Strike Continue in Some Sections

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## DEATH TOLL IN FORESTS MAY BE INCREASED UNLESS SETTLERS GET OUT AHEAD OF FLAMES

Fierce Fires Are Burning in Northern Minnesota and Call Is Sent Out For Aid—Fire Burning Fiercely in the Neighborhood of Kelsey.

HOPEFUL BUT FEARFUL  
Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Hopeful that the comparative light wind of today would not strengthen until complete control of the situation could be gained, state officials here in charge of the forest fire situation this afternoon were pressing into service every available man for duty in the fire zone.

MAY GO BEYOND TWELVE  
Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18.—Fears that the death toll from the forest fires raging in northern Minnesota would go beyond the reported total of twelve when additional advices are received today from the flame swept areas were expressed this morning by scores of refugees who are arriving here hourly from all sections of the northwoods.

Fate Unknown  
Fate of a score of other tiny settlements scattered over St. Louis and Lake counties, north of here hung on the weather today. Only rain or a calm day can save these places. Stiff winds wear the chief enemies of the fire fighters yesterday. The first ray of hope of preventing further serious loss was received at district headquarters of the state forestry service shortly after midnight when rangers at Kelsey, 50 miles north of here, the center of the worst blazes reported the situation much improved with the wind subsiding and a heavy dew. Similar advices were received from the vicinity of Fairbanks and Eveleth.

### AVIATOR SEES FOREST FIRES BURN FIERCELY

Reports After Flying Over The Kelsey Area Near Duluth

### PEOPLE ORDERED OUT

(By The Associated Press)  
Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18.—Ranger A. B. Gibbs flying in a Minnesota national guard airplane, returned to Duluth at noon from a trip over the fire district and reported the Kelsey fire burning fiercely. Governor Preus immediately dispatched six trucks to Kelsey to transport the townspeople and settlers to Duluth.

Trucks Pick up Settlers  
The trucks will pick up settlers in the Kelsey district as far north as Shields, said the governor. The population of Kelsey and the surrounding territory affected by the fire is estimated at 200.

### BANDITS KILL CONTRACTOR; STEAL \$7,000

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 18.—William B. Norris, secretary-treasurer of Hicks, Tase and Norris, Inc., builders, who shot to death at Park and Madison avenue today by unidentified bandits, who robbed him of approximately \$7,000. Frederick W. Kuethe, a bookkeeper of the company, who accompanied Mr. Norris was beaten into insensibility by the robbers, who escaped in an automobile.

### COUNTY CLEARED OF INSURGENTS

Belfast, Aug. 18.—Reports were received in Belfast this morning that Carlingford and Omagh, county Louth had been cleared of Republican insurgents by national army forces.

### GAVE BAD CHECKS

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 18.—Star Plumber, 19, Fargo youth arrested last night on charge of giving a bad check for \$5 waived preliminary hearing in police court this morning and was bound over to the next term of district court here. He told police that he had last Monday married Miss Dolores Anad of Sharon.

### TEN MISSING

The number of missing remained at ten today. Guardsmen who visited the Kelsey fire area expressed the belief that more settlers may have been trapped and burned by the fires. With the return of the guard aviators this morning it is expected that the fate of Central Lake, Colton, Markham and White Lake, reported wiped out, will be known. So dense was the smoke from the burning vegetation yesterday and last night that it was impossible to make a check of the burning area. Meanwhile thousands of guards are attacking the fires to prevent rekindling by the stiff winds.