## TRAIN DISPATCHERS REFUSE TO GO OUT

Conference to Frame Policy for 1,500,000 Men Outside of **Brotherhoods** 

CHIEFS GATHER IN CHICAGO

By the Associated Press

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Executive officials and general chairmen of a dozen unions of railroad employes, representing 1,-500,000 workers, began arriving today for conferences beginning tomorrow to determine whether they shall follow the leadership of the big five railroad rotherhoods in issuing a strike call.

A joint conference at the end of the week is in prospect. A spirited contro-

shopmen and maintenance of way emoves, have authorized a strike call by co

B. M. Jewell, president of the railway employes department of the American Federation of Labor, declared to-day he was still hopeful that a strike could be averted.

"We are going ahead with our plans for executive conferences," Mr. Jeweil said. "and we will have reached our decision by the end of the week. At this time there has been absolutely no determination of what will be done.

The Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Freight Handlers, Express and Station employes was the latest to issue a sum-mons for a strike conference. Twenty two grand officers and 200 general chairmen were called to meet here Sunday by President E. H. Fitzgerald. leaders here were watching closely the action of the big five repre-senting nearly half a million train serv-

ce employes. Extra precautions to thwart vandal ism and arson in the event of a rail road strike were discussed today at the pening of the eighth annual meeting the Railway Fire Protection Associa-

tion for a three-day session. Railroad fires were reduced in 1920 s compared to 1919, although property president of the association.

Railroad Shop Laborers in the event announced. of a national railroad strike probably will be made known in Chicago tomor-row, it was announced at the headquarters of the brotherhood today. It also was announced E. F. Grable, president of the union, who is in Chicago, had summoned other officials of the organization to that city for a confer-

Before leaving for Chicago late yesterday Grable is known to have told settled by the protherhood officials that he favored solution of the railroad contraversy by a reduction in freight rates. roversy by a reduction in freight rates. ciple might be contained in the state-ment expected to be issued by the union chiefs after their conference tomorrow The brotherhood has a membership

## for about 150,000 others. Brotherhood Heads

the Secretary spent most of yester-day surveying the situation from the laber Department stondpoint and was understood to have laid his views herford Mr. Harding at today's conference.

Service given.

After discussing the wages of trainmen in which, he made comparison of wages in 1913 with those received now, Mr. Lee said.

The men have been related to the French Embassy; Representative Siemp, of Virginia; William Wrigley, of Chicago; Secretary Christian and Brigadier General Sawyer.

ence.

So retary Weeks had at his disposal the result of a study made by general staff officers, as an academic problem, of the best methods of utilizing the powers of his portfolio in case of a rational emergency, such as would result from a nation wide.

Mr. Lee said.

The men have been asked to accept what is an inadequate living wage. They know the railways are taking unfair an advantage of business depression to se force them to accept unfair wages and a rational emergency, such as would result from a nation wide.

powers of his portfolio in case of a rational emergency, such as would result from a nation-wide paralysis of transportation, but it was not known whether he had been invited to bring this to the White House.

That President Harding does not yet view the strike as having passed beyond the "possibility" stage was one interpretation placed upon the announcement that he plans to leave Washington tonight for Yorktown and Williamsburg, Va., where he will make addresses tomorrow.

The presidential party is not expected to return before Thursday.

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## ROADS GROUPED FOR SUCCESSIVE WALKOUTS BY UNION LEADERS

Cleveland, Oct. 18.-W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Loro-notive Engineers, made public last night the four groups of railroads on which the strike will take place at successive forty-eight-hour intervals. The list is as follows:

Strike 6 A. M., Oct. 30
Kaneas City Southern
Hescuri Pacific
44. Louis Southwestern
international and Great
Western, Texas and
Tacific Strike 6 A. M. Nov. 1 Strike 6 A. M. Nov. 8
New York, New Haven and Minneapolis and St. Louis
Hartford Burlington System Delaware and Hodson
Chicago and Eastern Illinois
St. Louis and San Francisco
entire system)
Louisville and Nashville
Neitzel Plate
Baltimore and Albary
Baltimore and Ohio Chelle System
Son Diego and Arigona
Chicago and North Western
Chicago and North Western
Chicago, Milwaukee and
St. Paul (except Chicago,
Terre Haute and Southexisten) entire system)
Loniaville and Nashville
Rickel Plate
Erle Bailway System
Atchison, Topeka and Santa
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Atlantic Coast Line
Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh
Delaware, Lackawanna and
Western
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Nashville, Chattanooga and
St. Louis
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Northern Pacific
Southern Rallway
Seaboard Air Line
Virginian Bailroad
Chicago Great Western
Chicago, Rock Island and
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Atlantic Coast Line
Buffalo, Rocbester and Pittsburgh
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Western
Lehigh Valley
Nashville, Chattanooga and
St. Louis

