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STRIKE PLANS CONTINUED BY UNIONS

No Alternative But Walkout Is Statement Issued

CINCINNATI, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Further meetings to consider joint strike action were being planned today between leaders of the striking coal miners and the rail unions that are threatening a nation-wide rail walk out next month. The union chiefs indicated that they expected to hold conferences here this week to be followed by a later meeting in Chicago where the rail leaders will canvass the strike vote next week.

A unanimity of sentiment as to the necessity of the strike was shown by a joint statement of President John L. Lewis of the miners and H. M. Jewell, head of the rail unions, issued last night after the first formal discussion of the proposed joint strike action. A policy of silence also was adopted by the union men who attended last night's meeting and after it had disbanded Mr. Jewell went into conference with lawyers.

The joint statement, which the union men said they regarded as important on account of its dual authorship, declared a "common crisis" faced the railroad men and the miners, and added "it is only natural that these workers should decide to do everything necessary to protect their separate interests."

"Finding themselves confronted with a common crisis" said the statement "it is only natural that these workers should decide to do everything necessary to protect their separate interests."

It was asserted that both the miners and the railroad men had "no alternative but to strike" and that "all attempts at peaceable and orderly adjustments have been fruitless."

"The present crisis and the impending struggle," the statement continued, "is not one which the workers in the mines or on the railroads can withhold or avoid without being recreant to their manhood and to those principles which all men who love liberty and humanity must carry forward inviolate and risk all to maintain. It involves the fundamentals of economic and social life. All workers will be affected by the extent to which the forces seeking to crush these workers in the railroad and mining industries are successfully resisted.

"The forces which degrade our economic condition and deprive us of our industrial rights have failed to consider the public interest. They have gone further and by constant propaganda have grossly deceived the public as to the real facts in the situation.

"When the public is enlightened as to the truth, it will not deal lightly with those who have striven for two years to bring about this condition of chaos and degradation among industrial workers. Pending the time when the public comes to a realization of the facts although we deplore the necessity of industrial warfare, we have no other recourse but to strike."

TO HALT CONVENTION TO ATTEND MASS MEETING

CINCINNATI, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—The national convention of the American Federation of Labor will be halted temporarily tonight while the delegates go to Newport, Ky., where a strike of steel workers has been on since last October, to hold a mass meeting in support of the workers.

For a time during the strike refusal to hold public meeting was denied the strikers by the military authorities in control of the city.

President Samuel Gompers and other national figures in the labor world will address tonight's meeting.

The report of the convention's committee on education reported that no evidence had been found of anti-propaganda being circulated in school text books.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider the recent Coronado decision, probably will be submitted to the convention today.

Weather

At the University
For 24 hours ending 6 a.m.

Highest temperature, 92; lowest temperature, 64; daily range of temperature, 28; mean daily temperature 78; relative humidity, 6 p. m., 15; relative humidity, 6 a. m., 38; precipitation, trace; maximum velocity per hour, 24; prevailing direction, southwest; character of the day, partly cloudy.

State Weather

New Mexico: Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature; scattered showers this afternoon or tonight in east portion; warmer in east portion Thursday.

Arizona: Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature; Friday fair.

MEDICAL BOARD HEAD URGES PROBE OF ALLEGED CURES FOR SAFETY OF PUBLIC

CHICAGO, June 21.—A commission of unbiased scientific investigators to make a critical study of all systems of medicine and methods supposed to cure people, to analyze the claims of each and then give the public the truth about the art of healing was proposed today by Dr. David A. Strickler, of Denver, Colo., president of the Federation of State Medical Boards in the United States before the seventy-eighth annual convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy.

Dr. Strickler pointed out difficulties of establishing high educational standards for persons who are licensed to practice medicine or the various healing arts.

"The cause of this difficulty of establishing a high educational standard is mainly due to the opposition by cultists who, without basic training in science or adequate knowledge of the structure, functions and diseases of the human body yet contend for the right to practice a system of healing which they have conceived or learned in a short time, even by some system of medical gymnastics known only to the teachers of that particular cult," he said.

Many of our legislators are themselves without education or knowledge of any of the sciences, hence have no comprehension of the need of basic knowledge in the study of anatomy, physiology and pathology. But the uneducated are not the only ones who vote for a separate licensure of the cultist on low educational standards.

