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TAKES GRIP ON TRANSPORTATION

Interstate Commerce Commission's Priority Orders.

Await Harding's Word for Emergency Control—Efforts to Form New Unions of Shopmen and Industrial Peace in U. S. is Not Near.

(Canadian Press.) Washington, July 26.—While the United States administration continued today to await results of the attempt to operate the strike affected mines, at the same time confining its policy in the rail strike to support of the railroad labor board as the only authorized agency to deal with it, the interstate commerce commission put into effect today transportation routing and priority orders as the basis of the programme for control of the country's depleted coal supply and transportation facilities.

The priority order established a preferential system for shipment of fuel and food over all railroads east of the Mississippi. Another mandatory order directs all the roads in the country to disregard established routings in favor of such routing as would expedite movement and avoid congestion.

For Emergency Control. Having joined in the fuel distribution plan this prepared for producing operators and railroad traffic experts today awaited the word from President Harding to set in motion the machinery for emergency control. He was expected to establish today the directing agency for the scheme by the appointment of a presidential committee of representatives from the Interstate Commerce Commission and the departments of commerce, justice and interior, with Secretary Hoover as chairman.

With the aid of an administrative committee of operators and railroad traffic experts, the governmental body will direct the activities of the local committees of operators in making fuel deliveries and in distributing fuel to the roads and other public utilities in the order of preference established by the interstate commerce commission in serving the needs of the general public.

Chicago, July 26.—With the United States government today assuming control of freight traffic and the railroads continuing efforts to form new unions of shopmen, peace in the railway strike seemed a remote possibility.

On the other hand, good will was apparent in meetings being held at Baltimore between officials of the B. and O. railroad and representatives of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, which have been regarded as possible precursors of other individual settlements if successful.

No further progress of the strike was looked for, although fifty maintenance men were at Shawnee, Okla., and some at Moberly, Mo., quit work yesterday because armed guards were patrolling the railway property. A resolution adopted by representatives of nearly 800 general chairmen of the Clerks' and Freight Handlers' Union declared they would resort to "their economic power" if their grievances were not adjusted, but it was believed that they would take no further strike action pending negotiations.

Curtailed of train service during the last twenty-four hours was negligible. The Pennsylvania railroad issued a statement last night, saying passenger and freight service had been restored to normal on that road.

Reports of violence or threatened violence were slightly increased, and troops were called out in three more states, while in Montana the Great Northern Railway was promised troops for protection at Havre and Wolfe Point. Denison, Texas, was placed under martial law by Governor Neff, who ordered five companies of the Texas National Guards to duty there. The companies of Alabama state troops were mobilized at Birmingham ready to march to the scene where disorders were reported.

When state troops were ordered to Fondre, near Jellico, Ky., in Pennsylvania, the western president's committee on public relations of the Association of Railway Executives issued a statement last night asserting that western lines were moving freight as offered, passenger trains were being operated normally and transportation conditions were normal everywhere.

Boston, July 26.—The Boston and Maine railroad met its maintenance of way employees yesterday and agreed to submit the questions at issue to the railroad labor board for decision. The employees asked for restoration of the wage scale in effect previous to the cut recently ordered by the labor board, and restoration of working conditions, which had been varied by the board.

Washington, July 26.—An agreement has been signed at Chattanooga, Tenn., between officials of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and the Southern Railway, which definitely averts a threatened walkout of clerks on the Southern Railway and its affiliated lines, so local officials of the brotherhood announced last night.

BOTTOMLEY MAY BE HEARD IN COMMONS

London, July 26.—The House of Commons yesterday adopted a resolution permitting Horatio Bottomley, now serving a prison sentence for fraud, to attend in custody at the House on Tuesday, if he so desires. A member has a right to defend himself in prison against expulsion proceedings, which have already been instituted against Bottomley.

PLANS TO CHECK LIQUOR SUPPLY

U. S. Treaty with Britain Part of Wide Project.

Aim is to Secure Co-operation of All Nations from Which There are Heavy Exports—Expected That Canada Will be Consulted.

