

BROTHERHOODS STAND FIRM; NATION READY FOR BIG STRIKE

Congressional Efforts For Legislation Are Reported Deadlocked

RAILROADS ARE REFUSING TO TAKE PERISHABLE FREIGHT

Nation-Wide Strike is Certain; No Power Can Stop Strike, Say Men.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR NOT TO BE POSTPONED

Interstate Commerce Commission Suspends Proposed Increase Rates.

UNION PACIFIC MEN ARE RESTRAINED FROM STRIKE

Embargo Placed on Goods Which Cannot Be Delivered on Saturday.

(By United Press)
Washington, Aug. 30.—No power under heaven except the railroads accepting the brotherhood men's proposition can prevent the big rail strike, according to Strike Leader Lee today.

President Wilson made an attempt to get the brotherhoods to see that if they strike Monday with congress considering favorable legislation that they would get public condemnation. The brotherhoods were unmoved by his attempt and insist upon a strike.

"God Forgive You."
"God forgive you, I cannot," Wilson told the rail executives last night after they had formally rejected his proposition.

Congressional efforts for strike legislation are deadlocked. Senators are charging that each other is attempting to make political capital from the strike.

It is believed that congress will not act immediately upon the president's suggestion for an increase in the membership of the interstate commerce commission and the authorization for the increase of freight rates. All parties seem to have agreed that these amendments will not be adopted until later.

Suspend Increases.
The interstate commerce commission today suspended the proposed increases in transcontinental freight rates.

The senate interstate commerce committee today announced that a formal hearing of brotherhood men, rail managers and shippers would be held at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Suggestions will be heard in regard to the proposed legislation. Twenty-eight companies of coast artillery recently sent to the Mexican border were ordered to return to their coast defense batteries.

Strikers Have Money.
Fifteen millions of dollars bulge in the war chest of the railway brotherhoods.

This amount, about equally divided among the four unions, is ready today for distribution among the men should they need strike relief. It is to be doled out in portions of \$40 a month among the 400,000 men who would be involved in a national railway tieup. How long it would last is problematical, for relief might start with the opening of the strike or might be delayed until later.

As the brotherhood men view it, their mighty war chest would probably not be touched in the forthcoming strike, for they believe it will be so brief that the men will not feel the pinch of unemployment.

Weekly Assessments.
The great war fund has been gathered through weekly contributions, covering a long space of time. The assessment varied, according to the member's earnings, but the total sum per year is written in fixed thousands.

One little code written from Washington to every railway center in the country is sufficient to precipitate the threatened strike. The more than 600 brotherhood delegates who left for their posts yesterday, carried with them instructions for running a strike. Trains on the lines will be run to the nearest junctions, fires will be banked and engines oiled. The engines and the cars will be delivered to the companies in perfect condition and every union man will then quit the property with orders to avoid violence or trespassing.

Only 24 of the biggest brotherhood men remain here today. According to their version, they must stand pat on the eight-hour day, with 10 hours pay.

To Open Fair.
St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30.—The

Minnesota State Fair will be opened Monday despite the strike.

Embargo on Freight.
Omaha, Aug. 30.—The Union Pacific has placed an embargo on all freight that cannot be delivered Saturday.

Teachers Ordered.
Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 30.—The school board has ordered that all teachers report immediately.

Killing Suspended.
St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30.—The Northwestern brotherhoods opened strike headquarters here today. Meat packers at Albert Lea, Minn., have ordered that all killing be suspended next Thursday.

Freight Refused.
Chicago, Aug. 30.—A dozen roads have ordered their agents to refuse perishable freight which would not arrive at its destination by Saturday night. Travelers are warned that there will probably be perplexing delays after Sunday. Six thousand freight handlers have been ordered to strike this afternoon.

Men Are Restrained.
Omaha, Aug. 30.—District Court Judge Dears has issued an order restraining the Union Pacific trainmen from striking next Monday.

Rushing Supplies.
El Paso, Aug. 30.—The quartermaster's department is rushing supplies, fearing the railway strike.

