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RAIL SITUATION

GROWING WORSE

DETERIORATION OF EQUIPMENT RAPIDLY PARALYZING COUNTRY'S TRANSPORTATION.

Washington, D. C., July 24—The shopmen's walkout, striking at the heart of the nation's railroads by interfering with the maintenance of equipment, is fast crippling the country's transportation systems, reports to the federal government today show.

With many trains already annulled because of the coal shortage, advice today showed that many passenger trains throughout the country are unable to keep up the schedules because of the deterioration of equipment.

Freight is being delayed one to five. Hundreds of trains have been annulled. Congestion is prevalent in the mining centers that are now producing coal, and a shortage of coal cars exist at many mines.

Many trucks are being pressed into service for short hauls. Government officials estimate that the condition of railroad equipment is 20 to 25 per cent below that of July 1. The situation is growing more serious hourly.

New York, July 24—A die hard group of eastern rail executives want the shopmen's strike to go on in a vain effort to install the open shop, a statement issued by the central strike committee here today charged.

"We expect drastic action from the government today or tomorrow," the state agent said. "We expect priority orders first and then pooling of the rolling stock to relieve the acute car shortage already developed."

Washington, D. C., July 24—Operators from nonunion fields, the principal source of the nation's fuel supply during the strike, today agreed in principle with Secretary Hoover on a voluntary check on coal prices, and rationing of coal under priority orders.

Chicago, July 24—W. J. Noone, president of the order of railroad station agents, today announced the threatened strike of his organization would be held up indefinitely pending negotiations with managers.

LABOR SHORTAGE IN NORTH DAKOTA

25,000 HANDS ARE NEEDED TO HARVEST CROP—RAILROAD RATES OFFERED.

Fargo, N. D., July 24—With the greatest wheat crop since 1916 nearing harvest, North Dakota is confronted with a labor shortage. Twenty-five thousand men are needed. Through efforts of Gov. Nestos, the railroads today announced a five dollar fare to any point in North Dakota from the Twin Cities, Duluth and Superior for groups of five or more workers.

MOONSHINERS

SHOOT UP A TOWN

KINGS DALE, MINN., CITIZENS APPEAL TO GOV. PREUS FOR AID.

St. Paul, July 24—A resident of Kingsdale, Minn., an isolated village on the Minnesota-Wisconsin line, 40 miles south of Duluth, today appealed to the state and federal officers for protection from moonshiners. A gang of moonshiners last week dynamited the Charles R. Grace hotel there, after Grace had tipped federal agents to the operation of 20 stills across the Tamarack river on the Wisconsin side. Last Saturday night 15 mounted raiders shot up the town, terrorizing the residents. Sheriff Haley, County Attorney Roberts, Grace and his brother, William Grace, appealed to

Gov. Preus and prohibition enforcement agent Quale for aid in wiping out the moonshiners.

Street Railway Men on Verge of Strike

Chicago, July 24—The strike of the elevated subway line employees appeared certain today. The conference was in session which will determine final action.

SNIPERS FIRE ON MINE GUARDSMEN

SEVERAL HUNDRED SHOTS ARE SENT AT STATE TROOPS—NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

Chokesburgh, Pa., July 24—State troops on duty here under President Harding's plan for the resumption of the mines, were fired on by snipers at the Denbo mine of the Monongahela river today. Several hundred shots, fired in volleys at intervals, came from different directions, according to Sapt. McLaughlin. No casualties were reported. Sniping ceased following a house to house search by guardsmen.

PREPARING FOR FALL ELECTION

SECRETARY OF STATE ARRANGES TENTATIVE FORM OF NOVEMBER BALLOTS.

Pierre, July 24—Secretary of State C. A. Burkhardt is preparing the tentative form of the ballot which will be used in the next general election on November 7. George Sayers, assistant secretary of state, being in direct charge of this work which must be completed in order that the ballots may be certified out to the various county auditors not earlier than August 8 and not later than August 13.

It is probable the ballots cannot be certified out until about August 10 as the law provides that independent candidates may file not less than 90 days prior to the election which would bring the last day for filing on August 8. There will be some candidates running independently in the legislative tickets of some of the representative and senatorial districts.

The secretary of state, according to the law, must certify out the congressional candidates, candidates for state office and legislative candidates for state office and legislative candidates where more than one county is embodied in a representative or senatorial district. In addition the judicial ballots under the new nonpolitical judiciary law must be certified out by the secretary for all but county judgeships.

President Harding Has the Power

Washington, D. C., July 24—President Harding is convinced that he has complete power to take over both mines and railroads if necessary.

Kuklux Klansman in Lead for Senate Seat

Dallas, Tex., July 24—Earl B. Mayfield, champion of the Kuklux Klan, was leading the democratic race for United States senator in the returns from Saturday's primary by 25,000.

From Vessel at Bottom of Sea

London, July 24—Recovery of five million dollars' worth of bullion off the Donegal coast, where the White Star liner Laurentic was submerged in the war, is reported by the admiralty, which has been conducting salvaging operations along the Irish coast where scores of steamers were torpedoed.

