

SEEKS TO AVERT STRIKE 400,000 "WAY" MEN PLAN

United States Railway Labor Board Expresses Hope That Conference Will Overcome Difficulties.

CLAIMS ARE CONFLICTING

CHICAGO, July 3.—With striking shophmen formally branded by the United States Railroad Labor Board as outlaws, the board tonight directed its efforts toward the prevention of an extension of the walkout of some 400,000 maintenance-of-way men.

Following a meeting of the general executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers in Detroit today to canvass a strike vote, it was announced that the threatened walkout would be held up pending a conference with the labor board in Chicago at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Members of the board expressed strong hopes tonight that the conference would avert a walkout. They declared that the only question at issue was one of wages, and that the way already had been opened for a reconsideration of wage reductions, which went into effect on July 1, simultaneously with the shophmen's walkout.

Basis for Appeal.
At that time Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the board, announced that the government reports indicated an increase in the cost of living since the board rendered its wage reduction decisions, and that this could be made the basis of an immediate appeal to the board by the employees for wage increases.

Meanwhile conflicting claims continued regarding the number of men involved in the walkout of shophmen. Neither the union leaders nor the railway managers would give any figures, but B. M. Jewell reiterated previous statements that the strike was virtually 100 per cent effective. The railway executives, on the other hand, declared that traffic was being continued practically without interruption, and repeated their assertions that the efficiency of the roads would not be seriously impaired by the walkout for several weeks, and perhaps months. New workers are being recruited to take the places of the strikers, and the opinion of the rail heads was unanimous that there would be no interruption of transportation.

STRIKE AVERTED.

DETROIT, July 3.—The United States Railroad Labor Board today averted, temporarily at least, a threatened strike of 400,000 maintenance-of-way employees of the nation's railroads in protest against a wage reduction.

Just as the executive board of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers was mapping plans to send forth a strike call the labor board made a request by long-distance telephone that the union chiefs meet with the labor board in Chicago tomorrow in an attempt to adjust the differences between the railroads and their employees.

The invitation was accepted and the five members of the union board, with E. F. Grable, international president, left tonight for Chicago. The labor board's invitation to the conference brought to an abrupt end the meeting of the brotherhood board that began at 10 o'clock this morning.

In addition to the brief statement announcing acceptance of the labor board's invitation, Mr. Grable declared that in the event the Chicago conference met with failure a reasonable length of time would be allowed before a strike order was issued. This meant at least ten or twelve hours.

SENATOR WILLING TO DEBATE ISSUE

HAMILTON, July 3.—Senator George S. Lynch-Staunton, K.C., today stated that he had written to J. H. Duthie, secretary of the National Waterways Association of Canada, announcing his willingness to discuss the waterways question in a public debate in September. Senator Staunton recently attacked the project in the Senate, and was challenged to debate it in public.

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Sits in British House 22 Years Without Once Arising To Speak

LONDON, July 3.—John Hope, M.P., coalition Liberal member for Berwick, claims to have broken all parliamentary records by having sat in the House of Commons for twenty-two years without making his maiden speech.

He is a regular attendant at the sessions of the house, has survived seven hot elections in his district, proving his popularity there, but his voice has never been heard by his colleagues except in conversation.

When asked today why he never spoke in the house, he said "a man can do more in life by not talking about it. When I first entered the house I never had any other idea but that I would make speeches, but as time has gone on the occasion has never arisen when it would not be just as well to leave the speech undelivered."

His prolonged silence is not due to inability to speak, for Mr. Hope gets along very well conversationally outside the house. He is regarded as a successful member and he says that whenever he wants anything he goes directly to the responsible minister. Because he has never attempted to browbeat ministers across the floor of the house, he has always received with cordiality and he generally obtains satisfaction. That is one of the reasons Mr. Hope maintains what he calls his successful silence.

