

BUSINESS HARD HIT BY N. Y. CAR STRIKE

Thousands Late for Work After Braving Rain and Traffic Congestion

I. R. T. TIE-UP IS COMPLETE

By the Associated Press New York, Aug. 18.—Forced to reach its offices by devious routes in a rain-storm, commercial New York entered the second day of its traction strike with resentment in its heart.

With interborough subways and elevated completely tied up, the city's millions this morning battled their way into such surface cars as were running, or into buses and moving vans hastily organized into semblance of a transportation system.

Residents of upper Manhattan and the Bronx suffered most. Many, despairing of ever reaching the financial tip of the island by other than extraordinary means, twice crossed the Hudson in a three-hour trip to their offices. Ferrying from 120th street to Fort Lee, they made their way down the Jersey side to the Hudson tubes and thence recrossed to Manhattan.

The city opened several motor bus lines, charging a ten-cent fare, but private buses, trucks and automobiles charged from fifty cents to \$1.

Brokers and financiers hastening to Wall street in their automobiles arrived in the business district with the greatest numbers of clerks and stenographers to whom they could offer a "lift." In many cases the owner of the car seated himself beside his chauffeur, leaving the dry comfort of closed cars for girl employees.

Offices Late in Opening

Many offices and stores were late in opening. Almost every employe was late and it was not until 10 o'clock that lower Broadway took on its usual business day appearance.

Service on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit subway entering Manhattan—the only underground in operation on the island—was increased 25 per cent because of the strike, while Hudson and East river ferryboat lines hastily reorganized their schedules, plying back and forth as rapidly as it was possible to take on passengers and discharge them.

But New York found that, with its main traffic arteries crippled, it was a difficult task to find extra means to handle the 1,200,000 passengers carried each day by the subways and the 1,111,000 by the elevated.

The first disorder attending the strike occurred this morning at the Interborough power house at Seventy-fourth

Manhattan Isle's New Sport, Walking in Rain

Residents of Manhattan Isle, deprived of subways and "eis," made a wild scramble this morning for such surface cars as were running. Thousands were packed into moving vans, buses, trucks, horse-drawn buggies and other private vehicles, at rates from fifty cents up. Extra railroad tracts and ferries were operated.

Thousands walked to work in the rain. Roller skating suddenly became popular. Benevolent financiers with autos gave a "lift" to Wall street clerks. Taxi drivers worked a gold mine. Many Hudson residents twice crossed the Hudson in a desperate three-hour trip to their offices.

street and the East river, when two Italians leaving the building were surrounded by 100 strikers, who demanded to know if they had been working there. Police with drawn clubs dispersed the crowd.

District Attorney Martin, of Bronx county, today began an investigation of reports that strikers had informed police that they did not care how long the strike lasted because they were being paid anyway and that certain loyal employes who reported for work yesterday were told by officials to leave the railway yards because a strike was in progress.

City officials and others who have charged that there was collusion between the Interborough Company and its striking employes to obtain a fare increase by the strike said they regarded as significant the fact that no attempt has been made by the company to operate any of its subway or elevated lines since the strike was called. Strikers voted today to invite Mayor Hylan to address them tonight at their headquarters. His request that they meet him in Madison Square Garden at any hour of the day or night was refused.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 18.—(By A. P.)

A suit asking \$200,000 damages was filed this afternoon by the receivers of the Pittsburgh Railway Company against the local division of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, alleging breach of contract by 3000 striking motormen and conductors who have tied up trolley transportation here since last Thursday midnight, when they rejected the regional war labor board's award of a five-cent an hour wage increase.

Boys Favor Bath Pools

Nearly two-thirds of the bathers in the city's swimming pools last week were boys, according to the reports from the board of recreation. The total number of bathers was 208,937, of whom 121,254 were boys. The girls came next with 38,411 followed by 37,014 as a total for the men and women swimmers numbered 11,558.

BRITAIN TO TAKE OVER COAL INDUSTRY

Lloyd George Says Conditions Require Drastic Measures to Avert Ruin

WAR'S TERRIFIC SEQUEL

By the Associated Press London, Aug. 18.—The British Government has accepted the policy of the state purchase of mineral rights in coal. This announcement was made by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons today.

