



STRIKE CALLED AT BETHLEHEM CO.'S PLANTS

Order Issued Today Is to Become Effective Monday Morning, 6 O'clock

STEELTON IS INCLUDED General Manager Says Operations Will Continue, With Work For All

Pittsburgh, Sept. 27.—The National Committee for organizing iron and steel workers at a meeting here to-day ordered a general strike in the plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company to become effective next Monday morning at 6 o'clock.

Secretary William Z. Foster, of the committee, in announcing the strike, said that between 40,000 and 50,000 men were expected to be affected. He asserted the Bethlehem plants were among the best organized in the country.

Consider Reply The committee with John Fitzpatrick, chairman, present, met in a special session to consider the reply of E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, to the union's demand for a conference.

Mr. Grace in his reply said that he would not grant a conference to the union and that he would not abandon the present system of collective bargaining with employees, which was adopted by the company during the war.

According to Mr. Foster the Bethlehem workers had sent a communication to the meeting here declaring that they were solidly behind the union and ready to walk out.

He said that the committee was practically unanimous in issuing the strike order.

Ship Plants Not Affected The shipping plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company will not be affected Mr. Foster said, as they are working under union agreement.

The plants affected by the strike order are Steelton, Reading, Lebanon, Tittusville, South Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, and Sparrows Point, Md.

The strike order was immediately telegraphed to the Bethlehem Steel workers' representatives. Plans were also made to rush organizers into the new strike zone to aid in handling the situation.

In calling the Bethlehem strike the committee adjourned to meet again late to-day, when the matter of a conference with the heads of the railroad brotherhoods will be taken up. Other important matters pertaining to the strike will also receive the committee's attention, Mr. Foster said.

Gabriel H. Moyer Is National P. O. S. of A. Head

Reading, Pa., Sept. 27.—A special dispatch to this city to-day from Jacksonville, Fla., where the national convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America is in session, announces that the next national convention will be held in Allentown, Pa. The meeting to-day was organized in Allentown in 1872.

The election of officers by the convention resulted in four Pennsylvanians being honored with the national offices. Gabriel H. Moyer, Fallstown, a past state president of Pennsylvania, was elected national president. Mr. Moyer was leader in the organization for many years.

STEARNS FROM JAIL Scranton, Pa., Sept. 27.—Burglars broke into the borough jail at Taylor yesterday and stole five slot machines from a cell.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer to-night. Sunday fair and warmer. Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night, slightly warmer in north and west portions. Sunday fair, warmer. Gentle northeast and east winds.

HOUSEWIVES TO AID STATE IN LOWERING HIGH PRICES

Survey form for housewives to provide information on market prices and shopping habits. Includes questions about where they buy, what they buy, and how they pay.

INQUIRY FOR CONSUMERS

DEADLOCK ENDS FIRST WEEK OF STEEL STRIKE

Plant Officials Confident That Next Week Will See End of Trouble

The first week of the great steel strike ended to-day with the situation a virtual deadlock, while both sides waited with keen anticipation for Monday, when a crucial test will be afforded of the claims of the opponents' respective strength.

Hold Two as Result of Invoking Spiritualism in Mysterious Murder

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 27.—Spiritualism has been resorted to in an endeavor to solve the mysterious murder of Robin J. Cooper, prominent attorney, and upon testimony of Gabriele Hansen, psycho-analytical detective, Dennis Metcalf, Cooper's gardener, and Nora Lee, negro cook, have been held for the grand jury after a preliminary hearing.

MORE DAYLIGHT, IS THEIR PLEA

Two more companies have lined themselves up with the already large throng petitioning City Council to pass the daylight-saving ordinance and give Harrisburg toilers an opportunity for recreation in the light after their hours of work.

All Phases of Marketing Conditions to Be Ascertained Through Co-operation of Consumers; Unnecessary Waste or Expense to Be Eliminated

First steps in the movement of the new State Bureau of Markets to find out the facts in the marketing conditions, the facilities and the supplies in Pennsylvania cities from the standpoint of the housewife will be taken in Harrisburg next week.