"In medical licensure the extremist would be represented on the one hand by those who would place no restrictions on the individual, allowing everybody, whether trained in elementals or not, who cared to treat the sick to do so, leaving it to the person needing help to ascertain the qualifications.

"On the other hand, those who would prevent all persons from treating disease save those who have specified preliminary training including designated hours of study in predetermined manner with two years medical science in a recognized medical college, one year's internship in a standardized hospital as a prerequisite to entrance to a state examination for license.

"A somewhat critical situation from the standpoint of administration leads us to the conclusion that it matters little what form the law obtains, individuals without training in fundamentals, without administrable ability to recognize disease in its common forms and in large numbers practicing the healing art in every state in the union and further they are supported by public sentiment as demonstrated by their employment and by jury decisions when charged with practicing without a license. No one is safe in the interest of the public health who cannot recognize the more common contagious and communicable diseases. Therefore the least that the state should require of the applicant to practice the healing art is to show knowledge of disease which is deemed necessary to recognize it in its common forms."

FURTHER DEFEAT OF OPPONENTS OF TREATY EXPECTED

Results in Irish Election Show Removal of Many in Dial Eireann

DUBLIN, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The approximate representation of the various parties in the parliament chosen at last Friday's election as shown by returns up to this afternoon, follows:

Coalition treaty, 54; coalition republican, 12; labor, 14; farmers, 5, and independents, 10.

Of the forty-two republican candidates in the constituencies where there were contests in Friday's parliamentary election, 15 already have been declared beaten. Final returns from the places where the count is still unfinished will, judging by the figures now available, now show further defeats of treaty opponents.

One noted survivor probably will be Cathal Brugha (Charles Burgess), chief of Eamon DeValera's lieutenants, who, although he is not yet elected in Waterford, can only lose by some unprecedented overturn in the count.

Results announced today showed the removal of many of the best known persons in the Dail Eireann. Of the six women members, all anti-treaty, only Mary MacSwiney survived and Mrs. Kate O'Callaghan was returned unopposed.

Mrs. Pearse, whose two sons were executed for their part in the Easter Week rebellion, was defeated in County Dublin. The figures show that she received comparatively few transfers of votes.

Jean Etchingham, a frequent speaker in the treaty debates in the Dail, was defeated in Wexford, and Seamus Robinson, one of the leaders of the army dissentionists, lost in Waterford.

One Conspicuous

Conspicuous among the defeats was that of Erskine Childers in Kildare. He received only 572 votes fewer than any other candidate. His pro-treaty colleague was given more than 9,000 first preferences. The possible effect of the disappearance of so many leading republicans from the Dail is widely discussed.

The Irish Times says: "Publication of the constitution has certainly not tended to promote a solid coalition. It is expected that developments soon will arise which will reveal the situation more clearly not alone on the political but also on the military side.

"The republican wing will probably endeavor to consolidate its forces pending the advent of adult suffrage upon which it has always pinned its faith and meantime confine itself to opposition to the constitution which it regards as more pernicious than the treaty.

"In that event, the resumed proceedings of the second Dail, which is to meet again on June 30, are likely to prove highly interesting, but it is to the provisional parliament that the bulk of the people are looking for the lead."

Later returns today showed that Commandant Dan Breen, a joint panel candidate, previously announced as elected for Waterford-Tipperary east, has been defeated.

DEFRAUDS WIVES CHARGE AGAINST TEMPERANCE MAN

Authorities Say Minister Is Accused of Bigamy in 4 Cities

LOS ANGELES, June 21.—Rev. Donald D. Stewart, California temperance worker, who was arrested near Sierra Madre yesterday, was said today by the authorities to have been accused formally of bigamy in Indianapolis, Detroit, New York and Boston. It also was announced that his "wives" had charged him with defrauding them of thousands of dollars.

Mrs. Ethel Turner Osballeston arrested with Stewart, is alleged, according to a detective agency to have posed as Stewart's sister and "arranged" the several marriages of which he is accused. The two are held on the specific complaint of being fugitive from justice from Boston.

Rev. Mr. Stewart composed a song entitled "We'll make California dry". He is credited with causing the elimination of segregated districts in several cities.

Physician to Open Institution for Gland Transplanting

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 21.—Dr. John R. Brinkley of Kansas, whose experiments in goat gland transplanting have attracted some attention, has left here for Rosenada, Lower California, Mexico, where he expects to establish a hospital for transplanting goat glands in human beings. With him went a corps of assistants.

