

TELEGRAPHERS TAKE VOTE ON CALLING OFF STRIKE

Proposition Loses by Small Majority—Closed Meeting Today—Two-thirds Vote to Decide

Feeling that they have been in a measure responsible for the present financial situation, and that a continuance of the strike may bring serious hardships to the strikers, as well as organized labor generally, striking telegraphers yesterday offered a resolution to the national executive board to suspend the strike until next spring.

COMPARE KING EDWARD AND J. D. R.

(Mail Correspondence.) Toronto, Canada, Nov. 6.—John D. Rockefeller was compared to King Edward, his power was spoken of as indomitable and his recent utterances were interpreted as a forecast of awful labor conditions this winter by Alfred Mance, a Socialist, formerly of Chicago, who spoke here last night.

STRIKEBREAKERS' ROGUES GALLERY

(Mail Correspondence.) New Orleans, La., Nov. 6.—The International Machinists' Union has a "rogues' gallery" for strikebreakers who have taken the places of the union machinists now out on strike.

CLEVELAND MERCHANTS FIGHT PARCELS POST

(Mail Correspondence.) Cleveland, O., Nov. 6.—Strenuous efforts are being made by the National Association of Grocers with headquarters here, to thwart the inauguration of the parcels post. It is the idea of the members of the association that the proposed post service would result in the annihilation of all small dealers and make all the big houses into huge mail order concerns.

TO GET SOCIALISM IN OUR DAY

We do not need to wait a thousand years for Socialism. Moyer's "Songs of Socialism" is full of just the inspiring songs that will create in all who hear them a desire to enjoy this happy condition of universal peace and prosperity inevitable under Socialism.

Speaking of "Flower Shows"



Here is a Much Neglected Plant

Baby Boy of Poverty Stricken Parents Eaten Alive by Rats

(Mail Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 5.—Attacked by huge gray rats and so badly bitten that he died was the fate of George Whiteheart, a 10-month-old negro child, who had been left alone in his crib. He was eaten alive.

HOW WORKERS FEEL PANIC

(Mail Correspondence.) Milwaukee, Wis.—Half of the force of traveling freight solicitors have been temporarily released by the C. M. & St. P. road. More than 200 men are affected, and the company will save at least \$20,000 a month.

Woman Led Torpedo Boat Mutiny in Russia

St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—A woman-acting to the official report, led the outbreak of sailors when the crews of the Skory, Serdity and Tretyoshny, three torpedo boat destroyers at Vladivostok, mutinied.

NO PAY FOR SUNDAY OVERTIME; STRIKE

(Mail Correspondence.) Athens, Ore., Nov. 3.—Sixty mill hands employed by the Preston-Parson Milling company are out on strike today as a result of their demand for extra money for Sunday labor being refused them.

SEVENTY-FIVE LAID OFF; STRIKE FOLLOWS

(Mail Correspondence.) Davenport, Ia., Nov. 6.—When 75 men were laid off by the locomotive works the entire force of boiler workers and men employed in the other departments laid down their tools and walked out.

If you see a job of printing carrying the union label with the number 86 you will know it was done by the Workers' Publishing Society. See to it that this number is on the next job done at your union.

TIMELY VISION OF POLICE CHIEF

(Mail Correspondence.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 6.—A unique idea has suddenly taken form in the mind of Chief of Police Thomas A. McQuinn, which that worthy official is using to the utmost toward inducing working people to invest their money in banks.

Free Spectacles Proposed for Philadelphia School Children

(Mail Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Ten thousand six hundred and seventy-five local school children, according to medical reports, are suffering from defective eyesight, and less than half that number are in possession of eyeglasses.

STREET CAR MEN'S UNION GAINING AT LOUISVILLE

(Mail Correspondence.) Louisville, Ky., Nov. 6.—Fifty new recruits have joined the local street car union of this city.