Switchmen to Aid.
St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30.—Switchmen were today counted upon by Northwest railway heads to help break the strike that has been called by the trainmen for next Monday morning. The operating heads of the roads are arguing their belief that the switchmen will go out on the road in place of conductors and brakemen.

Notify Passengers.
San Francisco, Aug. 30.—The following instructions were telegraphed by the headquarters of the Southern Pacific company to all division superintendents:

"Please instruct all passenger and ticket agents by wire at once to notify passengers unless they can reach their destination Sunday night, Sept. 3, they may be subject to perplexing delays. Signed:

"Charles S. Fee,
"Passenger Traffic Manager."

Pennington Optimistic.
Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 30.—Edmund Pennington, president of the Soo Line, returned yesterday from Washington, where he was called with other railroad executives to confer with President Wilson in regard to the threatened strike. Should the brotherhoods carry out their threat they will be unsuccessful, first, in obtaining all of their men to walk out, and, second, in winning their contention by that method, is the opinion of Pennington.

Place Embargo.
St. Paul, Aug. 30.—Fortifying themselves against the most critical condition that may arise through the strike of the brotherhoods, railway officials of the Great Northern railroad today for the first time inaugurated plans for placing an embargo on consignments of perishable freight and live stock, and an order refusing such consignments will probably go out to local agents today.

FARM CLUB TO MEET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Better Farming club of Grant Valley will meet next Saturday at the S. W. Scott farm.

STERLING SILVER 25 PER CENT MORE

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30.—It's going to cost more now for that silver wedding anniversary. Sterling silver is up in price 25 per cent on account of the war. It will cost you just \$600 to get across the counter that silver service you were going to buy wife for \$500 a year ago.

WANT DAKOTA CAPITOL MOVED FROM BISMARCK

(By United Press)
New Rockford, N. D., Aug. 30.—Local associations in various towns in this vicinity are being formed by boosters from New Rockford today, and they will be used to boost the removal of the state capitol from Bismarck to New Rockford.

ESCAPES FROM FEDERAL PRISON

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 30.—Robert Fay, said to have been a former German officer, convicted of conspiracy against the United States in connection with New York munition plots, escaped from the federal prison here yesterday.

FAIR EXHIBIT OF BELTRAMI COUNTY NEARLY COMPLETED

Large Variety of Grasses, Grains, Vegetables and Fruits are Entered.

B. M. GILF AGRICULTURIST. ANNOUNCES ENTRIES MADE

Exhibit to Be Shipped Immediately; County in Line for Prizes, is Belief.

The Beltrami county exhibit for the Minnesota State Fair is nearly completed and it will be shipped to Hamline immediately. The exhibit will be one of the best, considering the year, that this county has had and it is believed that the county is in line for prizes. The exhibit is composed of grasses, grains, vegetables, fruits, etc.

B. M. Gile, Bemidji school agriculturist, who is in charge of the exhibit, has announced the list of entries. The entries are as follows:

Ralph Ripley, tame strawberries, wild strawberries; Roy Steck, timothy seed, wild gooseberry, flint corn; J. N. Skrivseth, blueberry, pin cherry and grass samples; John Harris, red raspberries; Mrs. Harry Koots, blackberries; E. K. Anderson, blueberries, oats, barley and clover; Peter Narum, plums, grapes, white dent corn, crabs and Bliss Triumph potatoes; John Colburn, watermelon, muskmelon, citron and squash; Gust Berg, speltz, grasses, white dent corn, compass cherries, pumpkin; J. E. Swenson, tame plums, alfalfa seed, Northwestern dent seed corn; Robbie Swenson, fodder corn and Northwestern dent corn; George and Bathen Wilson, wild vetch and alsyke clover; H. E. Raymond, sunflower, miscellaneous seeds, onions, stock carrots, tobacco plant.