Group 4. on which the men will walk out at 6 A. M., November 5, comprises all the other railroads of the country, and includes specifically the entire Pennsylvania Railroad System, the Boston and Maine and its subsidiaries and the Rutland Railroad.

versy over the attitude of the brotherhoods is indicated in the statements of
leaders outside the big five group.

The train dispatchers have declared
they will not go out at this time, the
telegraphers and clerks announced their
decision was still unformed and others
have indicated the question was still
open. Some of the unions, notably the
shoomen and maintenance of way em-

It was said with authority that no nsideration was being given at this Rate Cut at Once, time to a move to enlist the aid of the courts in preventing the strike. man Cummins, of the Senate Interstate omerce Committee, was positive that Congress would not act at this stage of

Action in Congress both on the Railond Debt Funding bill and hearing will of railroad brotherhood reprsentatives in the general railroad investigation are to be suspended, it was said today, until the strike situation becomes set-

A meeting of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, scheduled today consider the \$500,000,000 Debt Funding bill, was called off indefinitely. as was the brotherhoods' hearing. Some Senators said it was intended to prevent the general railroad investigation from developing into a debate on the strike

### BROTHERHOOD HEADS WON'T MEET TODAY

Cleveland, Oct. 18.—(By A. P.) scheduled meeting here today of the damage increased, probably due to in- Big Five transportation brotherhoods flated values, said W. F. Hickey, was canceled this morning when the five executives were requested by the Railroad Labor Board to meet with the Detroit, Oct. 18 .- (By A. P.) -At- board in Chicago at 2 P. M. Thursday, titude of the United Brotherhood of Warren S. Stone, president of the Maintenance of Way Employes and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

> The message from the labor reached Mr. Stone in his office here dur. ing the morning. He declared he had no intimation of what the board wished

troversy by a reduction in freight rates. It was said at the union's headquarters here today such a declaration of printers and which he contained in the state-Carter, head of the Brotherhood of Loomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Mr. Lee confirmed the receipt of the legram from the Railrond Labor 300,000 and has authority to act Board, requesting him to attend the Chicago conference. Mr. Lee would of comment on the proposed meeting. Mr. Lee late asy night i-sucd a state-

to Meet Rail Body Brotherhood of Railrond Trainmen very burg. Va., where he will make two ad reluctantly takes the position that it cannot longer agree to give service un-less there is assurance that there will continued from Page One
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wages deferred. It is generally believed Administration circles that wages I have to be again reduced. It may be said that the Interstate Commerce Commission is about ready to order the cut in freight rates. It has given the subject much consideration and is prepared to act.

promptly cutting freight rates when the tion of a deficit." lower wages. The public was disap-pointed and the Administration policy meet it. Some welcomed it of paying the roads \$500,000,000 was

The feeling is that the roads have it, said F. D. Inde-had relief in the shape of lowered wages. It is their move now. They must cut transportation charges, then if it proves was against the Railread Labor Board table the strike was against the Railread table the strike was against the Ra necessary that their labor costs should tather than against the lines involved go down further, they may ask for lower wages with better grace.

to discuss with the leaders of the road workers, but said all scheduled conferences here would be postponed on export grain, and does not directly on export grain, and does not directly the former. Rates on perishable goods have been reduced, so have rates on cattle and on Iron and steel out the cuts have not been general and are admitted to be inadequate.

### HARDING TO SPEAK TWICE

Four Cabinet Members Join Trip to Attend College Exercises

Washington, Oct. 18.- (By A. P.)-Four members of the Cabinet - Secretaries Hughes, Mellon, Weeks and Hoover-will accompany President MIDNIGHT asserted that "the Harding to Yorktown and Williams dresses tomorrow in connection with the installation of the new president of William and Mary College.