WESTERN CROPS BENEFIT BY RAINS

C. P. R. Weekly Report States Weather Conditions Good in All Provinces.

WINNIPEG, July 3.—(By Canadian Press).—Another week of good crop weather has been spread over the West with moderate temperatures, according to the weekly crop report issued today by the agricultural department of the Canadian Pacific Railway. There has been an ample supply of rain in three Prairie Provinces, according to the report. Livestock continues to improve with pastures affording ample sustenance. The Dominion government has not yet issued figures as to this year's flax acreage, but northwest grain dealers estimate that there are 540,000 acres seeded to this crop.

Manitoba has experienced cooler weather with frequent showers during the last week. A large percentage of grain, battered by the storm on June 23, is already showing good recovery. In the southern portion of the province wheat is coming into head, and indicates an early harvest. Rye cutting, it is expected, will commence at a number of points this week. Prospects are good for a heavy hay crop.

Crops are growing well in Saskatchewan. There have been good heavy rains over many sections, amounting in some instances to 75 to over an inch of precipitation. Further moisture is required, however, between Lethbridge and Hawarden, on the Outlook sub-division, Milden and Druif, Kerrobert sub-division also in spots in the northwest, including a few points on Macklin, Cutknife and Wilkie sub-divisions. Wheat in this province is, generally speaking, in shot blade, and heading in some districts. Little damage is reported from grasshoppers.

Crop conditions in Alberta have been greatly improved by the recent general rainfall, particularly in the south, where such rainfall has not been experienced for years. There will be a scarcity of hay in some districts where moisture came too late. Rye has been affected in these places, but will be cut for feed. It is expected there will be an average crop of hay and oats over the province. The grasshopper menace in Alberta is practically over.

REPORTS BUILDING ACTIVITY AT GALT

Issue Eight Permits During June For New Dwellings.

SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER.
GALT, July 3.—While building operations here this year are not up to those of last, being \$80,000 less than for the same period of 1921, still there is considerable activity but not many large buildings being erected. During June, 30 permits were issued, eight for new dwellings, and this is the gratifying feature of the returns, since houses are scarce. The Imperial Oil Company is erecting a \$15,000 plant on Dundas street, and Newlands & Company are building a \$12,000 addition to their plant. June's operations amounted to \$59,940, bringing the total to date to \$188,468.50.

The Ontario government's hotel and tourist traffic committee is to hold a session here Tuesday afternoon to cover Waterloo County conditions, and in the evening this special parliamentary body will be joined by the board of trade at the Iroquois Hotel.

John Perrin passed away Sunday at his home, 248 East Main street, after two months' illness. He was in his 80th year, was born in Wentworth County, and but for eight years spent in Newmarket, had spent practically all his life in this district farming, until 1905, when he retired to live in Galt. A widow, three sons and one daughter survive.

Galt veterans took part in the memorial and decoration service of the Ayr branch of the G. W. V. A. During a recent electrical storm the barn of W. Sage, near Blair, was struck by lightning and completely destroyed along with ten fat hogs.

WILL LAY CORNER- STONE IN PRESTON

SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER.
GALT, July 3.—An important event in the history of Methodism in Preston is scheduled for Wednesday evening, when the cornerstone of the fine new Sunday school building now in the course of construction will be laid. Rev. F. Langford, B.A., Toronto, general secretary of Sunday schools and young people's societies in Canada, will be the principal speaker.

TRY TO COLLECT \$25,000 POLICY

Delorme Family Considering Steps To Obtain Slain Boy's Insurance.

Council of Beneficiaries Will Be Held To Decide Upon Action.

MONTREAL, July 3.—Just as the trial of Father Adelard Delorme wrote new and strange history in Canadian criminal annals, so, too, will the intended collection of the \$25,000 insurance policy which was taken out on the life of the slain boy, Raoul, by Father Delorme, usher in another case celebre, this time in the civil courts.

As yet the application for the \$25,000 has not been made by the Delorme heirs or their administrator, but a family council is scheduled to be held this week, when the formal application will be drafted and sent to the L. A. Sauvageard Insurance Company for payment of the entire amount. Part of the amount will be sought from the Sun Life Assurance Company, which divided the policy with the first-mentioned company.

