## EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1917

in Ports

WASHINGTON, March 16.

None of the nations queried has

The United States Government holds that it has the full right to harborage for its armed craft. It would even have the

right to send a warship into a foreign har-bor, inasmuch as this Government is still

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## S. PLANS DRASTIC ACTION TO PREVENT RAILWAY STRIKE

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proval of the President and his ap-DRASTIC ACTION PLANNED

ed if a course of action had been ided upon in event of failure of this ry course, Secretary of War Baker led that he would not care to discuss

There is reason to believe, however, that se Government, in view of the internawant situation, is determined to take any however drastic, to prevent a the of the great transportation systems of the

The announcement was signed by Secre of War Baker as chairman of the ouncil of National Defense and addressed Secretary Lane, W. B. Wilson, Daniel Hilard, of the Baltimore and Ohio, and uel Gompers.

## DUTY OF THE BOARD

A letter prepared at the Defense Council neeting, signed by Secretary of War laker as chairman of the council, and ad-ressed to Lane, Wilson, Willard and pers. read:

At a meeting of the Council of Na-tional Defense it was resolved that it be requested to seek an interview with the representatives of the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad executives in reference to the differences now existing between them and appar-ently threatening to produce a general railroad strike in the country; and that you present to the representatives of both sides the grave peril involved in such a situation at this time, and that you request them so to adjust their differences as in any event to lead to a postponement of any acute difficulty during the present national emergency.

The Administration regards the strike The Administration regards the strike situation as an extremely grave question, in which each side of the controversy is partly to blame for assuming a dogmatic position. The President is expected to make clear to the people of the country his opinion of the situation should all ef-forts to avert a strike fail. There is also a possibility of hastening assuin of Congress if necessary in order

session of Congress, if necessary, in order delegate powers for the President to ing Government forces into play to handle

e crisis. President Wilson will accept any offers the brotherboods or the managers, if ch are made, to mediate in the railroad like situation, it was stated on high au-ority today. No such request had reached the White House up to afternoon, but re-ports from New York were that both sides

were considering the question of calling upon the President to find a solution. There is a strong indication that if the President is not formally asked to mediate will call both the railroad managers and arotherhood leaders into conference with him within twenty-four hours. The Pres ident's understanding of the situation now with is that both sides appear to be marking pending some action on his part. is the belief of his advisers that the country as well as the railroads and their employes now look to the President personally to avert the strike.

### WILL FIN BLAME

In event, however, that all moves fail and the strike does come, the President will take occasion to inform the country as to where he believes the blams rests for a altuation of perilous possibilities whereby the transportation systems of the country are tied up in the face of a great crists. The President is expected, should be issue

formal statement or appeal, to point ou at the demands for which the railroad aployee the contesting are now in the ands of the Supreme Court; that a deon is expected soon, and that the least that could be expected from them would to await action by the highest court.

If the strike is permitted to be put into effect it will enormously hanner prepared-bes plans. In addition, officials who know what is planned declared that freight sched-ules will be so disarranged that it will require weeks and possibly months to rere normal conditions after the strike is

## EFFECT OF STRIKE

Transfer of building materials from nanufacturing establishments to the various anipyards will be stopped. Massing of needed supplies for the army and navy sanot be completed. In a score of ways, officials may, a railway strike at this time would hamper developments of the national defense, and army and navy officials alike have urged that nothing be left undone that

uld prevent it.

riedly went into conference shortly after W. G. Lee, speaking as president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmon, sug-gested the step.

The brotherhood chiefs followed the example of the managers and also went into an informal conference.

Lee made his statement in talking with newspapermen and the quickness with which the rallway managers went into con-ference led to the belief that it was being favorably considered.

From the rallway managers' conference shortly came "unofficial" word that Lee's request for President Wilson to mediate amounted to approximately the same thing as the managers' suggestion yesterday that the Goethals eight-hour commission, ap-pointed by the President, settle the whole controversy. The opposing camps were ap-merently much settle the shole

parently much nearer together than duryesterday's "peace conference."

