



STRIKE DECISION HANGS IN BALANCE

LABOR CHIEFS AND MANAGERS ARE AT ODDS

Critical International Situation Used by Both Sides as a Reason For Other to Submit; President Wilson Expected to Make Appeal to Men and Magnates as a Last Resort; Corporations Confident Employees Will Remain Loyal Despite Brotherhoods' Denial

New York, March 15.—With no announcement as to whether an agreement had been reached, the joint conference to-day between the four chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad managers to consider the demands of the brotherhoods for an immediate settlement of the eight-hour controversy, adjourned after an hour's discussion until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

W. G. Lee, spokesman for the brotherhoods, said that in the meantime no statement of what had occurred at the conference would be made by either side.

It was learned, however, that the adjournment was taken to give time for the managers to consider in separate session the ultimatum presented by the chiefs threatening a strike unless their demands were complied with. The managers were to give their answer at 4 o'clock.

The critical international situation was said to be the most important factor in the conference of railroad labor chiefs and railroad managers that met here to-day to prevent, if possible, a national strike. Both sides use it as an argument, and it is expected that if the conference fails to achieve its purpose President Wilson will appeal to employes and employers to settle their differences on the same ground.

The 400,000 railroad brotherhood men, according to their spokesman, W. G. Lee, are determined to get the eight-hour day now because should war come patriotism would make them feel obliged to stay at work.

"We feel confident," says a statement issued by the managers, "that the patriotism and loyalty of our men will not countenance any rash movement which may seriously embarrass the government and give the impression outside our border that this country is torn by industrial strife and therefore is easy prey to any foreign foe."

"It is too late for them to now pose as patriots, hoping thereby to defeat the just contentions of their employes," says a statement issued by the brotherhood leaders in answer to this appeal.

The railroad managers entered the conference with the declaration that they would make no bargain until the Supreme Court had ruled on the constitutionality of the Adamson law. The brotherhoods insist that the provisions of the Adamson law be put into effect at once as of January 1. They demand ten hours' pay for eight hours' work and pro rata pay for all overtime. The important difference between these demands and those submitted last December when the railroad situation first reached a crisis is that the latter called for time and a half pay for overtime work.

The position of the employes when the conferences opened was that if these demands were not granted a strike would begin next Saturday night and extend through the country with in the next three weeks.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Friday, not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Friday; moderate west and northwest winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall, except the Middle West Branch, which will probably rise somewhat. A stage of about 7.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning. General Conditions The storm from the Southwest was central over the St. Lawrence Valley, Wednesday morning, is passing down the St. Lawrence Valley, and that from the North Pacific that was over Utah yesterday, is now central over New Mexico. These two disturbances are separated by a ridge of high pressure extending from Manitoba and Saskatchewan southward to the South Atlantic coast. Lake Region and Ohio river eastward to the Atlantic coast in the last twenty-four hours and precipitation, mostly snow, occurred generally over the Pacific slope, except in Northern California, Oregon and Washington. There were scattered showers in Alabama and Southern Florida.

BRITISH DRIVES FORCE TEUTONS AND TURKS BACK

Russ Also Press Closely on Heels of Sultan's Retiring Armies

With the exception of the notable German retirement on the Franco-Belgian front, which, whether voluntarily or forced, is still continuing, the most interesting military movements at present in progress are those in Western Persia and Mesopotamia.

Disorganized by their defeats at Kut-el-Amara and before Bagdad the Turkish forces in that section of Mesopotamia are retreating up the

ENGLAND TAKES LAND London, March 15.—For the use of encampments and other military purposes 150,000 acres of land have been taken over in England by the military authorities. Buildings on these lands, valued at 2,500,000 pounds, have also been commandeered.

Status of Threatened Railway Strike Today

Conference is called for 11 A. M. to-day at the Grand Central Terminal. President Wilson, it is announced, is amazed at the proposal of a Nation-wide strike at this crisis, and expects every possible effort to be made for a peaceful settlement. Neither side shows signs of yielding. The train brotherhood chiefs, representing over 350,000 men, now have a modified demand for an eight-hour day with pro rata pay for overtime. The original demand, in March, 1916, included time and a half for overtime. The "reasonable time" for the United States Supreme Court to consider and pass on the Adamson law expired March 5. The proposed strike would start next Saturday night at 6, on the New York Central, Erie, Baltimore and Philadelphia & Reading lines and involving freight service only; extending Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading lines and involving on Wednesday all passenger trainmen.

