

RAID DAIRIES; HOLD UP TRAINS

VANDAL GANGS SINK TRUCKS IN CHICAGO RIVER

Violence Spreads in
City and Country.

THE DAIRY WAR

With vandalism and disorders prevalent both in the city and throughout the surrounding country, the following situation confronts Chicagoland in the milk war this morning:

- 1. Reserve supplies of milk exhausted. No deliveries today. City faces its first acute shortage this morning.*
- 2. All efforts to initiate peace negotiations fail and no immediate settlement is in sight.*
- 3. Farm administration officials arrive with a view of initiating mediation proceedings in the hope of peace.*

(Pictures on Back Page.)

Farmer pickets of the Pure Milk association committed one train robbery, stopped and searched another train, and raided several milk plants in southern Wisconsin last night in their successful campaign to keep Chicago's milk supply shut off.

The night disorders in the farm areas followed a day of vandalism in the streets of Chicago. The campaign of terrorism in the city was directed against independent, cut rate milk distributors who attempted to continue home deliveries. The vandals sank six milk trucks in the Chicago river and set fire to two more. In a score of other cases, they beat, threatened, or fired shots at truck drivers, smashed windows, and dumped milk in the streets.

13 Union Drivers Seized.

Members of the milk wagon drivers' union were blamed by the independents for many acts of violence. They were not linked with all the terrorism, but every one of the thirteen men arrested and identified in connection with the vandalism was a union member. Most of them were employes of the Bowman Dairy company, Chicago's largest milk company.

The independent dealers are fighting for their existence in the present strike. Against them is an informal alliance of the organized milk dealers, the PMA, and the milk drivers' union, all avowed opponents of the cash and carry, cut rate sales methods of the independents.

The union drivers had yesterday free as a result of the suspension of home deliveries by the organized dealers. These dealers announced that their drivers will be at liberty again today. Failure to negotiate a settlement with the PMA caused them to continue the ban on deliveries except in emergency cases.

Stop Two Soo Trains.

The train robbery took place at 9:30 last night at High's Crossing, near Grayslake in Lake county. There a mob of some 300 farmers stopped two trains on the Soo line, waving flares to halt the engineers. The first train consisted only of passenger coaches, and was allowed to proceed.

The second train had several baggage cars. The farmers opened the doors and searched them for Chicago-bound milk. They found no fluid milk, but came upon a number of cases of condensed milk, which they confiscated.

While this was going on, a motorized army of 1,500 PMA members was spreading destruction through Walworth county, Wis., just across the Illinois state line. Their first raid was upon the plant of the Walworth Condensed Milk company, in the town of Walworth.

Ire of Farmers Aroused.

The farmers' wrath had been aroused, it was reported, because the manager of this plant, which normally takes milk, converts it to an ice cream mix, and ships it to Chicago to be frozen, attempted Sunday night to send out a carload of fluid milk.

Sheriff George O'Brien of Walworth county persuaded the manager, William E. Miller, to unload the shipment and place it in storage tanks in the plant to avoid trouble. Yesterday pickets dumped eight or nine truckloads of milk bound for the plant until Sheriff O'Brien and his deputies appeared and escorted the farmers' trucks in.

Last night the 1,500 farmers descended on the plant with military precision. Within 20 minutes they had stormed the plant, where Miller and one other employe were working, dumped some 4,000 gallons of milk, damaged some of the machinery, and departed.

Later the same mob returned to the



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VIOLENCE MARKS MILK STRIKE IN CHICAGO; TRUCKS THROWN INTO RIVER.
 Three trucks in which independent dealers had sought to make deliveries yesterday after they had been seized and run into water on north side. They are owned by Palmer Square dairy (above), Austin (center), and Meadowmoor (below).
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SPIKES IN BOARDS HALT TRUCKS OF MILK.
 Strikers at Roselle road and Lake street, Bloomingdale, with device they pull across highway with ropes to halt milk drivers if they do not stop at first signal. *(Story on page 1.)*



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CAMERA CATCHES FIREMEN INTENT ON TASKS AS STATE ST. STORE BURNS.
 Here are some of the hundreds of firemen who fought the flames in the Warshinsky Accessory store on South State street last night. The picture shows the firemen intent on their job and unaware that they were about to be photographed. *(Story on page 1.)*



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TRUCK OF INDEPENDENT MILK COMPANY BURNED NEAR POLICE STATION.
 Firemen extinguishing blaze in Lake View Dairy company truck across the street from the North Damen avenue station. The truck was set on fire while the driver and his helper were inside seeking to identify captives in violence. *(Story on page 1.)*

United Milk company plant in Walworth and dumped 250 cans of cream.