## CHIEFS FEAR JAU.

Lee today charged disloyality to several minor leaders in the brotherhood councils and admitted that, through fear of possible imprisonment on conspiracy charges, the brotherhood chiefs have passed the strike order to the men by spoken word. The customary written order was abandoned, he intimated, because of the fear that it might be construed as a violation of the law forbidding interference with interstate traffic. He would not admit, however, that a written order would constitute conspiracy.

Speaking of disloyalty, he said: Don't forget history says our Saviour

found one Judas among the twelve he selected. We, therefore, do not hope to beat his record, and we look for at least one in twelve. Lee declared that one man was he

o have gone to railroads with information and to have received as pay for his service \$109 a month. Others, he declared, are known.

CONFIDENCE IN WILSON

"The only way we can determine those things," said Lee, "is to count noses Sunday and thereafter.

"Don't forget we left the entire matter to President Wilson last August and agreed to abide by his proposals then. The ral-roads refused to accept his recommenda-tions to settle the question then. I have since publicly proposed to leave the entire controversy to President Wilson personally to say whether we should have the eighthour day in freight and vard service without reduction of present daily rates. The railroads seemingly prefer a strike rather than ablde by President Wilson's suggested methods of settlement. Who is dis-

loyal to the Government?" The effect of the strike on the city's food upply was a matter of grave speculation. n some quarters it was declared that five days, at the most, would see the city in near-famine conditions

Chairman Lee says ninety-five per cent of the men called out Saturday night will strike.

"The railway managers cannot get it inte their heads that this strike is real, and, ap-parently, they will not believe it until they wake up Sunday morning and find their trains stopped." he said.

The milroads say at least twenty-five per cent of their men will remain loyal this group being composed of men who thin who have long service behind them and DIP nearing the time when pensions me operative.

## STRIKE CALMLY FACED BY RAILROADS IN CITY

Orders for a general railroad strike found Philadelphia calm and optimistic today. The nation-wide walkout of railroad

men, scheduled to begin at 6 p. m. t row, is due in Philadelphia Monday. m, tomor It is a progressive strike, I. e., employes of various groups of railroads at intervals of from twelve to twenty-four hours will be ordered

by the brotherhoods to quit working

Philadelphia is preparing and waiting for he event. An optimistic view was taken by Agnew Dice, president of the Philadelphia and

Reading Railway. "The Philadelphia and Reading is nrepared as well as can be expected and does

Determination to continue operation of that they will remain with us no matter

pletely tied up without the relief of even emergency schedules. The supply of food in the city is admittedly low and the milltary amenals would be compelled to shut down for lack of supplies. "A strike would cripple the arsenals." said Colonel George H. Penrose, command-ant of the Schuylkill Arsenal. "We would

ave to quit." The same conditions obtain at the Frankford Arsenal. Inquiry among dealers showed that the city was not plentifully supplied with foodstuffs. Cold storage supplied with foodstuffs. Cold storage products are particularly scare. Retail four would disappear within one week after

food trains stopped running, it was esti-mated, and the flour mill and bakefy sup-ply would be depicted within another week. Because some foreign Governments are inclined to object to harboring American armed merchantmen this Government re-cently inquired of the European nations whether they would agree to admit the ves-ROADS LAY EMBARGOES els. replied.

## AS STRIKE IS ORDERED

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 16. Effective today, the Erie Railroad will refuse all freight shipments. Similar or-ders for the Batlimore and Ohio go into force at midnight.

BOSTON, Mass. March 16. The Boston and Albany Railroad today ent out an order declining to accept freight of any nature whatsoever, to take effect at once. Word to this effect has been sent out to all its agents and all its connecting railroads.

BOSTON, March 16 .- The Boston and Maine Railroad announced today a freight embargo to take place at 5 p. m. today in preparation for a railroad strike

NEW YORK, March 16 .- The Lacka wanna Railroad has as yet declared no embargo, but it is understood general em bargoes will be announced in the near future by virtually all carriers in view o the threatened railroad strike tomorrow night The Grand Trunk this afternoon an-

unted an embargo on all freight.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- The Southern Railway today declared an embargo against all live stock and perishables that cannot reach their final destination by 6 a. m. Sunday,

The embargo also becomes effective against all "dead" freight for points beyond

ie Southern's own rails. Foodstuffs are being given preference over everything under orders from the offices here, with a view to supplying cities as well as possible before the brotherhood strike becomes effective. ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16 .- The Great

