



CALL GENERAL RAILWAY STRIKE FOR SATURDAY

TRAINMEN PLAN TO QUIT WORK IF NOT GIVEN 8-HOUR DAY

Men in Freight Service Scheduled to Quit Work at Six O'clock in the Evening on Nine Eastern Roads, Managers of Great Transportation Lines Hear; Pennsylvania Men Told to Stop Work Next Monday Afternoon

PASSENGER TRAINMEN ON EVERY ROAD IN THE COUNTRY TO LAY OFF LATER

Action Said to Balance on Result of Conference to Be Held Thursday; Union Leaders Pessimistic As to Decision of United States Supreme Court; Chairmen of Minor Committees Claim Strike Order Has Not Been Issued

New York, March 13.—Information received by the National Conference Committee, composed of managers of the great railway systems and made public by that body to-day, indicates that the four employees' brotherhoods have completed arrangements for a progressive series of strikes to begin at six o'clock, eastern time, on Saturday night, if the conference on the eight-hour question held here Thursday, fails to reach a satisfactory agreement. The proposed strike program, according to this information, is as follows: "Saturday, six p. m.: Call out all trainmen in freight service on the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway, Louisville and Nashville and Seaboard Air Line. Such an order would involve 40,000 men. "Monday, March 19, 6 p. m.: Call out the freight trainmen on the Lehigh Valley, Lackawanna, Jersey Central, Pennsylvania, Long Island, Maine Central, Delaware and Hudson, Reading, and all other roads in the southeastern territory or extending to New York. "Tuesday, March 20, 6 p. m.: Call out all the freight trainmen in the northwestern group, including the Hill roads and all those centering at Chicago. "Wednesday, March 21, 6 p. m.: If the railroads still refuse to grant the men's terms, extend the strike to all other freight trainmen and call out the passenger trainmen on every road in the country."

TRAINMEN NOT TO TIE UP RAILWAYS IF WAR IS WAGED

Brotherhoods Tell President They Will Co-operate if Nation Faces Danger

Washington, March 13.—The railroad brotherhoods on March 7 wrote to President Wilson, it became known to-day, formally notifying him of the conference with the railroad representatives scheduled for March 15. In this letter the brotherhood leaders

BROTHERHOODS MUM CONCERNING GENERAL STRIKE

Sectional Meetings Being Held to Determine Course to Be Taken in Controversy

Washington, March 13.—Local railroad labor leaders from the southeast met here to-day to discuss the renewed demand for an eight-hour day to be presented to the railroads Thursday by chiefs of the four brotherhoods, and the advisability of calling an immediate general railway strike if the demand is refused. Next Saturday was the time men-

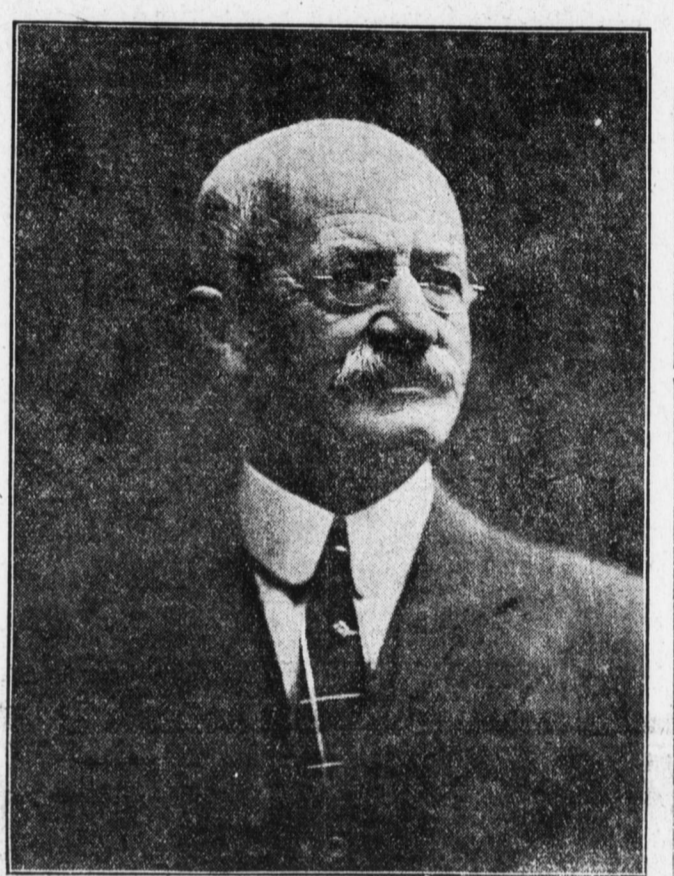
THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably rain or snow to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 28 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably snow in north, rain or snow in south portion to-night and Wednesday; moderate to fresh north and northwest winds. River The Juniata, North Branch and Upper West Branch and their tributaries will probably fall. The main river and the Lower West Branch will rise. At Harrisburg the west channel of the river is free of ice and the ice has partly disappeared from the east channel and will probably all go out soon. A stage of about 10.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning. General Conditions Pressure continues low over the North Atlantic coast and the Southwest and a new disturbance is moving in from the North Pacific. The Southwestern storm is now central over Oklahoma. Temperature: 8 a. m., 28 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 6:18 a. m. Moon: Rises, 11:31 p. m. River: Stage, 8.7 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 56. Lowest temperature, 39. Mean temperature, 42. Normal temperature, 56.