Are Non-Committal.
Officials of the Sauvageard Company were reluctant to commit themselves upon their possible course of action when the application would be made, claiming that they were not yet certain whether any attempt would be made by Delorme's sisters or L. G. Gaudreau, Delorme's rent-collector and administrator, to collect the \$25,000.

The same officials at Sauvageard headquarters agreed that the case was without precedent. There have been cases, of course, it has been pointed out, where beneficiaries have murdered policyholders in order to collect the benefit, also cases where a beneficiary conspired for the death of an insured party, but Delorme's case comes under neither of these classifications.

It was admitted to the asylum without being tried on the charge of murder, although indicted by the grand jury.

Will Have Wine Cellar.
Judge Monet, who heard the case against Delorme, today sent copies of the insanity verdict to the authorities. A life of ease awaits Delorme after his transfer to an asylum. "He will enjoy a private apartment, have his own private wine and liquor cellar, and everything he enjoyed in his own home," except his liberty.

It will not be possible, moreover, for his family or any representative to secure his liberty should he ever be pronounced as recovered. Delorme has announced that he intends writing the history of his life for the papers as a way of showing he is entirely innocent of the crime with which he was charged.

OMNIBUS DRIVERS FACE TEST CASES

Woodstock Magistrate Reserves Judgment in Action by Street Railwayman.

SPECIAL TO LONDON ADVERTISER.
WOODSTOCK, July 3.—Magistrate Bell reserved judgment for one week in the action taken by James Fallowfield, an employee of the local street railway against S. E. Lawson, a driver for the Canadian Highway Transit Company, operated by R. E. Wagon of this city, between Woodstock and Ingersoll.

Lawson was charged with unlawfully, while in charge of and driving an omnibus No. C-17-317, refusing to take the informant James Fallowfield to a point three miles from the city of Woodstock, as required by the license in pursuance of the bylaws of the police commissioners of the city of Woodstock.

Prefer Other Charges.

Similar charges were also preferred against Bert Adams and Verne Walker, two other drivers for the same company, but these charges were adjourned until September 15. J. M. McEvoy of London, was counsel for the Canadian Highway Transit Company, and W. T. McMullen, K.C., appeared for the city.

At the conclusion of the evidence taken in the first charge, Mr. McMullen pointed out that these cases were in the nature of test cases and he suggested that the other two charges be adjourned until September 15. Mr. McEvoy agreed to this arrangement.

Admitted Test Case.

City Clerk Morrison, Mr. Fallowfield and Mr. Warren gave evidence. The clerk took about issuing bus licenses on April 1, 24 and 29 to Mr. Warren. Mr. Fallowfield admitted that he had asked Lawson to take him to a point off the regular route of the motor bus just to see if he would do so, and Mr. Warren explained that Lawson was in his employ with instructions to drive between Woodstock and Ingersoll only. Considerable interest was manifested in the case and the courtroom was packed.

NAME THREE FOR ALBERTA BYES

EDMONTON, July 3.—Nominations for three by-elections for the Alberta Provincial Legislature were received today in Whitford where the election of A. Shandro was invalidated; in Ribstone, where the sitting member, A. Wright died recently, and in Sedgewick, where Hon. Charles Stewart resigned on becoming minister of the interior. In the last named constituency, A. G. Andrews, farmer, gets an acclamation. In Whitford, A. Shandro, Liberal, is opposed by Mike Chornenus, farmer, and in Ribstone, the farmer candidate, W. G. Farquharson, is opposed by W. J. McKenna, Independent.

The elections will be held next Monday.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CURRENTS AROUND AS SEASON OPENS

New Feature On London Mid-Week Market Finds Big Demand.

Red and black currants were offered in fairly large quantities on the local market on Wednesday morning, and the demand was good considering that the season has just started. 250,000 a box was asked for black currants, while red brought 150,000.