RAIL EQUIPMENT

BUYING INCREASES

MARKED DROP IN PRICES SPURS SALES—MANY ORDERS PLACED THIS MONTH.

Chicago, July 24—A marked drop from the railroad equipment prices of the last two years caused a sudden jump in the purchases of passenger and freight cars and locomotives the first half of this year, according to the Railway Age today. In the first six months of 1922, the railroads of the country purchased 88,172 freight cars, compared with 23,346 for all of last year. They bought 482 locomotives, compared with 239 in 1921.

In addition, in the first three weeks of July orders were placed for 111 locomotives, 9,475 freight cars and 11 passenger cars.

"The most interesting feature of these figures," the Railway Age said, "is that while the car and locomotive buying this year has not been exactly spectacular or record breaking, it has gone on in a period when there was a car surplus and when there were a large number of bad order cars and locomotives. The buying movement has continued during a severe coal strike and seems to have suffered little if any retardation from the effects of the shopmen's strike."

"The car and locomotive market has been greatly assisted by lower prices. Steel underframe boxcars have been bought in recent months at prices approximately \$1,500 or \$1,600, steel hopper and gondola cars at from \$1,600 to \$1,800, the price varying with the size and design. Refrigerator cars cost at present about \$2,700. Typical locomotive prices are \$40,000 for a Pacific and from \$37,000 to \$42,000 for a Mikado. Six wheel switching locomotives have been bought at about \$30,000 to \$33,000. Passenger coaches have been obtained at about \$20,000. These prices represent market decreases from the high prices which ruled in 1920."

STORM VICTIMS ARE IMPROVING

MRS. CAMPBELL OF AVON LEAVES HOSPITAL—HUSBAND STILL AT ANDES.

Yankton, July 24—Mrs. A. G. Campbell of Avon, who with her husband was seriously injured in the tornado which destroyed the Andes cottages several days ago, and her mother, Mrs. E. C. Monfore, of Springfield, has returned to Springfield. Mrs. Campbell came to the hospital here to have surgeons examine her right shoulder, the arm having been thrown completely out of joint. Owing to the extreme swelling it had been impossible for doctors up the Platte line to determine just what was wrong. An X-ray revealed the trouble, and the point was pulled back into place, it being had formed. Other bruises which Mrs. Campbell suffered are healing, though she still bears many marks and black and blue spots as reminders of the event.

Her husband, who was even more seriously injured, is still with relatives at Lake Andes, but he is recovering. His chief injury was a hard blow in the back which broke eight ribs away from the backbone and caused an internal hemorrhage. His life was at first despaired of. Charles Campbell, a brother, received bad bruises and cuts but no broken bones, and his wife suffered chiefly from a blow on the cheek which dislocated the jaw, but both of them are recovering.

Plan to Start Work on Plant

Huron, July 24—"Unless some unforeseen obstacle arises to alter our present plans," said A. L. Wyman, of Yankton, members of the state cement commission, "we expect to let a contract for the construction of the commission's cement plant at Rapid City this fall, looking towards having the plant in operation at the earliest possible moment."

The commission, with all members

present, met here to take up the question of freight rates with John Murphy, member of the states railway commission, and Dan Murphy, rate expert for the commission.

The committee laid plans for holding another meeting at Rapid City the first week in August, when several matters on importance to the early commencement of operations will be gone into in detail. This includes the right of way, a decision as to what to do for power and shale, and matters connected with the best type of factory and machinery to secure.

The members of the commission here for this meeting were: Governor W. H. McMaster, chairman; A. C. Hunt, of Rapid City, secretary-treasurer; Sanford G. Donaldson and A. L. Wyman, of Yankton.

GIRL IS HELD AS SLAYER

SURRENDERS TO POLICE AFTER KILLING MAN IN ALABAMA.

Montgomery, Ala., July 24—A formal charge of murder Friday was placed against Miss Mildred Willis Brewer, 15, granddaughter of the late Col. Willis Brewer, former congressman from Alabama, in connection with the death of A. Portis McKelthen, a cousin by marriage.

McKelthen, baggage agent at the Union station, left Montgomery late Thursday in an auto driven by Henry Payne, negro porter at the station, who told police that they stopped at a church six and a half miles out of the city where Miss Brewer, attired in riding togs, met them.

The couple, according to Payne, wandered off into the woods and were gone for some time. He said he heard a revolver shot and a few minutes later Miss Brewer emerged from the woods and ordered him to drive her to town.

"He's dead," she told Payne. Arriving in Montgomery, Miss Brewer immediately surrendered to police. She gave her age as 15 and declared she is a cousin of McKelthen's wife.

Payne told the police that he had driven McKelthen to the spot where he was killed—six and a half miles from Montgomery—several times and each time the girl met him.

