

DEMANDS OF THE U. S. RAILWAY MEN

Nearly All of 2,000,000 Employees Interested Statement of What They Are Asking for in the Various Classes of Work—Decision Expected Soon.

Washington, July 17—Demands for substantial wage increases for nearly all classes of the 2,000,000 railroad employees have been pending since last summer. These demands, first presented at different times to the Railroad Administration's Board on Wages and Working Conditions, were rejected when government operation of the railroads was ended, and in turn were referred to the Railroad Labor Board, which was created under the Transportation Act.

Some few of the classes of organized employees have not pressed formal demands but have insisted that their wages be increased if advanced were granted other related classes of workers. The principal demands of the leading unions follow: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen—Passenger brakemen to be increased from \$120 thirty-day month to \$140 for twenty-six day month; baggage men to be increased from \$120 to \$130 for twenty-six day month; assistant conductors to be increased from \$124 for thirty day month to \$127 for twenty-six day month; freight brakemen in valley territory to be increased from \$4.08 to \$5.08 per cent increase over these rates, whereas the grade exceeds 1.5 per cent; yard foremen or conductors to be increased from \$4.88 to \$7.50 a day; yard helpers or brakemen to be increased from \$5 to \$5.50 a day; switch tenders to be increased from \$4 to \$5.50 a day; also time and one-half for all Sunday and holiday service and a guarantee of twenty-six days a month for regular employees in all classes of service.

Order of Railway Conductors—Passenger conductors to be increased from \$180 for thirty day month to \$220 for twenty-six day month; through freight conductors to be increased from \$5.40 to \$7.65 a day in valley territory, with increases in the mountain rate from \$3.81 to \$3.87 a day; local freight conductors to be increased from \$5.52 to \$8.28 a day in valley territory, with increase in mountain rate from \$3.28 to \$3.18 a day.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers—Road freight firemen to be increased an average of \$12.5 a day over present rates; yard freight firemen to be increased an average of \$12.5 a day over present rates; yard freight firemen to be increased an average of \$12.5 a day over present rates.

Maintenance of Way and Enginehouse Laborers—Rate for all mechanics in the maintenance of way departments to be increased from basic rate of fifty-three cents an hour to uniform rate of sixty-eight cents an hour; rate for all trackmen and other laborers to be increased from rates running from an hour to uniform rate of forty cents an hour to uniform rate of forty cents an hour.

WILL NOT NOTICE BECKER ATTACK

Washington, July 17—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt announced yesterday that Rear Admiral Benton C. Becker's recent attack on Secretary of the Navy Daniels and himself probably would be passed over as "not worth bothering about," and no disciplinary action taken.

DECLARE THE INDEPENDENCE OF LEBANON

Report of Action of Maronites Reaches Cairo—Some Members of Council Reported Taken. Cairo, July 17—A Damascus despatch dated Monday, which has been received here, reports that the Lebanon administrative council, composed mainly of Maronites, among whom was the brother of the Maronite patriarch, has declared the independence of Lebanon after refusing to recognize the French mandate over that section of Syria.

OLYMPIC TRIALS IN MONTREAL TODAY

Montreal, July 17—Except those from Toronto, all the entrants for the Olympic trials are here and ready for the competition to be held at the Montreal Amateur A. A. grounds today. Trainer Walter Knott, arrived this morning and J. G. Merrick, chairman of the Olympic committee, will act as referee.

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THE ARRIVAL OF FOCH SETTLED IT

Had to Give in Then, Say Germans A Lot of Criticism in the Hun Newspapers and by Independent Trades Union League—Paris Papers Not Satisfied.

Berlin, July 17—A semi-official statement relative to the decision of the German delegation at Spa to deliver 2,000,000 tons of coal a month to the Allies was issued here last night. "No other decision was possible after Marshal Foch had been summoned," it declared. "On one hand there was invasion of Germany, with its incalculable political and economic consequences, and on the other a coalition with the League of Independent Trades Unions, representing 2,000,000 workers. This action is separate and distinct from the German Federation of Laborers.

