

# TIE-UP CANNOT LAST LONG IS GENERAL VIEW

### Officials and Business Men Think Public Will not Tolerate It.

### Brisk Buying in Anticipation of Strike—No Coal Shortage Danger.

Grand Forks railway officials and business men are not as much perturbed over the imminence of the threatened railway tie-up, as the apparent gravity of the situation would warrant. The reason seems to be that they refuse to entertain the idea of the possibility of a strike which will last for more than a day or two.

Local railway officials are most reluctant to commit themselves on the situation. They admit that the present outlook is probably the most serious which has faced the railways in the country, but at the same time they refuse to become excited over the possibility of a tie-up.

Some Men Will Stay On. It is known that local Great Northern officials have for several days been making a careful inventory of the situation. "We have a pretty good idea of how many of the men will come to work on the morning of the fourth, in spite of the strike order," said one of them today. "We have talked the

situation over with many of the men and know that many of them will think twice before quitting."

The estimated number who would remain in the service of the company is evidently high, and is one reason for the optimism with which the railway officials face the situation.

Another reason for the attitude of officials and business men is a confidence imposed in the power of public opinion to accomplish two things. They expect that the public will force an early settlement of the dispute between the employees and employers. There is also a growing opinion that the aroused public will not tolerate interference with men who volunteer to take the place of the strikers. The service of these men will appear so valuable that the people will not tolerate interference with them by the men who have quit.

No Fuel Shortage.

An interview with local coal dealers this morning developed that Grand Forks is in no danger of a fuel shortage in the event of a strike. The local bins of every coal dealer are filled to overflowing at the present time. Although the capacity of the bins is but a small proportion of the total sales for the winter season, it is still sufficient to last for two or three weeks in the opinion of A. G. Sorlie and Leslie Stinson, two prominent fuel dealers in the city, at the present rate of demand.

"I can foresee nothing to cause worry so far as the fuel situation is concerned," said Mr. Stinson this morning. "We shall be able to furnish the people with fuel as though nothing had happened. The scarcity of other commodities will force a settlement of the strike long before the shortage of coal will begin to be felt. In the coal dealer and coal consumer than does the coal shortage at the head of the Great Lakes which exists in the country at the present time. Because of the exceedingly high price of iron ore and the correspondingly high profit of shipping it, steamer owners are devoting every effort to ship this commodity. They find it profitable to return to the head of the lakes without a cargo, since the trip can be made so much faster, thus enabling them to handle so much more iron ore. As a result not as much coal is arriving by the returning ships as normally, and shortage from this cause exists at the head of the lakes. Coal dealers point out that there still remains about 90 days in which coal can be shipped to the head of the lakes and from there to the points inland. No strike could possibly last long enough to create a serious shortage.

The University of North Dakota officials are apparently not fearing a shortage, for this large consumer has as yet not ordered a carload of fuel, according to Mr. Stinson. Wesley college is completely stocked up.

Brisk Sales of Groceries. Merchants throughout the state are preparing for the situation by ordering unusually large consignments, according to W. G. McDonald of Nash Bros. wholesale grocers.

"Almost every order we receive is for larger quantities than ordinarily sent by the merchants sending them. All staples are ordered in large quantities. Merchants are ordering by telephone and telegraph as well as by mail. The least delay is followed by a telegraphic inquiry. There is a very noticeable increase in the volume of our business, and it can be traced to the imminence of the strike situation."

Fruit Still Coming. According to H. F. Corrigan, man-

ager of the fruit department of the Grand Forks Mercantile company that concern is continuing to receive and to order perishables with little reference to the imminence of the strike. Several carloads of produce in transit at the present time and it would be up to the railway company to deliver them or stand the loss, in the opinion of Mr. Corrigan.

### Chief Lowe Does Not Fear Disturbances

Should local strike conditions become acute and a possibility of property destruction or other disturbances result, an extra detail of police would be added to the Grand Forks department, according to Chief Lowe.

It is the opinion of the chief, however, that even though a strike should occur, there would be no demonstrations in Grand Forks that would necessitate the calling out of police, and that only a prolonged period of idleness would bring about dissatisfaction on the part of the community which might be aroused by the continued idleness.

### Bankers Do Not Fear Walkout on Sept. 4

According to local bankers, a strike of all railway employees of the country for even a short period, would demoralize the banking business throughout the country. Financial institutions in every city would face the most serious problem that has ever confronted them. When speaking of the proposition to a reporter this morning, one local banker said:

"If you could see the number of checks that would be cashed in the mails daily, you could readily understand what it would mean to have transportation facilities brought to a standstill. Why, we wouldn't be able to get money to pay the demands of the depositors and we would be forced to quit until normal conditions were resumed."

Local bankers are of the opinion, however, that no strike will ensue, and they declare that such a catastrophe is impossible. That congress will intervene before the crisis is reached, is the opinion of the financiers, who do not fear that there will be a tie up.