Came To With a Headache and Wife

Hammond, Ind., July 24—A new brand of moonshine, recommended to John O'Leary, of Hammond, by his favorite bootlegger, is fearful stuff. He sampled some July 10, and did not remember anything for several days. When he came to he had a headache and a wife. He knew where the headache came from but he could not figure out whence the wife. She informed him that she was Mrs. John O'Leary, nee Clara Lindsey. O'Leary started court proceedings to annul the marriage, if any. He insists if he had been sober he would not have married Clara, as he has not lived with her since he had the headache and does not know what he did when the moonshine was working.

Wheat Shortage in Europe

Washington, D. C., July 24—Central European countries are facing a wheat shortage this year of approximately 100,000,000 bushels, according to a radiogram received yesterday by the commerce department from Alfred Dennis at Berlin, who had been making a special survey of the food stuffs situation abroad.

Mr. Dennis reported that this year's wheat harvest would be the first setback to Europe's wheat production which has been increasing steadily since 1917 and indicated that there would be greatly augmented imports of wheat into Europe.

Sell Hogs in Sanborn County

Woonsocket, July 24—Farmers of this district are receiving large sums of money for hogs which are being marketed by them. Nicholas Thill brought in 93 hogs and a local buyer gave him a check for \$2,188.67 in payment for them.

WOBBLY ACTIVITIES ARE CURBED

FIRST I. W. W. ARREST MADE AT GROTON—CHARGED WITH SYNDICALISM.

Aberdeen, July 24—The first arrest of I. W. W. members were made at Groton by Sheriff Elliott and Deputy Glau, of this city, the men taken into custody being Melvin Manning and Joe Sheppard, alleged organizers of the I. W. W. As the result of a hearing in a local court they were held on the charge of syndicalism, preferred against them by the state's attorney.

The men were arrested at a camp of the I. W. W., near Groton. The officers were summoned to the scene by the report that a camp of "wobblies" had been established and that a red flag had been hoisted near the camp.

The sheriff and his deputy found the red flag waving from a pole near the camp. There were 10 or 11 men in the camp and they had been serving liquor and listening to inflammatory addresses by Manning, Sheppard and others. As Manning and Sheppard appeared to be the ring leaders and organizers of the I. W. W., they were taken into custody, without resistance.

When Manning and Sheppard were searched by the officers a large quantity of I. W. W. literature was found in their possession.

Will Decrease Yearly Income

Pierre, July 24—The motor vehicle license law, which goes into effect in South Dakota on January 1 next, will take a great deal of revenue away from the cities and towns of the state, which have derived a great deal of annual revenue from the taxation of automobiles.

The new law fixes a license according to weight of the cars and trucks, and the provisions of the law specify that of the 2,000,000 which it is estimated will be collected from this source in the state each year, three per cent will be placed in the state motor vehicle fund to pay expenses incurred by the secretary of state, 27 per cent of the funds will be credited to the motor vehicle fund of the county in which it is collected, and the remaining 70 per cent will be placed in the state highway fund.

Pierre estimates it will lose about \$4,000 annual revenue through the operation of the new law, while other cities will be affected in a corresponding degree.

Lightning Bolt Hits Man's Couch

Colman, July 24—H. E. Solberg, of this city, had the unusual experience of having a bolt of lightning tear off a leg of the bed on which he was sleeping without being seriously injured.

The bolt struck the roof near a chimney and divided, one part following a tin gutter down to the eaves, when it passed into Solberg's sleeping room.

The other part followed a course between the walls of a partition, then went between the floor of the second story and the ceiling of the room below, where it tore two large holes in the plastering just above where an aged woman was sleeping.

Five persons were sleeping in the house at the time and all escaped injury.

Daily Market Report

MADISON GRAIN MARKET.
At 3 p. m. today—Corn, 45c; rye, 60c; oats, 25c; barley, 42c; wheat, \$1.21.

Minneapolis Grain Market.
Minneapolis, July 24—Corn—Steady; demand good, offerings moderate. No. 2 yellow 4 to 5c under Chicago September. No. 2 yellow closed at 58 3-4 to 59 1-4c. No. 2 mixed at 57 3-4 to 58 1-4c.
Oats—Steady. No. 3 whites September price closed at 29 3-4 to 30 3-4c.
Rye—Weak, 1 to 3c lower compared with September. No. 2 closed at 2 to 3c over the future; offerings large. No. 2 rye closed at 75 to 76c.
Barley—Quiet, steady, with fair demand. Prices closed at 47 to 58c.

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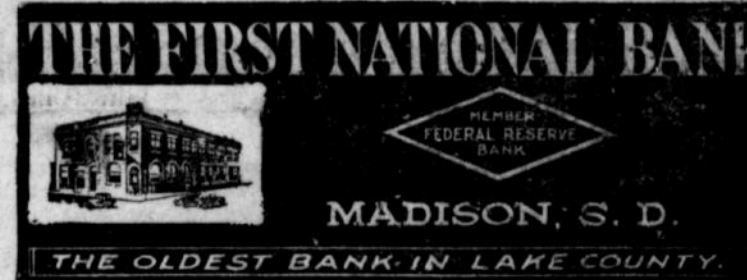


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