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## MANY HURT IN EXPLOSION AT WAPPINGERS

### GOVERNMENT STRIVING TO AVERT R.R. STRIKE

**Awaits Resumption of Negotiations Between the Railroad Managers and Employees.**

While the strike vote of 400,000 railroad employees was being counted in New York, every agency of the federal government affected by the situation was preparing today to do all possible to avert a final break between the railroads and the workmen.

William L. Chambers, commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation, was in communication with President Wilson during the day, though board of mediation officials pointed out that nothing of a formal character could be done until the railroad managers and representatives of the employees resumed negotiations next week.

A call for a meeting was issued for tomorrow morning of the Senate commerce committee to decide whether hearings will be held on Chairman Newlands' resolution proposing an investigation by the inter-state commerce commission of hours of labor on railroads and urging the employers and employees to postpone a settlement of their differences until a report can be made. Hours of labor constitutes one of the chief causes of the threatened strike.

The chamber of Commerce of the United States, which yesterday appointed to President Wilson for federal intervention to prevent a strike, is urging action on the resolution.

The president late today designated G. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation, as a member of the board.

The joint committee created by Congress to investigate the railroad situation, including the advisability of government ownership, organized today by electing Senator Newlands chairman. Representative Robinson, vice-chairman and Senator Adamson secretary.

A. B. Garrison, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. H. Lee, of the trainmen's organization, arrived here today, and it is expected that conferences similar to those of the National Railway Committee, will be held to determine a course of action for the joint meeting Tuesday.

### WAGNER FOR GOVERNOR

New York, Aug. 3.—Robert F. Wagner, of New York, for governor, and Calvin J. Hixon, of Yates County, for lieutenant governor was the ticket agreed upon at a conference here tonight of fifteen prominent New York City Democrats.

Mr. Wagner is a former commissioner of agriculture. Tammany Hall is expected to stand behind the choice of Wagner and Hixon at the unofficial Democratic state convention to be held at Saratoga Springs August 11.

The selection of Wagner and Hixon followed a lengthy conference today at which Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall was a prominent figure.

Edwin M. Murphy, those at the conference included Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, national committeeman; Edwin S. Harris, state chairman; Sheriff Alfred E. Smith, of New York, and former Sheriff Thomas Foley, of New York.

### 3 PROBABLY FATALY INJURED WHEN VAT IN PLANT OF ANILINE PRODUCTS COMPANY BLOWS UP

**Sulphur-Black Shop Is Wrecked—Village Rocked By Shock Felt for Radius of Five Miles—Think Vat Was Overheated—Doctors Rushed to Attend Injured—Fire Breaks Out But Is Extinguished—Loss Estimated at More Than \$50,000—Thousands Rush to the Scene—Dig in Ruins for Work men.**

Three men were seriously injured, one probably fatally, and 13 others were hurt, many of them terribly burned with hot acid, when a 500-gallon tank containing sulphur-black exploded at the plant of the Standard Aniline Products Co., Inc. at Wappingers Falls Thursday night. The explosion, which occurred in the autoclave room of the sulphur black shop, wrecked the building and rocked Wappingers Falls with the force of an earthquake.

Although the company announced shortly after midnight that all of the men working in the sulphur black department had been accounted for, gangs of workmen continued throughout the night searching the ruins of the wrecked shop for bodies of men who might have been trapped in the structure when the big roof, lifted from the side walls by the force of the explosion, caved in and settled upon the debris.

Those seriously injured are: **GEORGE**, colored, known as No. 36 in the factory, suffering from internal injuries, fractures of practically all of the ribs on the right side of the body, serious burns about the head and shoulders; may die. **THOMAS BURKE**, fracture of the right leg at the ankle, suffering intensely from burns made by the hot acid about the legs, and from deep cuts and abrasions; condition critical. **EDWARD CLARK**, foreman of the sulphur-black room; serious burns about the head and shoulders, both eyes burned; may lose sight.

Other negroes employed at the plant sustained burns mostly about the head and shoulders. Several are suffering from broken ribs. Their condition while painful is not considered serious by attending physicians.

Fire which started in the ruins immediately after the big tank exploded threatened to cause the explosion of another tank containing beta-naphthol, but the action of the automatic sprinklers and the work of the Wappingers firemen brought the fire under control inside of a quarter of an hour, and prevented the destruction of the rest of the plant.

Officials of the company were at a loss early this morning to explain the cause of the explosion. The theory most commonly held, however, is that the auto-clave apparatus, by which the acids are heated for the manufacture of dye stuffs, caught fire when it was raised to high a temperature, and that this caused the ignition of the sulphur and gases in the tank.

Damage \$50,000. Although no estimate of the property loss sustained by the Aniline Company could be given this morning, it is probable that the damage to the plant will exceed \$50,000. The sulphur black building, a one-story structure, about 150 feet long, was reduced to a mass of smoking ruins when the big vat went up, and complete reconstruction will probably be necessary before work in the department can be resumed. Officials of the company stated that despite the loss of the building they do not anticipate that the output of the plant will be seriously curtailed or that they will be embarrassed in filling their orders.

