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EXECUTIVES REJECT "BIG FIVE" PROPOSALS

Group of 25 Railroad Presidents Split With Majority and Discuss Possibility of Individual Settlement.

New York, Aug. 23.—A majority group of the Association of Railway Executives today rejected the proposal of the big five train service brotherhoods that the carriers end the nation-wide shopmen's strike, by reinstating the men with seniority unimpaired, and Bert M. Jewell, official spokesman for the strikers, declared the association had closed the door to peace and voted for a lockout to smash unionism.

Splitting away from the majority was a group of 25 railroads, principally western lines, which debated a new suggestion of the brotherhoods that individual settlements be effected. This minority, while professing to stand with the majority on seniority, indicated that it desired to hear further regarding the individual settlement suggestion.

Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, joined with members of the majority group in denying that there was a split.

Rail Head Denies Split.

"There is no question of a split," he said. "The railroads are all standing pat on the question of seriority and any individual settlement will have to be made in the light of that understanding."

The day's proceedings:

1—The association met this morning and reiterated its stand in regard to seniority and directed its committee which met last week with the brotherhood chiefs to draw up a resolution embodying this decision.

2—The committee submitted the resolution after the noon recess and after its adoption left for the Grand Central station and transmitted the message to the committee representing the running trades, who have stepped into the shoes of mediators. These mediators before going into conference issued a statement asserting that the strike must be settled because the public demanded it and setting forth that the crews now operating the trains form that part of the public which knows best why the settlement must come.

3—The brotherhoods then advanced another proposal, i. e., that the strikers be reinstated in the position of the class they originally held on June 30; that all be restored not later than October 1, and that disputes which might arise over seniority rights be referred to the labor board. Later it was suggested by individual roads that separate settlements be made on this basis.

Union Leaders Present Plans.

The committees representing the big five then repaired to the Yale and brotherhood chiefs addressed the membership of the entire association.

The association adjourned its meeting.

Members of the minority group this evening held another conference with brotherhood men for the purpose, they said, of testing the good faith of the big five regarding the settlement suggestion.

When the mediators and shop craft meeting late today adjourned Mr. Jewell issued a statement which read:

Jewell Makes Statement.

"The association of railway executives have closed the door. The unions have offered every concession within reason to end the strike and save the public a breakdown of transportation, but the association has made none. On the contrary it has raised a question of seniority and has made a settlement impossible at this time. The responsibility for what will happen now rests wholly upon it. The shop crafts voted in June for a strike to establish a living wage and decent working conditions.

The Association of Railway Executives have now voted for a lockout to smash unionism on the railroads and to eliminate collective barganing from the industry. The men have been ready at all times to meet the association to bring about an honorable settlement. We expressed our willingness to do so to the labor board in Chicago. We accepted President Harding's terms of settlement on July 31. The association, however, has consistently and arrogantly blocked every move in the strike. They have done so with the plain intent of eliminating unionism in the industry as a whole. They refused, even at the president's direct request, to take back striking employes with seniority rights unimpaired, in order that they might separate free and courageous men from their jobs and thus disintegrate the employes' organization. They even tried to justify their refusal on the grounds of promises of permanent employment to strike breakers, which they have not made. The shop craft employes are now fighting for their very existence and the existence of other railroad employes, as well as for justice and right This last misguided action of the association makes our victory secure. The association today have not a leg to stand on before the people.

"The 400,000 striking employes accept the challenge of the association. We will redouble our efforts, confident of success."

REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Republican Executive Committee meeting held Monday in Cassville a good representation of the committee was present and an enthusiastic meeting was held.

To fill the vacancy of a committeeman in the south ward of Flat Creek township caused by the resignation of A. E. Erwin, Fred Williamson was appointed.

Mrs. E. N. Meador was elected vice chairman and Mrs. E. E. Smith was elected assistant secretary.

Short talks were made by some of those present.

An outline of the work to be taken up for the campaign this fall was discussed.

FREISTATT

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Anderson and son William Howard and Mr. and Mrs J. Rawleigh and Miss Lena Fritz spent Sunday at Eureka Springs, Ark. They all enjoyed the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holle are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. William Worm, Sr. is in very poor health.

John Worm, who has visited relatives at Freistatt, left last Friday for his home in Nebraska.

DESIRE---

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BARRY COUNTY BANKERS MEET HERE

Luncheon at Martin Hotel Well Attended. Mr. Wagner, of Neosho Speakers on Branch Banking.

The Barry County Bankers Association met at the Martin Hotel Wednesday evening, August 23, all but two banks of the county being represented. Luncheon was served at 7 o'clock.

C. W. Lehnhard presided over the meeting at the request of J. F. Black of Cassville, president of the association. The main address was given by Mr. Wagner, of the Bank of Neosho, whose subject was "Branch banking."

The next meeting will be held at Roaring River on Labor Day.