Greater Y.M.C.A. Planned by Board of Directors at Recognition Meeting

Sharp, decisive action marked the reorganization meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association held in the Association Building last evening. W. Grant Rauch, who resigned as treasurer at the annual meeting last month, and was elected to the board of directors, last evening resigned from the board and was elected to treasurer for the ensuing year vice J. Milley Jones, who declined to serve. W. P. Starkey, Charles W. Burnett and the Rev. James F. Bullitt were the three newly-elected directors who attended the meeting. J. William Bowman was prevented from attending by another engagement. Professor J. C. Shumberger was elected to the board to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Rauch's resignation. It was agreed that the first step in the rehabilitation of the Y. M. C. A. should be the selection of a general secretary to fill the place of Homer Black, who informed the board at the annual meeting that he was not a candidate for re-election. President Charles A. Kunkel appointed a committee of three to select a new secretary, subject to the approval of the board, and this committee will immediately take steps to fill the vacancy. In the meantime, Mr. Black will continue to serve in the capacity of temporary secretary.

HENRY HOUCK DIES AFTER FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE TO STATE



HENRY HOUCK, Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Secretary of Internal Affairs, Known Throughout Commonwealth as "Uncle Henry" Succumbs to Paralysis of the Heart a Week After Celebrating His Eighty-first Birthday Anniversary; Was First Man to Serve Three Terms in His Office

Lebanon, Pa., March 13.—Henry Houck, State Secretary of Internal Affairs, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning from paralysis of the heart at his home here. Although in failing health for some time, Mr. Houck was apparently in better health yesterday than for several days and his collapse at 7 o'clock in the evening was almost entirely unexpected. As late as yesterday afternoon he had enjoyed an automobile ride. The funeral services will be held in this city on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

News a Blow in Capitol News of the death of Secretary of Internal Affairs Henry Houck was received with expressions of regret at the State Capitol as he had been connected with the State government for fifty years and was known to every one in the building. Dr. Houck, who had previously served as superintendent of schools of Lebanon county, became attached to the Department of Public Instruction in 1867 and two years later was promoted to be deputy superintendent, which place he filled for thirty-eight years, resigning to become secretary of internal affairs. He was elected to that office in 1906 and was the first man to be elected for a third term, which began in 1915. As soon as word was received of his death the Department of Internal Affairs was closed and arrangements

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NEEDS OF PUPILS TO BE DISCUSSED BY PEDAGOGUES

Central Pennsylvania Association Will Confer on Athletic Requirements

Continuation, night and summer schools, athletic training, the Junior high school system, and the need of better athletic relations between high schools will be a few of the subjects for discussion at the eleventh annual conference of the Central Pennsylvania Schoolmasters' Association to be held in the Technical High School, on Saturday. J. L. Appenzeller, of Lebanon, is president of the association. Other officers are H. M. Corning, Newport, vice-president; J. F. Adams, Millers-

Police Unable to Account For Jewels and Gold in Possession of Small Boys

Small boys behaving peculiarly on the slightly elevated roof of the northern end of the city pumping station attracted the attention of Engineer Randolph Smith. He noticed gold and diamonds glittering in the sunlight and called to them to drop the articles. They fled, leaving a small marble bust, a necklace and a small gold cross behind. The boys were seen to jam several rings in their pockets as they ran. The police do not know where the jewelry came from as they have received no reports of any loss.