Detectives Learn Ward Kept Private Apartment in N. Y.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 21.—District Attorney Weeks admitted today that private detectives employed by the county had reported the discovery that Walter S. Ward maintained a bachelor apartment in New York while Mrs. Ward was away last summer and that he received several women callers there.

The detectives are working on the theory that the apartment might have been the basis for the blackmail plot which Ward claims ended in the slaying of Clarence Peters with whose murder Ward is charged.

Fruit Companies Are Consolidated

CHICAGO, June 21.—Consolidation of the North American Fruit Exchange and the Federated Fruit Growers, Inc., effective January 1, 1923, was announced today. The fruit growers have completed arrangements for establishment of a nation-wide sales and distribution service for its members.

The North American company has been in operation since 1914 and now is being used by a large number of cooperative associations as a sales agency.

Arthur R. Hale, general manager of the North American company, will become the general manager of the fruit growers after the consolidation.

Cleveland Man Named Director at Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 21.—John T. Blossom, 1914, of Cleveland, today was chosen athletic director of Yale. He was captain of the varsity baseball team in his senior year, a team which won 17 games without a break. Blossom will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Al Sharpe.

Highway Engineers Discuss Road Bill

PORTLAND, Ore., June 21.—Highway engineers of western states are meeting here to discuss the new federal aid road bill. States represented include New Mexico, Nevada, Montana, Arizona, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

'The Water' Address Of a Strange Man

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., June 21.—This old whaling city, accustomed for generations to hearing strange tales of the sea, added another story to its annals today. It centered about the mysterious appearance of a battered schooner hulk and a tattered, half-starved man aboard her close to the shore on West Island yesterday.

The man, emaciated and with a heavy growth of beard, was found eating grass on the beach by summer visitors. He could only tell the police today that he had drifted to the island, and that he had recently been in Boston and New York. His name, he said, was Osmund Erickson, and his address "the water."

His unseaworthy craft, measuring 16 feet over all, was lying close in to the shore. It carried a tiny, unsteady jury rig made of two pieces of board. Its sails were a few shreds of old clothing. A dozen patches on the hulk had not kept out the water, and the man's bunk was half afloat. There was no food aboard.

POETESS GIVEN 20 YEARS ON MURDER CHARGE

Daughter Found Not Guilty; Writer Ordered to do Hard Labor

PARIS, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Madame Marie Bessarabo poetess and playwright, was found guilty today on the premeditated murder of her husband Georges, whose body was found concealed in a trunk at Nancy two years ago. The court found there were extenuating circumstances.

Her daughter by her first husband, who also was on trial, was found not guilty.

Madame Bessarabo was sentenced to twenty years at hard labor.

The principal motive for the murder, it developed at the trial, was the effort of Madame Bessarabo to obtain a commission of 600,000 franc due to the husband for oil concessions in Mexico, where they lived prior to 1914.

The first husband of Mme. Bessarabo, Paul Jacques, to whom she was married in Mexico, committed suicide in Paris under strange circumstances in 1914.

Just before the case was given to the jury today the daughter, who was accused with her mother of killing M. Bessarabo, broke her long silence, accusing her mother of committing the deed two years ago in their Paris apartment. She said the body was packed in a trunk and checked to Nancy.

M. Moro-Giafferi, attorney for the defense, who urged the daughter to tell the truth, then turned to the mother saying: "Confess or I leave the court room."

The daughter, Pauline, told the court that she wanted to call the police but the mother persuaded her to drag out Bessarabo's own trunk in which the two—the mother, with her right arm useless from disease—jammed the body. They then carried it down stairs, took it from one station to another, and finally shipped it to Nancy.

Madame Bessarabo, who as a novelist is known as Hera Mirtel, maintained the coolest self possession throughout the trial, but when she was accused in court by her daughter she rose and, livid with anger, began a confused statement, attempting to show that the body in the trunk was not that of her husband. Finally her story became so confounded that M. Moro-Giafferi had the court adjourn to continue efforts to secure a confession.

MAN SERVING LIFE SENTENCE SEEKS PARDON

DENVER, June 21.—Anthony Neroni, sentenced from Fremont county in 1908 to life imprisonment for murder, is among applicants for pardon, it was announced today by the state board of pardons. The board will meet at the Colorado state penitentiary Saturday next.