Those present at the meeting were J. F. Black and son and W. T. Priest, of Cassville; J. C. Ellston, the secretary, of Exeter; Amos Gurley, of Purdy; W. A. Davidson and Roy Gibson, of Wheaton; W. A. Stapleton, of Seligman; E. L. Thomas, of Jenkins; Cass Jeffries, of Butterfield; C. W. Lehnhard, O. H. Hudson, Leslie Mason, John Walsh, John McGrath, Dr. A. S. Hawkins, Wm. Fredrick, L. G. Wright, Arthur Erwin and G. W. Finn, of Monett. John C. Snider, of Shell Knob, was a guest.

Mr. Wagner's subject, "Branch Banking," is one of great interest to the Barry county bankers at this time This is a movement of the large National banks of the cities to put in branches over the country, which is said to be against the law of the National banking system and against the Missouri state laws. The agitation was caused by a recent ruling of the Comptroller of the Currency, which the bankers claim is an avoidance of the law, in which he holds that National banks may open different offices in the same town. The agitation in Missouri was caused when the First National Bank of St. Louis made a move to establish branches.

The local bankers claim that this will be very bad for the state. Branches established throughout the towns by large banks, bring no capital and are controlled away from home. They pay no taxes to the community in which they are established and all loans over $200 must be referred to the head bank. Strangers are put in charge that are not acquainted with the community and who take no interest in its upbuilding and who would not devote any time or money in donations to loyal projects.

Deposits of a local branch would not remain in the community for use of the people there but would be forwarded to the head office of the city and the funds would be loaned either to Wall Street or to large mercantile concerns in cities.

The system in operation in England and Canada is proved to be a milking process in communities in which banks are established and it dries up the financial resources of the district and causes stagnation.

The Barry County Bankers Association, for these reasons is very much opposed to branch banking.

The meeting was most interesting and was very much enjoyed, as was also the excellent banquea served by the Martin Hotel management.

PEIRCE CITY

John Conrey had a sale of his thoroughbred Poland China hogs last Friday. Mr. Peck and Ed Hudson were the auctioneers.

Mrs. Lucy Doggett and children visited Saturday night and Sunday with her sister Mrs. D. L. Donlavy.

Mrs. Weldy and Mrs. Harper and children spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. W. Doggett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spilman, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Abernathy and daughter Lila visited with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Abernathy Sunday.

Mrs. E. B. Reed and little son Sylvester, of Cassville, have been visiting her husband at Nevada hospital. They stopped on her return home for a visit with her mother Mrs. A. P. Harper.

Mrs. D. L. Donlavys brother-in-law H. E. Klingsmith and two nephews are visiting her on their way home to Mt. Grove from the Kansas harvest fields.

J. A. LeGrande is not any better at this time.

Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Kuklenski spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Donlavy and sister Mary.

The Peirce City home guard returned home Sunday after a few weeks absence.

A. P. Harper and son Archie Waldo made a trip to Purdy Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maher of Monett attended the hog sale of Mr. Conreys Friday.

GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT SPREADS

Community Co-operation Builds Three And a Half Miles this Year in Kings Prairie Township.

Community Co-operation in road building, as started by F. A. Wightman, of Kings Prairie township east of Monett, has spread to all parts of that community. Last year one club of twenty-two members graveled one mile of road. This year three clubs of eighty-five members have graveled three and one half miles of road.

The Community Good Roads Clubs demonstrate to the world what these men, encouraged by their wives and children, can do through co-operation in the way of improving time worn and muddy roads.

F. A. Wightman gives a report of the work of Kings Prairie Club No. 1 as follows:

"Our organization is two years old and 2½ miles of gravel road has replaced the long endured mud. A more determined and enthusiastic branch of neighbors is hard to find for long hours, willing souls, co-operation and unity of purpose.

"In 1921 we graveled our first mile using 428 loads at a cost of $1,205, of which the county court gave $200, the special road district, $535 and the community $435 in labor. The average cost was $1.00 a yard.

"In 1922 the club members donated in time and labor $576, the county court, $300 and the special road district, $300. A total of $1,179.15. In 1921 214 loads were hauled to each half mile and in 1921, 215 loads to each half mile."

The good road now connects Kings Prairie up to the county line state highway for four miles east of Monett high school and gives eighteen out of twenty-two of the members of the club a gravel road into town. Young people attending the Monett high school will have a good gravel road all the way. The average cost to the members is $50.00 each for the two and a half mile road.

Mr. Wightman furnishes a report of the labor and money expended on the road and of those who have contributed. Should anyone be omitted from the list or should there be any corrections, Mr. Wightman would appreciate it if he is notified of the correction. Following is the report:

Cash Contributions.

County Court	$300.00
F. A. Cornell	24.00
Dr. J. M. Russell	25.00
J. W. Armstrong	5.00
F. A. Wightman	21.00
Floyd Carter	8.00
Othed Sources	20.00
Roy Brown	10.00
Marion Tate	7.00
Total	$400.00

Labor Donated.

Wm. Fleming, 6 days	$15.00
F. M. Powell, 5½ days	13.75
F. A. Wightman, 7 days	17.50
Andrew Jackson, 3 days	7.50
Jack Williams, 3 days	7.50
Alby Anderson, 2 days	5.00
Harmon Williams, 2 days	5.00
Total	$71.25

Teams Donated.

