

SIGNALMEN TO STAY AT POSTS PENDING CALL

Head of Brotherhood Promises To Maintain Status Quo For Present.

EXPECT SETTLEMENT SOON

2,500 Molders Employed On Railroads Authorized To Strike.

CHICAGO, July 6.—A threatened extension of the strike of railway shippers to include 12,000 signalmen was prevented today by members of the United States Railroad Labor Board, when D. W. Helt, head of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen, which has been taking a strike vote, promised to maintain the status quo pending further conferences.

Meanwhile, railway circles expressed strong hopes of a quick settlement of the shippers' strike. B. M. Jewell, head of the shippers, today reiterated former statements that the shippers were willing to consider a settlement proposition submitted by any authoritative body.

The situation is improving, so far as the strike is concerned, Mr. Jewell asserted, saying that he had received reports from several points that what few men who had remained at work last Saturday had now joined the walkout.

Mr. Jewell said he received a telegram from J. F. Valentine of Cincinnati, head of the International Molders' Union, authorizing a walkout of 2,500 molders employed on the railroads.

WILLING TO CONFER.

CHICAGO, July 6.—The strike of railway shippers assumed a more conciliatory aspect today, the sixth since the nation-wide walkout, and feeling became more general that the last 24 hours had shown a marked trend toward peace, despite increased disorders at scattered points.

It was believed that yesterday's exchange of letters between Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States Railroad Labor Board, and Bert M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, probably opened the way for negotiations.

Jewell's statement that the shop crafts are willing to confer with anybody authorized by the railroads to bring peace proposals was accepted as a promising indication of a speedy return to normal conditions.

Another harbinger of peace was that a number of railroads which had been farming out shop work to contractors are said by Mr. Hooper to be ready to abolish the contract system, the main issue in the shippers' strike, according to returns in the strike referendum. Although the vote to strike in protest against the \$50,000 wage reduction of July 1 was declared.

When Mr. Jewell announced that the question of protesting against the contracting of labor polled the heaviest strike vote of the three matters put up to the shippers.

50 More Cases Up.

Fifty additional wage adjustment cases, 44 of which apply to clerks and not included in recent decisions, were set for hearing by the labor board today.

Another conference between D. W. Helt, president of the railway signalmen, and W. L. McMenimen, labor member of the board, who met yesterday, was in prospect today.

Meanwhile the railroads generally were advertising for men, and strikers were reported at many points to be drifting back to their old jobs. This reported back current continued in the face of repeated assertions by shop crafts leaders that the strike was virtually 100 per cent effective.

Disorders Reported.

The Chicago and Alton, upon whose

2 Die in Fire at Vancouver Soldier Settlement

MERVILLE, Vancouver Island, July 7.—Two dead, several missing and ten houses destroyed is the early toll in casualties in a fire which descended on the soldier settlement here late last night. A check of the casualties could not be made until daylight. Meantime the citizens of Courtenay, nine miles away, were fighting the flames with the soldier settlers.

Lines some of the most serious disorders have occurred, continued to employ men at the employment office opened yesterday in Chicago. Alton shops were the scene of disorders at Slater, Mo., and Bloomington, Ill. At both places authorities called for troops.

Despite the agreement of their president, E. F. Crozier, and members of the executive committee to withhold strike orders, maintenance men at various points were reported joining striking shippers.

With the exceptions of the Slater and Bloomington disorders on the Alton, the most serious disturbances occurred in the Mississippi from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, where strikes of shippers and guards for the Southern Pacific. One man was shot.

LEGAL TO MAKE WINE AT HOME

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recently passed, according to word just received, it is legal to manufacture wine from native fruits without a permit from the inland revenue department. Wines, however, manufactured from raisins or imported fruit, can not legally be made unless a permit has been secured, and the same stipulations fulfilled that are required for the production of homebrew beer.

Should Read Law.

To avoid error on the part of the producers of liquors with a "recoil," however, the inland revenue authorities advise all and sundry, whatever their intentions, to visit them, and read the law, so that they may be on the safe side.