(Canadian Press.) Washington, July 25.—The success which the U. S. government has met in co-operating with the Canadian government in the prevention of rum running and liquor smuggling is an important factor in a movement begun by Washington officials to conclude a treaty with the British government covering the curbing of rum running into the U. S.

U. S. prohibition officials say the co-operation of the Canadian authorities has been valuable, and what is now being attempted is practically an extension of co-operation to the British government, though in a more formal way. It is understood here that the proposed treaty between Great Britain and the U. S. would not apply to Canada. It would be directed principally toward the curbing of rum running into the U. S. from Bermuda and the Bahamas.

It is expected, however, that Canada will be consulted by the British government and the latest co-operation by Canada in curtailing smuggling will continue.

The movement for an understanding with Great Britain is only a part of a larger movement to secure co-operation in liquor enforcement with all nations from which there are heavy liquor exports. This is definitely stated on high authority.

TREASON TO PAY FULL PENALTY

Harding Will Release No More Prisoners Guilty of Political Offences—Refuses All Amnesties.

Washington, July 26.—President Harding put his foot down hard on general amnesty for political prisoners. He declared that as long as he was president he would never pardon a criminal who was guilty of preaching the destruction of the government by force.

He made this declaration of policy to a delegation of persons seeking general amnesty for all political prisoners. He told them he could not bring himself to grant general amnesty until he knew all prisoners held under the war acts had committed only strictly war offenses. He stated that he was giving consideration to the cases and that he had instructed the Department of Justice to expedite reports in all these cases, but concluded by placing a strict ban on releases for those convicted of advocating the overthrow of the government by violence.

The delegation asked for amnesty for all the 87 political prisoners now in Federal penitentiaries. They brought with them a petition containing 1,000,000 signatures pleading for the release of the prisoners.

Paul F. Brisenden of Columbia University, who acted as spokesman for the delegation, explained to the president that no individual pardons were sought, and that only a general amnesty was desired.

LIBERALS AND PROGRESSIVES; QUEBEC RUMOR Ottawa, July 26.—(Canadian Press.)—Statements published in Quebec that fifty-two Progressive members of parliament had announced their willingness to join the Liberal party are received here with reserve.

It is generally understood that there were some kind of pourparlers between some Progressives and some Liberals looking to closer co-operation between the two parties, but it has been said positively that there was no agreement of any binding character reached. It is explained that the established that there was no offer of "unconditional" union with the Liberal party.

MUTINY AMONG THE IRREGULARS

Nationalist Headquarters Hears of Internal Troubles

One Leader Said to Have Been Put to Death—Insurgents Falling Back in West Ireland and in Some Places Retreat Reported Precipitate.

(Canadian Press Bureau.) Dublin, July 26.—The irregulars are continuing to fall back before the advance of the Irish National army in the west of Ireland, according to reports from the front, with the retreat in most places rather precipitate, although occasional stands have been made by fighting parties of the irregulars.

Mutiny is said to be rife among the irregulars, reports received in Nationalist headquarters say, and one of the insurgent leaders is reported to have been executed.

Bomb in Dublin. Dublin, July 26.—Six civilians, four of whom were women, were wounded by a bomb thrown at a lorry in which national soldiers were riding in York street last evening. No soldiers were injured, although companions of the bomb thrower fired ten or twelve revolver shots at the troops. Two men were arrested.

Dublin, July 26.—Gavan Duffy was resigned as foreign minister of the provisional government. He announces that while he agrees with the government's military policy, he opposes its policy on certain other grave and urgent issues so strongly that he cannot longer honorably remain with the administration.

MAY BREAK FROM INTERNATIONAL

Talk of Purely Canadian Autonomy for Maintenance of Way Men.

(Canadian Press.) Winnipeg, July 26.—Canadian maintenance of way and railway shop employees, approximately 30,000 will in all probability break with their international affiliation, according to reports here, declared T. Y. Geckle, local secretary, here last night. He said it is expected a decision will be reached at an early date.

He asserted that the question had been under discussion for some time and was practically an accomplished fact, the expressions of the men and their well as their selected representatives being practically unanimous.

