

STRIKE WOULD BE DISASTROUS IN THIS CITY

About 200 Men would Walk Out—Wholesale Houses Would Suffer.

Shipments of Fruit Would be Held up and Great Loss Would ensue.

Should the pending controversy between railway officials and representatives of the various railway workmen's brotherhoods, terminate in a country-wide order to strike, the city of Grand Forks would be one of the North Dakota towns to be hardest hit.

There are about 200 men having railway runs out of Grand Forks employed in the local yards, who would be directly affected in case a strike order is issued. Of these about 60 are employed by the Northern Pacific and 130 by the Great Northern. The extent to which these men support the labor officials in their demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime, is, of course, a matter of pure conjecture.

When interviewed on the strike situation this morning, local Northern Pacific officials stated that should the strike be declared, they should the local men walk out, there would be no way in which train service could be maintained except by the employment of officials and of such new men as could be secured. Even train service would have to suffer in common with the rest of the transportation system.

The government has no hold on the operation of the trains by virtue of the fact of their employment indirectly in government service. All that the government could do would be to furnish protection for the operators who would be willing to take up the work.

There are about 130 men employed by the Great Northern railway who would be affected by the strike order. Of these 50 are employed in the yards, about 40 on passenger trains and about 60 on freight trains. Each passenger train has a fireman, engineer, conductor, brakeman, and one or more trappers. Freight trains usually have a crew of five: fireman, engineer, conductor and two brakemen.

New Men Will Be Needed. If the four brotherhoods succeed in obtaining their demands, it is probable that the railways operating out of Grand Forks will have to add a number of new men to their list of employes. The effect of the eight-hour day will be in this direction. It is stated on good authority, however, that although the leaders are emphasizing the eight-hour-day demand, the men have no objection to working overtime in view of the additional pay which is sought, and that one of the real objects of the threatened strike is to allow crews to work over the present ten-hour day and the sixteen-hour maximum fixed by the federal law. It may pay the railways to allow crews to work overtime beyond the eight-hour period, rather than displace them with new crews at the expiration of the working day. The latter course would be impracticable with freight train crews especially.

Strike Would Be Disastrous. The cessation of railway transportation would be ruinous to many of the substantial wholesale and retail houses in this city. This is particularly true of grocery, fruit and produce concerns. In an interview, W. G. McDonald, manager of Nash Bros. house in this city, stated that should the strike be declared, the volume of goods handled by this concern is of a perishable nature and would suffer immediate deterioration in case freight trains should cease to move. This concern, which has branches throughout this country and in Canada, would suffer almost incalculable loss in case of a strike. The fruit and produce are constantly on the road to the local branch of the concern. Most of this is shipped F. O. B., and the loss under transportation laws would fall on the consignee, in the absence of specific contractual agreement to the contrary.

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WHAT IT WILL MEAN IF PRESIDENT FAILS IN RAILWAY TROUBLE

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes: Number of men involved in 8-hour demand (400,000), Total number of employees involved (2,000,000), Number of employees dependents affected (8,000,000), Annual amount of money involved (1,385), Mileage of railroads involved (257,211), Number of stockholders in roads (626,122), Par value of capital stock of railroads involved (\$5,638,286,892), Total monthly receipts of railroads (April 1916) (280,987,306), Total monthly expenditures (189,923,465), Annual amount roads say it would cost to grant demands (100,000,000), Annual amount roads say it would cost (25,000,000), Total number of cars involved (2,507,977), Number of passenger cars (2,356,000), Passenger cars (approximate) (55,700), Number of locomotives (approximate) (96,000), Total number of locomotives (approximate) (65,000), Investment in railroads (approximate) (\$17,000,000,000).

one which is pretty much of a gamble at best, with old man Weather holding a strong hand. Ordinarily a case of lemons—which are not exportable—fruits which will "shrink" about 10 per cent when shipped in carefully iced cars and when stored in refrigerators immediately upon arrival. This loss occurs during a shipping period of about a week. Should transportation cease, this concern would be helpless with carloads of fruit stranded and rotting in all parts of the country, from melons in Louisiana, to apples in Washington.