COUNTERFEITERS ARE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Ferry Gets Three and Half Years and Hornberger Six; True Bills Against Others

Seranton, Pa., March 13.—Joseph D. Ferry and Hornberger, both pleaded guilty to having made and passed counterfeit \$10 and \$20 federal bank reserve notes, in the United States Court here this morning. Ferry escaped with a term of three years and six months in the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga., while Hornberger must stay in the Atlanta prison for six years. Ferry is to pay a fine of \$500 and the costs of prosecution and Hornberger is to pay a fine of \$1,000 and the costs of prosecution. Mrs. Hannah M. Smith and Joseph Mealman, of Chambersburg, Pa., are here to stand trial on charges of having passed \$10 counterfeit bills. The Grand Jury returned true bills against both to-day.

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ODD FELLOWS INITIATE CLASS

Fountain Lodge, No. 1120, I. O. O. F., met last night in its rooms, in White Hall, 309 Verbeke street, and conferred the first degree upon five candidates. Next Monday night the second degree will be conferred on the same candidates. A delegation from Paxton Lodge, No. 621, of Dauphin, was present.

SECRET ORDERS GIVEN TO ARMED MERCHANT CRAFT

All Information Suppressed Concerning Guns and Equipment For U. S. Vessels

Washington, March 13.—Complete and definite instructions to the "armed guards" to be placed aboard American merchant craft bound through the German submarine zones have been completed by the Navy Department and approved by Secretary Lansing. They will be forwarded to the navy personnel aboard the merchant craft whenever the ships which are to be armed are ready to sail. The nature of the instructions will not be made public. They were carefully prepared by navy officials and then submitted to Secretary Lansing, at whose suggestion some amendment was made. It is planned not to broadcast the orders generally through the naval service, but to furnish the officer in command of the armed guards on each ship with a copy when his vessel is ready to sail. The Navy Department is making every effort to suppress all information regarding armed ships, such as sailing dates, the equipment put aboard by the navy, the personnel supplied to handle the guns or anything that might be of the slightest value to any enemy. It was said officially, however, that no conflict of jurisdiction between the ship master and the gun crews would arise.

COURT ADJUDGES HARRY K. THAW TO BE LUNATIC

Pittsburgher Cannot Be Taken to New York For Trial Under Ruling

Philadelphia, Pa., March 13.—Harry K. Thaw was to-day adjudged a lunatic by the common pleas court of this city and under the law can not be taken to New York on requisition to stand trial on charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., a high school student of Kansas City, Mo. Thaw will be kept in St. Mary's Hospital here pending his removal to a Pennsylvania asylum. The court's action was based on the report presented to-day by a lunacy commission which yesterday took the testimony of Thaw and his mother.

Take Over Thaw Estate Judge Martin appointed J. Dennis Lyon, a Pittsburgh banker, and Dr. Walter Riddle, the Thaw family physician in Pittsburgh, as a committee to take charge of Thaw's estate.

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LABOR UNIONS TO STAND BY NATION IN CASE OF WAR

Representatives of 3,000,000 Workers Loyal in Support to Uncle Sam's Needs

Washington, March 13.—Organized labor in America through its representatives in conference here last night offered its services to the country in every field of activity if, despite all endeavors and hopes, the United States should be drawn into war. The action was taken by unanimous vote of more than one hundred and fifty delegates from national and international trade unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and five unaffiliated organizations, including the great railroad brotherhoods. In all about three million American

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ICE MOVING OFF QUIETLY

The ice on the Susquehanna river is passing off gradually, according to the State Water Supply Commission. No danger is anticipated in the lower river sections even should a heavy rain occur, owing to the honeycombed condition of the ice.