They point out that it is a short step from homebrewing to distillation, which latter is very much taboo. One of the fine points of distinction met with by the inland revenue officers is with grain mashers. The product of a fermented grain mash can be legally produced, unless the mash is heated and the vapor distilled to obtain the saccharides in the grain. Wine can also be produced, but must not be distilled to make brandy, they point out.

DEMAND SHOWDOWN ON TAX EXEMPTION

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should not be exempted and escapes taxes would surprise the citizens. "I am getting my facts into shape and will present them as soon as possible to the city council," he concluded.

City Treasurer James Bell, whose duties include that of collecting taxes is of the same opinion as Ald. Ashton in reference to the valuation of city churches.

"I am under the impression that the valuation placed upon these churches in London is what it cost to build them," he stated. "No consideration is given to the fact that these edifices have increased greatly in value. It does not lose the city any revenue in taxes, but it does show London at a disadvantage when the annual statement on total assessment is published and compared to other Canadian cities."

ASKIN STREET METHODIST.

The Askin Street Methodist Church annual Sunday school and church picnic attracted to Springbank Park Thursday afternoon a crowd of between 800 and 900.

It was one of the most successful picnics in the history of the congregation. Sports of a picnic nature were held throughout the afternoon, and then towards the close an excellent supper was served.

Excitement in the contests of the day ran keen, when the competition was of a "best man wins" description, while considerable amusements were drawn forth by others which were of an eccentric type.

Arrangements for the picnic were under the direction of the Goodfellow's Class of the Sunday school. One of the features of the day was the baseball game between the Askin Street Elks and the New St. James' Pirates. The New St. James' team lost 6 to 5.

The following is a list of the prize-winners in the sports of the afternoon.

Boys, 5 and under—Bert Haskett, J. Fulmer, G. Burridge.

Girls, 5 and under—Ruth Collier, M. Grimshaw, H. Woodham.

Boys, 6 to 9—O. Zavitz, S. Facey.

Girls, 6 to 9—M. Burridge, H. Morgan.

Boys, 10 to 13—W. Gerry, A. Whitey.

Girls, 10 to 13—M. Burridge, L. Horwood.

Boys' novelty race—C. Haskett, E. Baskwill.

Girls' novelty race—M. Burridge, G. Small.

Boys, 14 to 17—E. Boughner, J. Pritchett.

Girls, 14 to 17—C. Struthers, M. Graham.

Elopement race—M. M. Graham and J. Pritchett.

Throwing baseball—D. Thorne.

Girls' peanut race—G. Wilson, C. Struthers.

Girls' potato race—B. Rigney, M. Moore.

100-Yard dash—J. Pearson, H. Hicks.

Backward race—G. Wilson, C. Boughner, M. Burridge.

Married ladies' race—Mrs. W. Westcott, Mrs. W. Court.

Men's race—T. W. Baker, T. Gerry.

Committee's race—J. Pearson, B. A. Swazie.

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HOLD BUMPER PICNIC IN PARK

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of London Division Enjoys Outing.

Askin Street Methodist Sunday School Picnic Attracts Large Crowd.

Light-hearted revelry and a good time on an annual outing were enjoyed Thursday afternoon at Springbank Park by some 125 of the families of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the London Division, on the occasion of the association's annual picnic.

Sports of various natures of the kind that it is the wont of picnic committees to place on programs, and which always result in an abundance of fun featured the day.

The following is a list of the prize-winners:

Boys under 3—Bobby MacMillan, George Devine, Albert Devine.

Girls under 5—Edna Crozier, Lorna Byron.

Girls under 10 and 10—M. Galbraith, Jean Maharg, Pearl Devine.

Boys under 10 and 10—Harold Galbraith, Bruce Richardson, Leslie Benstead.

Married ladies' race—Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Cove, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Richardson.

Married men's race—William McAteer, R. W. Crozier, W. Ogilvie.

Boys 15 and under—Harold Peters, Leslie Robins, Thomas Devine.

