

N. Y. CENTRAL WAGE CUT BEFORE LABOR BOARD WEDNESDAY

Unskilled Workers Carry Proposed Reduction Before Federal Body.

CONFERENCES FAILED

Hearings Involving Nineteen Small Roads Are Set for April 4 and 5.

WAGE ALREADY REDUCED

Employees Bring Disputed Matters Up on Appeal From Railroad.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Proposed wage reductions for unskilled labor on the New York Central lines will be considered by the Railroad Labor Board at a hearing on March 30, it was announced today. At conferences between representatives of the road and of the employees recently no agreement was reached on a wage cut and the dispute was referred, under the transportation act, to the board.

Two other hearings, involving nineteen small roads, will be held on April 4 and 5, it was also announced. These roads already have reduced wages and the disputes were brought to the board by the employees. The defendant roads for the April 4 hearing include Atlantic, Chesapeake and Eastern, Cornwall, De Queen and Eastern, Northampton and Bath, Northwestern South Carolina, Patuxent and Back River, South Georgia and Texas, Oklahoma and Eastern.

The roads involved in the April 6 hearing are Atlanta and St. Andrew's Bay; Boyne City, Gaylord and Alpena; Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal; Butler County; Canton, Georgia and Florida; Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England; and Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

OPEN SHOP AND LABOR INJUNCTIONS ATTACKED

'Interests' Accused by Civic Liberties Union.

"The National Anti-Labor Campaign" was the subject discussed yesterday at a luncheon of the American Liberties Union in Alhambra, 143 East Seventeenth street, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Robert Minor and Prof. Harry F. Ward were the speakers.

Prof. Ward, who is chairman of the organization, said the campaign for an open shop is an attack on civil liberties by which it is sought to take from labor the right to organize. He charged the "financial interests" are behind the move, and he attacked the courts for granting injunctions against picketing by strikers.

Minor discussed the West Virginia mine war, closing with the statement that the conflict between the coal companies and the workers "would necessarily continue." Miss Flynn spoke on the approaching trial of Sacco and Vanzetti in Boston on a charge of murder. She said the authorities had "trumped up the criminal charges to get the men out of the way."

COURT UPHOLDS A. B. A. RECEIVER IN STRIKE

Unions Withdraw From Wage Hearing in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, March 26.—Striking employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic Railroad withdrew from the wage hearing in Federal court here today after Judge Sibley had ruled that the receiver of the railroad should not discharge 900 men employed to replace union men on strike.

"There is nothing for us to gain here," declared Val Fitzpatrick, chairman of the joint brotherhood committee, as he and the other union men left the courtroom.

Earlier in the session counsel for the railroad declined to consider a proposal of the union men that they would call off the strike immediately and accept the wage reduction if the strikers were permitted to return to work in a body and at their former status, provided the court would appoint expert auditors to examine the company's books to ascertain if it is able to pay wages on the old basis. Representatives of the railroad declared 900 men had been employed since the strikers left their jobs and these men could not be discharged.

JAMES C. DAVIS NAMED TO DIRECT RAILROADS

Appointed by President to Succeed John B. Payne.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—James C. Davis of Iowa, former general counsel of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, was appointed Director General of the Railroad Administration by President Harding today to succeed John Barton Payne, who has held the post during the past year in addition to the duties of Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Davis, who is now serving as the Railroad Administration's general counsel, will assume charge as Director Monday. At the same time he will succeed Mr. Payne as agent of the President in legal suits growing out of Government operation of the railways. The double designation is made necessary by a technicality of law.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. Davis the White House made public a letter written by President Harding to the retiring Railroad Director and Secretary of the Interior expressing appreciation for the latter's services. "I cannot allow this action to pass," wrote Mr. Harding, "without conveying to you my gratitude for the signal service you have rendered the country, not only in the important work you have done in connection with the administration of the railways but also your notable contributions to the Government service in one of the most difficult periods of our history. I am quite sure the country shares the gratitude which I so willingly express."

APPEAL TO RAIL LABOR BOARD

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 26.—It was agreed today at a conference between representatives of unskilled labor and officials of the Ontario and Western Railroad that the question of reducing wages from 45 cents an hour to 25 cents an hour should be placed before the United States Railroad Labor Board in Chicago for a decision. Representatives of unskilled labor held out for the present rates of pay.

MARINE ENGINEERS CONFER ON WAGES

Labor Conciliator Hopes to Get Cut Reconsidered.

A conference between Thomas B. Healy, executive chairman of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, and Dr. George J. Davis, a deputy conciliator of the Department of Labor at Washington, continued yesterday at the Hotel Continental on the adjustment of the wage issue which caused a one day strike of engineers on coastwise towboats. It lasted four hours. Afterward Dr. Davis said he was hopeful of bringing the two sides together and that he might be able to hold a joint meeting of union men and towboat operators on Wednesday next.

Owing to the fact that the operators are scattered along the coast Dr. Davis said he had been unable to communicate with enough of them to state the possible reception of the suggestion he will make for reconsideration of the proposed wage cut.