ALBERTA COALS TO RELIEVE ONTARIO NEED

Ottawa, July 17—Arrangements have been practically completed, it is learned tonight, whereby an adequate supply of coal from the west will be made available to Ontario this coming winter. Negotiations with this object in view have been in progress for the last two weeks, and it is said that the efforts made to overcome what were heretofore considered insurmountable difficulties have been successful.

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HAD ROW OVER MRS. DE CORDOVA

New London, Conn., July 17—Mrs. Bernard Geisler arrived from New York and took back to that city the body of her husband, who shot himself after killing Mrs. Arthur de Cordova at North Stonington.

GREEKS DELAY WEST MOVEMENT

Adrianople Still Unoccupied—Poles Admit the Loss of Vilna. (Associated Press.) Constantinople, July 17—Adrianople is still unoccupied by the Greeks, who are reported to have delayed their westward movement for a week. Telegraphic and telephonic mail communication between Adrianople and the rest of the world is being hindered.

PLACES HAD TO GO TO SERIOUS ON SUFFRAGE

Washington, July 17—Refusal by Governor Clement to call a special session of the Vermont legislature for redrafting of the federal suffrage amendment has caused a serious situation in the state. The Vermont legislature has refused to call a special session, and the Vermont suffrage amendment has not been passed.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, St. John, N. B. Director of meteorological service. Probabilities. Maritime—Moderate westerly winds, fair, not much change in temperature.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "is the truth about Ireland." "Now, see here," said Hiram, "you and me's been friends for quite a spell, I ain't aimin' to be no blackthorn arguin' this mornin'."

SCHOOL TEACHER UPHOLD AN APPEAL BY COUNTY JUDGE

Conviction for Using 'Abusive and Insulting Language' Is Quashed—Boys Conduct Scored. Cornwall, Ont., July 17—Last April Everett J. Robertson, reapeyer of Millie Roche's school section, laid information before the board of trustees of the Cornwall by-law, in using abusive and grossly insulting language to Robertson's wife. The case was tried before Thursday night, the information having been received there in a despatch from Kovovo. It was said the city was taken by Soviet forces on Wednesday afternoon.

U. S. BOY SCOUTS REACH ENGLAND

Southampton, July 17—Boy Scouts of the number of 200 landed from the transport Pechonates yesterday to attend the first international conference of scout executives, to be held in London July 25-26.

WHEAT PIT KING SAYS PRICES ARE COMING DOWN

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HAS WALKED 60,000 IN THE DELIVERY OF LETTERS 35 YEARS

Middletown, N. J., July 17—John Adams, veteran letter carrier of this town, announces that he is going to retire. Adams has been a letter carrier thirty-three years. His associates in the postal service estimate he has covered an average of five miles a day in that period. He entered the service in 1887 and has been carrying mail ever since.

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BIG EMBEZZLEMENT CASE IN THE WEST

Charge Stealing \$268,093 from David Spencer, Ltd. (Canadian Press.) Victoria, B. C., July 17—Griffith R. Hughes was yesterday committed for trial in a higher court on a charge of stealing \$268,096 from David Spencer, Ltd., after a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Jay in the city police court.

MAY WAKE TOUR OF HARD COAL REGION

Invitation Follows Expression of Opinion That \$8.34 Sufficient Day's Pay. Seratou, Pa., July 17—Members of the anthracite coal commission will tour the hard coal region and make a first-hand investigation as to the standards and conditions of living of the mine workers if they accept an invitation extended to them by S. D. Warner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and representatives of the operators at yesterday's session of the commission.

NEW BOARD FOR THE C. N. R. RAILWAY LINES IN WEST

Winnipeg, July 17—The appointment of a joint board of management for the Canadian National lines in the west and the Grand Trunk Pacific lines, now under government control, will be made in a few weeks, Hon. Mr. Reid, financial minister of railways, announced yesterday.

HIGHWAYS ARE GREATLY IMPROVED

The Hartland Observer tells of great improvement being made in the roads in Carleton county this year and adds: "It is said that the road from Perth to St. John is in well-nigh perfect condition. There are a few spots where work is still going on but on the whole travelling may be accomplished at the full speed limit on any part of it."