Would Hold Up Shipment. Park, Grant & Corrigan is another of the Grand Forks concerns which would suffer great loss in case of a tie-up. This house has three or four carloads of fruit on their way to this city at all times. Very little is kept on hand in this city, being kept on the go to its final destination with as little delay as possible from the time the fruit is packed into the refrigerator cars at the orchards until it reaches the final consumer.

What goods this concern handled to have on hand in local warehouses, could be disposed of locally without great loss or inconvenience, in the opinion of F. L. Griffin of the house. Officials in one of the leading produce companies in the city, stated this morning that their business in packing stock and poultry would be paralyzed in the event of a strike. This concern receives from 60 to 100 cases of eggs every week, and from one to one and a half tons of packing stock butter. This business has the twin cities as a market, using the territory contiguous to Grand Forks almost solely as a buying market. An idea of the losses through shrinkage ordinarily suffered is gathered from the figures of this concern for July. In that month there was a loss of \$25,000 of eggs out of a total of about 1,000 cases, due largely to loss from rotting as a result of shipment. The loss in butter was about one and a half cases of stock packed in the local warehouse of the company in the twin cities. This was 216 pounds on the July shipments alone.

It required an extensive mathematical computation to demonstrate that with the ordinary commercial loss at such figures as these in a time of year when there is no traffic congestion, the loss would be so great as to cause would rapidly assume ruinous proportions.

FRASER ANSWERS TREUMANN CHARGE

Former Auditor of Walsh County Denies That Payments Were Not Made—Writes Letter. In a letter, O. M. Fraser, for 26 years auditor of Walsh county, replies to charges made by W. C. Treumann to the effect that fees collected by Mr. Fraser had not been turned into the county. The story of the charges was given wide circulation and was printed in The Herald. Mr. Fraser's letter follows: "I was surprised to read in last evening's Herald an article by your Grafton correspondent stating that I was charged by W. C. Treumann, a candidate for the office of county auditor, that under a recent decision of the supreme court, certain fees collected by O. M. Fraser who had held said office for 26 years, should have been paid to the county, and that the records did not show such payments. I am a candidate this year for said office and this is a part of Mr. Treumann's method of electioneering, and your correspondent has used your columns to further his interests, without thought perhaps that he was making an inexcusable attack on my integrity. The fact is that not one cent is due by me to Walsh county; that the county is indebted to me. I have offered to pay a part of the expense of making a thorough examination of all transactions had during my ten years office. The transactions amounted to many millions of dollars. If such examination is made it will be found that my statement is correct. "Yours truly, "O. M. Fraser."

Improvements Made on School Building Steel Fence Around Yard Has Been Removed and Grass on Playground Has Been Cut. Improvements are being made on the surroundings of the Central school building preparatory to the opening of the fall term. The steel fence which surrounded the block has been taken down and the grass has been cut. Other improvements have been made around the building and the structure is now practically ready for the return of the students.

Government Potato Expert to Lecture Directors of Grand Forks Commercial Club Obtain Services of Prominent Authority. According to an announcement made yesterday, directors of the Commercial club have obtained the services of Dr. Archibald Stewart of Washington, D. C. government potato expert, who will visit this city on August 25, when he will make an address to farmers and business men on the production of potatoes. Dr. Stewart is claimed to be one of the best authorities on this product in the country and promises to give a lecture here that will be interesting as well as educational. Arrangements for the visit of Dr. Stewart are in the hands of J. H. Griffin, President of the Commercial Club, and J. G. Haney. A meeting is being held today and plans are being made.

HOSPITAL TRAIN. Chicago, Aug. 15.—The first hospital train to be built by the United States government has been completed by a local car building concern and left Chicago this morning for San Antonio, Tex.

WHEAT CROP TO BE SUFFICIENT FOR COUNTRY

Government Officials Prepare Statistics on Exportation Estimates.

Declares that Crop Will be Sufficient to Care For Home Demands.