Hugo Nensel, wild plums, beets and fodder corn; Herman Eiekstad, oats, alsyke clover, red clover, brome grass, hog millet and blue joint; Charles Ohrberg, Green Mountain potatoes and red top; Clark Pole & Tie Co., Russett potatoes, English rye grass, peas, early Ohio potatoes and beardless barley; Charles Schroeder, wild plums; Ed Raco, Swedish select oats, barley alfalfa and King potatoes; Loren Coyle, Burbank potatoes and sorghum; John Smith, potatoes, winter radishes and white flint corn; George Miller, winter wheat, barley, potatoes and corn; J. W. Skinner, Saum, 15 varieties of grasses and two varieties of potatoes.

John Gilstad, Blackduck, 20 varieties of grass; Herman Fenske, cow horn turnip and other stock vegetables, carrots, beets, parsnip, turnip, cauliflower, cabbage, cucumbers, squash, pumpkin, tomatoes, onions, sweet corn, rhubarb, Rural New Yorker potatoes; Alfred Moen, stock vegetables, beets, cabbage, cauliflower, squash, pumpkin, tomatoes, onions sweet corn, rhubarb, Rural New Yorker potatoes; N. R. Reynolds, onions, kafir corn, Feteria, Sudan grass, cow peas, velvet bean, Milo maize, Egyptian wheat, Jerusalem corn, celery, tomatoes, white cucumber, Virginia cress, Niagara grapes, wild grapes, yellow raspberries, alsac clover seed, squash and pumpkin.

Lee Hiltz, watermelon, muskmelon, nine kinds of tomatoes, six kinds of onions, citron, egg plant, orka, kale, endive, parsley, Swiss chard, kohlrabi, leek, Brussels sprout, peppers, sweet marjoram, sage, parsnip, pop corn, plums, hops, blackberries, sweet corn, six kinds carrots, beets, acorns, hazel nuts, Triumph potatoes, Early Ohio potatoes; Fred Westpahl, cucumbers, parsnip and mangels.

Mrs. Craig, peanuts, orka, garden huckleberry, sweet basil, sweet marjoram, sweet fennel, green peas, radish seed, garden lemon, garden peach, 5 kinds string beans; Carl Opsata, honey; M. Rygg, 4 kinds potatoes; Utley, endive, turnips and beets; Harry Bowers, squash; Esther McGee, vegetables in glass; E. H. Winter, wild grasses; B. M. Gile, wild grasses, grains, stock vegetables, fruit in glass and corn; Matt Nolan, pumpkins and watermelon.

SEVERAL ENTRIES IN BIG CONTEST

Children of Rural Districts Showing Interest in the Offer of J. J. Opsahl.

Several entries have been made in the essay contest that is being conducted by J. J. Opsahl through the columns of the Pioneer. He has offered to give \$50 in prizes for the six best essays written by boys and girls on the subject, "Beltrami County Saloons vs. Beltrami County Dairy Cows as Farm and Home Developers." Each essay is not to exceed 300 words and it is to be sent to the Pioneer before September first.

Several Indian pupils of the Red Lake Indian agency are planning to enter the contest.

ROOT PLEADS FOR WEEDING OUT OF INCOMPETENT MEN

President of American Bar Association, in Annual Address, Wants Changes.

SAYS MANY ATTORNEYS ARE VERY UNNECESSARY

Urges Lawyers of Country to Forget Selfishness and Aid the Country.

(By United Press)

Chicago, Aug. 30.—President Elihu Root of the American Bar association pleaded for a weeding out of the unnecessary and incompetent among the 114,000 lawyers in the United States in his annual address at the opening of the meeting of that organization here today.

"It is true of the American people generally," said Mr. Root, "that too many of us have been trying to get something out of the country and too few of us have been trying to serve it."

Forget Selfishness.

Basing his plea for efficiency in the administration of the law upon the statement that we must get down to brass tacks in all our affairs if we're going to keep pace with Europe after the war, Mr. Root flayed our "cumbersome machinery of justice" and called upon the lawyers to forget their selfishness and give the country a little service not only in law administration, but in law-making. He said that as a rule only the youngest and least experienced lawyers get into our lawmaking bodies, local, state and national. Concerning the law and the lawyers, Mr. Root said: "There is great economic waste in the administration of the law in state and nation. We spend vast sums building court houses, paying judges, clerks and others and the product in justice is disproportionate to the plant and working force. There is no country in the world where the doing of justice is burdened by such heavy overhead charges. It all causes an enormous waste of time on the part of witnesses, jury panel and parties."