Trenton, Oct. 18 .- (By A. P.) -At an all-day conference of the New Jer-sey League of Women Voters vesterday a resolution was adopted pointing out alleged hardships of wounded service men in contract hospitals and demand

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# WAGE REDUCTIONS

Executives Determined to Carry Proposal Before Federal Labor Board

REJECT PUBLIC GROUP PLAN

By the Associated Press New York, Oct. 18.-Undeterred by threats of a general railroad strike, the railroads of the United States, through the Association of Railway Executives. were pushing plans today to apply to would work.

the Railroad Labor Board for an additional 10 per cent reduction in wages. The association rejected vesterday the and that the cut in rates had vir- except upon due notice.

Is President's Plan which said that concurrently with re-benefit of the reduction branch of the Order of Railway Coning railroad rates, except in so far as here. is reduction shall have been made in the meantime.

Reductions Already Made

Referring to the suggestion of the with a statement credited public group of the Labor Board that Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood the 12 per cent wage recrease granted in of Locomotive Engineers.

July be translated inmodifiedly into Mr. Stone was said to be in which freight rates are a small part of cost. For example, transportation charges add little to the price of watches or any other highly finished product.

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The Administration feels that the railroads made a grave mistake in not provided against the further accumularoads the wage reductions "allowed no

Labor Board gave them a reduction of 12½ per cent in wages. The labor unions were angered by the failure to the many collected officials here appeared by the failure to the collected officials here appeared by the failure to the collected officials here appeared by the failure to the collected officials here appeared by the failure to the collected officials here appeared by the failure to the collected of the collected officials here appeared by the failure to the collected of pass on to the public the benefits of peared convinced that the strike would become effective, and were preparing to

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about Government control, "the desir For the railroads it is said that they of all labor bodies, some part of the labor passed on to the public the benefits the problem of feeding and fucting coming to them from the July cut in New York in the event of a rail tin-up feial Association, whose 1020 member operate harbor leads and lighters ply ing between New York and New Jersey milroad terminals, would meet on No-vember I to decide on the question of joining the railroad men. The say they are affected by the railread

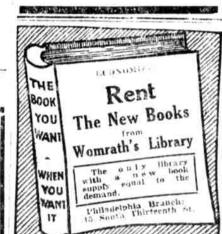
he entertained no apprehension regn-i-ing the ability of municipal authorities

# DIPLOMACY

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students and citizens generally to voluation this winter becomes acute. addition, 75,000 Pennsylvania men now on the inactive list would be called It is not known whether they

Bourse Appeals to Harding President Harding has been appealed proposal of the public group of the to by the Philadelphia Bourse for con-Railroad Labor Board that the rail- gressional action that would impose roads should immediately our freight upon the labor leaders restrictions sim-rates so that the shipper would get the liber to those now governing the car-full benefit of the wage out of July 1. Fiers. The Bourse maintains that the upon the labor leaders restrictions sim-It was asserted that the proposal was railroad men should not be free to leave based on a misapprehension of the facts the service in a body or at any time A strike has been voted for by

Determination to press immediately local branch of the Brotherhood of Fire-for the reduction was announced last men and Engineers, but the loca night by Thomas De Witt Cuyler, presi- Protherhood of Trainmen has vote sent of the association, in a statement against a strike. Its future action can shall, with the assent of the Interstate ductors has received scaled orders from Commerce Commission, he passed on to the public in the reduction of exist-result of their vote will not be known

C. H. Musser, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, 190%

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Fall Fractures Skull In coming down the stairs for dinner

at her home, 341 Washington avenue, last evening, Edna Jackson tripped and fell. She was removed to St. Agnes' Hospital, where she remained uncon-scious five hours, suffering from a frac-

phone wires." During the hearing it developed that a conversation was overheard on the tapped wires that Young needed a stenographer, and McCann sent five girls h Young's office, and Miss Enssler Leffer,

obtained the position, where she copie nearly all the letters written by memto Insurance Chief bers of the firm and handed them to McCann at the close of the day's bust-

Young, on the witness stand, doclaims that the operations of McCann and his men were conspiracy on the part of the large insurance companies tion." McLoughlin said Goldsmith told bim. "I was introduced to McCoun bim. "I was introduced to McCann office and that the whole affair was by Goldsmith and I tapped the teleunder cross examination, he admitted was also known under the name of

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