Northern Bailway placed an embargo on all freight of perishable nature or livestock destined to points on or beyond its lines. ot he delivered before 5 p. m. Sun that can day, March 18.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 16 -- A general order was issued by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway headquarters here today. It virtually suspends all traffle the road. Shipments from all points will be rejected. Similar action by the Norfolk and West-

ern and the Virginia Railroad is expected. Virtually all ships coming into Hampton Roads will be held up for lack of bunker coal. Coal now on hand at the plers is sufficient only for ships now in port

DETROIT, Mich., March 16. -- Offices of DETROIT, Mich. March 16. - Offices of the Michigan Central Railroad here at noon today declared a general embargo on all were also passed unanimously by the freight shipments, effective immediately. General Superintendent Shearer transmitted the order to all division points.

## MANY ON SHORE LINES

Officials of both the railroad lines that serate between Camden and Atlantic City expressed confidence in their employes and declared they were sure that, in the event of a strike, many of the men would remain loyal. Nevertheless, they have taken meas-ures to meet the threatened walkout.

Officials of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad, a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania line, had fitted out a ferryboat and two cars last August to accomodate men who yould remain loyal to them in case of a These sleeping and cating places strike.

are still in commission. "We will not be affected until Wednesnot anticipate any serious delay in the movement of its cars during the strike," he said. "I believe the majority of our men will remain loyal to the company." •

SHIPS' RIGHTS ABROAD PLANNED BY NAVY Will Press Foreign Governments National and City Governto Receive Merchantmen

ments Form Committee for Protection in Wartime

DEFENSE OF CITY

ARMED FLEET OF YACHTS

Officials of the Navy, Mayor Smith and citizens interested in the National Pre-paredness movement today decided to form a Home Defense Committee, not only to protect the immediate coast line and waterways, but to provide a military force for use at home and an emergency navy of yachts and motorboats for use on the Delaware and along the Atlantic between

Barnegat Bay and Cape May Point. This Government is inclined to stand As a first step invitations were prepared firmly on its rights in the matter. It can As a first step invitations were prepared to be sent to ocean yacht clubs, motorboat clubs, national defense organizations, semi-military organizations, civic bodies and big employers of labor, to send represen-tatives to the first meeting, to be held in City Hall Tuesday afternoon when a Home see no valid grounds for the threatened objections. There is every reason to be-lieve that the Administration temper, if strictly legal lines are followed, will not brook interference with what is regarded as a manifest right. Defense Committee of 200 composed of yachtsmen and those interested in pro-tecting city and port from possible invaders

The State Department was surprised at press reports indicating that Holland would refuse harborage. Indications today are that Holland and Denmark may balk at will be formed. aving the armed ships go into their ports, while Norway and Sweden probably will At this meeting plans for recruiting forces and detailing records of vessels that may be used for scout duty on rivers or on the permit entry. England and France, of sea coast will be gotten under way and arrangements will be made for the co-opera-Secret negotiations, it was learned today, tion of every club and civic body in Phila

delphia in the scheme to raise both naval and military forces. MANY OFFER AID

TIME ON RESUBMISSION Mayor Smith and Commandant Robert, Russell, of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, have already received offers of co-operation from members of civic bodies, and at to-day's conference it was declared that the Decide to Postpone Effort to Force Re-6000 men wanted for naval coast and river defense could be quickly raised and that Philadelphia's share in home naval defense will soon be complete.

DOVER, Del., March 16.—According to a statement made by J. Bibb Mills, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, today, the at-Active co-operation of members of vacht tempt to force the Senate Revised Statutes Committee to report the bill providing for resubmission of the liquor license question in and motorboat clubs is expected, and if advance plans are carried out a motor patrol of river, bay and ocean will be the first Wilmington and rural New Castle County branches of home defense formed. Next in line, according to plans discussed

this week has been abandoned by the "drys." Mr. Mills said the effort to have the petition signed calling the bill out of committee will today, will be the establishment of a military force in this city to serve in Philadelrenewed next week, and he predicted phia and its environs as occasion may dethat the required nine signers will be se-cured at that time. He added that the mand or emergency warrant. The military feature of home defense was discussed at conferences today for the first time, and 'drys" would not try to pass the Statewide prohibition bill if they succeed in passboth it and the formation of the naval deing the resubmission bill. The "drys" made fense scheme will be under the active con-trol of the committee to be named on an effort to have the bottle law repealer eported out of the Senate Temperance Tuesday,

