

BROTHERHOOD MEN REPLACE STRIKERS

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SUMMARY OF AFFAIRS

Strike Spreading Fast Thru-
out Country From Coast
to Coast.

Chicago, April 8.—The unauthorized strike of switchmen and railroad employees, which started in the Chicago district and spread today to several cities, will be broken within the next 48 hours, A. P. Whitney, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and S. E. Heberling, international president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, predicted tonight.

The strike situation in Chicago showed some improvement during the day, but Whitney said that the traffic handled was still less than 50 per cent of normal. One thousand brotherhood men from other cities have answered the call to come here as strikebreakers, he added.

The Railroad Managers' Association reported that more engines were operated today than at any time since the strike tied up the switching district.

While conditions here showed improvement, the strike was spreading throughout the country from coast to coast. Reports tonight summarized the situation as follows:

Chicago—8,000 men out; freight traffic 30 to 40 per cent of normal; 40,000 packing plant workers thrown out of work with complete suspension of plants, employing 50,000 men, in prospect tomorrow.

Buffalo—15,000 to 20,000 men idle; embargo on all freight in effect.

Kansas City—200 to 500 men out; freight embargo in effect.

Los Angeles—12,000 men employed by transcontinental lines on strike.

Toledo—600 men out, complete freight tie-up within 24 hours predicted.

Detroit—1,000 men out and 500 more expected to follow.

Gary, Ind.—300 to 400 idle; 350 brotherhood of railway trainmen members vote to remain loyal to their union.

Vote to Resign at Midnight.
East St. Louis—200 out; 500 in St. Louis vote to "resign" at midnight unless demands are granted.

Decatur, Ill.—107 on strike, vote to stay out until demands are granted.

Joliet, Ill.—Fifty on four roads strike; Chicago order but men refuse to join walkout.

Springfield, Ill.—Baltimore and Ohio switchmen out.

Colton, Cal.—Fifty Southern Pacific men quit; freight tied up.

Cleveland—Fifteen hundred to vote tonight on strike issue.

Sheridan, Wyo.—Men vote to remain at work and send delegation to Chicago to aid in breaking strike.

Niagara Falls—Switchmen refuse to strike after listening to appeals from 50 Buffalo strikers.

Elmira, N.Y.—Yardmen of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, New York Central and Lehigh Valley ordered out.

Pittsburg—Two thousand Pennsylvania employees at Conway yards vote to strike at midnight tonight if demands are not granted.

San Francisco—Twenty switchmen quit work.

Jersey City—All Erie yard brakemen out.

Omaha, Neb.—Switchmen voted down proposition to join in sympathetic strike.

Caused the Strike.
John Grunau, whose personal grievances precipitated the present strike of railroad switchmen, is president of the "Outlaw Union," known as the Chicago Yardmen's Association.

Grunau, a yardmaster, was conductor on a work train operated by the Chicago & Northwestern road to carry its employees between Chicago and the yards at Bensenville.

Recently the company added a passenger car to the train, making necessary the replacement of Grunau by a road conductor, officials say. Following his discharge, Grunau organized the Yardmen's Association among switchmen who formerly were members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and called the local strike.

Grunau is said to have been ousted from the brotherhood during the war for alleged pro-German utterances, according to one of the brotherhood officials.

CONGRESS MAY ACT.

Washington, April 8.—Congress took cognizance today of the strikes of railroad employees which, starting at Chicago, have spread to a half-dozen cities from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, introduced a resolution authorizing the interstate commerce committee to investigate the causes and merits of the controversies. It was referred to the contingent expenses committee, which will recommend whether funds for the inquiry should be voted.

The resolution proposed an investigation of any existing strike of railroad employees not authorized by the leaders of the railroad workers' unions, wanted to know whether the resolution would apply specifically to strikes reported today from Los Angeles, Buffalo and other cities. Senator McCormick said it would apply to all strikes in which the men "have disregarded the judgment of their responsible leaders."