Neroni was convicted of having slain Joe Minichelle, Domisiek Minichelle, Ercole Ruffetti and Antoinette Palmette with an axe near Florence, Colo., fourteen years ago. The bodies of his alleged victims were buried in a cellar.

Other applicants include: Henry Robitaille, sentenced from Denver in 1912 to life imprisonment for murder.

Louis Chentre, sentenced from Denver in 1918 to life for murder.

Patrick Donelan, sentenced from Hinsdale county in 1907 to life for murder.

Edward Harper, sentenced from Pueblo, May 1, 1902, to life for murder.

Jesus Martinez, sentenced from Larimer county in 1917 to life for murder.

Jesse F. McConald, sentenced from Conejos county in 1902 to life for murder.

Juan C. Tafoya, sentenced from Las Animas county, December 12, 1907, to life for murder.

HOOVER ASKS LEGISLATION TO BUILD DAM

Congress Should Meet Emergency He Says

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Immediate enactment by congress of legislation for the construction of a dam and reservoir at Boulder Canyon for the control of the flood waters of the Colorado river, was urged by Secretary of Commerce Hoover today before the house committee on irrigation of arid lands considering the owing bill.

Secretary Hoover appeared as chairman of the Colorado river commission, which is working out with the seven states in the basin a solution of the use of the waters of that river for irrigation and power purposes.

"Congress should act promptly to meet the emergency situation existing in the Imperial valley" the secretary stated, "and take action for the control of the river. Congressional action on this project should be taken separately of all other questions involved in the various other problems.

"I am confident the states of Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico, would interpose no objection to this important work as essential to California in protecting the Imperial valley against floods, and to that state and Arizona for irrigation purposes, and the latter state for electric power.

"The objection of the states in the upper Colorado basin would be removed, I am confident, should congress in the act provide that the erection of the dam at Boulder Canyon would create no prior rights to take the use of the water. That would leave priority of water rights to be later arranged when the needs of the different states are known. The danger of destruction by floods in the Imperial valley is affecting the financing of projects there and should have immediate attention.

The rights of the seven states in the Colorado basin to the use of the water for irrigation and power purposes are being given careful consideration, Secretary Hoover stated, explaining that the questions must in his judgment be settled upon storage.

The secretary declared the commission had found that the flow of the river was adequate to meet all possible demands for irrigation and power purposes, with a surplus of unused water. As soon as the commission obtains an agreement among the states the plan will be submitted to congress for approval. The work of the commission at its next meeting, to be held at Santa Fe, N. M., August 1, Mr. Hoover said, would be much simplified by the recent decision of the supreme court in the Wyoming-Colorado case, which established the rights of the states generally in the use of water.

Government Duty

Aside from the other irrigation and power projects, the Colorado river must be controlled, the secretary stated, preferably at Boulder canyon, as a governmental duty to the people and property in Imperial valley. The Boulder Canyon dam and reservoir would not interfere in any way, he said, with other projects on the river.

The commission, the secretary said, favored the construction of the Boulder Canyon dam.

Discussing at the request of the committee his general views on projects along the entire river, Secretary Hoover said that congress in legislating on the subject should give first consideration to the needs of irrigation and make the development of power secondary. Congress, he added, should not grant any absolute power rights to individuals or private corporations in any of the states.

The emergency situation in the Imperial Valley can be removed, the witness said, within three or four years after congress has legalized and work has actually been commenced.

Along the course of the river, damsites have been located sufficient to develop between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 horse power but the demand, the secretary said, will exceed the supply, which the federal government will generate, and for that reason congress should give consideration to plans by which private power construction might be provided to meet the excess demands.

Former President Of China Is Taken Prisoner, Report

PEKING, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, formerly president of the south China republic, has been taken prisoner by the United China forces, and is being held captive on the Chinese cruiser Haichi in the west river, near Canton, according to advices received by the foreign legations here from Canton.

Shanghai advices via London yesterday reported that Sun Yat Sen, accompanied by Wu Ting Fang, was proceeding to Shanghai aboard a warship.