Bar is Crowded.

"The ease with which admission to the bar is secured in many jurisdictions and the attraction of a career which affords a living without manual labor has crowded the bar with more lawyers than are necessary. Of the 114,000 lawyers in the United States a very considerable part are not needed. If that business was conducted like the business of any great industrial or transportation company which is striving for the highest efficiency at the least cost in order to compete successfully with its rivals, a very considerable percentage of the 114,000 would be discharged."

"Why do these defects exist in our administration of justice? The American people are not quarrelsome or litigious. They are good natured, practical, simple and direct in their methods, respectful of law and honest in their dealings. Our bar as a whole is courageous, loyal and able. I think the underlying cause is that unconsciously we treat the business of administering justice as something to be done for private benefit instead of for public service."

Should Redraft Law.

Mr. Root admitted that our basic law should be redrafted but, he added, none but a prophet or seer could do it and none such was available. The meeting will close with the annual dinner of the association Friday night.

TO TAKE OFF TRAIN AFTER NEXT SUNDAY

Great Northern Lake Train to Cass Lake and West to Be Taken Off September 3.

Next Sunday will be the last day for the Great Northern Grand Forks, Crookston and Cass Lake Sunday train.

This train was put on at the request of people living west of Bemidji for the accommodations on Sunday to come to this lake region. Now that the lake season is about closed the train will be discontinued.

FOOTBALL ELEVEN TO PRACTICE TONIGHT

The Bemidji city football eleven will hold a practice at the Central school yard tonight. Anyone desiring to try out for the team is requested to report tonight. The Bemidji team will have to work hard in order to get into shape for the game with Grand Rapids, September 10.

REV. S. E. P. WHITE MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA

Word was received in Bemidji late this afternoon of the marriage of Rev. S. E. P. White, formerly of Bemidji, to Miss Ethel Roper at Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 22.

POSTOFFICE BOXES CLOSED BY INSPECTOR

Careless Box Holders Not to Be Given Boxes: Boxes Must Be Kept Locked.

Postoffice Inspector La Forge has ordered 39 boxes at the Bemidji postoffice locked, as a result of the box holders not keeping the boxes locked. It is an order that all boxes at the postoffice must be kept locked. There have been several reports that letters have been taken from unlocked boxes.

TWENTY KILLED; MANY INJURED; CRUISER WRECKED

Memphis Goes on Rocks at Santo Domingo; 67 Slightly Injured, Reports Admiral.

SUDDEN SWELL CAUSE OF BOAT DISASTER

Formerly Was Armored Cruiser Tennessee; On Duty in Domingo Waters.

(By United Press)

Washington, Aug. 30.—Twenty men are dead, ten seriously injured and 67 slightly injured as a result of the cruiser Memphis striking rocks near Santa Domingo yesterday. Admiral Pond made this report this morning.

The cruiser was driven ashore on account of a sudden swell. The boat was a total loss.

The United States cruiser Memphis, formerly was the armored cruiser Tennessee. Her name was changed May 25, last. Recently she has been doing duty in San Domingo waters in connection with the revolution. The Memphis is of 14,500 tons and has a horse power of 23,000. The complement is 990 men. She was the flagship of the cruiser force of the United States Atlantic fleet. Captain E. L. Beach is in command. The Memphis is launched in 1904 at Philadelphia.

RUMANIAN TROOPS DEFEATED IN ATTACK AT VERESTORONY

Lonton Semi-official Statement Says That the Austrians Were Victorious.

GREEK CABINET MAY RESIGN, IS REPORT

Rumanian Cavalry Reported to Be Within a Few Miles of Hermannstadt.

(By United Press)

London, Aug. 30.—(Semi-official)—Two Rumanian battalions were defeated last night in attacking positions at Verestorony Pass, south of the Red Tower Pass.

