

# RAIL STRIKE MAY COME SOON

### Arbitration Now Is Only Avenue for Peaceable Solution

With arbitration the only solution for the difficulty of engineers on railroads of the middlewest and only a meagre prospect that both sides will give ear to that suggestion, the possibility of a great strike involving practically all the steam roads is grave. Copper country engineers who have been questioned about the outlook for peace declare they are hopeful for a settlement, though that the solution is proving a difficult matter is generally admitted. With the acknowledgment of the federal commission Saturday that mediation failed, the situation became more acute and if it is impossible to induce both sides to arbitrate, there can be no other recourse but a strike.

In their stand against mediation or arbitration, the men declare the experience of previous attempts to arbitrate have been a failure, in that they aver the railroads did not carry out the awards. However, if they can be assured the roads will live up to any findings in favor of the men, the situation may take a different turn.

#### Contentions of Engineers.

A committee of the engineers present the following statement of their side of the contention:

"The attention of the public is respectfully called to some facts in connection with this controversy. Out of every one hundred engineers promoted, exceedingly few enter the cab of locomotive as a regular passenger engineer, and not many become a regular freight engineer, this indicating the terrible rate, at which the work of seeking cuts into the great numbers of men who seek employment on locomotives.

"The rapid work of elimination is brought about by the exacting physical examinations that men working in engine service are subjected to, together with the large per cent that are killed and maimed, and those who find themselves unable to withstand the hardships and exposures of the service.

"Increased responsibilities have piled upon the engineers in proportion to the sizes and weights of engines and trains and further exactions by way of improved safety appliances which have also added to the labor and responsibility of the engineers. With the advent of the block signal, and other appliances, many railroads have introduced a system of surprise tests that add materially to the already nerve-racking work of engineers. In this connection it should be understood that engineers do not object to such practical tests as will demonstrate their efficiency and their desire to observe the rules.

"These increased burdens, together with the greatly increased cost of living, were the causes that induced the engineers in the Western Territory to make certain requests upon the managers of the western railroads. These requests carried moderate increases in rates and some improvements in working rules that have for their purpose the standardization of wages and working conditions, which were to be revisions and additions to the present schedule and rules governing engineers in the western territory. When these requests were submitted to the managers of the western railroads, instead of meeting their engineers and handling the requests as had been the custom in the past, they terminated all agreements in the western territory and submitted a counter proposition that had for its purpose the complete revolution of the system of compensation and the rules governing the

handling of men that had required more than thirty years to build up. "The committee of engineers met the committee of general managers in early February and several months of conference followed, in which the propositions of both sides were discussed. In these conferences the general manager's committee was not only unwilling to grant a single request made by the engineers, but were so insistent upon enforcing their obnoxious rules that there was nothing else to do but to break off negotiations and place the whole matter before the engineers and ascertain through their expressed vote their acceptance or rejection of the proposition of the general manager's committee. This having been done, the vote of the men is practically unanimous in their objection of the general manager's proposition.

"Much as locomotive engineers deplore a strike, they gave their unanimous expression in the honest belief that the very life of their organization and the wages and conditions that had required thirty years to build up was at stake, and that this strike vote was their only weapon of defense against an impending disaster in the form of a sweeping reduction in pay by the elimination of rules long in effect, and that would make possible abuses that would be unbearable.

"The men feel that they are not only entitled to maintain such conditions and agreements that have been demonstrated to be necessary to prevent abuses, but that they are entitled to some relief from the increasing hardships that are constantly coming to them through the introduction of heavier power, and greater exactions on the part of operating officials.

"The last general wage movement of the engineers and firemen in western territory was consummated during the year 1910, at which time a 10 per cent increase was granted.

"Since 1910, the railroads have made great strides in their facilities for handling business, the most potent of which is the enormous increase in the size of their cars and the power of their locomotives and in the reductions of grades. The reason for doing this is to increase the train haul, which they have done to certain extent. Hauling accidents, the length and weight of trains, especially in the freight service, is the direct index to the length of time on duty of the crew, and the physical and mental strain that must be exerted.

"It is a very common thing while riding on a passenger train to meet or pass a freight train containing from sixty to one hundred and ten cars, and the thought at once occurs in the layman's mind how such enormous power could be invested in one machine to handle such heavy trains, and how men can be educated to handle such enormous weight and lengthy trains with sufficient skill to get them over the road successfully.

"The cost of living has materially increased since 1910, and as the engineers and firemen in this country are responsible citizens, it is indeed fitting that their earning power ought to be sufficient to meet, at least, reasonable demand along this line in order to maintain a fitting standard of living.

"It is a fair estimate that living expenses within the past five years have increased in this corresponding time about 10 per cent, and even with this increase, engineers in both instances are not able to earn as large salaries and there were eight others represent to the added hardships brought about by the introduction of larger engines and the tonnage system, which has greatly increased both the labor and responsibility of the engineer and fireman, and requiring them to lay off in order to secure the necessary rest to stand the added hardship, which time off duty means a reduction in their earning capacity, therefore, it will be understood that the earnings of engineers do not compare favorably with the wages of employes in other classes of labor, and while the railway companies try to make it appear that engineers are a high paid class of employes, the fact remains that their earning capacity has materially decreased, while on the other hand their earning power for the railroads has greatly increased."