These walkouts, he declared, have taken place despite the efforts of the leaders of the railroad crafts to prevent them.

With the unauthorized strikes spreading, President Wilson's advisers urged him to speedily appoint the labor board provided for in the transportation act as regards railroad employees. Those who talked with the president said he was giving the appointments serious consideration and probably would make them within a few days.

SITUATION AT BUFFALO

Buffalo, N.Y., April 8.—Officials of railroads affected by the strike today issued a statement declaring that the lifting of the embargo on freight shipments was "not in sight." No demands have yet been presented to the roads by the 2,000 yard employees who

walked out yesterday, according to the officials, altho demands for increased wages were drafted at meetings of the strikers yesterday.

The New York Central, Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley continued to move freight today. The Central claimed that it handled 25 per cent of their normal business; the Pennsylvania said that it was moving nearly half of its freight, while the Lehigh reported movements on Wednesday of 50 per cent, and today of 25 per cent.

Local industries began today to feel the effects of the strike.

EVICIONS VOIDED; TENANTS REJOICE

500 in Bronx Court Howl,
Applaud and Cheer Judge
on Decision.

New York, April 8.—Rent cases heard in New York courts this week since passage of anti-profititeering measures today passed the 4,000 mark.

Restriction of rents to 25 per cent more than those paid a year ago caused such joy among tenants in a Bronx court that Justice Robitsek broke his gavel in maintaining order.

Tenants who had been ordered out of their apartments because they would not pay the increases sought by landlords howled with glee, applauded the judge, and hissed landlords when the profiteers were dismissed.

Babies, who, with their mothers and fathers, crowded about the perspiring judge, added to the din by screaming.

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TAKE INDIANS' PLEA TO HIGHEST COURT

Declaration by Caughnawaga
Chief in Speaking on Rights
Before Federal Body.

PLEA FOR AMBASSADOR

Ottawa, April 8.—(By Canadian Press).—That the matter of deciding the rights and status of Indians in Canada will likely be taken to the highest court in the British Empire was the statement made today by A. C. Delisle, who described his standing as the mayor of Caughnawaga and chief of the Caughnawaga Indians. Asked point blank by the chairman of the committee deliberating on the proposed amendments to the Indian act, Delisle said he did not know whether he was entitled to protection from the British crown by reason of treaties entered into between the British crown and his forefathers as far back as 1744.

Hear Several Chiefs.
Today's sitting of the committee was taken up almost entirely with the hearing of chiefs from the various tribes. Mr. Delisle, who represents about 2,400 members of the Caughnawaga band, said they wanted to give any Indian the right to become a white man, but they did not want to make it in any way compulsory.

"This Indian act has made Indians of more white men than it has made white men of Indians," he declared with vehemence.

Plea for Ambassador.
A. R. Chisholm, counsel for the petitioners, said the members of the tribes of the Six Nations did not want the franchise.

W. D. Lighthall, K.C., thought the Indians should be admitted for wanting to govern themselves in municipal or parish council matters.

Another plea was for an "ambassador" for the Indians in the house of commons. W. A. Boys, chairman, replied that this could be done thru the department.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY
HEARINGS ARE FIXED

Washington, April 8.—Hearings on the proposal to construct a deep waterway from the great lakes to the sea via the St. Lawrence river will be held in a number of Canadian and American cities in May and June by the international joint commission of the United States and Canada.

The commission's itinerary, announced today, includes hearings at North Bay, May 7; Marquette, Mich., May 10-11; Fort William, 18-14; Winnipeg, 16-17; Grand Fork, 18; Regina, 20; Calgary, 22 and 24; Billings, 26; Denver, June 3; Omaha, 5-7; Des Moines, 8; Aberdeen, 9; Minneapolis, 10; Duluth, 11-12; Superior, 13; Asahlan, 17; Milwaukee, 18 and 19; Toledo, 21; Lansing, 22; Windsor, Ont., 23; London, Ont., 24; St. Catharines, Ont., 25; Hamilton, Ont., 26; Buffalo, 28 and 29.