THE CONFEREES

A delegation of Wilmington firemen Among the Mayor's conferees today were ame to Dover today to protest against the Dr. Ralph W. Plummer and Ensign Earl W. Jukes, of the navy. bill creating a paid fire department in the

Doctor Plummer discussed the need for a hospital base at this point and the best distribution of forces. Ensign Jukes took By unanimous vote, the Senate today Senator Hoffecker's bill providing up the question of active recruiting, and it

for a \$125,000 bond issue by the State for the building and equipping of a new dor mitory for the Women's College at New Three other bills introduced by. Senator Hoffecker, appropriating money to COMMERCIAL COMMERCIAL Satisfactory Paper for the Carbon Copy

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tion to push the bills irrespective developments may follow publication Director's analysis of the Phila Rapid Transit Company's proposition.

was decided that a station be established in City Hall and at any point in the central section of the city later decided upon. Plans for the first meeting were com-pleted today and Mayor Smith issued orders to the Bureau of City Property to have decorated with national flags and bunting his reception room, where the meeting will be held, and the corridors leading to it from the main entrance of City Hall. Genree Wentworth Carr of the National Rapid Transit Company's proposition. Interest in the transit situation for the present centers in the debate at a function of the City Club tomorrow between Director Twining and Ellis Ames Ballard, chief at counsel for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. Mr. Ballard is expected to de-fend the lease, while the Director will out line some of his objections to it.

George Wentworth Carr, of the National Preparedness League, is in charge of the preliminary plans, and is acting for the Mayor in assembling those interested. The speakers Tuesday will be Mayor Smith, Commandant Russell, Mr. Carr and others.

line some of his objections to H. In order to get the entire lease question before the public as soon as possible. Mayor Smith is planning to call a special sense of Councils for March 22 instead of Mark 29, as was first announced, provided the printer has completed the work on the Di-roctor's report and the analysis by Ford Bacon & Davis by that time. MAYOR ASKS STATE AID FOR FAIR TRANSIT PACT Famous Sacred Songs

McNichol and Vare Promise to Offer Bills Strengthening ·City's Position

Legislation, which if passed at Harrisburg, will give to the city a powerful club in the transit, lease negotiations is being prepared by Transit Director Twining and will be ready to be introduced next week if the administration sees fit to proceed at that time. A schedule of the bills the Director desires has already been submitted to Mayor Smith, Senator Vare and Senator McNichol.

Both Senator Vare and Senator McNichol told the Mayor and the Director they would introduce and support the bills. In order to have the support of all factions it is likely that the Mayor will give one bill to Senator McNichol and another to Senator

Vare for introduction. Although neither the Mayor nor the Director would say what provisions the bills contained, both admitted that they were drawn to place the city in a more advantageous position in the transit lease nego-



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Senate. Wills Admitted to Probate Wills probated today were those of George Goetz, \$43 North Eleventh street, George Goetz, 843 North Eleventh street, which, in private bequests, disposes of property valued at \$18,700; Sarah Lang-ham, 1319 North Frazler street, \$4857; James S, Nixon, 2025 East Madison street,

# WILL REFUSE TO STRIKE

\$4700; Mary Felten, 330 North Sixty-third street, \$4150; William Riddlough, 3527 Ainslie street, \$3500, and Annie Brennan, 1703 North Tenth street, \$2800.

Officials of the railroads centering in Washington today deflantly declared that the threatened strike, if made effective, the threatened strike, if made effective, will be broken by the loyalty of the em-ployes. Most of the roads declare that fully fifty per cent of their men will re-fully fifty ner cent of their men will re-Subordinate railroad officials say that the tie-up will be complete if the strike is put into effect.

## **RAIL MAGNATES MEET TO FORMULATE PLANS**

NEW YORK, March 16.