He said the government could not accept Justice Sankey's scheme for the state purchase of mines, but had accepted in principle his plan for the nationalization and recognition of the coal industry.

He declared that coal was the chief factor in the industrial situation and added that the outlook was indeed dark unless the conditions which he stated were changed. He continued: "In America the wages are higher, hours of labor are no longer and the labor cost in proportion to the articles produced is less. This being the case, competition is impossible and no tariff will remedy this."

Adverse Trade Balance \$4,000,000,000 In discussing the financial and industrial situation, the premier said before the war imports had exceeded exports from the United Kingdom by £150,000,000 (\$750,000,000). Receipts from foreign investments at present are down to £100,000,000, while Great Britain has to pay back an adverse trade balance of £800,000,000. "We must bridge that chasm or at the bottom of it is ruin," he said. "We are building a temporary bridge by borrowing, not only state borrowing

but traders borrowing for raw material, food and so forth. That will only add to the catastrophe.

"In every direction we are spending more. We are earning less. We are consuming more and we are producing less. These are facts. It cannot last."

Gigantic Price of War The war cost £40,000,000,000 (\$200,000,000,000), the premier said. Most of this sum was spent for purposes of destruction.

The national debt, he declared, had grown from £641,000,000 (\$3,205,000,000) to £7,800,000,000 (\$39,000,000,000). After pointing out that the British pound at present was worth in the United States only 17 1/2 shillings, the premier said:

"We shall never improve matters until we increase production, or we will be driven later to reduce even lower the standard of living in this country. There is no other alternative except quitting the country for which we fought for four years."

CLOUDBURST IN READING

Great Damage Wrought by Heaviest Rain in a Generation Reading, Pa., Aug. 18.—(By A. P.)—A cloudburst carrying five and a quarter inches of rain, the heaviest for a generation, broke over this city last night. Many sections of the city were flooded and damage estimated at \$2000 or more was done to the lines of the Metropolitan Electric Company.

Automobiles floated away in the flooded streets and the breaking of a small dam in Mineral Springs Park flooded East Reading to a depth of three feet, the water rising to the first floor of many homes in that section.

Bare Safe, but Leave Booty

When the office of the Kolb Baking Company at 1401 South Tenth street was opened today it was found that robbers had bored holes into the safe, but had not forced it open. It is believed the thieves were frightened away when their work was half finished. Inside the safe, it is said, was about \$2000.

LETVIA PLEADS FOR AID

Premier Asks U. S. to Relieve Spreading Famine

Washington, Aug. 18.—Premier Ullman, of the Lettish government, in a cablegram from Vilna to the Associated Press, declared that, unless relief in the shape of food were forthcoming within a very few days, suffering would be widespread in Letvia, and that all work done by the American relief administration through funds from the \$1,000,000 congressional appropriation would be nullified.

Letvia, he added, also faces the danger of bolshevism being engendered through famine.

KIDNAP I. W. W. SPEAKERS

Two Men and a Woman Disappear Before Colorado Meeting

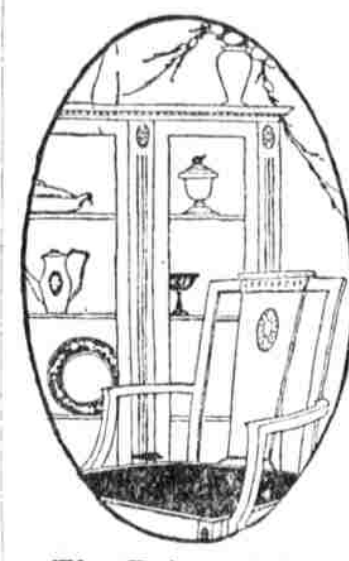
Walsenburg, Col., Aug. 18.—(By A. P.)—Citizens of Walsenburg kidnaped three alleged members of the I. W. W., scheduled to speak at a mass-meeting here, and the whereabouts of the three, one of whom is a woman, is unknown to the sheriff.

One I. W. W. organizer, John Shank, was arrested, charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Recently Opened Household Science Kitchen 1019 ARCH ST. Luncheons 50c and 60c

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Stop and Consider What a Really Wonderful Thing It Is to Choose Any Piece of FURNITURE at a Reduction!