A dispatch from Zurich says that the Rumanian cavalry crossed the Red Tower pass three miles inside Transylvania and are within a few miles of the city of Hermannstadt. A dispatch from Athens says that the resignation of the Greek cabinet headed by Zaimis is foreshadowed on account of Romania's declaration of war.

Paris, Aug. 30.—(Semi-official)—The French progressed west of the Vardar river in fighting in the Balkans last night. Bucharest, Aug. 30.—(Official)—Zeppelins bombarded Bucharest last night. The damage was not important.

THREE SHOT IN IN A STRIKE RIOT

St. Louis, Aug. 30.—Three striking milk wagon drivers were shot here yesterday afternoon by strikebreakers.

BEMIDJI PREPARED FOR STRIKE; 30 TO 60 DAYS' SUPPLIES

Merchants Increase Stock and Plan for Strike; Sugar and Flour to Be Scarce.

SHIPMENTS MAY BE RECEIVED BY AUTO

Shortage in Pork and Smoked Meats; Gasoline Supply Reported to Be Large.

Bemidji is prepared for the railway strike which has been called for next Monday morning and which may mean the trying up of the railways for some time.

Bemidji has a thirty or sixty days' supply of food necessities, according to statements made by Bemidji merchants to a Pioneer representative. The merchants admitted that the supply of some articles would be exhausted before 30 days' time. The supply of sugar and flour is not as large as it should be.

Ship by Automobile.

All the merchants stated that they were securing as large a supply as possible and some of them have made arrangements for the transporting of goods in auto trucks. The gasoline supply is good, according to the St. Cloud Oil company, which will have its maximum of gasoline here on Saturday.

Transportation by auto truck will be done from the Twin Cities over the Jefferson highway and on return trips to the city, produce will be shipped. The time between Bemidji and the Twin Cities by automobile is much less than by freight. The cost of shipment is less, it is stated.

The meat situation in Bemidji is good, the only scarcity being in pork and smoked meats. There is plenty of beef on hand and obtainable.

Stewart is Ready.

"We have at least a 30-day supply of necessities," said Scott Stewart, of the Stewart grocery. "We have received shipments and have a large supply of coffee and other articles on hand. I look for the biggest scarcity in sugar and flour."

All the merchants in Bemidji stated that they did not believe that anyone would attempt to secure control of the food market in order to increase prices and make a profit.

"We will fight any move of that kind and will not sell goods in large quantities," said one merchant.

30 Days Supply.

"I don't anticipate much of a strike," said W. G. Schroeder. "If we do have a strike I am ready for it. We have at least 30 days supplies on hand and I have made arrangements for the securing of meats and other necessities by auto truck from various points. We can secure things by auto route much quicker than we could secure them by freight."

Morris Kaplan has received six carloads of supplies within the past week in preparation of a strike. "I do not look for a great shortage in anything," said Mr. Kaplan.

The Charles Nangle store has a 30 or 60 days' supply on necessities and does not anticipate a shortage.

The Troppman store is prepared, having a good supply on hand.

Shortage in Pork.

The Palace Meat Market is prepared for a strike. Any amount of beef can be obtained but a shortage is looked for in pork.

The Peoples Meat Market is of the opinion that it will be able to get along well in case of a long strike. The only big shortage will be in smoked meats and pork. Pork is selling for 19 cents wholesale, it is stated.

The Otto Schwandt store has a good supply of necessities on hand.

SCHROEDER INSTALLS ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

W. G. Schroeder is installing a 30-light electric light plant on his farm. Power will be generated by a gasoline engine. The work is being done by the Wells Electric Construction company of New Richmond, Wis.

REVIEWERS OF DITCH NUMBER TWO RESIGN

Viewers of Ditch No. 2 in Clearwater county have resigned on account of a protest by 30 residents of the county asking that their report be set aside, alleging that they reside in ditch territory and would be benefited by the construction of the ditch.

Judge C. W. Stanton of the district court allowed the viewers to resign and will appoint another board to make a report.