OLDEST CUNARD SURGEON
DIES ON ROYAL GEORGE

Halifax, N.S., April 8.—The voyage of the steamer Royal George, which arrived in port at six o'clock this morning, from Southampton, direct, was very much saddened by the death on April 4, of the ship's surgeon, Dr. James Pointon, the oldest surgeon in the Cunard fleet. Death was due to angina pectoris syncope. He was buried at sea.

Dr. Pointon has sailed in the Cunard fleet for over thirty years. He crossed the Atlantic about eighty times and on the Lusitania more than that number, leaving that steamer on trips before her loss. He was also on the Aquitania and on the Orduna for four years. He had with the Royal George for two trips. Dr. Pointon was sixty-six years of age.

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LITTLE PROSPECT OF A WAR BONUS

Such is Impression Given at
Proceedings of Special
Federal Committee.

Ottawa, April 8.—(By Canadian Press).—The special committee on the status of the G.W.V.A. was raised by Col. Norman Lang (Humboldt). Mr. Nesbitt thought the matter should be taken up when there was a full attendance of committee members. Col. Lang said Mr. MacNeill was closely in touch with veterans' affairs everywhere.

The chairman thought if Mr. MacNeill's plans on pensions were placed before the committee they would be more easily handled. He had no doubt the committee at its next meeting had the proposals of both the pension board and Mr. MacNeill in writing, the committee could see what was wanted to take up and what witnesses Dr. P. McElbrien (Muskoka), doubted.

Against Bonus.
The matter was finally left in abeyance, no action being taken. Several members of the committee appeared to feel that the government was against any further bonuses and should make that attitude clear without any request being made.

Hume Cronyn (London), has been appointed permanent chairman of the committee and E. W. Nesbitt, vice-chairman.

The committee adjourned until 11 o'clock next Tuesday morning, when it is expected to have written statements on pensions proposals from both the pension board and Secretary MacNeill, G.W.V.A. The latter did not attend this morning's meeting of the committee, but had stated to various members that he had been requested from various parts of the country to make representations.

On this account he was anxious that his status before the committee should be made clear today.

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In Montreal, Canadian Vickers Limited have on hand four ships, the first of which should be delivered in June, the second in July and the other two toward the close of the season. The Tidewater Company at Three Rivers, Quebec, have two ships under construction of the 5,100-ton type, which should be ready in three months' time, and the Davie Shipbuilding Company of Levis, Quebec, will turn one of the same type over some time in May. In the matter of deck officers in the government fleet, it is stated that about 70 per cent of them are Canadian citizens, and engineers represent about 79 per cent Canadian nationalities. Firemen, oilers and sailors are engaged without regard to this test.

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In Paris to Lyons Flight

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FEDERAL MERCHANT
MARINE EXPANDING

Twenty-Eight Steamers for
Atlantic and Pacific When
Navigation Opens.

Montreal, April 8.—(Special).—With the opening of navigation this year the Canadian government merchant marine will have in operation 28 steamships on the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and by midsummer, if promised deliveries of new ships are fulfilled, there will be about 45 ships in commission. The preponderance of traffic will be from the St. Lawrence, and several new services from Montreal will be opened. The schedules now being drawn up provide for the following services: Montreal to Liver-

pool, London, Glasgow, Brazil and the Argentine, Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara, Kingston (Jamaica), Havana (Cuba), St. John's (Newfoundland) direct, and calling at Charleston (Prince Edward Island). The routes to Liverpool, Brazil and the Argentine will be served by the 2,400-ton type of ships, while on the Montreal-London and Glasgow routes the 5,100-ton ships will be placed. For the West Indies (Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara), ships of 4,600 tons will be employed.

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