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ITTNER ENDORSED BY GEO. E. KESSLER, NOTED ARCHITECT

Municipal League Gives Out Letter Backing Up Citizens' Committee Action

The Municipal League, which has been conducting a thorough investigation into the merits of William B. Ittner, the St. Louis architect, selected by the special citizens' committee of the school board to design the new high schools to be built in Harrisburg under the \$1,250,000 loan authorized last November, to-day made public a letter of endorsement from George E. Kessler, of St. Louis, highly recommending Mr. Ittner. Mr. Kessler is head of the firm of George E. Kessler & Co., and himself an architect of wide reputation. The letter follows:

Mr. J. Horace McFarland, Harrisburg, Pa. My Dear Mr. McFarland:—Mr. Wm. B. Ittner of St. Louis, is responsible for the best school buildings in St. Louis and for very many others in other cities in the West and South. Only recently, among many other consultation tasks as well as direct control, Mr. Ittner has been doing important work in Texas. If you care for it, I will be glad to obtain from Mr. Ittner's office a little more definite history which has been referred to in the cities in which he has been active. His work here is so pronouncedly good that it has led to a universal recognition of his splendid capacity. Your people cannot make a mistake in using Mr. Ittner in connection with your school designs in Harrisburg. Very sincerely yours, (Signed) GEO. E. KESSLER, Mr. Kessler is one of the foremost

RUSSIAN CITIES IN TURMOIL OF REVOLT

A successful revolution has taken place in Russia, according to advices received through Berlin to-day, embodying, which it is stated, to be an official report issued in Petrograd.

The lead in the movement, according to dispatches, was taken by the Duma, which refused to accept a dissolution order, continued its sittings and organized a provisional government headed by M. Rodzianko, president of the Duma.

The Imperial ministers, the advices state, were dismissed and locked up. The people of Petrograd and the troops there, numbering 30,000, are declared to have supported the revolutionists who hold complete possession of the capital. Order is said to have been nearly restored by yesterday, the third day of the revolution.

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MT. GRETTA TO BE FINEST CAMP SITE IN WHOLE NATION

Find \$160,000 Appropriation Available For Improvement Work

Plans whereby an appropriation of \$160,000 made for the encampment of the National Guard of Pennsylvania last year but not used because of the Guardsmen being called into federal service, can be reapportioned to convert Mt. Gretna into one of the finest camps in the country, will be worked out by Governor Brumbaugh and

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THREE LAWS FOR BEAUTIFICATION OF PARK NEEDED

Legislative Enactments Required For Improvement of Capitol Zone

Three Legislative enactments will be required, in all probability, before the work can be started on the preliminary improvement of the Capitol Park extension zone under the "Brumbaugh program," which calls for a scheme of beautification which will make Capitol Park the center of the municipal park

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HARRISBURGERS GIVE VIEWS ON PREPAREDNESS

Representative Citizens Explain How They Stand on Universal Military Training

Believing the subject of Universal Military Training at this menacing time is of vital importance and interest to every one, THE HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH is obtaining interviews with scores of prominent residents. Everyone between the ages of 19 and 45 years is affected by either the Chamberlain bill which provides six months' training at the age of nineteen years, or the General Army Staff recommendation which calls for

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U-BOAT RESULTS DISAPPOINTING TO THE GERMANS

Review of Six Weeks of Unrestricted Sea Warfare Shows Small Gain

London, March 15.—The Associated Press has been placed in possession of a review of the first six weeks of the German unrestricted submarine campaign. The figures given are from the Board of Trade reports, and the conclusions are those of a highly competent authority. "The German submarine campaign, reported to have assumed enhanced vigor on February 1, must be singu-

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FASHION SHOW USHERS SALE IN WITH BIG RUSH

Continuous Stream of Shoppers Buying Latest Styles at the Stores

Ushered in by the fashion show last night, the three-day spring sale in the stores of the city started this morning with a rush. Stores and shops were thronged with a continu-

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ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ROBBING COTTAGES

Demetrius Eger, of Altoona, was brought here last night by the state police. He is charged with robbing cottages at Marysville. Eger will be turned over to the Marysville authorities.