The August Furniture Sale is breaking all records, of course. But the rush for Furniture would surely be even greater if everybody fully realized the advantages it presents.

The Price of Every Piece of Furniture We Own Is Reduced

New Plaids Just in—the new Wool Plaids for autumn, surpassingly beautiful, and in tones to charm an artist.

Health-Promoting Nemo Corsets Wearers of Nemo Corsets are assured of comfort, bodily support where needed, all combined with shapely, correct figure lines.

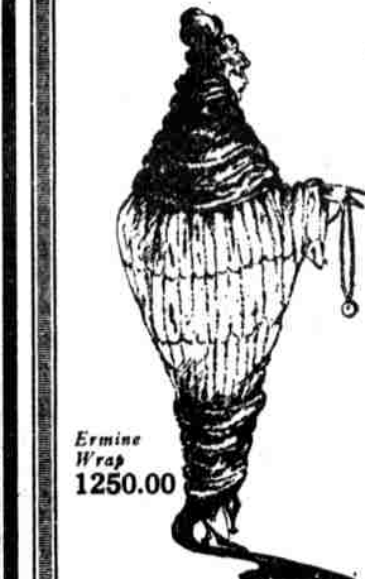
SPECIAL 3,000 Women's Vests at 20c An unusual lot of 3000 Ribbed Cotton Vests—low neck, sleeveless, in regular sizes, less than regular price—tomorrow at 20c each.

Formerly 1115 Chestnut Street Mawson & DeMany 1215 Chestnut Street Of Greater Importance Than Ever—Commencing Today—Our

Annual Fur Sale

Greater by reason of greater collections, comprising greater varieties of styles and furs, but especially greater by reason of the

Savings of 20 to 45 Per Cent.



Having planned for large extension of business, consequent on our Removal from 1115 Chestnut Street, to our vastly more spacious quarters in our present location, we planned for our Fur Sale for 1919 on a scale hitherto scarcely comprehended.

A Small Deposit Will Reserve Your Purchase in Our Vaults Until Desired

Table with columns for Fur Coat Values, listing items like Marmot Coats, Natural Muskrat Coats, etc., with sale prices.

Table with columns for Stoles, Sets, Scarfs, and Coatees, listing items like Seal Stoles, Gray Wolf, etc., with sale prices.

Two Hundred Men's and Young Men's Suits Reduced \$26.50 One of the most attractive of the several groups in our Reduction Sale of Suits.

Men's Fine Silk Four-in-Hands Under Price \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.45

Women's New Autumn Gowns Are Winning Admiration One look, and you know you are going to be satisfied with the new season, as far as fashions are concerned.

Muslin Underwear Wanted Kinds PETTICOATS—Of white satin trimmed with hemstitching—\$1.75.

Welcome, the Elaborate Evening Gowns! Of silks and satins, nets and brocade, slightly bouffant, or closely draped, with surprise bodices and cunning sleeves, or sleeveless, if you so wish, or if you would follow Paris closely.

Leather Brief Cases \$4.50 to \$26.00 Of interest to business men and women—this group of exceptionally good Brief Cases, strongly made of durable black or brown cowhide.

Golden Special To-morrow 1,200 White BED SPREADS A Great Saving At \$3.15

Men's Shirts Special at \$2.25 Fine woven-stripe Madras Shirts—fast colors—blue, black, heliotrope and other colors and combinations favored by most men.

Buy High Shoes Now in the Summer Clearance Our summer clearance of High Shoes for MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN continues, with new lots added.

Children's Stamped Dresses, Special, 75c Dainty Lawn Dresses, kimono style, with tucks at the shoulders. All are made and stamped, ready to be embroidered, some hemmed at the bottom, others stamped for scalloped embroidery.

Women's Soft Shoes, black glazed kidskin—now \$4.45 Women's Laced Shoes, of soft leather, in gray—\$7.95 Women's Shoes, from Laird, Schober & Co.—now \$8.95

Revolution! THERE is one going on right now in the moving picture business. Its other name is Single Selling. Single Selling means that instead of forcing whole programs on exhibitors with the chance that there might be one good picture tucked away in a mediocre mass, the big manufacturers are now selling picture by picture.