SCAB MOTORMAN KILLS MAN IN 'FRISCO

(Mail Correspondence.) San Francisco, Nov. 3.—A crowded street car, operated by a strikebreaker on the Eighteenth street line, swept the street at utmost speed for 18 blocks, and finally wound up in its flight by crashing into a delivery wagon.

FINANCIAL CRISIS ACUTE; GOVERNMENT HIDES FACTS

No Statements from National Banks—Scrip Will Probably Be Issued in Chicago This Week

The most striking development of the financial situation yesterday was the decision of the treasury department to refuse to give out any facts concerning bank failures.

BUTCHERS OUT AT WHEELING

(Mail Correspondence.) Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 5.—A strike of the butchers and meat cutters of this city went into effect this week as a result of the refusal of the part of the packers to grant a scale of 35 cents per hour in wages to the men.

ACCUSED ACTOR AGAIN ON STAGE

New York, Nov. 6.—Amid the flashing glare of the electric light and rounds of applause, Raymond Hitchcock charged with a flourish \$7,500 bail on one of the six indictments returned against him on charges of assault and abduction.

REITMAN TO SPEAK FOR YOUNG GUARDS SUNDAY

Dr. Ben L. Reitman, who is to speak before the Young People's Socialist League Sunday evening on "The Boy Tramp," is the tramp par excellence. He is, however, not of the ordinary stamp. Reitman is a man of education and has probably seen more of the world than any other tramp.

HARD LUCK CLUB; MASS. POLICEMEN

(Mail Correspondence.) Beverly, Mass., Nov. 5.—Led by the policemen, who ask for a 20 per cent increase in pay, the city employees have formed a hard luck club. It is complained by them generally that they can no longer meet the bills of the butcher and baker.

ARKANSAS MINERS SEND OUT WARNING

(Mail Correspondence.) Montana, Ark., Nov. 4.—On account of the shot fire's strike about 700 coal miners are locked out in the Montana and Scradra coalfields. The men cannot get a dollar in cash owing to the money panic.

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NO CASH FOR TAX NO WHISKY SOLD

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 6.—Because of the trouble the Peoria banks have had in securing the cashing of drafts by the New York banking houses, and the refusal of the latter to accept anything except cash during the present financial crisis, the payment of internal revenue collections on spirits was discontinued today for a few days.

The normal daily collections are in excess of \$100,000, while today the receipts were only \$342, this sum being entirely from miscellaneous sources. In making their demand upon the Peoria banks the New York bankers state they are compelled to settle with the sub-treasury in cash, which they demand of Peoria. The distilleries are still running, but no goods will be taken out of bond while the present stringency exists.

FOREWOMAN DISCHARGED; GIRLS GO ON STRIKE

(Mail Correspondence.) Laporte, Ind., Nov. 6.—Three hundred young women employed in the Cass glove factory walked out on strike today. The management deposed a young woman who was very popular as forewoman and installed a man.

The girls immediately held a meeting and decided that they would not be "bossed" by a man. An appeal was made to the factory heads for the reinstatement of the forewoman. It was refused and the walkout followed.

GIRLS STRIKE IN MICHIGAN PLANT

(Mail Correspondence.) Escanaba, Mich., Nov. 4.—A strike of forty-nine girls at the Escanaba manufacturing company's plant yesterday seriously interrupted the work in the counting and packing departments. The girls demand an increase in wages.

SANTA FE MAY GET BIG FINE

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 6.—After an earnest plea for leniency by Solicitor Camp, representing the Santa Fe Railway company, Judge Wellborn, in the United States District court today, postponed until November the passing of sentence on the railway company for rebating.

Solicitor Camp offered the novel explanation that the alleged rebates were only granted technically, being in the form of damages to goods shipped.

COAL INDUSTRY IN CHINA

Coal is the fuel usually used in Shanghai and other Chinese ports and varies in price from \$13 to \$20 Mexican, approximately \$8.50 to \$10 United States currency.

Cooking stoves for use by Europeans in China sell in Shanghai at from \$10 up, when of American manufacture. No stoves are manufactured in Tsingtau and only those of inferior quality at other Chinese ports.

