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STRIKE SUBSIDING

Railroads and Factories Idle
Unauthorized Walkout
A. F. L. Against

Almost without warning a large number of switchmen and yardmen struck for higher wages in Chicago a week ago and their example was quickly followed in the east. The labor unions had taken no action and the strike was wholly unauthorized by the powers controlling such action and American Federation of Labor head, Mr. Gompers, refused to recognize, much less aid, the move. This opposition had little effect at first, the strike spreading rapidly until railroads and factories in nearly all eastern big cities were seriously affected. In a few days St. Louis and Kansas City were hit hard and an embargo on freight and express was placed at big railroad centers. Factories were forced to lay off thousands of men and the most serious condition which has confronted this country at any time was at hand. The government early took notice of the matter and labor heads intervened but still the strikers were added to in the east. Judge A. S. Taylor has a car of fat hogs in the Wabash pens at this city which he has been unable to ship for more than a week and worse conditions prevailed at many other points. Miners had struck in Kansas and the head of the miners union in that state, Alexander Howat, was thrown in jail for disregarding court orders. The sheriff of Crawford county permitted the refractory labor leader to make a speech to a large crowd at the jail at Girard and the speech is reported seditious. The sheriff is in bad as a result, and Howat in worse. It is, under the new labor law of Kansas, a felony to incite a strike and it is against this law that Howat is bucking and so far, losing. Numbers of trainmen in different parts of the country struck in sympathy with switchmen, and heavy thru passenger trains were abandoned at remote points from junction towns. Heads of O. R. T. and B. L. E. hustled to enforce rules of the orders and it is now practically certain the strike will end soon, many switchmen and miners and other strikers going back to work in the western territory.

The alleged cause for the strike without authorization of unions was, that promised adjustment of the wage and hours demands of union men had not been made and the cost of living increased rather than reduced.

Prairie Hill

There are several cases of scarlet fever near here.

Mrs. Nan Carlstead of south of here is very ill at this writing

Franky Fulling is very sick with measles.

Miss Marion Snyder who was taken to Woodland Hospital at Moberly is improving nicely.

Little Mary Katherine Nix and Geneva Keen are sick with measles at this writing.

But few have made garden and planted potatoes in this community on account of bad weather.

Cido McMahan who is making his home at Atone Sooders visited home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Elliott of K. City came home last Tuesday to be present at the marriage of the latter's sister Miss Myrtle Johnson to Martin Harnagel of Toledo, Ohio.

Wire Fires Dwelling

Monday morning about half after five the phones all over town set up such a clatter as to arouse all who were near them and central could make no explanation of the phenomnea until a crier yelled fire about the east end of town. The electric light wire had been burned in two near Judge Montgomery's corner by being in contact with a limb of a tree thru which it passed. Resting on the limb as the wind swayed it, the wire head heated until it was easily pulled apart and when that occurred one end of it dropped over the telephone wires, transmitting about the heaviest charge they ever had and setting phones to jangling. The wire which entered Mr. Allie Drace's residence between the main building and L fired the wood work as well as affecting the phone, and Mrs. Drace, responding to the clatter of the phone, was nearly electrocuted. The electric current was present all over the building and to touch a door knob, a damp spot on the floor or make contact with any portion of the building, it appeared, was sufficient to set any and all of the family a-tingle. The east rooms were filled with smoke when the family discovered that the house was burning and the alarm soon brought a force of neighbors to the scene. It appeared that there was no possible chance to save the building and several went to work to remove the furniture, when Dick Dameron arrived. He decided that the house could be saved and called for wafer. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson and others manned the pump and buckets and passed water to Dick who got up to the burning portion of the house. The fire was checked and by cutting away some of the weather boarding on the outside and wainscoting within, water was effective with only small damage to the building and the equipment which had been carried out was also slightly damaged.

Mr. Drace thought he had insurance but hadn't. The policy on the building at the time he purchased had lapsed. Mr. Drace had sold the four front rooms, two story, expecting to build a modern front during the summer, and it is fortunate that the removal of the portion was not done by fire.

Notice To Masons

The 19th dist. Association A. F. and A. M. will hold an afternoon and evening meeting at Rothville Wednesday April 21. All Free Masons are invited.

High School Notes

The preliminaries of the literary part of the meet will be held on Monday night at the court house and will be open to the public. An admission of 25c will probably be charged.

Everyone who is trying for the literary events in the meet is working hard so they may be ready for the preliminaries.

Mr. Wilson who has charge of the boys' track and field work is planning to take four of them to Trenton, Mo., the fifteenth or sixteenth. A track and field meet for the whole state will be held there then and our boys were chosen to go as representatives of this county.

Miss Virginia Wood, who is attending school at Fayette, and Miss Mary Willie Ziemer of Winslow, Arizona were visitors at high school last week.

The Seniors' measurements for caps and gowns were taken Monday.