According to the reports received from Washington by A. J. Surratt, government crop estimator of North Dakota, the United States wheat crop this year will be more than sufficient to care for the home consumption and the surplus will be large enough to meet the normal demands for exportation. It is also claimed by the government officials that the rapid rise of wheat and the corresponding advance in flour, following the issuing of the government report, was the result of the market adjusting itself from the abnormally large crop of last year to the one of about two-thirds the size estimated for this year.

Experts of the department of agriculture estimate that 620,000,000 bushels of wheat will be required for home consumption during the coming year, while the crop is estimated at 654,000,000 bushels, increased from conditions on August 1. This would leave a surplus of 34,000,000 bushels for export purposes. It also was claimed by government authorities that over 160,000,000 bushels of last year's wheat remains on the market, which is twice the amount carried over from previous years. With the old and new wheat on the market, it is claimed that there will be a surplus of 150,000,000 bushels available for export purposes.

Statistics on file in the office of A. J. Surratt show that during the five years preceding the European war, the wheat export amounted to about 110,000,000 bushels. Since the beginning of the war, the number of bushels exported has greatly increased, as shown by the amount sent during the first year which was 233,000,000 bushels, while last year it is estimated that 250,000,000 bushels were exported. What the export requirements will be this year cannot be foretold, government officials say, but it is expected that the demand will be the heaviest ever known, and experienced on the wheat market, as the world's crop will be the smallest in years.

DELEGATES BACK FROM MEETING

Grand Forks Members of Epworth League Return to City Last Evening.

North Dakota delegates from Grand Forks who attended the annual convention of the Epworth League of Scandinavian Methodist church, which was brought to a close at Crookston Sunday evening, returned to this city last night. The delegates represented the Red river valley district were Catherine Jensen, Stella Haugen, Marie Christensen, Fred Smith, Rev. T. Olson and Juergens of Grand Forks and Miss Marie Danielson, who accompanied the delegates from this city. The convention was opened last Friday with a reception, at which Rev. E. Nelson of Duluth was the principal speaker. Speeches also were made by prominent members of the organization. On Saturday the business sessions were taken up, committees were appointed and the following officers were elected: Rev. E. Nelson of Duluth, president; Miss Marie Danielson of Valley City, vice president; Clara Thorsen of Duluth, second vice president; Aldis Olson of Duluth, third vice president; Miss Stella Haugen of Grand Forks, fourth vice president; Miss Clara Hanson of Crookston, treasurer; and O. Berg of Superior, secretary.

On Sunday afternoon the delegates were the guests of the Crookston society at a picnic at the Christenson farm near that city. This event was attended by 33 delegates. At the devotional services of the day, addresses were made by the pastors present. The Epworth league is represented at Crookston embraces three states—North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Threshing Begins Thruout County First Rig Seen in Fields Yesterday—Barley is Principal Product Being Threshed.

That threshing in Grand Forks county will be general before the latter part of the week, is the conviction of local land men and grain dealers. The first rigs were placed in operation yesterday in many sections of the county but only barley is being threshed, as far as can be learned. Although the yields this year are not as large as during previous seasons, it is claimed that the barley is better than was expected, and that a profitable production will be threshed.

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WARNER A. LEE TO FACE COOLEY TODAY

Expected to Plead Guilty When Brought Before District Court This Afternoon.

Warner A. Lee, colored, charged with grand larceny on three counts, who was bound over to the district court by Justice of the Peace Phil McCoughlin, will be taken before Judge C. M. Cooley of the district court late this afternoon, where he will be given an opportunity to plead.

Lee has stated to the officials that he will enter a plea of guilty and it is expected that he will receive his sentence today. The defendant in the action, it is alleged, entered the apartments of three young men in this city and stole valuable worth over \$100.

DINNIE NAMED AS DELEGATE

Mayor of City to Represent Local Club at Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

With the controversy between railway employers and employees of the United States at a crisis, the fear of a general halt in all transportation facilities has arisen and efforts to avert a strike will be made by the Chamber of Commerce of America, through a committee, of which Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago is president. Should matters reach a sudden serious point, delegates from the various commercial clubs throughout the country will be notified by wire and a meeting will be held at once in Washington for the purpose of making a final effort to prevent the walk-out of the thousands of railroad men.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Grand Forks club, Mayor James A. Dinnie was named as a delegate from this city to attend the session, should one be called. Should a strike be called, Grand Forks business men fear that local firms would be practically even though the tie-up should last but a few days. This city is recognized as one of the leading shipping and distribution points of the northwest and should transportation facilities be cut off, a heavy loss to local men would result.