Ottawa, July 26.—The last labor report gives 182 branches of the Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers' Union in Canada, with 12,000 members, and 2,055 branches and 168,000 members in the U. S.

GARDEN FETE AT ROTHESAY

On the beautiful grounds surrounding the residence of Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley at Rothestay, this afternoon, the DeMotts Chapter, I. O. E. E., are holding a garden fete for the patriotic purposes of the chapter. The tea tables are placed on the lawn under the shade of the trees, and with the ideal weather today, the effect is charming. Several novelties have been introduced, including "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," an archery booth and a "rose gift" booth.

Those in charge of the various departments are as follows:—Regent and general convenor, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner; tea tables, Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Mrs. H. W. Frink and Mrs. H. B. Robinson; candy table, Mrs. G. K. McLeod, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. Carville, Mrs. Corlanti Robinson, Mrs. A. Powell and Miss Elizabeth Furlong; archery, Mrs. F. C. Jones, Mrs. F. W. Thomson, Mrs. W. E. Foster, Mrs. Simon Jones, Mrs. H. C. Sparling, Mrs. Arthur Adams and Mrs. Herbert Schofield; archery, Mrs. M. B. Edwards and Miss Edith Skinner; ice cream, Mrs. Charles Coster and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee; The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Mrs. Stewart Skinner; Mrs. M. B. Edwards and Miss Edith Skinner; rose gift, Mrs. Walter White and Mrs. Ernest Barbour; tickets, Mrs. Roy Campbell and Mrs. A. H. Powell.

CAR SERVICE IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, July 26.—The International Railway Company operated thirty per cent. of city cars today, and re-opened the Lockport-Buffalo branch which had been idle since the strike of carmen was called on July 2. There were no disorders. The Main street line, one of the most important in the system, was operated today without police guards on the cars.

DENIES STRIKE REPORT.

Chicago, July 26.—E. F. Grable, president of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Shop Laborers, denied today reports that the 400,000 members of the union in the U. S. were threatening again to strike. He said negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily before the U. S. labor board.

CHINESE HELD.

Lee Hung, a Chinese, held, it was said, at the instance of the C. P. R., is at the central police station awaiting deportation.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "Hiram Hornbeam, 'I saw two boys passing in a sloven partially loaded with freshly cut grass. They were lying at full length on the load of grass with their feet toward the sky, a supreme content possessing them. The world was theirs. They knew that the occupants of every limousine rolling along the pavement envied them, as I did from the curb. One of my first impressions on the great world came to my mind. It must have been as much as four or five miles into a far country—a new world of adventure. A neighboring farmer had bought some standing grass and went to cut it. I went along with his little boy. We spread the grass, had a lunch in mid-forenoon, ate dinner under the trees, washed in the little river, helped to rake the hay, ate more lunch, and then, embedded in the soft load of hay, rode home in the twilight and under the stars. There were kings in those days, Hiram."

"Alvius will be," said Hiram, "as long as the boys. Come out to the Settlement and be a king again—we're hayin' now."

"Alas!" said the reporter, "I would need a ladder to climb up and down the hayrick, and my joints would creak louder than the harness. But on a day such as this my heart is there, Hiram."

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SYRIANS FIGHT FRENCH TROOPS

Troubles There Following Confirmation of Mandate by League of Nations.

Calco, July 26.—The Syrian committee here announces that when news that the League of Nations council had confirmed the British mandate was received in this country a band of Syrians attacked French troops at Hauran, killed two officers and seventeen men, destroyed two tanks and captured prisoners and war material. The French are reported to have been forced to retreat until reinforcements were hurried from Damascus.

The Syrians also are reported to have brought down a French airplane at Hauran and to have attacked a French outpost at Jaroud, killing fifteen Frenchmen. The committee alleges that disorder has broken out in the whole of Syria.

NO CHANGE IN COAL PRICES AT SYDNEY, C. B.

Sydney, N. S., July 26.—In spite of a brisk demand for bunker and foreign cargoes, there had been no change in prices of coal at Sydney since April 20, it was said at British Empire Steel headquarters last night. Screened coal is selling at \$7 a gross ton, and run of mine at \$6.40.

