

R. R. MAN AMERICAN FIRST, SAYS JEFFREY

Federation Leader Asserts That Workers Will Do Nothing to Bring Hardship on Nation

FIGHT FOR ALL, HE AVERS "Railroad employes are Americans, and whatever they do will be strictly in accord with American ideals and principles."

Waste Would Pay Increase "People think we have government operation of railroads," says Mr. Jeffrey. "We have far from it; what we really have is private control at public expense."

More Wages Mean Nothing "Increased wages would mean nothing if cost of living was also to increase," he said. "It would mean ruin for those who were so unfortunate as not to receive an increase would suffer through the increased cost of living."

Alleged Inequalities and Discriminations Practiced Against the Workers by the Railroad Managements, Resulting in Discontent and Unrest, are Set forth as follows by Mr. Jeffrey:

"Locomotive crane operators working within shop yards, rate fifty-eight cents per hour, time and one-half after eight hours and for Sundays and holidays; operating the identical crane outside of shop yards, rate fifty-three cents per hour, straight time for Sundays and holidays."

"Engineers, part of power plants, sixty-eight cents per hour, time and one-half after eight hours and for Sundays and holidays; rest of engineers, fifty-two cents per hour, straight time on Sundays and holidays."

"Stationary firemen, forty-nine and a half cents per hour at other plants; forty-two cents per hour at other plants."

"Seat turners, Philadelphia Terminal division, forty-three cents per hour; seat turners, Camden Terminal division, thirty-seven cents per hour; one master mechanic applies the law, the other refuses to do so."

"Clerks at Broad Street Station, seven hours per day, no work Saturday afternoon or Sunday, and eight and one-half days vacation per year with pay; clerks at engine houses, eight hours per day every day in the year and no vacation—all time lost deducted from their earnings."

Bolshevism's Downfall Assured, Says Gompers

New York, Aug. 27.—Samuel Gompers made the following statement on Bolshevism on his return from Europe yesterday.

"From what I have heard from men who have participated in various conferences and who have observed conditions existing in Russia and other eastern parts of Europe, Bolshevism is on the wane. It has failed as a movement in its hopes and its aims."

"It promised the people things it has not given. The people have no peace, no land, no bread and no work. This will precipitate the downfall of the Bolshevists."

"The situation is getting worse all the time. It has become impossible to live on the wages that are being paid. A lay or two ago, riding on a train, I fell into conversation with a manufacturer. We were speaking about wages and prices. He said to me: 'I don't care what wage demands the men make. I'll give them what they ask for—and put it on the cloth.'"

"I asked him how much. He answered '10 per cent.' It's good enough for them—so it's good enough for me."

"It works out that way every time; the increase added to the selling price of the goods far more than makes up for the increase in the wages."

"I can see trouble coming. And I can't see how this trouble is going to be headed off unless conditions are changed."

U. S. Mission Leaves Berlin Berlin, Aug. 27.—The American mission to Berlin, which has been caring for Russian prisoners, officially has ceased to exist yesterday. The last officers of the mission will depart for West, from which port they will sail for the United States in September.

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CALIFORNIA R. R. MEN TOLD TO END STRIKE

Stone Gives Instructions to Resume Work—State Traffic Tied Up EMBARGOES ARE ORDERED

By the Associated Press Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 27.—Representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods here have received definite telegraphic instructions from Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to return to work immediately. This announcement was made early today.

Members of the striking trainmen said a meeting would be held today to determine what action would be taken on the strike.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—(By A. P.) Most of California was without rail transportation today on account of strikes of trainmen and shopmen. Strikes, some announced to be in sympathy with striking employes of the Pacific Electric Company at Los Angeles, and some without any announced reason, broke rapidly last night, and were followed by orders here and in the East against selling tickets to or through the troubled areas.

Mainly, the strikes in the south are of members of the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods, but in northern California, where they began yesterday and last night, they principally are of yard employes. None of the strikes is sanctioned by international officers of the unions.

A committee named by striking yard employes here has instructions from the strikers to take steps today looking to a spread of the strike.

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