

PAY ROLL JUGGLERS ENTER GUILT PLEAS

J. A. Rutledge and Duncan Sinclair, Storekeeper and Assistant, respectively, of the Illinois Central, Admit the Forgery of an Order.

J. A. Rutledge and Duncan Sinclair, storekeeper and assistant storekeeper, respectively of the Illinois Central Railroad's commissary department at Harahan pleaded guilty when arraigned Wednesday morning in the First City Criminal Court on the charge of forgery. They were committed to the Criminal District Court under a bond of \$1000 each.

According to District Attorney Lazenberg, interrogations will be filed against both accused. Rutledge is charged with publishing and using a forged order, while the charge against Sinclair will be "necessary before the fact."

Rutledge was arrested Thursday upon a statement made by Sinclair, who was arrested when he attempted to collect \$15 from the railroad office on a salary order made in the name of Taylor. Sinclair was recognized by the clerk in the office, and as he is carried on the pay roll as Taylor, it was evident that a swindle was being perpetuated. He said that Rutledge had given him the order, and it was understood that he (Sinclair) was to collect the money under the name of Taylor. Sinclair also collected his salary under his true name, which proved that the pay rolls of the company had been "juggled" by him and Rutledge.—New Orleans Press.

RAILROAD SHOPMEN GRANTED INCREASE

(Special to The Item)

MERIDIAN, Miss., June 2.—Wage scales granting the machinists, boiler makers, carmen and sheet metal workers an increase in wages amounting to several thousand dollars have been practically settled through a conference between Superintendent S. F. Flanagan of the Northwestern, representing President D. D. Curran, of the New Orleans and Northwestern, Atlanta and Vicksburg and Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroads, and the committees from the various organizations affected. Only one day was necessary to reach the agreements, which was made subject to the approval of the general offices of the railroad.

The new wage scale grants the machinists and boiler makers an increase of one cent an hour. Carmen and sheet metal workers receive an increase of two cents an hour, and blacksmiths receive an increase through adjustments of two and a half to three cents an hour.

Members of the labor organizations are more than gratified at the new wage scales and declare that perfect harmony exists between the railroads and employes.

Superintendent Flanagan returned to New Orleans with the scales submitted and the labor organizations expect an early ratification of the scales, in part, as submitted.—New Orleans Press.

TO ILLINOIS CENTRAL STRIKERS.

Many of the strikers are working at places where no assessment has been levied to help maintain the strike, and therefore they are doing nothing in the interests of the strike and nothing to help pay the freight on their own baggage.

You are a part of this movement; your vote in favor of a strike counted just as much as the vote of any one else. You understand that it is necessary to keep up an organization and an effective fight until we force the company to concede the things which you voted to fight for. You are under moral and financial obligations to this movement. We refuse to beg you for anything or to ask you for any special favors; we simply say, "Pay your own fare," and if you are not paying it as an assessment, we want you to send it to strike headquarters. You can do this every month, just as well as pay it locally. You will receive a receipt for all money sent, and the money will be pressed into service for the purpose of making it disagreeable for the Illinois Central. If you are not paying the assessment locally, you will see to it that you send it to us at the 20 months on strike have not made you yellow.

DO YOUR PART OF THE ADVERTISING

The Grave Yard edition of the Bulletin has been sent you, either by mail or express, if you had an order in. It was impossible to get the papers out during the week we expected because there were so many of them to handle, and therefore some of them were sent out a week late.

Not enough papers were on hand to fill all the bundle orders and because of this another consignment of this edition will be run. If you have not yet received your bundle order, it will be forwarded as soon as it is possible to have another consignment of the papers printed. However, if you did not get your order in for a bundle, we can fill your order in the future when the next order is printed. If the papers have not been distributed in your community, get a bundle of them for distribution and help keep travelers away from the struck roads.



TRAIN 123 IN THE DITCH AT OSPUR.

Passenger train 123 in the ditch at Osapur, Ill. A brake beam fell from the tender truck while the train was running 60 miles an hour, ditching the entire train. Twelve passengers were injured and, like some of the other wrecks that are taking place, it was a miracle that many were not killed.

THE SOLILOQUY OF A NUT-SPLITTER.

(By Herb Powell)

'Twas late in the winter of 1892,
When I worked in a rind house on the C.
B. & Q.

Three weeks previous, with a bunch on the Soc
got lost out, but that's nothing new.

When the men on the road are doing no biz,
The shopman always expects to get his;
Those days I cared not what they did,
For I was nothing but a care-free kid.

There was four of us doing hot work on the Q,
And when business slacked up they laid off
(W.)

May '01 I believe was the time,
The inevitable happened and I got mine.

As I've told you before, I'd but one boat to
row,

So I drifted along till I reached Chi-ca-go;
In that beautiful city on Michigan Lake,
Was where I decided my vacation to take.