Coal going foreign or for bunker is usually sold by the short ton of 2,000 pounds, whereas coal for local purposes is sold by the long ton of 2,240 pounds. For bunker purposes, run of mine is used almost exclusively.

GERMANY TO BUY PROPERTY SEIZED BY ITALY IN WAR

Berlin, July 26.—Count Teofilo Rossi, Italian minister of industry, and Count De Neurath, German ambassador to Italy, have signed a convention for the purchase of confiscated German property in Italy by the German government.

The German government will buy it back as a whole. It will then be restored to its former owners. The purchase price is fixed at eight hundred million lire to be paid in instalments. Property already liquidated or nationalized by the Italian government for political, historical or military reasons, is excluded from the agreement.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine, Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is now high at over the eastern provinces of Canada and near the North Pacific coast and lowest in Manitoba and the southwestern states. The weather is fair and moderately warm throughout Canada. A few scattered showers have occurred in the southern portions of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Fair; Moderately Warm. Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair and moderately warm today and on Tuesday.

Gulf and North Shore—Light winds, fair and moderately warm today and on Thursday.

New England—Fair tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Moderate east, shifting to south winds.

TY COBB NOW IS LEAGUE LEADER

One Point Ahead of Sisler for Batting Honors

St. Louis and Giants Win the First Games in Important Series—Williams Scores 22nd Homer—Morton Fails in "Iron Man" Attempt.

(Canadian Press.) Detroit, July 26.—Ty Cobb today was back in his old place at the head of the American League batters and was leading George Sisler by one point. The Tiger manager took the lead yesterday, when, in five times up, he made four safeties while his rival was getting one out of three. The figures showed that in eighty-one games Cobb was at bat 319 times, making 131 hits for an average of .411, while Sisler in ninety-two games batted 378 times and hit safely 155, making his average .410.

Yesterday's Games. New York, July 26.—The St. Louis Browns and New York Giants had games held today on their leadership in the American and National leagues, as a result of their victories in the opening games of the crucial series with the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cards.

Two and a half games separated the leading American League rivals as they opened the second encounter while the combatants in the National had a gap of but a half game between them. Urban Schoker recovered his ability to jinx the Yankees, after four straight setbacks, and waved a shutout speed, while his mates knocked Submarine Carl Mays from the box and tallied eight runs. Ken Williams lashed out his second-second homer and scintillated in the field.

The Giants had a more strenuous time with the Cardinals, winning 9 to 8 the fifth that drove Bill Doak from the box. St. Louis rallied in the ninth and came within a run of tying the count by driving across four tallies off Fred Toney.

Cobb led his team to an 8 to 5 victory over Washington with Walter Johnson pitching. Guy Morton shut out the Athletics 4 to 0, in the first game of a double header but failed in an "iron man" attempt to pitch both games. He was knocked out of the box in the third of the second game and the Mackmen broke even with Cleveland by winning 11 to 4.

Blanshenski twirled the White Sox to a 3 to 1 triumph over Boston. Wagon's poor pitching enabled the Chicago Cubs to score six runs off him in the fourth and defeat the Boston Braves 6 to 3, while the Reds captured a slugging game from Philadelphia 15 to 11 in ten innings.

The Pirates got the best of the Dodgers 5 to 3. Mount Vernon, Ill., July 25.—Harry "Slim" Sallee, former pitcher of the St. Louis and New York Nationals, has been signed by the local team of the Missouri-Illinois League, a semi-pro organization, so it was announced here today.

St. Louis, July 26.—Spectators at the St. Louis-New York game yesterday were by no means stingy in their approval of the latest New York-Boston deal. Joe Dugan, who figured in the bargain, was greeted by hooting and jeering when he made his debut in a Yankee uniform. Elmer Smith, the other new acquired Yankee, was not given a chance to appear in the line up.

Members of the chamber of commerce and the Rotary Club today were awaiting the result of letters they sent yesterday to Commissioner Landis, President Johnson and President Hoey, protesting against the deal, which were characterized "unsportsmanlike" and "indecent."

PENSION RENEWED

Settlement of Problem in the Case of British Columbia Soldier.