Last night Dr. Davis met with members of the Long Island Sound Tugboat Association at 15 Whitehall street. Three members of the association, it was said, agreed to maintain the present scale of wages, but requested that before the discussion went further there should be a conference with members of the New England Barge and Tugboat Association.

THREE EXPRESS CASES WILL BE DROPPED

Government Will Complete Evidence To-morrow.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, March 26.—Assistant District Attorney Powers announced today that he would not press cases against three and possibly five of the fifty-three persons on trial on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government of \$1,000,000 in express shipments.

Mr. Powers said he would require possibly one hour Monday morning to finish the Government's case, and at the end of that time he will ask that certain cases be dismissed.

Leading counsel for the defense and attorney for thirty-one of the defendants stated yesterday that he would examine 100 witnesses, and expects to take four weeks for presentation of his side. The jury continues to be closely guarded, but is permitted to see motion picture shows and to take walks.

ORGANIZING HOBO ARMY.

James Eads How Prepares for March on Washington.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 26.—James Eads How, known as "the millionaire hobo," who is engaged in forming an "army" of unemployed here, declared today that it was probable that a big delegation soon would walk on President Harding and request that work on Government projects be hastened to provide more jobs.

He said the delegation, which would go to Washington, would travel afoot, picking up unemployed on the route and that it might number several thousand before it reached Washington.

COMMISSION FOR IRVIN COBB.

LOUISVILLE, March 26.—Irvin Shrevebory Cobb, better known as Irvin S. Cobb, noted humorist and lecturer, who served his native State with distinction as a Colonel on the staff of Gov. A. O. Stanley, has been nominated for a commission at his former rank.

CONSUMER BLAMED FOR COAL SLUMP

Hope for Lower Prices Seems Vain, Says Report of Geological Survey.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Consumers and not the railroads, the operators or the miners are responsible for present depression in the bituminous coal industry, Dr. George Otis Smith, director, and F. G. Tryon, coal statistician of the Geological Survey, declared in a statement issued here to-night.

A policy of "buy only as needed" is being pursued, dangerously, by bituminous consumers, the Geological Survey statement says. Empty coal bins will be the result, it was said, should a sudden industrial upturn develop, as in such an event the mines would be unable to produce and the railroads unable to carry sufficient coal.

Reports of bituminous production this month, the statement said, show constant declines, 6,525,000 tons being the production for the week ending March 12 as contrasted with a weekly production of around 12,000,000 tons several months ago. During the first week of the present month 2,000 soft coal mines reported to the Geological Survey, an average employment of only 15 out of a possible 48 hours. Only a few hours were lost at a few mines, it was said, because of car shortage and but little because of local strikes in Missouri and Kansas.

CORN PRODUCTS PLANT CLOSED FOR A WEEK

Slack Business Given as Reason for Shutdown.

CHICAGO, March 26.—The Corn Products Refining Company at Argo, Ill., today closed its grinding plant for one week because of slack business. It was announced at the local offices of the company by F. M. Sayre, general manager.

The company employs more than 2,000 men in the Argo plant and is one of the largest corn products refining companies in the world.

The order affects only the Argo plant, according to Mr. Sayre. He did not know whether similar action would be taken in the company's plants at Edgewater, N. J., and other places.

"The business depression has hit us the same as it has hit other concerns," said Mr. Sayre. "We are stopping all grinding, although we will maintain office forces and keep men at work in certain other branches of the plant."

"We are unable to maintain our present overhead so we will shut down the main section of the plant and maintain only the forces necessary to continue business."

The plants at Argo have been operating on a four day a week basis since the first of the year, Mr. Sayre said, adding that the matter had been explained to the satisfaction of the employees and that he expected no labor trouble over the shutdown.

PAINTERS ACCEPT WAGE CUT.

BINGHAMTON, March 26.—The union painters of this city are the first of the trade organizations to accept a cut in wages. It was announced today that he men had agreed to accept a reduction of 15 cents an hour, accepting employment at 75 cents instead of 90 cents an hour, the wage scale that had previously prevailed up to the present time.

URGE BUILDING TRADES CUT.

Indiana Contractors Suggest Wage Scale Reduction.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—Recommendation that building craftsmen accept a reduction of from 15 to 20 per cent in wages has been made by the general labor committee of the Associated Building Contractors of Indiana. It was announced here today.

Following the announcement, Charles W. Kern, president of the State Building Trades Council, declared the executive board of the council at a recent meeting held there was no justification for such a decrease. At that meeting, it was pointed out, some increases were recommended. All indications, it was said, were that the proposed decreases would be resisted by the union men.

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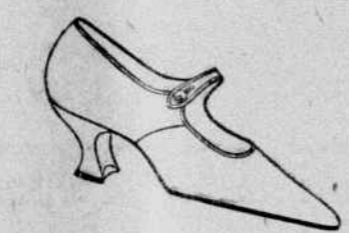
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