I roamed over the city and went to the world's
fair,

Hurry and scurry was evident everywhere;
Everybody appeared to be busy, not one
inclined to shirk,

Still the country was lamenting, "two millions
without work."

Since then, our toil has created
Millionaires by the score;

By their powers of exploitation
They've rendered us homeless and poor.

To combat their attacks we decided,
To increase our Union Dues;
But all the courts and judges
The masters control as they choose.

We resort to the strike to gain pennies,
Our wives and babies to feed;
Then vote to send grafters to Congress,
To perpetuate millionaire greed.

The poor invent machinery,
Production then increases;
They should claim their full product,
But 'tis here their wisdom ceases.

For the privilege of producing wealth,
Four-fifths as toll they give;
And when store houses overflow,
They're denied the right to live.

In two decades, the unemployed
Have claimed four millions more;
And thousands from the middle class
Are ranking with the poor.

To my brothers of the working class,
This now should be "nuff said,"
You have surely felt the struggle
For shelter and for bread.

Now buckle on your armor,
You brave men, staunch and true;
Or twenty millions of our posterity,
Will starve in 1902.

GET ON THE JOB.

In order to make a paper of this size self-sustaining without advertising matter, it is necessary to have a large circulation, and a large circulation is also necessary if we are to have any success in advertising the conditions prevailing on the struck roads. If you are interested in winning this strike, we expect you to get on the job and send us a bunch of subscribers.

WILL DISCONTINUE COMMISSIONS.

The Illinois Central has given notice that it will discontinue paying 10 per cent commission for the sale of tickets for immigrants. The commissions have been paid to the Trans-Atlantic steamship company agents, the business being divided between the trunk lines on agreed per cents.

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City

State

SEE THE UNEMPLOYED.

(Ellis O. Jones, in Life)

"See the unemployed!"
"I do. What a bedraggled, spiritless, sodden-looking crowd they are, to be sure. Cannot something be done for their relief, O Sage?"

"Most assuredly something can be done for their relief, but, as you well know, to do the sensible thing would not be desirable."

"I know nothing of the sort. The sensible thing is to put them at work at reasonable wages, and I can think of nothing more desirable than that men who wish to work should be allowed to work."

"I am surprised at your ignorance. The unemployed are absolutely necessary to civilization."

"I am sure you are wrong for once, O Sage." "Let us see. If all men were employed, then there would be no unemployed. Am I right?"

"Obviously." "And if there were no unemployed, there would be no strike-breakers when men went out on strike. Is it not so?"

"It is." "And, accordingly, when men struck, the employers would either have to concede the demands of the workmen or close their plants." "Yes."

"And as a small profit is better than no profit at all, employers would not close their shops except as a very last resort."

"Surely." "And so employes would become as arrogant as employers are now and employers would become as meek as employes are now. Do you follow me?"

"I think I do. That would be a terrible state of affairs, wouldn't it?" "Yes, for the employers."

STAND FOR WHAT ORGANIZED LABOR DOES.

You oppose child labor; so does organized labor.

You demand life-saving devices; so does organized labor.

You yearn for wage and hour equality of the sexes; so does organized labor.

You want free schools and free text-books; so does organized labor.

You want employers' liability laws; so does organized labor.

You want to stamp out sweat shops; so does organized labor.

You want the things that make life worth living; so does organized labor.

You want Industrial Freedom and the full fruits of your toil; so does organized labor.

And organized labor needs you; it needs every clean, manly man; it cries out for your aid—come on in. Don't let the false information of an interested press deter you; don't let a grievance against some certain individual keep you out; don't put it off a day longer. Now is the time.

Let us get together. We will all be better, the world will be better, mankind will be nearer to the perfect day, when, united, we achieve the end at which we aim.—Exchange.

Stirring and Startling
Steriopic Slides of the
Wrecks on the Illinois Central
and Harriman Lines.

See the San Antonio
Explosion and Funeral Parade
of Montz Wreck Victims.

See the Graveyard at
Kinmundry, Illinois, where the
Illinois Central killed
Ex-President Harahan.

See the Soldiers and the
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Fort McComb and many
Wrecks that have taken place
at the price of human blood.

For particulars write to
Strike Secretary, Box 32, Clinton, Ill.

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To Travel
Bear in Mind
that the
Illinois Central
is the
Grave Yard Line

The Illinois Central
Killed
Old Man Harrahan
At Kinmundry.
Where Will They
Kill You?

LANDSLIDES DELAY TRAIN.

Westbound Illinois Central train No. 15, due here at 9:20 a. m., was several hours late this morning. The heavy rain last night caused a landslide at Scales Mound, Ill., and the train was held until the debris could be cleared from the track.

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