LONE WOMEN WORSTS SIX MEN; CRIPPLE QUEER ACCIDENT PHONE STEAL DRAWS CROWDS TO CITY HALL

(Mail Correspondence.) Pittsburg, Nov. 4.—Mrs. Mary Martin, a resident of this city, has been awarded the palm by the police department for being the best rough-and-tumble fighter in this part of the country.

Three policemen are wearing black eyes and one lone agent is still in bed, while two constables are going around with their arms in slings.

Mrs. Martin was fighting under a handicap when the sextet tackled her in her home. She had sprained her ankle and was using a crutch.

MAY CALL TROOPS TO STOP CRAFT

(Mail Correspondence.) Springfield, Ill., Nov. 6.—Since the discovery of graft three days ago in the state legislature regarding the Dresden Heights lease, granted three years ago to the Economy Light & Power company, the house has been bestirring itself to action in stopping the steal.

The latest report is that resolutions were adopted in the house during a stormy session, giving Governor Deneen the power to call out state troops and use force, if necessary, in halting work on the power company's dam.

The deal which has caused such a furor in the legislature is one that involves \$8,500,000 loss on the part of the state, and amounts to a huge grab on the part of the Economy Light & Power company.

It was formulated three years ago and pushed through the senate in session at that time and handled in a very queer manner by members of the old senate ever since.

Serious charges are likely to be brought against certain members of the senate, before the situation is finally cleared. Governor Deneen, Attorney-General Stead and Lyman E. Cooley, expert engineer, after a minute investigation, have announced that the contract is illegal and there are a number of ways in which it can be thwarted and the state defamed.

RUSH TO ENLIST IN U. S. SERVICE

Hoping to escape the terrible financial crisis which has befallen this country, thousands of young men are rushing to the various recruiting stations all over the United States and enlisting in the navy.

Even the small wages paid by the government to marines and sailors is preferable to work on land and pay in non-negotiable checks.

Captain Harlie, officer in charge of the Chicago recruiting station, said:

"I have to furnish the sergeants in charge of the offices at Milwaukee, Rock Island, Peoria and Springfield with additional assistance to attend to the terrific rush of recruits for positions in the navy."

TRUST ATTORNEY FREES CROOK

An ex-convict and thief, "Butch Smith," was yesterday successfully defended in Judge Fiske's court by Attorney McKinley of the Chicago Employers' association.

Smith, who is an all-around bad character, was arrested on a technical charge of vagrancy. When arrested he boasted that his "pull" would free him and proved it when he got to trial.

Among the politicians who appeared in Smith's behalf were several well-known saloonkeepers and "Benny" Mitchell, former state representative. Detectives who arrested the ex-convict asked Judge Fiske for a continuance that they might bring into court Detective George Trafton, who knows Smith's record and has had several personal encounters with him.

Attorney McKinley interposed an objection and turned on the detectives, telling them they had no right to arrest Smith, as he was not a vagrant and was violating no law.

Within a few minutes Smith was free. He had "proved" to the court that he was working for a brewery at \$20 a week. The police declare he is regularly consorting with thieves and speeding much of his time in resorts where criminals congregate.

DENMARK STARTS EXTERMINATION OF RODENTS

(Copenhagen, Denmark, Nov. 5.—The Danish government says the rats must go. An international war on rodents will probably be taken up. There has been a great deal of agitation on the rat plague question since the discovery that rats are mainly instrumental in spreading the bubonic plague.

Lately hygienists have held them responsible for propagating other diseases, and finally economists have taken to figuring their cost in damages to the country.

A Danish statistician estimates that they destroy 10,000,000 crowns, or about \$2,000,000, worth of property annually in even so small a country as Denmark.