### BIG STRIKE MAY AFFECT SCHOOLS

If the tie-up of transportation facilities in the United States, which now appears to be imminent, should continue for any length of time, it will be impossible for the Grand Forks city schools to open for the 1916-17 term on September 11, according to local school officials, who are devoting every effort to make their homes in this city as now here and prepared to begin the school year.

As the Grand Forks schools are not scheduled to open until one week after the date which has been set for the walkout of railroad employees, it is feared that the teachers who have signed contracts to come here at the year, will be unable to reach the city. It is not expected that any of the teachers will arrive in the city before September 4, and only a few have not made reservations for rooms and all preliminary preparations are in readiness for their arrival.

As the situation has not reached the point where it is considered serious, the school officials have taken no action and will rely upon the settlement of the difference before the late set for the opening of the Grand Forks schools.

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### SIMPSON RETURNS FROM GEOLOGICAL TRIP

Travels 500 Miles in Automobile Over North Central Part of State—Found Interesting Phenomena.

Prof. Howard E. Simpson, assistant state geologist, has returned to Grand Forks after making a rapid trip over the north central part of the state for the purpose of studying the geological phenomena of this region.

Prof. Simpson was accompanied by Walter P. Belyea, a senior in the university, who drove the car used in making the trip. They left Bottineau on Wednesday, August 16, passing through Westhope, Antler, Sherwood, Portal, Light, Columbus and Noonan. One of the interesting places visited was the natural gas region near Westhope. A study was here made of gas conditions.

In this region only dozens of farms have miniature geysers, the cold water being forced to the surface by the gas pressure. A spurt of water and a flow of gas frequently alternate. In many places more value is placed on the water than on the gas, since the former is very scarce in this region. The gas is piped to the buildings and is used for heating and lighting purposes.

The second largest coal mine in the state is located near Noonan. Over one hundred men were employed in the excavation of coal at the time the mine was visited.

### SAYS SWEDEN MAY BE DRAWN INTO THE WAR

Olof Gustafson of Upland, N. D., Returns From Tour Through Norway and Sweden.

After spending the past four months traveling in Norway and Sweden, Olof Gustafson of Upland, N. D., arrived in Grand Forks this morning, enroute to his home. Gustafson claims that he is glad to get back to North Dakota, although he enjoyed the visit in the old country with his relatives and friends with whom he formerly resided.

When speaking of the conditions in Scandinavia, Mr. Gustafson said: "Sweden may be enticed into entering the European conflict and the present time that leads a visitor to believe that the situation is more critical than it has been reported. In Norway, everything is much quieter and the citizens of that country are determined that the nation shall not be thrust into the conflict. The men of Norway are loyal and are strong for upholding their rights but they will not consider a declaration of war unless a crisis is reached that cannot be settled by arbitration."

"I talked with a great many of the leading men of both countries and I find that the general opinion varies to some extent. Sweden has grievances and unless they are given greater consideration by the countries at war, it is the popular wish of the people that the armies be used to show that infringements on their rights will not be tolerated."

"Of course, there are a great many who do not wish to declare war under any circumstances but the factions are favoring both sides of the problem. The same a preparedness was considered in the United States." Mr. Gustafson declared that Norway and Sweden were prosperous countries and that the manufacturing industries were proving a profitable source of revenue.



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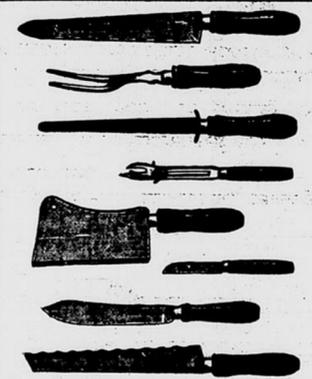
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## The Ontario Store

### THIEVES ROB ECKMAN BANK

Institution, Owned by Local Company, is Looted by Burglars Last Night.

Some time after midnight today, burglars broke into the office of the First State bank of Eckman, N. D., and made away with approximately \$3,000 which was locked in a safe in the office of the Eckman Lumber company. The bank is owned by the Northwestern Trust company of Grand Forks.

While a new brick bank building is being constructed at Eckman, the funds of that institution have been kept in a safe at the lumber-office.

The thieves had little trouble in blowing the strong box and made their getaway without leaving any clues upon which officials might begin an investigation. The crime was not discovered until this morning.

S. Torgerson, cashier of the Scandinavian American bank, will leave tonight for Eckman, where he will assist with the inventory in an effort to discover the exact loss. It is claimed by the local financiers who were interested in the Eckman institution, that the loss will be less than \$3,000 and that burglar insurance to the extent of \$3,000 is carried.

### RECRUITING OFFICE TO OPEN ON FRIDAY

Carl W. Reimann, chief turret captain of the United States navy, arrived in Grand Forks yesterday to open the naval recruiting office in this city. The office will be located on the third floor of the federal building and will be opened Friday, September 1. Mr. Reimann, who is from Minneapolis, the central office. Enroute, he did considerable publicity work. The equipment at the Virginia office, which was transferred to this city, is expected here tomorrow.



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