#### LAURIUM BREVITIES.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Xavier Longlais was held at 9 o'clock this morning with services at the Sacred Heart church.

J. G. Noga of Laurium has purchased a large farm in Mason county and expected shortly to locate there with his family.

Joseph Sterbenz of Detroit, is the guest of friends and relatives in Laurium.

Vincent Valro of the firm of Chatel & Valro, is in Chicago on a business trip.

During the electrical storm last night, the chimney on the residence of Gus Prouss on Hecla street was struck by a bolt and demolished.

A collision of two automobiles on Lake Linden avenue yesterday afternoon resulted in extensive damage to one of the cars. The occupants were uninjured. The names of the owners of the autos could not be learned.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Frisk, Sr., will return to their home in Ely, Minn., tomorrow after a brief visit with their son, Martin Frisk.

Recent births in the village were a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Collins of 226 Boundary street and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rowe of Oncoola street.

Village President Joseph Wills is expected to return the latter part of the week from Copper Harbor where he has been spending the summer.

A son was born today to Mr. and Mrs. Otto K. Barkley.

So-called Chinese rice paper is made from the pith of a Formosan tree. Toledo employs a woman food inspector on its board of health staff.

# BUTTE UNION IN NEW EMBROGLIO

### Lead Miners, Alleging Fraud, Seek to Regain Property

Butte, Mont., July 27.—The old claim of Butte Miners' union No. 1, Western Federation of Miners, against the Lead City Miners' union of South Dakota is again in the courts of Lead City. The Lead City union has sued the Butte Miners' union to cancel a deed which the latter holds. The Butte Miners' union some time ago loaned the Lead City union \$25,000 to build a meeting hall, and \$3,000 in interest accumulated on the loan.

There was a suit over the loan which called the officers of this miners union to Lead City, and the Western Federation of Miners was drawn into the controversy as an interested party. A deed was finally made by the Lead City organization transferring the property to the Butte union.

A suit has now been brought at Lead City by the miners' union, there against the union here, asking that the deed given the latter at the time of the suit brought two or three years ago by the former, transferring the Lead City hall to the Butte union, be cancelled and the Butte union be enjoined from asserting any claim to the property, which is supposed to be worth from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

#### Summons Served.

The summons and complaint in the suit were received today by the local officers of Butte Miners' union No. 1, Western Federation of Miners. The ground upon which the action is based is alleged fraud on the part of the defendants in securing the deed, and the nature of the action is to clear the title of the Lead City union to the property.

It is alleged in the complaint that the officers of the Lead City union made the deed without authority and were under coercion and undue influence exercised by Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, at the time they executed the instrument. The Butte union was successful in the previous action, and the deed of the property made to it at that time was in satisfaction of its claim for \$25,000 principal and \$3,000 interest on the loan it had made to the Lead City union.

It is understood the present action will be contested by the Butte union and the federation.

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## POPULAR YOUNG VOCALIST TO APPEAR IN CONCERT

### MISS MARY TORREANO TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN BANK HALL FRIDAY.

Copper country music lovers are promised an excellent treat in a concert to be given in the bank hall Friday evening by Miss Mary Torreano, the talented young vocalist who has been a pupil of the William L. Whitney school of music in Boston, for the past two years. C. O. Jackola, haritone, and Stanley Sterbenz, pianist, will assist.

Miss Torreano is regarded by the head of the Whitney schools as a pupil who has an exceptionally bright future. Despite her youth, she has made rapid progress under the tutelage of famous masters in the Whitney school and she already has mastered some of the most difficult compositions. Her technique and range are declared to be little short of wonderful for one so young and there is little doubt that she will become an opera star. Since she was nine years of age, Miss Torreano has devoted her time to the study of music and her success already bids fair toward placing her in a high realm.

The following program, the parts in which Miss Torreano will appear, having been selected by the head of the Whitney school, will be rendered:

- #### Part I.
- (a) Matinatta.....Leonovallio
  - (b) Indian Song.....Caldman
  - (c) Serenade.....Zandani
- Mary Torreano.

- #### Part II.
- (a) Song of Dreams.....Pesse
  - (b) O' Bother Sang the Thrush.....Lohmann
  - (c) Duet.....Richardson
- Mary Torreano.

#### PREACH MASTERLY SERMONS.

Special services at the M. E. church yesterday attracted congregations which filled the auditorium to capacity. Rev. E. A. state Epworth league secretary, of Marquette City, delivered an inspiring sermon in the morning and Dr. Allen, of Buffalo, chautauqua speaker, preached a masterly sermon in the evening. At the Sunday school service, Rev. E. A. and Rev. Smith of Marquette, delivered brief addresses on Sunday school work.

A pleasant little gathering was held at the summer cottage of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tenbroeck at Eagle River Friday evening, the occasion being the first birthday of their little daughter, Eleanor.

#### THE PRICE SHE PAYS.

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