It was also reported that at Walworth the mob found a railroad engine crew trying to haul a tank car of milk away from a dairy plant. The farmers, according to the report, forced the engineer to return the car to the plant, where they dumped the milk.

They then proceeded to the neighboring town of Lyons, where they found two deputy sheriffs guarding the plant of the Lyons Milk Products company. They took a shotgun from one of the deputies, slugged his companion, and spoiled the milk in the plant by pouring kerosene in it.

A pitched battle was narrowly averted on the farm of Henry Buchs, near East Troy, also in Walworth county. Buchs is a member of the Wisconsin milk pool, which has refused to cooperate in the milk strike against Chicago. He had a truckload of milk on his farm intended for shipment to the city.

PMA members at Burlington heard of this and a group of pickets arrived at the farm shortly after Buchs and his family had gone to bed. Buchs arose, got a shotgun, and stood them off until members of his family had summoned about fifty of his neighbors, some of whom were also armed. A few shots were exchanged without damage and the milk pool guards fended off three attempts by strike pickets to dump the milk.

The Vandalism in Chicago.

The campaign of vandalism in Chicago started early in the morning and became more severe as the day progressed. By late afternoon the complaints of the independent dealers resulted in the assignment of strong police details to milk strike duty. Police Commissioner Allman said that he would assign police guards to every dealer who requested them.

Among the most spectacular of the Chicago incidents was the rescue of a hijacked milk truck by police and the later burning of the truck by vandals in front of a police station.

The truck, belonging to the Lake View dairy, one of the independents, was taken from Roy Colby, the driver, and Tom Queenan, his helper, at Clark street and Leland avenue. They were forced into an automobile and kidnaped by two men, while three others of the gang drove the truck to the north branch of the river at Berceau avenue, intending to push it into the water.

Already 3 Trucks in Water.

They were prevented from doing this by the fact that there were already three trucks in the water at that point. They then drove to the river at Irving Park boulevard, where Supervising Police Capt. Thomas Condon and a detective squad caught them. The three men were Robert C. Spaulding, 1465 Winona street; Daniel Cawney, 4431 North Lincoln street, and Charles F. Willstein, 1910 Berceau avenue, all union drivers employed by the Bowman company.

The three were taken to the North Damen avenue police station and the recovered truck was parked across the street from the station. While the prisoners were being booked on charges of larceny of an automobile some one poured gasoline on the truck and fired it.

Later Harold Rehder, 2540 Aubert avenue, also a Bowman driver, was arrested and charged with being the driver of the car in which Colby and his helper were abducted.

Another Driver Arrested.

Ralph Lowery, 36 years old, 6438 Oxford avenue, another driver for the Bowman company, was arrested on the complaint of Elmer Martensen, a driver for the Meadowmoor dairy, one of the independent concerns. Martensen charged that Lowery was the leader of a gang of 50 drivers who followed his truck for some distance and threatened to dump his milk, which Martensen said he was delivering to families with babies.

Frank Lutz, an independent vender who buys milk from the Meadowmoor dairy, was stopped at Sunnyside avenue and Lincoln street. His helper, R. York, was dragged from the truck and beaten. The license number of the assailants' car was traced to Edward Spitzer, 3316 Byron street, a Bowman driver. He was arrested, as was Michael Cox, another Bowman driver, whom police caught at the Bowman plant. Both men were identified by Lutz and York and two other witnesses.

August Eich, 6349 North Mozart street, said by police to be a foreman for the Bowman company, appeared and posted bonds for Spitzer and Cox.

Arthur Wedell, 525 Wilson avenue, another Bowman driver, was arrested as the owner of an automobile used by a gang which stole the milk truck of Joseph Reichle, 4639 North Kedzie avenue, and smashed his bottles.

Four Accused of Intimidation.

Four drivers for the United Dairy company, another member of the organized group, were arrested on the complaint of Floyd Crump, a driver for the Edgewater dairy, that they had intimidated him. The men arrested were William Phelan, 1615 Bryn Mawr avenue; Theodore Hartman, 907 Wrightwood avenue; George Billings, 4850 Irving Park boulevard, and Isadore Goldberg, 4948 Ridgeway avenue.

Daniel Hogan, 9009 Dauphin avenue, a driver for the Dauphin Park Dairy company, was arrested after he had allegedly thrown a brick through the window of a Meadowmoor Dairy branch office at 408 East 79th street.

Robert G. Fitchie, president of the milk wagon drivers' union, when questioned about the participation of members of his union in the campaign of vandalism, replied:

"We don't countenance such actions. But it's hard to control our men, with their jobs at stake, and it's an example of what a strike of our union would produce."

Fitchie added that the milk situation won't be cleared up, in his opinion, until the drivers are "taken care of" by the retention of their former wage scale of \$40 a week and commissions.