

P. O. EMPLOYEES REFUSE WAGE CUT

Unskilled Workers Decline to Accept Slash—Case Goes to Labor Board

EARLY REDUCTION BALKED

Pittsburgh, April 1.—The Pennsylvania Railroad, through its committee of general managers, yesterday proposed in conference here to the 25,000 maintenance-of-way and structures men and unskilled forces a wage reduction of 10 to 25 per cent, and the men refused, through their union, the Federal Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers, as promptly as the machinery of the proposition would permit, rejected the proposition.

A similar refusal is foreseen in the meetings of the general managers' committee has scheduled for other groups of its employees, organized and unorganized, over the next two weeks, embracing the 250,000 officials and employees of the entire system.

Almost automatically, the company's move for the wage reductions now goes up to the Railway Labor Board. Each group must be met by the general managers' committee, and each group's refusal to accept a wage cut must be rejected before the proposed wage reductions can be brought properly before the labor board.

Proposed Wage Schedules  
W. S. Burrill, Chicago, chairman of the wage bureau, presented the proposed wage reductions, which will affect, with the number of men affected in each class, as follows:  
Common labor, now receiving 18 1/2 cents an hour, generally, to be placed in four new wage classification, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 cents an hour; number affected, about 17,000.

Skilled mechanics or hourly rated men, now receiving 25 cents an hour, proposed to be cut to 20 1/2 cents an hour; number affected, about 10,000.  
Day-rated employees to be reduced \$1 a day; no employees now in this classification.

Monthly men, such as foremen, etc., now receiving \$10 to \$200 a month, proposed to be reduced \$25 a month; number affected, about 8,000.

Washington, April 1.—President Harding's concern in the railroad financial situation will be confined, at least for the immediate future, to informing himself of the facts through government sources. He is not expected to seek the views of railroad officials or railroad employees, nor intervene in the present work of the Railroad Labor Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission.

AVERS RAIL PACTS SHIELD HUMAN LIFE

Chicago, April 1.—By A. P.—National agreements were declared to be regulations for the preservation of human standards in the railroad industry by W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railway unions, before the railroad labor board today. Legal opinions, industrial commission reports, legislative hearings and economic writings were cited to show the importance of taking human standards into consideration in framing working rules in industry.

Mr. Lauck explained his application of board industrial conditions to the railroad industry, arguing it was more important to conserve human life than to conserve capital. He traced the development of the recognition of child labor, healthful working conditions, old age pensions, hours of labor and similar human standards in an endeavor to show that the same standards should be given to national agreements on railroads because such conditions were also fundamental to the principles of national rules.

The board's judgment, about which much of the testimony of high railway executives centered at the hearing several weeks ago, were again explained in an exhibit presented today. Mr. Lauck, who declared the transportation act made appointment of such machinery.

No such boards have been named since the act passed, the law providing for their establishment by mutual agreement. Mr. Lauck places the blame for their non-establishment on the railroads.

The records and data of the exhibit were intended to show that Congress intended the establishment and functioning of such boards.

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The board adjourned until Monday when more railway executives are scheduled to appear.

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St. Louis, April 1.—By A. P.—Salaries of executives of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad were reduced from 10 to 20 per cent today. J. M. Kane, president, announced. A proposal to reduce wages of the company's 28,000 employees is being considered, he added.

TUG SINKS AT MOORING



The tugboat, M. A. Knapp, was found half submerged at her mooring, at the foot of Market street, this morning. Representatives of the Porter-Gilberts Co., Inc., general contractors, owners of the tug, refused to give any reason for the vessel's plight or to comment in any manner on the occurrence.

GERMANY DRINKS LESS BEER SCRAMBLE FOR COMMITTEES

Consumption Falls From 1,272,000,000 Gallons in 1913 to 541,000,000 Gallons in 1919  
Washington, April 1.—By A. P.—Beer drinking in Germany has fallen off by more than 731,000,000 gallons a year as compared with pre-war consumption, Consul General William Coffin, at Berlin, reported today to the Department of Commerce. The consumption dropped from 1,272,000,000 gallons in 1913, to 541,000,000 gallons in 1919, to 541,000,000 gallons in 1920, while wine consumption decreased from 70,000,000 to 52,000,000 gallons. Coffin added, however, that the population of Germany had decreased by 4,000,000 in the same period.

Cigarette consumption increased by 1,000,000,000 in 1919 and 1920. Mr. Coffin continued, but the number of cigars fell off by 1,000,000,000.

N. Y. TOWBOAT MEN STRIKE

1500 Men on Eighty Tugs Refuse to Accept Wage Cut  
New York, April 1.—By A. P.—A strike of employees aboard coastwise tugboats in New York today following failure of Fred G. Davis, federal commissioner of navigation, to bring about an agreement between the New England Tugboat Men's Association and representatives of the unions involved.

The towboat men were called out by their union, the Marine Union of the Americas, at 12 o'clock today following a meeting at which they voted to accept a wage reduction of from \$15 to \$10 monthly, plus in effect March 1. The walkout order was revealed, however, on the following day when the men refused to return to work. About 1500 men, who are employed, will be affected, it is said.

Two Women Urged for Federal Posts

Washington, April 1.—By A. P.—Mrs. A. I. Stucky, of Buffalo, N. Y., mentioned for internal revenue collector for her district, was presented to President Harding today by Senator Wadsworth. Miss Mary Anderson was recommended today by Secretary Davis for appointment as director of the women's bureau of the Department of Labor.