ARNOLD WILL MAKE SURVEY OF LOCAL TRACTION PROBLEM

Suggestion of The Harrisburg Telegraph to Get Traffic Expert of Wide Renown Here Followed by Railways Company; Selection Endorsed by Chamber of Commerce Head; Chicago Man Acquainted With Municipal Hopes and Aims

Upon the recommendation President David E. Tracy, of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, the Harrisburg Railways Company, has engaged Blon J. Arnold, of Chicago, to make a thorough investigation of street car conditions in Harrisburg with full power to recommend such reforms and changes as may give "the people of the city the best possible service. This is in accord with the suggestion made by THE HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH some weeks ago.

Mr. Arnold is a street car and traffic expert of international reputation. He was selected both because of his work elsewhere and by reason of his knowledge of Harrisburg, he having been the engineer engaged by the Municipal League some years ago to report on street conditions in the heart of the city. He has made street railway surveys in many of the largest cities of the United States and has worked out many knotty problems in traffic situations far more complicated than those he will meet here.

Tracy Praises Arnold "I think the choice of Mr. Arnold, a man of national reputation, a splendid one," said President Tracy to-day. "It insures a good, fair and impartial investigation of street car conditions in Harrisburg. Mr. Arnold's previous connection with municipal improvements here, well qualify him for the work.

"Results of the survey will be given to the public immediately after its conclusion. The railways company is to be commended for the manner in which it has accepted the suggestion for the survey."

Wants to Know the Truth "We want the views of an outside expert on the problems of the Harrisburg Railways Company," said President Frank E. Musser to-day, "and we believe with the Chamber of Commerce that Mr. Arnold is the best qualified man in the country to give the people what they want. The company has asked him to give a full, complete and impartial report of his findings. The company wants to give the people the best service possible, and it believes this can be best done through the suggestions of a man of Mr. Arnold's caliber, uninfluenced as he is by any local circumstances. We are not unacquainted with some of the conditions which have met with criticism, but we lay no claim to being all-wise and we confess to being at a loss as to just how they should be corrected.

"The people are entitled to the best the company can give them, and it is our instruction to Mr. Arnold that he frame his report with that in view. If some things are not right in Harrisburg we want them corrected in accordance with the best practices of street railway companies elsewhere."

Quick Action Expected Mr. Arnold wired his acceptance to-day and will send his advance representatives to the city in a few days. The work will be comprehensive and may extend over a period of a month or six weeks. Local conditions will be surveyed from every possible angle and the expert's report in full will be given to the public as soon as it is made.

TRAINMEN PROPOSE COMPROMISE

CHICAGO, MARCH 15.—IT WAS SAID HERE THIS AFTERNOON BY ONE IN A POSITION TO KNOW, THAT THE RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD'S PROPOSITION CALLS FOR AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY WITH PAY ONLY FOR NINE HOURS INSTEAD OF TEN AS ORIGINALLY DEMANDED. IT WOULD BE A PROPORTIONATE RATE WHERE PAY IS BASED ON MILEAGE MADE. THE SAME AUTHORITY SAID THAT THE MANAGERS PROBABLY WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSITION.

BRITISH TAKE CANADIAN WHEAT

Ottawa, March 15.—The government has received word that the Canadian Council of Agriculture, meeting at Regina, has decided that the whole wheat crop of Canada shall be taken for the British government.

London, March 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of a supplementary vote of credit for 64,000,000 pounds sterling the exchequer, to-day introduced in the House of Commons for the current year.

ROBERT MCCREATH FINED

Robert McCreath, of the firm of McCreath & Sons, was fined \$10 this afternoon for violating a city ordinance. He narrowly averted striking ex-Mayor John K. Royal at Second and Pine, yesterday afternoon.

FRUSTRATES BURGLAR

Harrisburg.—I. B. Swartz, a lawyer, Twenty-first and Main streets, Penbrook, last night frustrated an attempt to break into his home. Mr. Swartz and his daughter, Sarah, were seated in their home, reading behind a drawn shade, and the thief not seeing the light attempted to break into the house, through the front door. The house-breaker had fled by the time Mr. Swartz reached the door.

M. E. TO WORK FOR LOCAL OPTION

Philadelphia, March 15.—Bishop Henderson appointed the Rev. William Banford, of St. Luke's Church; the Rev. Amos Johnson, of Stroudsburg, Pa., and the Rev. W. A. Ferguson of Simpson Memorial Church, a committee to represent the conference at the local option hearing in Harrisburg next Wednesday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Thomas Samuel Wagner and Blanche Augusta Long, Union Deposit. Raymond Carl Ase, Pittsburg, and Ruth Elizabeth Robbins, Harrisburg. James Donald Carpenter and Isabel Adriance Ryder, Harrisburg.