MOTORIZED FIRE APPARATUS SOON TO BE REALITY

Council Approves Contract Awards as Specified by Commissioner Gross

Some of Equipment May Be in Service Within Month; Two Triple Pumps

Contracts for motorizing all remaining apparatus in the Harrisburg Fire Department were awarded by City Commissioner E. Z. Gross this morning, with the approval of Council. Formalities of furnishing bonds and rushing the orders to the big manufacturing company plants started this afternoon. Within thirty days it is expected the first of the additional motorized equipment will be in service. Contracts were awarded as follows: To the Front Drive Tractor Company, of Hoboken, three Christie

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England Takes American Mail Off Ship Flying United States Colors

New York, March 13.—Mail carried on an American ship, the Standard Oil tanker, John D. Archbold, was removed by the British authorities at the vessel, which arrived here to-day from Bergen, Norway. This is said to be the first time that a ship flying the American flag on the Atlantic has been denied the privilege of transporting mail from a foreign country, either neutral or belligerent.

The John D. Archbold, took out of Bergen 29 sacks of mail from Norway, Denmark and Sweden. The vessel followed the custom of other neutral ships by putting in at Halifax instead of Kirkwall. There she was detained three days, according to the officers, and all the mail taken off for examination. The tanker resumed her voyage without it.

TECH STUDENTS WANT ELECTIVE MILITARY ARM

Will Petition School Board to Recognize Training as Part of Course

U. S. WOULD SUPPLY GUNS Surveying Squad Then Would Make Army Maps of City and Nearby Country

Students at Tech who are interested in military discipline will petition the school board within the next week to make military training elective in the school curriculum. If the subject is recognized as a school study that may be elected another branch of the course, it is hoped that the recognition of the government will be secured. If this can be brought about, the entire equipment will be furnished by the government.

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PROVIDES SCALE INSPECTORS

J. W. Smith, Philadelphia, presented a bill authorizing the Secretary of Internal Affairs to appoint thirty-five inspectors of weights and measures at \$1,800 per year. The inspectors would be under control of the Chief of Standards and given broad powers of inspection. He also presented a bill forbidding attendance of any person under 18 years of age at any amusement place unless accompanied by an adult.

AUTO CODE BILL GOES IN A new codification of bills relative to automobiles, embodying a number heretofore presented this session, but not increasing license fees, was introduced by Mr. Mearkle, Allegheny, in the House to-day. Among its provisions is that keepers of garages shall preserve a record of all cars stored, whether for an hour or a week.

"WHEN A GIRL LOVES" CANCELED

The engagement of "When a Girl Loves" at the Orpheum to-night and to-morrow has been canceled, as the company was transferred from Altoona to Chicago Saturday night. "Alone At Last" will appear at the Orpheum Friday.

NO COMPROMISE ON RAILWAYS

NEW YORK, MARCH 13.—THE RAILROAD TODAY TOOK THE POSITION THAT EVEN IF THEY ARE THREATENED WITH A STRIKE THAT THEY WILL NOT COMPROMISE ON THE QUESTION OF AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

LOOK FOR GREAT WAR DRIVE The Franco-Belgian front is bristling with military activity. All reports indicate preparations for operations on a large scale. When the blow will come and where it will fall, however, are still matters of speculation. Reports are that the Germans are massing great numbers of troops behind a secret barrier along the Belgian-Dutch frontier.

NO AMBASSADORSHIP FOR McCORMICK Harrisburg.—Vance C. McCormick denied to-day he will be appointed ambassador to Japan to succeed the late Ambassador Guthrie. "There is nothing to it," he said.

KILLS WOMAN AND SELF Camden, N. J., March 13.—Charles Steelman, a Philadelphia barber, to-day shot and killed Mrs. Anna McCoy, a widow with whom he was infatuated, wounded the woman with whom Mrs. McCoy boarded and then committed suicide. The latter's adopted daughter escaped injury by hiding in a closet.

MINE CODE DENOUNCED Harrisburg.—Representatives of the three anthracite districts of the mine workers union denounced the mine code bill at a hearing at the Capitol this afternoon. They pronounced it a "one man bill." Gifford Pinchot is here to-day attending a water conservation conference.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Emery Miller, Bear Valley, and Katie H. Straub, Klinterstown, Bloomsburg.