Each housewife will be sent a questionnaire which asks as to the proximity of markets, why a market is patronized instead of retail stores, what percentage of fruits and vegetables used from May to November are bought at markets, how the prices have been running, whether delivery costs much, how much of the family food is ordered from stores, over the telephone, carried home or delivered, whether hucksters come to the doors and whether any effort is made the night before going to market to ascertain the current prices.

Guy C. Smith, the director of the bureau of markets, who has planned this survey of the cities of the State, has asked that the public cooperate to bring out all phases of the subject so that there will be something to hand upon which to base conclusions. "During the last few weeks," says he, "a great many statements have been made regarding the high cost of living. Farmers and distributors have been blamed as profiteers. The fact is that many of the statements have been made without a knowledge of the facts regarding the distribution of produce and our sole purpose in making this survey is to bring those facts before the public.

General Fair With Pleasant Temperature

Washington, Sept. 27.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: North and Middle Atlantic States: Generally fair indicated with pleasant temperature.

ADELINA PATTI, LONG QUEEN OF SINGERS, DIES

Primadonna For Forty Years Is Reputed to Have Left Estate of Millions

London, Sept. 27.—Adelina Patti, the prima donna, died this morning at Craig-y-Nos Castle, Pembrokeshire, south Wales.

Pitched Battle Between Strikers and Loyal Men Rages in Brooklyn

New York, Sept. 27.—A pitched battle between strikers and loyal workers of the De Haven Manufacturing Company, in Brooklyn, today in which shots were fired and missiles hurled resulted in the injury of three men and the arrest of others after a riot call had been sent to the police.

BANK ROBBERED OF \$10,000

Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 27.—The First National Bank at Hollsopple, Somerset county, was robbed last night of Liberty Bonds and other valuables to the extent of \$10,000. The robbers gained entrance by sawing window bars and the theft was discovered when the bank opened to-day.

MARYSVILLE ALL AGLLOW TODAY IN BIG CELEBRATION

Town and Township in Perry County Gather to Greet Those Out of War

BALL GAME AT START

Marysville, Pa., Sept. 27.—With every one of her sons excepting the few registered in the Regular Army home again, Marysville and Rye township are to-day welcoming again to their firesides some 150 men and women who were enrolled in some branch of the United States forces.

Some of the men still in Army service are expected home during the day for at least a portion of the events, which are to continue tomorrow. Yesterday two of the men first to leave Marysville after the declaration of war, arrived home.

The big event of the day as far as the former fighters are concerned is the big "feed" to be served this evening in the banquet room at Masonic Temple. The veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars were banqueted at noon to-day, members of the Marysville branch of the American Red Cross being in charge.

A half-portion of chicken was served each of the veterans. A menu, bearing not the least resemblance to the Army chow to which the men were accustomed

Rumor of Imminent Civil War Is Causing Great Alarm in Rome

Rome, Thursday, Sept. 25.—Alarmist reports are current in this city, one of them being that a civil war is imminent. On one side would be ranged the Nationalist and Militarist factions, which would be opposed by the Socialists. Several generals are credited with the intention of heading the Militarist government, with a view of controlling the country, it being said that they believe the weakness of those in power since the armistice caused the present deadlock.

All Quiet in Strike in Local Plant of Pipe Bending Firm

Three departments of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company have been at a standstill as a result of the strike of workmen, called on Thursday. These departments are the steel plant and the blooming and rolling mills.

President Is Resting Comfortably as Train Speeds to Washington

On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Sept. 27.—The speaking tour for the Peace Treaty interrupted by illness and exhaustion, President Wilson was well along on his journey back to Washington to-day, to take a complete rest on the order of his physician.

WIDELY-KNOWN R. R. MAN DIES AFTER ILLNESS

J. T. Balsley, Former Trainmaster and Resident of City, Suffered Breakdown

John Thornton Balsley, retired trainmaster of the Pennsylvania railroad died this morning at his home in Narberth, near Philadelphia. He is survived by a widow, two brothers, William H., division operator for the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona, Charles B., of Waltham, Mass., and one sister Mrs. Katharine Moyer, Narberth.