There was a good demand for hot-house lettuce at 50c a dozen bunches, this variety being more tender than that grown outdoors, which sold for 40c per dozen.

Beans were fairly plentiful, and brought 120c per quart. New potatoes registered a small drop on Tuesday, selling at \$2.25 per bushel.

A large quantity of tomatoes were sold the price remaining firm; a few 15-lb baskets were offered at \$4.50. Grapes were scarce on Wednesday, there being only a few loads of oaks and wheat.

Cherries were plentiful and in good demand; 8-quart baskets advanced a little in price, selling at 60c, the boxes dropped to 10c.

Strawberries are still fairly plentiful, the prevailing price being two boxes 25c.

Grain, per cwt.:
Barley, per cwt., \$1.40 to \$1.55
Buckwheat, per cwt., 1.50 to 1.55
Oats, new, per cwt., 1.35 to 1.50
Oats, old, per cwt., 1.20 to 1.35
Wheat, bushel, 1.35 to 1.50

Hay and Straw, per ton:
Hay, per ton, 14.00 to 15.00
Straw, per ton, 11.00 to 12.00
Cherries, per box, 10 to 15
do, 6-qt baskets, 70 to 75
do, 11-qt baskets, 110 to 125
do, 15-qt baskets, 130 to 150
do, red, box, 15 to 18
do, green, box, 15 to 18
Grapes, retail, 10 to 12
do, wholesale, 12 to 14
Vegetables:

Asparagus, bunch, 10 to 15
do, dozen, 75 to 75
Beans, per qt., 12 to 15
do, dozen, 50 to 50
Cabbage, each, 10 to 20
do, dozen, 1.00 to 1.00
do, plants, 15 to 25
Celery, plants, 25 to 30
Carrots, dozen, 70 to 70
Chumpers, each, 10 to 15
do, dozen, 1.00 to 1.25
Horse radish, bunch, 10 to 10
Lettuce, per dozen, 40 to 50
do, plants, 25 to 30
Onions, dry, per lb., 1.00 to 1.50
do, dry, bushel, 6.00 to 6.00
do, green, bunch, 40 to 40
Potatoes, new, quart, 20 to 20
do, new, bushel, 2.00 to 2.50
do, old, bushel, 1.50 to 1.60
Peas, shelled, qt., 40 to 45
do, pod, 30 to 30
do, pod, peck, 50 to 50
Radishes, dozen, 40 to 40
Rhubarb, doz., 25 to 30
Tomatoes, lb. retail, 30 to 35
do, wholesale, 25 to 40
do, plants, 25 to 40

Honey, Wholesale:
Honey, 3-lb pails, 80 to 90
do, strained, 80 to 90
do, comb, lb., 38 to 38
Honey, Retail:
Honey, 3-lb pails, 90 to 90
do, strained, 80 to 90
do, comb, lb., 40 to 40
Butter, Creamery, Retail:
Butter, creamery, lb., 45 to 45
do, dairy, lb., 35 to 37
do, crocks, lb., 25 to 25
Eggs, new-laid, doz., 30 to 32
Dairy Products, Wholesale:
Butter, creamery, lb., 40 to 40
do, dairy, lb., 35 to 37
do, crocks, lb., 25 to 25
Eggs, new-laid, doz., 30 to 32
Poultry, Dressed Retail:
Chickens, each, 1.00 to 1.50
do, old, per lb., 25 to 25
do, spring, 75 to 75
Turkeys, lb., 38 to 38
do, old, per lb., 20 to 20
Poultry, Dressed Wholesale:
Chickens, per lb., 32 to 35
do, old, per lb., 25 to 25
Turkeys, per lb., 33 to 33
Eggs, doz., basket, 28 to 28
do, old, doz., 26 to 27
Poultry, Alive:
Chickens, per lb., 22 to 25
do, old, per lb., 20 to 22
Ducks, per lb., 20 to 22
Geese, per lb., 18 to 18
Turkeys, per lb., 40 to 40
Live Stock:
Hogs, alive, cwt., 13.25 to 13.50
Sows, fat, cwt., 10 to 10
Pigs, small, pair, 10.00 to 14.00
Dressed Meats, Wholesale:
Helfers and steers, 11.00 to 12.00
Cow beef, 400 to 500
Lbs. per cwt., 9.00 to 10.00
Pork, hams, lb., 16 to 16
do, fronts, lb., 14 to 14
Hogs, dressed, cwt., 15.00 to 20.00
Lamb, choice, cwt., 25 to 25
do, hinds, lb., 27 to 28
do, fronts, lb., 20 to 20
Veal, choice, 160 to 180
do, hinds, lb., 25 to 25
do, fronts, lb., 20 to 20
Hides:
Cow hides, No. 1, 5 1/2 to 5 1/2
do, No. 2, 4 1/2 to 4 1/2
do, No. 3, 4 to 4
Calf skins, No. 1, 9 to 9
do, No. 2, 8 to 8
Horse hides, each, 2.00 to 2.50
Kip, per lb., 5 to 5
Lamb skins, each, 50 to 50
Skin, unwashed, 10 to 10
Wool, coarse, per lb., 10 to 10
do, fine, per lb., 15 to 15
do, medium, lb., 12 to 12