CHANDLER SURVEYS DEVIL LAKE REGION

University Professor Discovers Interesting Phenomena—Crest Drops Fifteen Feet. Professor E. F. Chandler, head of the department of civil engineering of the University of North Dakota, has returned from Devil Lake where he conducted a survey of that district for the biological department of the state institution. Interesting statistics have been derived from the observation of the lake district, including the discovery that the eastern end of the lake is one foot and 10 inches lower than the main body of water. The reason for this difference is believed to be due to the supply of water from springs, which is in greater quantities in the big lake. It also was discovered that the lake has receded over 15 feet since 1883, and is one foot higher now than a year ago.

MIX FUNERAL TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY P. M.

Former Grand Forks Man Who Died at Jamestown to Be Buried in Memorial Park Cemetery. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon over the remains of E. H. Mix, pioneer resident of North Dakota, who died Monday at Jamestown. The service will be held at the Masonic lodge of which he was a member and will be in charge of the service, which will be held at the local temple at 2:30 o'clock. The Masonic ritual for the dead will be read in honor of the deceased member. The pall bearers will be Charles Allen, D. M. Holmes, James Twamley, W. W. Fegan, A. J. Widlund and Wallace Huff.

Thief River Falls Party—Among the attendants at the annual picnic of the Sons of Norway, held at Maple Lake Sunday, there was a large party of Thief River Falls people. Grand Forks was represented by 150. Opens New Office—A. M. Clark of the Bartles Oil company, has returned from Langdon, N. D., where he completed arrangements for the opening of a new branch office. M. O. Strom will be the manager. Father Visiting—M. I. Hogan, father of J. V. Hogan of the Farmers & Mechanics Bank is visiting at the home of his son in this city for a few days. Mrs. J. V. Hogan accompanied him during the visit and will remain a month at his home in Sioux City, Iowa. Miss Shaw in Clides—Miss Gertrude Shaw, stenographer at the Farmers & Mechanics bank, is enjoying a vacation visit to the twin cities.

COURT ORDERS YOUTH OUT OF THE YARD. Minneapolis, Aug. 15.—Timothy Stanley Murnane, 16 years old, who enlisted in G battery, First Minnesota Field artillery, June 22 last, will be discharged from the army on an order issued today in St. Paul by Judge Wilbur F. Booth in the United States district court. Young Murnane, who lived at 228 Maria avenue, was entered the army. His mother made a release. The case is said to be the first of its kind decided by a high court in the United States. CITIZENS START TRAINING. Washington, Aug. 15.—About 24,000 citizen soldiers are assembling for the first naval training cruise of civilians ever held by the American navy. The men will sail from various Atlantic coast ports on nine battleships Tuesday on the John Paul Jones Cruise, ending September 13. The cruise is designed to qualify civilians for emergency naval service. Secretary W. G. McAdoo of the treasury, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt will go from Washington and receive the same treatment as the others. Recruits from Minneapolis and St. Paul are assigned to the Illinois and Louisiana battleship groups.

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NO TRACE OF AUTO THIEVES

Local and County Officials Puzzled Over Disappearance of Law Machine. Grand Forks city and county officials are conducting a search that covers three states, in an effort to apprehend the thief or thieves, who sometime between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p. m. last evening, made away with the six cylinder Studebaker automobile, owned by Dr. H. W. F. Law of this city. The machine was left standing on Fourth street, near the Clifford building only a short distance from Belmont avenue, about 7:30 o'clock, and when the doctor returned at 9:30, it had disappeared. Officials were notified and when a thorough search of the city failed to reveal the missing machine, county authorities were asked to assist in the search. Every official in the northwest has been notified of the theft and notices are being mailed out from the sheriff's office today, to points farther away. According to the police, no trace of the machine can be found, and as far as can be learned, no one witnessed the theft. The car is a 1916 model Studebaker, six cylinder engine. The initials of the machine are on the side of the machine between the two doors. The car is the only one in Grand Forks with over six Silvertown cord tires, size 34x4 1-2. Whether the car was taken by joy riders and left standing in some isolated spot, cannot be learned as no report has been received from any source to indicate in which direction the car was driven after it was taken from where it was parked on Fourth street.