Ottawa, July 26.—If an ex-soldier in receipt of a permanent pension for a wound in the ankle subsequently loses the leg through an accident in civilian life, have the pension authorities just grounds for cutting off the pension? This puzzling problem is presented to the dominion command, G. W. V. A. in the case of ex-Private John Munro of Lakeview ranch, Altonola, B. C., and has been settled by the restoration of the pension, which had been discontinued following the accident in which Munro lost his leg.

FUNERAL OF TRURO MURDER VICTIM

Truro, N. S., July 26.—The last chapter in the murder-suicide tragedy that took place here Monday afternoon was closed today, when the body of Dr. R. B. Bentley was interred at Wallace, with full Masonic honors. Service was conducted at his late residence here, after which the cortege proceeded to Wallace, followed by some thousand people for part of the distance. A large number of citizens and members of the Masonic fraternity went to Wallace for the final obsequies.

The funeral of Felix Cook, who shot Dr. Bentley and afterwards took his own life, was held yesterday afternoon and the body was interred in Terrace Hill cemetery.

Hon. J. A. Robb to England. Quebec, July 26.—A passenger on the C. P. Steamship Empress of Scotland yesterday was Hon. J. A. Robb, Canadian minister of trade and commerce. He is on a mission to England.

RUSSIA GOING BACK TO VODKA

Moscow, July 26.—A decree authorizing the sale of vodka, which has been prohibited since 1914, is expected to be issued on August 1.

A BIG ENTRY LIST FOR HEILEY

Names of 258 Contestants at St. Catharines

Talk of Stretching Future Meets to Three Days—Ottawa to Have a Rowing Course—Tender in Good Form—Late Sport News.

(Canadian Press.) St. Catharines, Ont., July 26.—Oarsmen from various parts of Canada and the U. S. are arriving on every train to compete in the Canadian Association regatta on Friday and Saturday. In all 258 contestants are entered for the various events. Morning racing for some of the preliminaries will be necessary on Friday and at the annual meeting of the association, which will take place on Saturday, the question of extending the meet to three days will be discussed, so great has been the growth of the regatta since its post-war revival.

The Henley Aquatic Association, a local organization which has sprung into existence as an auxiliary to the C. A. A. O. since an effort was made to remove the annual meet from this course, has arranged a series of aquatic stunts which will be sandwiched between the finishes to relieve the waiting of the spectators while the contestants are up course.

Ottawa, July 26.—(Canadian Press.)—The proposed Henley course for Ottawa is now assured, at least that is how Mayor Frank Plant feels about it. He said last night that many legal difficulties had hitherto prevented action, but these had now been overcome. He was sanguine that Ottawa would soon have a Henley course second to none in Canada.

Dulano, N. J., July 26.—A bit of polishing up today and Lew Teller, Philadelphia challenger, will be in tip-top shape for what he hopes will be victory over Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, in their world's title bout in Jersey City tomorrow night.

Albany, N. Y., July 26.—Nate Siegel of Boston, N. Y., in the fourth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout here last night.

CUT SALARIES OF STAGE FOLK

Talk of Reduction of Thirty Per Cent—Appeal to the Profession.

New York, July 26.—A move long expected in the theatrical world to bring a reduction in the salaries of actors and actresses, has been made by A. H. Woods, who has addressed a general appeal to the profession through the Actors' Equity Association to accept a reduction.

Mr. Woods warned the players that unless they were willing to join in the general wage reduction now under way that "next winter would be a lean one for many of the profession."

Other managers, who agreed that a cut was necessary, indicated that, in general, salaries representing a reduction up to thirty per cent. would be offered players for next season.

Mr. Woods said that next season would see leading men and women getting from \$300 to \$400 a week and average salaries running from \$100 to \$250 a week.

THOMAS TO BE THE RULER IN THEATRICALS

New York, July 26.—Augustus Thomas, dean of U. S. playwrights has been appointed executive chairman of the Producing Managers' Association, a post corresponding in the theatre to that of Will Hays in motion pictures and of former Judge Landis in organized baseball. It is understood that the post carries with it the responsibility of actual arbiter of all matters of plays pertaining to the production of plays in the U. S.