HOTEL ASSURED

Brown House Will Be Opened
Community Club Push
Street Next

The fact that the owner of the Brown House, one of the good structures for hotel purposes in this section of the state, wanted to sell and hesitated to rent for fear of blocking a sale, a number of members of our Community Club joined and purchased the hotel Tuesday and arranged with Mr. Geo. Ernst to take it over and furnish modernly and operate. Mr. Ernst is now after furniture and other equipment and it is safe to say that by the latter part of this month we will be provided with what has been needed badly for so long. Mr. Ernst is an experienced hotel man, was a traveling salesman until engaging in this enterprise and understands fully the wants of Knights of The Road and will supply them.

Next week we will go more into detail concerning the matter, but even now we can assure the public that we will have a home for all who are temporarily without a stopping place here, and such accommodations as no town five times the size of the county capitol can excel.

The question of street improvement will be taken up by the club at once and rest assured that it will be a go. Water works data is being secured and before the summer is gone, we will have protection as well as convenience.

Sumner

Mr. A. Stobaugh promises us that we will soon have some current for the lamps that have been so long dead. He got word that the transformer that burned out, and which has been at St. Louis for repairs was ready for him to get. The railroad company would not take a piece of machinery of that description, so Mr. Stobaugh, with characteristic "pep" got Rex Donovan and his Samson truck and started for St. Louis. When they got down along the river somewhere, they tore a lot of the truck out and caused a delay. The last that was heard of them they were still going.

O. H. Williams has gotten back from a trip to Chicago where he has been the past week.

Louie Davis left town on the Wabash with his fence gang last Sunday night. They will work the Wabash fences from Moberly to K. City and from Brunswick to Omaha.

Quite a number of Sumner young folks and a few of the older folks as well were at the Inter-church Sunday School convention last Thursday night. All reported a lot of inspiration and a jolly good time to the bunch. Brunswick is a good entertainer as we all must admit.

Some of the local sportsmen are having an attack of the fishing fever since the ducks have begun coming in.

Maybe its personality, maybe its something else, but whenever a bunch of young folks from Sumner go to another town, the denizens of that unhappy burg peep around the corner and ask, "Where you fellows from?" And they always know a Sumnerite as far as they can see him. Did you ever notice it? Well, that shows that we have some live wire folks in this part of the country.

Grandmother Schwalje returned from K. City Wednesday after an enjoyable visit to relatives.

Farm Bureau Notes

By Sam Jordan

The Farm Bureau Meeting

Bad roads kept people from several parts of the county from the meeting Saturday, but as it was the court-room was well filled with enthusiastic farmers.

Memberships reported and those who signed at the meeting reach about 400.

After a few talks and explanations a fifteen minute recess was taken for the purpose of taking memberships and in that time 61 signed up.

We really think that almost any one will believe he ought to join when he has an understanding. I once knew a fellow who said he wouldn't attend a meeting for fear he might hear something that would cause him to change his mind and he said he did not want to change it.

If a farmer thinks he is against the farm bureau, he perhaps should not attend a meeting if he is set against a "change of mind." Personally, I cannot see how a farmer can be against it for any other reason than that he does not understand, and if he refuses to understand he could not be of very much use to any organization.

Weather and roads have been so bad that it is going to be impossible to see every farmer, and we want every one to have a chance to do his part. If you have not joined and desire to help out just send us word to that effect.

We will have a final meeting at 2 p. m. on April 24th at Keytesville and the results will tell whether or not the farm bureau will shut up on April 30th or go on.

Do you think the other fellow is the one who should set the price on what you buy and also on what you sell?

Are you glad you lost money on your wheat? Were you overjoyed when you sold hogs fattened on \$2.00 corn, for less than 14 cents a pound?

If you are not should you not line up to do your full measure in the great battles now going on, that will help to right so many wrongs the farmer must now endure.

If you are a real red blooded farmer you are expected to show where you stand.

Harnagel-Johnson

The marriage of Miss Myrtle Johnson to Martin Harnagel of Toledo, Ohio, occurred at Keytesville Thursday April 8th at high noon.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Johnson south of town, a lady of refinement, is highly commended for domestic abilities and will be a great helpmate to the man of her choice.

Martin Harnagel the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Harnagel of St. Louis, is a man of good qualities having served two years in the army, one year overseas with the 12th Field Artillery A. E. F. and was greatly commended for bravery.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harnagel after spending a short honeymoon in the east will be at home to their many friends at 1834 Rutger St., St. Louis, Mo. Congratulations.

Mrs. J. W. Bozarth returned from a few days visit to Columbia Tuesday.

Jim Atterbury and sister will leave in a few days for Arizona. Bob is already there.

Mayor Hill has directed that all limbs be cut from trees where telephone or electric wires pass thru them. A costly fire may be averted.