SOKE ISLAND WINS

CURRAGH, Ireland, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Major Loder's Spike Island, by Spearmint, out of Molly Desmond, ridden by the American jockey, Archibald, won the Irish derby, run here today. A. Sullivan's Ordonsey was second, and Lord Lascelles's Montperrat, third. Twelve horses horses started.

$400 Lures Woman to Death

Saved with her husband and children pictured here when their New York home burned, Mrs. Angelina Vircessa (left) dashed into the flames for her $400 savings. Trapped by a falling stairway, she perished.

HARDING AGAINST POSTPONEMENT OF SUBSIDY MEASURE

Public Interest Will Not Permit Laying Aside Of Bill He Says

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Confidence that a "very favorable reaction" will be encountered by members of congress who take the administration's ship subsidy bill before their constituents prior to its consideration by the house is expressed by President Harding in a letter to Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the republican leader, giving formal approval of the plan to press the legislation to a vote immediately after the bill has been sent to conference by the house.

Presenting a detailed statement of reasons favoring passage of the bill at this session, the president, in his letter made public today declared the public interest would not permit of postponement until the December session in view of the loss entailed by the government's ship holdings which the bill is designed eventually to get into private hands.

Despite "every drive toward economy" this loss, the president pointed out, amounted to more than fifty million dollars during the fiscal year now closing.

Asserting the question was "not to be prejudiced by the old alibi" worn out cry against subsidy," Mr. Harding urged that if that was used "to awaken public hostility," it be emphasized that "we are subsidizing today by paying losses of fifty millions a year for inadequate service of no permanence while the pending measure contemplates no such outlay." The two outstanding problems to be met in the legislation he said, are the handling of "our shipping assets in the highest advantage" and the establishment of an efficient merchant marine as an agency of commerce and an "indispensable element of defense," as well.

Cut of Japanese Navy Will Mean Discharge of 50,000

HONOLULU, June 21.—Reduction of the Japanese naval establishment under the Washington treaties will result in the discharge of 50,000 officers and men, according to a dispatch today to Nippu Jiji, a Japanese language newspaper here, quoting an announcement of the Japanese navy department. The number of civilian employes will be reduced by 1,642.

Capper-Tincher Bill Given Right of Way

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The house rules committee voted today to give right of way to the Capper-Tincher grain exchange bill which would supplement the futures trading act to meet the recent supreme court decision. The measure will be taken up by the house this week.

Man 84, 'Elopes' With Woman, 74

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 21.—Willard W. Whitney, 84 years old, a retired capitalist born was married yesterday to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Fairbanks, whose age is 74. The bride is the sister of Whitney's former wife, who died several years ago.

The marriage was sudden, and after the ceremony Whitney referred to it "as an elopement, a love affair."

A few days ago he gave the city $20,000 for a scientific library.

COMMITTEE ENDS STUDY OF VALLEY FLOOD SITUATION

Officials Leave for Phoenix to Make Report to Governors

BLYTHE, Calif., June 21.—A joint committee of Arizona and California officials which late yesterday concluded three days of study and hearings based on the flood conditions in the Palo Verde country of California left late that night for Phoenix, Ariz., to formulate a report which will be presented to Governor Campbell of Arizona and to Governor Stephens of California without delay.

Attorney General Galbraith of Arizona who headed the committee said he expected the report to go before Governor Campbell today. He also said that the Arizona officials were anxious to assist the residents of the Palo Verde valley in correcting present flood conditions, and that he hoped action to that end would follow at once.

While all the damage by on the California side of the Colorado, Arizona was called on for action because the residents seek to relieve the flood by cutting some short cuts across river bends and these short cuts would lie in Arizona territory. As an injunction has been secured by Arizona against any such work without its consent, the investigation became necessary in an effort to get that consent.

Arrival of German Military Mission Cause of Concern

PARIS, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—French official circles are displaying considerable concern over the arrival in Moscow of a German military mission of which Colonel Bauer, chief aide to General Ludendorff, and Colonel Hentig, an assistant of Hugo Stinnes, are members.

The officials say they have reason to believe the military men have gone to Moscow to make a survey of the soviet army with a view to a possible military accord between Germany and Russia.

The presence of German officers in Moscow and the recent warlike utterances of M. Frounze, chief of staff of the bolshevik army, are regarded with significance by the French officials.

Body of Publisher Returned to U. S.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The body of Guy Barham, publisher of the Los Angeles Herald, who died in London June 9, was brought back to the United States by his widow today on the steamship Olympic.