Girls, 15 and under—Helen Galbraith, Marian Galbraith, Nora Lutton.

Wheelbarrow race—Mrs. Cove and T. Callister, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sullivan.

Time race—Mrs. H. M. Hunter, Mrs. Negelian, Mrs. Byron, J. Negelian.

Ladies' committee race—Mrs. T. Moore, Mrs. A. Cove, Mrs. J. Richardson, Mrs. G. Byway.

Men's committee race—William McAteer, R. W. Crozier, N. Devine, A. J. MacMillan.

Balloon race—Mrs. Callister, Mrs. Crozier, Mrs. Maharg.

Three-legged race—Mrs. Cove and T. Callister, Mr. and Mrs. Bray, Mr. Lacy and Mrs. Byron.

Boys under 7—James Callister, Robert Byron, Ronney Sprague.

Most graceful walker—Mrs. McHarg, Miss Crozier, Miss Poole.

Children under 7—Marian Collins, Rosie Sullivan, Margaret MacMillan, Edna Crozier.

Fatman race—A. J. MacMillan, W. Purdy, J. Grieves.

A closely contested ball game between the teams of H. G. Maharg and J. Grieves ended in a defeat for the team of J. Grieves by ten to seven.

The committee in charge of the program were: Executive committee—J. R. Grieves chairman, H. M. Maharg secretary, A. J. MacMillan, Refreshment committee—Mrs. Grieves, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. M. White, J. Richardson, A. Peters and W. MacIntyre. Sports committee—Mrs. T. Moore, Mrs. J. MacMillan, Mrs. Cove, Mrs. Sprague, M. Devine, Mrs. Byron, A. J. MacMillan, Entertainment committee—Mrs. Byway, Mrs. Lutton, Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Scanlon, R. Treleaven, T. Callister, W. Hall and R. Crozier.

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GERMANY ABOUT TO GO BANKRUPT

Complete Collapse of Mark Brings Republic to Verge of Ruin.

Toronto, July 7.—A cable from Berlin says:

Germany is about to declare herself bankrupt, it was authoritatively announced today.

The complete collapse of the mark has brought the republic to the verge of financial ruin.

Trustworthy sources confirmed the report that Germany must refuse to pay the reparations installment due July 15. The Weir government will ask for a moratorium, it was announced.

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Remind Local Trustees.

In the meanwhile the wishes of the department of education in Toronto are being satisfied for the present at least. The provincial authorities have reminded the local trustees that they are bound by their agreement to provide suitable accommodation for high school pupils, now that the Central Collegiate Institute is completed.

Although the trustees have not actually made this accommodation possible as yet, they advance the interesting claim that the central building will not be legally completed until Aug. 1, when the contractors have concluded all activities there, and the new structure is formally accepted by Architect L. E. Carrothers, on behalf of the board of education.

By this token they assert they have three weeks yet in which to take real action. It has been learned that the Toronto authorities will not press for immediate construction of branch high schools in South and East London, but are content to wait a reasonable length of time. In the interim, however, they insist that adequate temporary accommodation be provided.

Reserves the Right.

The local officials explain that the provincial department reserves the right at any time to refuse to recognize a school, and by declining to award certificates render the institution practically useless.

The only difficulty to be now overcome, they assert, is to contrive to have their request for the debenture pass the city council. With this additional request the trustees now require, they say, a total issue of \$123,000, as follows: Dakin street public school, \$82,000; Central Collegiate, \$17,000; Technical School, \$12,000, and the latest for South London high school, \$12,000.

STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL

Special to London Advertiser.

OWEN SOUND, July 6.—About 65 students from all parts of the country are here attending the first annual summer school. They are located at Harrison Park, where they eat, sleep and meet in tents provided.

They were formally welcomed to the city by ex-Mayor R. D. Little, J. H. Christie and Stuart Fleming. The course will continue for one week, and many notable speakers will address the gathering. Charles White, Owen Sound, is president, and Rev. H. H. Eaton of Chatsworth is the secretary.

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