FLOUR

MONTREAL, July 3.—A fair amount of business was reported in millfeed, with the standard grade of flour in demand.

Flour—Man, spring wheat patents, firsts, \$7.80.
Rolled oats—Bag, 90 lbs., \$2.90@3.
Barley—Per ton, \$25.25.
Shorts—Per ton, \$27.25.
TORONTO, July 3.—Good feed flour, per bag, \$1.70@1.80.
Millfeed—Carlots, delivered: Bran, \$28.50 a ton, shorts, \$20.00 a ton. Montreal freights, bags included.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 3.—Flour, 20c higher; family patents, \$5.15; shipments, \$4.90@5.00.
NEW YORK, July 3.—Flour quiet; spring patents, \$2.40@2.50; spring clear, \$5.50@5.75; soft winter straight, \$5.65@5.85; hard winter straight, \$5.65@5.75.

HAY

MONTREAL, July 3.—Hay, No. 2, per ton, carlots, \$25@26.
TORONTO, July 3.—Hay, baled, on truck, Toronto, in carlots, Extra No. 2, \$22@23 a ton; mixed, \$18@19; clover, \$14@15.
STRAZ—Carlots, \$12@13 a ton.
NEW YORK, July 3.—Hay steady; No. 1, \$28@30 a ton; No. 2, \$26@28; No. 3, \$22@25; shipping, \$21@22.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, July 4.—Closing prices today were:
Bills, 5 per cent loan, 100 1/4
do, 4 1/2 per cent loan, 95
Consols, for money, 87 1/4
Auction, com, 111 1/4
Baltimore & Ohio, 34 1/4
Canadian Pacific, 100 1/4
Chesapeake & Ohio, 100 1/4
Chicago & Western, 100 1/4
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 23
De Beers, 11 1/4
Grand Trunk, 100 1/4
Erie Railway, 17 1/2
do, 1st pf, 25
Grand Trunk Railway, 11 1/4
Illinois Central, 118 1/4
Louisville & Nashville, 135
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 128 1/4
Norfolk & Western, 120 1/4
Ontario & Western, 28

men had placed more confidence in their leaders. There were men in the working class movement, he maintained, who thought it was only necessary to call a strike for their masters to fall at their feet. He warned all trades unionists against the parrot cry "Watch your leaders."

CONDEMN HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

TORONTO, July 3.—Having discovered that hotel accommodation at various points in the eastern end of the province is not all it should be, the special committee of the Legislature on hotels and tourist traffic is starting out today on a discovery tour through the western peninsula. During the course of the next ten days the committee expects to visit Brantford, Galt, London, Chatham, Sarnia, Windsor and Port Huron.

Before leaving Port Huron the members will pay a visit to Detroit. Arrangements have been made to get in touch with the board of trade in the various centres.

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