The explosion occurred between half-past nine and quarter of ten Thursday night, while about 10 men were in the building. Eye witnesses said that the first intimation of the disaster came when a huge tongue of flame mounted upward from the vat. The explosion followed almost instantaneously, and the hot acid streamed forth in jets upon the men employed in the auto-clave room. All of the workers most seriously injured were near the vat when its contents became ignited.

### MOOSE WILL HAVE NO PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

**Democrats Muster Campaign Speakers**

New York, Aug. 3.—Five members of President Wilson's cabinet and several congressmen will speak during the coming campaign in Maine, according to a partial list issued tonight by Chairman Homer S. Cummings, of the speakers' bureau of the Democratic national committee. The cabinet members are: Secretary of War Baker, Attorney General Gregory, Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Secretary of Labor Wilson and Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Vance McCormick, Democratic national chairman, announced tonight that President Wilson's notification ceremonies at Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, N. J., possibly would be held Saturday, September 2.

### CALL OUT POLICE

**Officials Prepare for a General Strike on Surface Car Lines in New York.**

New York, Aug. 3.—In anticipation of a strike on all surface car lines in Manhattan and Queens boroughs tomorrow morning, police officials after a conference late tonight ordered all available men in the department to hold themselves in readiness for strike duty.

The police announced that information given to them by Theodore P. Shonta, president of the New York Railways Company, who also is head of the subway system, indicated that the strike which already is in progress in the Bronx, portions of Westchester County, and along the lines of the Third Avenue Railway in Manhattan, might be extended to all the lines of the New York Railways Company.

Mr. Shonta and Frank Hedley, general manager of the New York Railways Company, and the subway system, addressed a large gathering of employees and their families tonight. They assured the men that the company wished them to organize, but among themselves and without the help of "alien organizations."

Mr. Shonta urged the workers to stick to their places and he promised better working conditions in return. Immediately following this meeting Mr. Shonta communicated with the police. An order soon afterwards was issued to all police stations in Manhattan and the Bronx to use only one platoon for routine police duty and to keep the other two platoons ready for any emergency.

**LEADERS UNYIELDING.** **READY TO ARBITRATE.** New York, Aug. 3.—A threatened tie-up tomorrow of all surface car lines in Manhattan and Queens boroughs, which was forecast in an ultimatum to the railway officials by organization leaders of the employees, was still in an unconciliatory state tonight, each side apparently being determined not to yield on the question of the right of employees to organize.

Various conferences held during the day failed to bring about anything approaching a temporary solution of the trouble. The public service commission hearing, at which transit heads and union officials stated their cases, was adjourned without any progress being made.

### ALLIES FIGHT ON

**Russians Take Turks Prisoner—British Repulse German Counter-Attacks—Italians Gain.**

Thursday passed in all the war theaters without notable gains for any of the belligerents. In the Stokhod region of Russia violent fighting continued between the Russians and the Austro-Germans, while German counter-attacks against the British in the Delville wood sector in France, all of which were repulsed, and bombardments characterized the operations in France.

Battles also took place along the Sereth and Dniester Rivers in Galicia between the Russians and the Germans, while in the Caucasus region the Russians near Diarbek carried out a bayonet attack against the Turks which resulted in the capture of a Turkish work and some 200 prisoners and guns.

In the Travanantse valley of the Austro-Italian theater the Italians have made fresh progress against the Austro-Hungarians. In the Adige valley, in the upper Posina region and in the district of Cortina d'Ampezzo the Austrians are bombarding Italian positions.

### POLICEMEN SEARCH CARS

**Inspect Trains in Jersey City to Find Explosives—Church Suffered Damages.**

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 3.—The authorities tonight sent 105 policemen to inspect all trains entering Jersey City for munitions and explosives, following the refusal of one railroad to stop shipments through the city in accordance with a resolution adopted by the city commissioners after the disastrous fire and explosion on Black Tom Island Sunday.

The Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, Erie, and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroads agreed not to ship explosives to Jersey City. The Central Railroad of New Jersey, however, served notice that it would hold the city liable for all damages and losses due to the enforcement of the order.

### SWITCHMEN ADD DEMANDS

New York, Aug. 3.—Demands of approximately 30,000 members of the Switchmen's Union of North America for increased wages and shorter hours, made in Chicago in March, are being discussed in this city by representatives of the union and the railroad affected. It was learned tonight that the conference which has been in progress more than a week is private. The union is a member of the American Federation of Labor and has headquarters at Buffalo.

The railroad represented at the conference are the New York Central, Michigan Central, Lehigh Valley, Nickel Plate, Erie, and Western. The railroad officials and Western Union officials are also present.

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### FLOODS DROWN 36 IN TENNESSEE

Madison, Ky., Aug. 3.—The death list due to the most recent flood in Tennessee, which has been increased to thirty-six, tonight when fuller reports from the flooded district were received here.

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**Weather Forecast.**

Eastern New York — Fair. Saturday, probably scattered showers, continued warm.

Western New York — Occasional showers and thunderstorms, probably Saturday, continued warm.