MINERS AND OPERATORS TO CONFERENCE

Hazleton.—The presidents of the three anthracite districts of the United Mine Workers, together with John L. Lewis, acting international president of the miners union, will confer in Philadelphia on Monday with a committee of hard coal operators as to the sixteenth demand of the recent tri-district convention of mine workers at Wilkes-Barre, calling for a continuation of the terms of the present supplemental agreements until March 31, 1920.

WILL TRY TO REOPEN MILL

Youngstown.—Following a canvass of employes as they received their pay to-day officials of the Ohio Works of the Carnegie Steel Company here announced that an attempt will be made on Monday to reopen the mill.

MIGHTY HOST WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO VETERANS DURING WELCOME HOME

Home Coming Program SUNDAY AFTERNOON

3.00—Community singing by assembling crowd on Island, led by Mrs. Florence Ackley Ley, accompanied by band.

3.30—World War service men and women, escorted by committee of 125 in charge of the welcome home, Mayor, Councilmen and bands, meet in Court of Honor and parade to the Island.

4.00—Services on Island; invocation by Bishop McDevitt; address by Governor Sprout; presentation of bronze medals by Mayor Keister; official citations by Mayor Mahan; memorial address by the Rev. Mr. Hanson; presentation of posthumous awards to families of Harrisburg dead in the war.

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2.00—Parade of service men and women, escorted by veterans of former wars, with G. A. R. in automobiles; all men who have been in the service will be in this parade.

2.30—Game on the Island, between the Klein Chocolate Company and the Washington Americans; admission free to men in uniform and their girls.

6.00—Dinner in River Front Park for the service men and women. MONDAY EVENING 8.30—Dance in the Court of Honor for civilians; dance in the City Grays' Armory for the colored veterans; dances in Winterdale and Chestnut Street Auditorium for the white veterans.

All theaters open free to the service men and their girls during the day and evening.

Do Not Forget to Deliver Your Promised Cakes to River Park

All persons who promised to furnish cakes for the soldiers' dinner on Monday evening are requested by Mrs. George E. Etter, chairman of the cake committee, to deliver them to the Civic Club by noon on Monday, or at River Front Park not later than 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the celebration on Monday denied the rumor which has been circulated that each soldier would be charged twenty-five cents for the dinner. No such charge will be made.

DECORATE! Officials Arranging for the Celebration and Reception to be Given in Honor of the Soldiers to-morrow and Monday to-day Urged Everyone in the City to Decorate their Homes and Places of Business

"All Ready" reported the busy staff of Harrisburg citizens which have been working night and day for the past three weeks to make Harrisburg's welcome home to its service men and women to-morrow and Monday one of the greatest celebrations that has ever been staged in the city. Reports from the chairman of the various committees received at headquarters in the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce offices this morning, assure the success of the event, for every chairman has thoroughly completed his job, and promises that everything in his department of the huge demonstration will work on schedule time.

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LLOYD-GEORGE SCORES RAILWAY STRIKERS

London.—"The precipitancy of this action gives the impression of a deliberate and matured intention on the part of some individuals to seek a quarrel at any cost," said Premier Lloyd-George in a statement to-day on the nation-wide railway strike.

ADMITS BLOWING UP CANADIAN BRIDGE

Jersey City.—Werner Horn admitted before James G. Campbell, Jr., United States commissioner, here to-day that he blew up the Canadian Pacific railroad bridge over the St. Croix river in McAdam Park, N. B., February 2, 1915, but insisted that it was a military act, committed in a hostile country during war time.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emory Sheesley, Lykens, and Lizzie O. Shiley, Wiconisco; Martin Hoffman and Katherine Brown, Steelton; Robert E. Lightner, Summerdale, and Anna M. Charleston, Newville; George S. Mahon and Esther O. Fors, Hershey; Charles H. Martin and Mary E. Trostle, Harrisburg.