SONORA SECEDES

Mexico Situation Growing Worse
Rebels Recruiting Armies
Government Active

Sonora has set up an independent government in Mexico and Caranza has thrown down the gauntlet of battle. Several other big and powerful states intend to join Sonora and the outcome of the secession is problematical but the overthrow of the Caranza government is likely. Villa is evidently lying in wait some where to pounce in when the picking is good, and the clashes between federal and rebel troops are taking place, banditry has not ceased by any means. Refusal of Carranza to withdraw troops he had sent into Sonora and the disposition to assert states rights on the part of Sonora, caused the acts of secession, it is reported. The government has the biggest job in years on its hands, Yaki Indians and other hard fighting elements at outs with Carranza joining Sonora, which was the largest revenue producing state in Mexico for the government.

Track Meet Grounds

The high school track meet grounds this year will be on the John Crisman place east of Brunswick and is said to be a splendid place for the exercises.

The meet for some reason, appears to be attracting but little attention this year. Perhaps it seems so to us because we have less preparation for it in our high school than during any season for years. We surely have some good material from which to develop sprinters, vaulters, hurdlers and heavy weight boys and girls tho the test eliminated so many.

The Courier medal will be among the prizes again this year just for what we are not at this time able to say.

Terrill-Adkisson

Zallie Terrill and Miss Nellie Adkisson were married at the home of the brides parents in this city Tuesday evening, Rev. Larry Swearingen officiating.

Mr. Terrill is one of the soldier boys who saw service overseas and has lately been employed as fireman at the Wabash pumping station here and Mrs. Terrill is the daughter of foreman Adkisson of the Carlstead Bros. Broom Co.

The young couple are making their home with the brides parents for the present.

Dean Lake

Mrs. A. W. Hise and son have moved to Marceline. Mr. Hise will remain in D. L. and run the P. O. and store for his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clark of Bedford spent last week with their son Chas. and wife.

Mesdames. Ola and Nora King were on the sick list last week.

Miss Mary McCullough of Whitham and Wm. McElvain of Kansas, and Miss Mabel Daniels and Earl Hyatt of Kansas are married.

Mrs. Dale Flowers, sister of Mr. Sam Jordan whom she visited for two weeks, returned to her home at Albany Wednesday.

"Skeeter" Roy Jackson, the best colored boy auto driver and caretaker of a car in the state had his right arm broken last week while cranking a Ford. He would have escaped but a party in the car moved the spark lever as he moved the crank. Skeeter is about ready to resume jitney service with his own car.

Salisbury

John Legendre Dead

Our people were shocked Tuesday afternoon when word was passed around that John Legendre had passed away. For three years he had been in poor health but few knew or realized that the end was so near. Only last week he had visited his brother at St. Louis returning Saturday with his devoted wife who with five children, one son and four daughters survive him. For nearly forty years we had known this good man and had always found him a true friend in all the relations of life. If we had space to tell all the good things we knew of him it would take a page in the Courier and we content ourselves by saying he was a man among men and worthy of the confidence and esteem in which he was held. To his sorrowing wife and children we extend our tenderest condolence and point them to the example he set them in his busy life. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but no doubt they will be conducted from St. Joseph's church by Father Ernst the pastor. May the clods of the valley rest lightly upon his grave.

After examination by a St. Louis specialist C. W. Botkin was informed that his trouble was catarrh of the bowels and could be relieved by proper treatment.

The Legendre funeral will take place Friday morning from St. Joseph's church.

Corn is selling here at \$1.55.

Miss Clarkson took a picture of the Clifton Hill graduating class Tuesday.

Frank Hardgrove left Wednesday for Billings, Mont., where he will engage in business.

We regret to report Mrs. Ted Hall is still seriously ill, but hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Hon. J. H. Whitecotton of Paris was here Tuesday looking after his candidacy as delegate to San Francisco.

Saturday was a fine day here and an old fashioned crowd in town.

S. W. Cox and wife of Tryon, Okla., have been here for several days.

Silas L. Payton has bought Payton store at Shannondale and will take possession about Sept. 1st. He has rented his farm to W. E. Peterson.

Rev. J. T. Mason of Mexico was here Saturday.

Our doctors have returned from the state medical meeting and sickness has resumed work at the old stand.

When Thomas J. Rodgers passed away last Friday another pioneer of Chariton county quit the walks of men. He was a son-in-law of Daniel Gussom, also one of the first settlers and a good man. His passing is regretted.

John Gladback jr. died Thursday morning.

Miss Mable Petticoat returned home Sunday after a two weeks visit with her sister in K. City.

Sunday school was organized at Elm Ridge Sunday with the following officers elected. Mrs. Willis Swearingen (Supt., Paul Kistler asst. Supt., Mrs. Joe Stiles Secty. and Treas.

Mrs. Vonceil Kinkhorst is somewhat recovered from the attack of gall stone colic she suffered here last Friday afternoon tho still unable to leave her bed at the home of Miss Carrie Wheeler.