PAVING WORK BEING PUSHED. Large Crew of Men and Teams Rapidly Completing Excavation. The Grand Forks Concrete company, to whom was awarded the contract to pave 18,050 square yards of street on Belmont and Vernon avenues, is rushing the preliminary work of excavation to rapid completion. About 20 teams and a large crew of men are carting thousands of yards of material out of the streets. Residents in this neighborhood are taking advantage of this opportunity to fill their lawns with black earth. Such of the excavated material as cannot be used immediately is being piled on a spare lot for future sale. The work has been progressing very rapidly during the past few days, due in part to the excellent weather. It is expected that at the present rate of work, the contractors will begin to lay paving early next week. Several new residences are being put up by owners of lots contiguous to the streets to be paved. Three fine residences are about half completed at present. They are those of Tom Moore of the Moore Automobile company, who is building on Vernon avenue; E. A. Fladland, and Dr. Alfred Dewing on Belmont avenue. Several other houses are being planned by other property owners and work has commenced on some of them. The improvement is booming building activities in this section of the city.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING TODAY. Grand Forks County Board in Session at Court House—Road Matters Up. Members of the Grand Forks county board of commissioners are meeting today at the court house in adjourned session. The regular routine business matters are being taken up and the following of bills is taking up the greater portion of the time. A discussion of road matters will be taken up as soon as the grid of routine work is disposed of. It is alleged in some places that contractors are neglecting to carry out the road work as agreed. It is expected that the commissioners, in whose district the roads have been neglected, will be instructed to take the matter up with the contractors and report at the next session. The meeting probably will be brought to a close tomorrow as no important matters are being taken up.

RETAILERS LAUNCH COMMISSION. Kenosha, Wis., Aug. 15.—More than 200 retail merchants from 47 cities in Wisconsin are in Kenosha for the opening of the sixteenth annual convention of the Wisconsin State Retail Grocers and General Merchants association. President R. W. Riegelman, of the distributing company for the state, presided at the opening. The first session was given over to organization. Many big movements are to be launched at the convention, the most interesting being a proposed Wisconsin trade commission, similar to the federal trade commission.

SUGGEST PLAN TO END BIG STRIKE. St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Leaders of the milk wagon drivers union yesterday afternoon rejected a proposition of the nine dairies affected by the strike and lockout of union drivers that a committee of 26 drivers should confer with the dairy owners. The proposition was rejected because the dairies insisted that none of the conferees on behalf of the drivers should be officers of the union. The union leaders notified James A. Smyth, representative of the federal department of labor who is seeking to bring about a settlement of the strike, that the wage scale committee of the union must be present at any conference with the dairy owners.

KANSAS CITY GETS NO SHUT-OFF NOTICE. Kansas City, Aug. 15.—Local gas company an city official last night, awaited the arrival from Topeka of a copy of an announcement made there yesterday by Robert Stone, attorney for the Kansas Natural Gas company, to the effect that Kansas City, Missouri, supply of natural gas would be shut off "very soon." J. W. Dana, attorney for the Kansas City Gas company, representative of the distributing company for the Kansas Natural said he had received no notice of any impending shut-off order other than that carried in press dispatches yesterday.

PANOVITZ' The Long Delayed Shipment of Imported Japanese Rag Rugs Has Just Arrived

These Rugs we ordered just a year ago this July and on account of the war were delayed in shipment and have just arrived. The colorings, designs and finish of these rugs are far superior to any other on the market. The sizes are from 24"x48" to 6x9 feet, and the prices are very moderate, from \$1.25 upward. See Window Display PANOVITZ'

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