Marion Tate, 89 loads.
Fleming Dummit, 34 loads.
Ira Jackson, 8 loads
Chas. Jackson, 13 loads.
Roscoe Jackson, 24 loads.
Allen Jackson, 14 loads
Henry Jackson, 19 loads.
Jake Carter, 24 loads.
C. C. Carter, 24 loads.
John Weber, 23 loads
F. A. Wightman, 21 loads
Joe Beymer, 24 loads.
August Anderson, 4 loads.
J. Spencer, Sr., 4 loads.
Joseph Williams, 20 loads.
Am Moudy, 24 loads.
John Sperandio, Jr., 8 loads.
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Alby Stribling, 12 loads.
Claude Reddington, 8 loads.
Total donated, 405 loads.

Paid to Shovelers.

Fred Weber, 6 days	$15.00
Luther Tate, 6 days	15.00
B. C. Thomas, 6 days	15.00
Loren Bandy, 6 days	15.00
W. P. Hewlett, 6 days	15.00
E. W. Hewlett, 4½ days	11.25
T. Peterson, 3 days	7.50
O. O. Branstatter, 4 days	10.00
Harrison Furlow, 2 days	5.00
Am Moudy, 3 days	7.50
Alby Anderson, 1 day	2.50
Andrew Jackson, 3 days	7.50
Fay Carter, water boy	4.50
Total	$130.75

Paid Loads Hauled.

Joe Williams	$3.00
Arthur Geager	13.00
Arthur Peterson	9.00
Frank Prietee	1.00
Ray Jackson	9.00
Paul Probstfield	20.00
John Sperandio	17.00
Vernon Goodnight	9.00
L. C. Sperandio	14.00
John Spencer, Jr.	21.00
John Spencer, Sr.	16.00
L. C. Sperandio	50.00
Total	$182.00

Cost Distributed

Club Members cash	$100.00
Loads Hauled	450.00
Shovelers	71.25
County court	300.00
Special Road District	300.00
Powder	2.90
Total cost	1179.15

The above is the cost to place 647 loads of gravel on a mile and a half of road, which is approximately one yard to each 12½ feet. The cost per load for gravel leveled on the road was $1.63½.

Working out this scheme the community gets $2.00 for every $1.00 expended; the county court gets $4.00 for $1.00 and the special road district gets $4.00 for $1.00 spent. If they could have more opportunity to spend our district and county funds to this advantage we could have four miles to each one mile now for the same amount of county funds spent.

The officers of Club No. 1 are F. A. Wightman, president; Marion Tate vice president and Alby Anderson, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Wightman has appointed a committee of three to each half mile of the new gravel road to look after the up-keep for the first year. Marion Tate is chairman of the committee for the west half mile; C. C. Carter for the middle half mile and Jake Carter for the east half mile. They, with their neighbors, will drag the road when it is necessary to keep it in good condition. It is estimated that the upkeep for the first year of a new gravel road is equal to 50 per cent of its efficiency later.

MRS. HIRAM ESTES DIES NEAR FAIRVIEW

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Hiram Estes, of Oliver's Prairie near Fairview, who died at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. She had been an invalid for many years. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Estes is a prominent farmer and cattleman of Newton county.

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BOLINGER JURY FAILS TO AGREE

Members Discharged After All-Day Deliberation Over Murder of McCormick.

Cassville, Mo., Aug. 23.—The jury in the case of W. S. Bolinger, a farmer living near Monett who was charged with murdering Raymond McCormick, 25 years old, on June 19, was unable today to agree and was discharged late today by Circuit Judge Charles Henson. The case went to the jury early this morning and no agreement could be reached.

It was stated tonight that the last four ballots taken stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction.

The trial was held at a special term of circuit court. Because of the unusually heavy docket at the June term, the case could not be taken up at that time.

Emory E. Smith, prosecuting attorney, was assisted in the case by James Sater of Monett. Attorney Emory Medlin of Monett was counsel for the defense.

The case of Hobart Amos, charged with robbery, is to be heard Thursday.

DEMOCRAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS

The Democrat Central Committee met at Cassville Tuesday, with a good attendance. Vacancies made by the resignation of four precinct committeemen were filled. Jeff Cook of Pleasant Ridge was appointed as nominee for the office of probate judge.

A finance and campaign committee was appointed, of which Dr. J. M. Russell of Monett is a member. The committeemen and committeewomen will meet again September 4th.

Members of the committee who attended from Monett were Mr. Gray, Hazel Pitts, M. E. Loutzenhiser, Mrs. J. E. Nothern, W. F. Brite and Mrs. R. T. Judd. Others who attended from here were Mrs. Loutzenhiser and Miss Pauline Pitts.

NORTH PURDY

Miss Ruth Eden has returned home after having spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Ellis Nunnely.

Mr and Mrs. Wash Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Leonard of Monett visited at the home of John Balmas the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burg and Misses Stella, Irene, Mary and Gladys Burg motored to Cassville Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Devers.

Miss Kathryn Robbins visited with Ruth Eden, Sunday.

Miss Ruth Horine spent Sunday with Edna Robbins.

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