AIRPLANE APRE, FALLS; THREE ARE KILLED

Granda, Spain, July 26.—An airplane carrying mails and passengers between Rabat and Casablanca, Morocco, fell yesterday near Gaudis, a few miles from here, after catching fire in mid-air. The three occupants of the machine were killed.

Paderewski's Plans.

Paris, July 26.—Ignace J. Paderewski, has decided definitely that his country is unwilling to accept his political services further and has arranged to return to the U. S. in November to fill several concert engagements.

FARMERS HOLDING SECRET SESSIONS

New Movement at Convention in Saskatoon.

Place-Farming on Business Basis—Also to Discuss the Question of Politics—Active Progressive Party Supporters at the Meetings.

(Canadian Press.) Saskatoon, July 26.—A new farmers' movement aimed at placing farming on a business is presaged by the first convention of the Farmers Union of Canada, which opened here yesterday. About a dozen prominent agrarians from the west are in attendance. The sessions are private.

The basis of the movement, so far as can be gathered from the slight information that has leaked out, is to place farmers in such a position that they will receive remuneration for their product equal to the cost of their production.

The possibility of the new organization entering politics will be discussed. Whether the new group will be a separate body in dominion or provincial politics, or both, or whether it will affiliate itself as part of the existing Progressive party is not yet clear. Active supporters of the Progressive party are in attendance at the convention. The sessions are being closely guarded from the press.

Regina, July 26.—Great progress was made yesterday in the Saskatchewan legislature on the wheat board bill and when the session rose for the day all the clauses of the bill were passed. Third reading will be given today, it is likely, and the session will probably conclude tomorrow.

Edmonton, July 26.—The concurrent legislation of the Saskatchewan and Alberta legislature regarding co-operation in a federally managed work program will be uniform and practically identical, so Hon. J. E. Brownlee, attorney-general, announced after the opening of the legislative here yesterday.

He would introduce the wheat board bill by the way of a resolution today if agreeable to the house and would explain the measure at the same time.

TENDERS FOR THREE BRIDGES

Dungarvon Angling Rights Sale—Appointments to Boards of Health—Mrs. Robert Scott Dead.

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, N. B., July 26.—The department of public works is calling tenders for building the Giroud Bridge, parishes of St. Paul and St. Mary's, Kent County, the Second Bridge, parish of Cardwell, Kings County and the Hall (Albert) Bridge, parish of Cardwell, Kings County.

Rev. Alpheus Daigle, Catholic, Montreal, and Right Reverend Bishop Schell of Victoria, B. C., have been registered temporarily to solemnize marriages in New Brunswick.

An upset annual record of \$100 is being asked by the department of lands and mines for the angling rights on the Dungarvon and all its tributaries up to thirty per cent. higher than in 1921.

Appointments to sub-district boards of health in ten counties are gazetted. They are James T. Ryan, Moncton, Albert County; Dr. M. E. Commins, Bath, Carleton County; Dr. Denmore, Bathurst, Gloucester County; Dr. O. R. Peters, Rothesay, Kings County; Dr. P. H. Laporte, Edmundston, Madawaska County; H. B. Bridges, Gagetown, Gloucester County; L. S. Pinault, Campbellton, Restigouche County; John Kelly, St. John City and County; Dr. L. Chapman, Grand Falls, Victoria County; Dr. A. Sormany, Shediac, Westmorland County.

Mrs. Scott, wife of ex-Alerman Robert Scott died on Tuesday night after a lingering illness. She was formerly Miss Rossborough and with her husband survives here, removed to Fredericton some twelve years ago from Dumfries.

H. C. L. IN STATES.

Washington, July 26.—While living costs generally in the U. S. were twenty-three per cent. lower last month than in June 1922 and two tenths of one per cent. lower than in March, this year, here, after catching fire in mid-air. The three occupants of the machine were killed.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Montreal, July 26.—(10:30)—During the first half hour's trading on the local stock exchange this morning, nothing of interest transpired, and prices were unchanged. The general tone was steady.