APPLE CROP WILL BE SHORT THIS YEAR

(New York, Nov. 6.—The apple crop of the United States for 1907, as estimated by the American Agriculturist, in its report to appear on November 9, is scant 24,000,000 barrels, materially short of last year. There is what may be set down as an absolute failure in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

PHYSICIAN APPOINTED FACTORY INSPECTOR

(Albany, N. Y., Nov. 5.—Dr. C. T. Graham of New York has been appointed medical inspector of factories by State Labor Commissioner John Williams.

This is a new position, paying a salary of \$2,400 per year, created by act of the last legislature.

QUEER ACCIDENT

(Mail Correspondence.) Belle Vernon, Pa., Nov. 4.—One of the most remarkable freaks of explosion on record was that which occurred when Mr. John Lis of Washington county, mistaking a powder can for an oil can, tried to build up a stove fire in a hurry today.

The powder, upon exploding, completely divested the woman of the skin on her left arm from the elbow down, and the detached outside, as it lay on the floor, formed a perfect glove.

There was not a single abrasion or rent in the entire peel of skin, and even the finger nails held their place in the human glove.

The woman's entire left side, from heel to breast, had been affected in the same way.

The loose epidemics in every respect was without a mark to show for the queer accident, and its detachment was more perfectly done than could have been performed by a surgeon with his knife. Mrs. Lis will recover painlessly.

PRICE OF LIVE STOCK IS DOWN

"The cost of living will have to be reduced and prices of live stock will have to decline very much," said J. Ogden Armour. This statement was made while discussing the hog market, which was weak and 15 to 30 cents lower yesterday.

The prices made were the lowest since last January, and nearly the lowest in two years. The Armour drove at the stock yards yesterday cost \$5.40. This means 5-cent hogs to the farmer, and if Mr. Armour's prediction of 4-cent hogs here this winter is realized, it will mean 3 1/2-cent hogs in the country.

Packers say they are having difficulty in getting currency to buy hogs. There has been a drop of over \$20 a head in the prices of hogs at the stock yards from the high figures of the summer.

LAWYER WINS SUIT AGAINST ALTON

The United States Supreme court has decided that J. Hamilton Lewis is not in contempt of court. He has escaped a sentence of six months in jail.

For bringing a suit against the Alton company in a state court Lewis was held in contempt by Judge Humphreys. Lewis appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals and won.

The Alton company then appealed to the highest court in the land, which has just decided in favor of Lewis. The Alton company will have to pay the costs.

LEHIGH VALLEY R. R. DECIDES TO RETRENCH

(Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—Four thousand men are to be discharged by the Lehigh Valley railroad in the near future. It is reported that owing to the financial crisis the company is unable to get enough money together to maintain a large payroll.

NEWARK (N. J.) PUMP FACTORY LAYS OFF MEN

(Newark, N. J., Nov. 4.—One hundred and fifty more employees have been laid off by the International Steam Pump company in this city. This makes the second time in a month that a big cut has been made in the working force at the foundry.

All the other departments have been notified to cut down their expenses as much as possible.

1,000 MINERS STRIKE AGAINST SHORT WEIGHT

(Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 6.—One thousand miners are out on strike and the entire district is thrown into a state of excitement. The strikers claim that they have been getting short weight and demand a new weighmaster.

Barbers in London, Ont., have received an increase of \$1 per week in wages.

The rate for some laborers at Hall-fax, N. S., has been increased from 16 to 17 cents per hour.

Wages of sheet metal workers in Toronto have been increased to \$6 a day.

Unionism in Spain comprises 56,905 members, distributed through 373 local unions.

Forty-eight thousand Japanese children under 14 years of age are at work in the factories of Japan at a daily wage of 5 cents.

Union plasterers from Milwaukee will be employed at Nashotah, Okauchoe, and other cities immediately. At Milwaukee as the result of a visit through that section of Business Agent F. C. Runge. The master plasterers, who have been drawing men from Watertown and other places, will hereafter look to Milwaukee for their men. They have agreed to pay the union scale, railroad fare and board.

The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor is supervising the organization of a union of car builders at Fond du Lac. According to Secretary Frederick Brockhausen, the organizers in that city are meeting with success in their effort to unionize the men.