Accompanied by William Randolph Hearst, in whose party Mr. and Mrs. Barham were traveling when Mr. Barham was stricken, the widow and her daughter Louise left the steamer at quarantine and were brought ashore on a tug.

The body will be sent to California tomorrow.

50,000 Workers Quit Jobs in New York

NEW YORK, June 21.—(By the Associated Press)—Fifty thousand workers in the men's clothing industry left their jobs throughout the metropolitan area today to force manufacturers to let their work out to registered union contractors it was announced by Herman Blumberg, chairman of the New York joint board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

FLOOD CRISIS IS EXPECTED BEFORE DAWN

Rio Grande In Laredo District Reaches Great Depth

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The critical stage in the lower Rio Grande valley flood which already has inundated nearly 16,000 acres in Star, Hidalgo and Cameron counties, marooned nearly 1,000 Mexicans in small border towns and covered the roads leading west of Mercedes, is expected between midnight tonight and dawn Thursday when the crest of the upper flood is due to reach the edge of Starr county.

This upper flood, the result of a cloudburst Saturday, is remarkable in the history of the river, not only because it has excelled all previous records, but also because of its slow movement and sustained volume. From a stream normally 200 to 300 yards wide and 18 inches to six feet deep, the Rio Grande has become 28 feet deep at the flood crest and from three quarters to a mile wide. The volume of water is so great that at Laredo, Texas, where an unofficial stage of 32 feet was reached at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, the river was still fifty feet deep at six o'clock last night. At Eagle Pass a 31-foot stage was reached at midnight Sunday and it had receded to six feet above normal at six o'clock Tuesday evening.

Relief Is Under Way

The flood crest appears to be moving at five miles an hour.

Greatest damage is feared to growing crops in the section which supplies many cantaloupes to northern markets.

Red Cross relief for the flood district already is under way and Henry M. Baker, of St. Louis, district representative, is in Eagle Pass.

Three aviators were dispatched from Kelly field, San Antonio, yesterday to the lower Rio Grande valley to drop bags of food to marooned farmers in the flooded areas.

No figures are available on loss of life in the flood.

With the exception of continued inundation of first "lift" lands along the Rio Grande in Hidalgo county, there was little change in the flood situation today between Mission and Brownsville. No loss of life is reported so far.

Estimates were that 10,000 acres of cotton were destroyed on the north bank of the river with probably an equal amount over a greater extent of territory on the Mexican side.

SOFIA, June 21.—Ten thousand persons have been made homeless by devastating floods which inundated the suburban district of Rofia following rains Monday and Tuesday. No loss of life has been reported. There was much damage to livestock.

FARMERS ARE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, June 21.—Flood waters of the Rio Grande which yesterday and today wrought havoc at Eagle Pass and Laredo late yesterday reached Zapata, Texas, a district 150 miles west of here, driving Mexican farmers and goat herders into the hills on both sides of the river.

Rio Grande city reported that the river had risen 6 of a foot to 28.9 feet above normal, or seven feet under the high mark of Sunday. A slight rise also was reported at Mission. The actual stage of the river here is 19 feet, and the channel at this point can hold no more water, river men say.

Four hundred feet of levee protecting a section of the San Benito irrigation district, about 24 miles up river from Brownsville, gave way before flood waters of the Rio Grande this morning, causing the first inundation of lowlands in Cameron county. A large force of workmen rushed to the scene, began work building up levee protecting the little town of Los Indios, which is threatened by the break.

Trains Stop Running

The flood situation in the extreme lower Rio Grande Valley appeared more favorable this morning with reports from mission that the river there had fallen two feet below the recent high mark and stood 26.1 feet above normal. The flood that passed Laredo yesterday had not reached Mission however. Train service between Harlingen and San Fordyce was discontinued early today because water was over the tracks west of Mercedes.

Company Shuts off Water Supply to Homes of Miners

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., June 21.—The Rosedale Coal company has turned off the water supply to company houses occupied by striking union miners, it became known here today when counsel for the United Mine Workers took the situation under advisement. The miners have been served with eviction notices but are occupying the houses pending appeals.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—An attack on the big bankers of the country was made today in the senate by Senator Ladd, republican, of North Dakota, in the course of an address in support of his plan to tax the banks to pay the veterans of the world war a cash bonus.