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## DECISION OF U.S. RAILWAY BOARD GOVERNING SHOP CRAFTS

A decision recognizing the "open shop" principle as applied to the railroads, and promulgating 148 new working rules to govern the six federated railroad shop crafts will be handed down by the United States Railway Labor Board tomorrow. The decision, which supplants the national agreements entered into by the employees with the United States railroad administration, will form the ground-work on which the adjudication of all future wage disputes between railroads and their employees will be based.

The ruling opens the way for the railroads to ask for lower wages for the shop crafts employees, the Labor Board having announced that it would consider no further wage reductions for any class of employees until working rules for that class have been disposed of.

This action will affect approximately 400,000 employees, and become effective immediately. When normal conditions are restored it is estimated that fully 450,000 men will be affected, and the railroads will have an annual payroll saving of approximately \$50,000,000.

This decision, transcending in basic importance the \$400,000,000 wage cut of last July, was unanimous, no group of the Labor Board presenting a dissenting opinion.

## SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR POLITICAL SITUATION

A letter cable from Pretoria, South Africa, says that Premier General Smuts, when addressing a South African party congress, foreshadowed the appearance of a Nationalist-Labor combination. A meeting, he said, had recently taken place at Bloemfontein which, he believed, would have a most far-reaching effect on the politics of South Africa. At this meeting, continued the Premier, which had been called by the National Union of Railway and Harbor Services, General Horner, Nationalist leader, and Boydell, leader of the Labor group in the Assembly, appeared on the same platform and a new compact was signed.

The Nationalist party position, said the Premier, had become impossible. Premier Smuts urged the thousands of patriotic Nationalists to keep a watchful eye upon their leaders and see whether they were being led.

The Labor group has been gaining in force in recent months, fostered by unemployment and labor unrest. In the by-elections held in September the two constituencies of Gardens and Liesbeck, formerly held by the Government, were captured by the Labor group.

## WINNIPEG CONTRACTOR GETS A CALL

The business agent of the Brotherhood of Painters of Winnipeg, local union No. 739, reported to the Council of Industry that three members of that local, engaged on the Woodworth building, had been paid for night work at straight time instead of at the rate provided in the agreement between the union and the Master Painters' association.

Upon investigation it was discovered that the employer in this case, A. J. Sloan, and the three workmen, Messrs. George Smith, Olaf Matheson and Oliver Kulman, had a practical fact understanding that the work should be carried on upon this basis. Mr. Sloan frankly acknowledged that he had erred in suggesting a departure from the agreement between the Master Painters' association and the Brotherhood of Painters, but pleaded as his excuse that this was not an unknown practice in the trade. The workmen acknowledged their error in furnishing time sheets on the basis of straight time and in accepting payment at this rate for the work done.

**Men Withdraw**  
After the council had gone thoroughly into the matter a request was preferred by George Smith, asking that his case be withdrawn; later on through the business agent, it was learned that Olaf Matheson, likewise, desired his case to be withdrawn; and inasmuch as Mr. Oliver Kulman failed to appear at a meeting of the executive of the union called to discuss the

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## ST. JOHN, N.B. WORKERS HAVE SETTLED

Representatives of local unions of ship carpenters and coal handlers met representatives of the shipping houses and a satisfactory settlement of wage scales and working conditions was arrived at. The ship carpenters will receive fifty cents an hour by day and seventy-five cents by night. The coal handlers will get sixty-five cents an hour by day and eighty-five cents by night. A few minor changes were made in the working conditions.

## SAULT STE. MARIE CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT

A unanimous report of the board of conciliation between the International Transit Company, Sault Ste. Marie, and certain of its employees, exceeded the expectations of both parties. It has been received by the department of labor here. The report is signed by Rev. Father James Brennan, chairman, E. V. McMillan for the employees, and J. L. O'Flynn for the company. Representatives of the company and of the No. 850 Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, have also appended their signature to the document.

The recognition of the union is secured to the employees. A nine-hour day is agreed upon, not to be exceeded unless the employee is signing. Conductors and motormen will have the right to choose the runs they prefer, in order of seniority. In case of disruption of the service by snowstorm or other cause, employees will be paid the regular day's pay providing their report at the time. The rates of wages agreed upon are 40 cents an hour, increasing at the rate of one cent an hour each six months; and 45 cents an hour after two years' service. Interlocker signa men \$90 per month and \$5 a month extra for present employees, in recognition of long service.

## FORTH WORTH STRIKERS HAVE FIGHT

Two brothers, Tom and Tracey Macklin, strike sympathizers, were shot and seriously wounded late today in a disorder growing out of the local electric-house strike. Fred Rouse, a negro, who is said to have been responsible for the shooting of the Macklin brothers, was taken to a hospital following a severe beating he received at the hands of a large crowd of men. The shooting took place in front of the Armour and Company plant.

## THEFTORD MINERS DESPARE FOR WORK

Forcing D. J. Sharpe, Manager of the closed-down Beaver Asbestos Mine, Theftord, Que., despite the fact that he was ill, to attend a meeting today at the Town Hall, several hundred miners carried him from his home and endeavored to compel him to agree to a resumption of work at the mine at full capacity. After three hours' discussion, in which Mr. Sharpe pointed out that he was powerless in the matter, which would have to be dealt with by the directors of the company, the men allowed him to return home.

Subsequently the men appointed a committee of employees from the various mines of the district, who formulated demands which were placed before the mine managers. These demands include full working time at present wages, withdrawal of detectives said to be in the town now, abolition of contract work, and no discrimination against malcontents.

## PRINTERS ENJOINED

Bridgeport, Conn.—Superior Court Judge Banks has issued an injunction against the Typographical union, its members, sympathizers and agents from interfering with the business of several newspapers in this city. The enjoined cannot picket or boycott and must be careful what statements they make regarding the affairs of the newspaper.

## CLAY WORKERS SIGN

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