Considerable interest attaches to the action of the commissioner of patents in affixing the decision of the examiner of trademarks to the register of the word "union" as a trademark for a certain class of goods. The examiner refused registration on the ground that the mark is geographical in character or indicates that the goods are union made.

The Labor Gazette of Great Britain for October reports employment of labor in September worse than in August. In the 273 trades unions, with a total membership of 631,241 making returns, 25,914 (or 4.6 per cent) were reported as unemployed at the end of September, 1907, compared with 4 per cent at the end of August, 1907, and 3.8 per cent at the end of September, 1906. The coal mining and tin plate and steel manufacturing industries are reported to have improved, as compared with a year ago. So also are the cotton and woolen the worsted, flax (linen), jute, silk, lace, hosiery, hat and paper-making trades. Employment in the boot and shoe trade was moderate and better than either a month or a year ago. The iron mining and pig iron industries, as well as iron and steel works showed but little variation from the condition of the previous September. The great engineering and ship-building trades, however, were slacker, and what is perhaps even more serious, the building trade showed a decided falling off.

Regular meeting of the Casing Workers' union, local No. 158, to be held Thursday, Nov. 7, at 8 p. m., at Forty-eighth street and Center avenue. C. F. Smith, secretary.

Regular meeting of the Parcel Delivery Drivers' union, No. 75, I. R. of T. meets Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2 p. m., in Fitz-gerald's hall, Adams and Halsted streets. P. J. Hooley, secretary.

PHONE STEAL DRAWS CROWDS TO CITY HALL

In a desperate attempt to pass the Chicago Telephone Company's franchise steal the council gang and the gray wolves, hungering for such another feast as came with the traction spoils last spring, lined up today to fight it out.

The battle is on in the same chamber where the traction ordinances were passed in the small hours of the morning, when honest citizens slept. The chief difference is that this session is in daylight and not in the darkness.

The news that the great telephone battle was on—that the day was to tell whether the telephone steal would lose or win—brought out a crowd so numerous that several hundred had to be turned away at the city hall doors.

The indications are that the battle will be continued all afternoon and possibly into the evening.

Alderman Dunn would fine the telephone company for every instrument used in the service of the gamblers. It is a known fact that the company is giving phones to the gamblers every day in the week. The law forbids betting on the races, yet there are numerous big switchboards placed in all parts of the city, getting the returns every minute of the day.

ELECTRIC SHOCK KILLS AND INJURES WORKMEN

Two men were instantly electrocuted and a number of workmen were given a severe shock when a heavily charged cable fell on a wire in the Ryerson building.

The men were in the employ of Chas. Volkman & Co., 184 Dearborn street. They were engaged in the construction of the new Ryerson building at Rockwell and Sixteenth streets.

Both men were about to ascend the steel cable when it came in contact with the charged electric wire. An instant later they fell to the ground dead.

Nine other workmen standing about the cable when it became charged were thrown from their feet by the shock. The dead are:

BOUGH, THOMAS, 38 years old, Stewart avenue and Forty-second street. KNUSDON, CHARLES, 28 years old, 94 North Francisco avenue.

Some of the victims who were shocked are: William Howard, 34 years old, 1305 Milwaukee avenue. A. W. McHale, 29 years old, 3101 Dearborn street.

DOCTORS' UNION COMES TO GRIEF IN IOWA

(Waverly, Ia., Nov. 6.—The doctors of this place have formed a union and are in trouble with the grand jury for forcing the boycott feature of their union, or association, as it is called by professional and business men.

The Bremer county grand jury a few weeks ago indicted fourteen members of the County Medical association for alleged violation of the anti-trust law, and today returned additional indictments against Dr. W. A. Rohlf and Dr. O. L. Chaffee on the charge of conspiracy.

It is alleged that the doctors boycotted and forced an independent doctor from a surgical case in which he and one of the accused had been employed. The reason, it is charged, was because the independent doctor refused to sign the union scale.

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