Every preparation is being made today for the greatest clash in labor history. Railroad officials and railroad employes are planning for the strike which will go into effect at 6 o'clock tomorrow afternion and by progressive stages become nationwide on Wednesday night. At that time 400,000 pailroad workers will have been ordered to strike.

discuss the railroad situation, executives are going ahead with their plans. Heads of more than twenty roads were in session at the Grand Central Terminal laying plans for coping with the strike.

Brotherhood leaders conferred with more an 100 local chairmen of the eastern hes at the Broadway Central Hotel. These hairmen represent the men who will be the first called out on strike and are receiving instructions for the conduct of the war for the eight-hour day. All hope of Government intervention is

not gone, but in spite of the Cabinet ses-lion neither side is relying on action by the Administration, at least not until the strike is under way.

## EXECUTIVES IN SESSION

The railway executives later adjourned fill 7 oclock this evening when, it is identiond, sealed orders will be issued to a heads of the roads to be first affected

e heads of the roads to be first affected r the strike. W G. Lee, president of the trainmen, hen told the railway managers had not t dissolved, said: "If they have anything offer we are willing to consider it, but yet we have heard nothing from the rail-ad managers and nothing from Washing-

cations that President Wilson may ted to mediate in the threatened strike ped when the railroad managers hur-



used by an the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Atlantic City lines of the Philadel-

"We intend to operate our trains in pro-portion to the number of men who remain with us," he said. "Naturally, if we are faced with a strike of our men we are going to fight to win." Declarations of embargoes on certain

kinds of freight by these two great derminal railroads are expected today. The Balti-more and Ohio Railroad, which does a large passenger and freight business here, already has announced an embargo on perishable freight and live stock that cannot be delivered before 8 o'clock tomorrow morning

This railroad is in the group first to be affected by the walkout. Orders of the strike were received by the

brotherhood officials at the local offices in the Parkway Building last night. No com-

ment would be made upon them. Preparations to swear in extra policemen are being made by Director of Public Safety Wilson, who announced that the force of 4000 men was prepared to cope with pos-sible rioting. He added that he believed Despite the fact that a session of Presi-ant Wilson's Cabinet has been called to acuse the railroad situation, executives "Last fail, when a strike threatened, the The dead man was engaged by a sub-contractor for a firm which was drilling a well in Westmoreland County. The board brotherhood men offered to volunteer as special policemen to prevent disorder in the strike," said Director Wilson. "I assume

special policemen to prevent disorder in the strike," said Director Wilson. "I assume that the offer still holds good." No one is minimizing the seriousness of the situation should the railroads be comthat the offer still holds good." No one is minimizing the seriousness of

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phia and Reading Railway have also made preparations for the expected walkout. "I don't think," said an official of this our men want to strike

says:

have many old employes who could hardly afford to join the movement." It was generally admitted by both offitals of the roads, however, that a strike would tie up freight service to Atlantic City and work a great hardship on that resort if not called off before the Easter rush.

COMPENSATION DENIED

IN SUBCONTRACTING CASE

HARRISBURG, March 46.-The State Compensation Board, in an opinion filed to-day respecting the claim of Anna Jordan, of Dunbar, against the State Workmen's

Compensation Fund, settles a point of re-sponsibility of a contractor for the death of Teorge Jordan.

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Recruiting Stations at City Hall Mayor Smith announced that stations will be opened at City Hall for the re-We cruiting of from 1000 to 6000 men for the coast defense of this naval district. The Mayor has pledged the aid of his adminis-tration to the Federal Coast Defense Reserve in enlisting recruits. The naval dis-trict extends from Barnegat Bay, N. J., to Ascateague, Va., and includes Delaware River and bay.

Falls Three Stories; Little Hurt

of a three-story building at 1224 Ridge

avenue today, Cody Drenner, twenty-five years old, an employe of the Essick Con-

struction Company, of 1345 Arch street

is in the Hahnemann Hospital with numer-ous cuts and bruises. Several hundred

workmen and passersby eaw Drenner fall

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# The Fall of Bagdad

CUNDAY'S Public Ledger will contain an interesting story of the Fall of Bagdad. The British Tommies and their dusky comrades are fighting in the land of the ancient caliphs, where flourished Haroun-al-Raschid's empire of magnificence, 'mid the glories of the Arabian nights.

## Sunday's

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