Deaths of a Day

CAPTAIN JOHN G. CROWLEY

Widely Known Mariner Trading Here Dies in N. Y. Home  
Captain John G. Crowley, one of the most widely known mariners in Philadelphia, died at his home in New York yesterday.

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Held in Girl's Death  
Michigan Young Man Sent to Jail Pending Investigation  
Durand, Mich., April 1.—By A. P.—Forest Higgins, twenty-two years old, son of a farmer near here, is held in the Shiawassee county jail at Corunna today pending investigation of the death of Lucy Wilson, nineteen, a farmer's daughter, who was found dead near the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks on the Higgins farm.

An autopsy revealed, physicians said, that the girl's death was due to acid. Higgins is held pending investigation of a story told by Emma Wittman, fourteen-year-old sister of the dead girl. Emma Wittman said the authorities alleged that she had seen Higgins give her water to buy and had found the youth tell her to buy acid.

A bottle that contained acid was found beside the girl's body.

FRIENDS URGED TO BE TEACHERS

Yearly Meeting Speakers Want More Members of Faith in Its Schools

HALF HAVE OTHER CREEDS

Friends, especially young men and women, were urged to enter the ranks of the teaching profession to serve in the schools under the Yearly Meeting at the business session of the Society of Friends, Fourth and Arch streets, yesterday.

"There is no better work than that of educating and making better citizens," said Emma Cadbury, a member of the Yearly Meeting.

The discussion arose after the report of the educational committee was read. Efforts to obtain Friends as teachers have always been made, yet, in spite of this, at present fifteen out of thirty-six teachers in schools conducted by the Yearly Meeting are not Friends.

The committee on work in foreign lands also reported. Rufus M. Jones, chairman of the American Friends' service committee, assured the meeting that no signs of the decrease of relief and construction work abroad were evident.

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SEPARATE SLIPS!  
To make consideration of individual ideas easier, heretofore send each one on a separate slip with your name, address and telephone by which you may be reached.

Today's winner was selected by Philadelphia Assembly, Society of American Magicians, at its meeting place, Grand Fraternity Building, 1025 Arch street.

The winner was selected by the Newman Club, University of Pennsylvania, at Houston Hall.

Eleonora, dressed in a neat tweed suit and smoking a businesslike cigar, was talking to a group of people.

"You certainly are fortunate to have a jury of magicians to pick your limerick," she puffed.

"I'm not sure, but I think you've done it well. By the way, just how did you get here; through the key-hole or out of somebody's hat?"

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GREEKS ADVANCE DESPITE STRONG TURK RESISTANCE

Athens Looks for Fall of Eski-Shehr. Expects Allied Reinforcements  
Athens, April 1.—(By A. P.)—The highest importance is attached here to the recent advances of the Greek army, and it is stated in Eski-Shehr by the Greeks was imminent after their taking of Kovalitsa.

War correspondents in dispatches from the front report that the Greek army is steadily advancing against the strong resistance of the Turks, who seem to be receiving artillery and cavalry re-enforcements from Cilicia. The correspondent at the Turkish Nationalist headquarters are reported to have been transferred from Angora to Sivas, about 200 miles further in the interior of Anatolia.

Official circles are represented as concluding as a foregone conclusion a favorable solution of all pending questions with the Allies, including the recognition of King Constantine, after the Anatolian campaign. Allied official circles, however, are less optimistic over the Greek military prospects, declaring the country is paying dearly for what the Greeks are achieving and that they are unable to see how the offensive can be kept up without funds.

REPORT BLAMES ENGINEER

Pittsburgh Official Held Responsible for Landslide  
Pittsburgh, April 1.—(By A. P.)—Full responsibility for the recent big landslide on Bigelow boulevard here was placed upon N. S. Sprague, former city engineer, by a special subcommittee of the Council public works committee, at its meeting here last night.

The committee also censured John Swan, director of public works, in the carrying out of the contract for the widening of the boulevard, and certain subordinates in the engineering department.

Council will take the report under consideration before announcing a final decision in the case. The landslide on the boulevard, said to have been caused by a "fill in" disrupted service into the main terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad here, marked a partial suspension of traffic on the boulevard, main artery between the downtown section and the East End, and caused thousands of dollars' damage.

OPPOSE NEW U. S. TARIFF

Americans in Cuba Declare It Will Injure Trade Relations  
Havana, April 1.—(By A. P.)—Business men and commercial organizations here are keenly interested in rumors that a substitute for the Fordney emergency tariff bill will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the American Congress.

The American Chamber of Commerce of Cuba, through Frank Steinhart, its president, yesterday wired the Chamber of Commerce of the United States requesting that a protest be made against the introduction or passage of a substitute tariff bill which would result in the loss of American trade from Cuba, Central and South America.

Information received by the American Chamber of Commerce of this city indicated the bill would provide for a tax of one cent a pound on sugar, which tobacco in various forms would be liable to an import which would imperil the present export trade on these articles between Cuba and the United States.

HARDING TO SEE MME. CURIE

Will Present \$100,000 in Radium on Behalf of Women  
Washington, April 1.—President Harding will receive Mme. Curie in the White House on May 20, the present her with a gramme of radium valued at \$100,000 in behalf of the American Foreign Detectors Agency, which has provided for the purchase will be present.

Mme. Curie will be escorted here from Paris by Mrs. William Brown, a friend of the French woman, who is a resident of New York. They will arrive about May 17.

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