

TELEGRAPHERS TO STRIKE

ON THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL COMPANY'S SYSTEM.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—As a result of the refusal of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Company to accede to the demand of the station agents and railway telegraph operators on the lines of that system, a strike has been determined upon, to begin Friday. Grand Chief Thurston of the International Order of Railway Telegraphers has sent out an order to every station agent and operator in the employ of the road to send in his resignation to-night, to take effect Friday, Jan. 16, at 7 A. M. This course was taken in order to protect the men, who would be liable for resulting damages had there been a strike without previous notice being given. There are about 450 who will go out.

Chief Thurston says: "We are in splendid condition, and if necessary can support these men for a year. Station agents and operators all over the country are rallying to the support of the movement, and we shall have ample funds to carry on the fight to a successful termination. I do not suppose our men quitting will interfere with the running of trains, but the trains will have nothing to carry. Nearly all the operators at way stations act as agents. Now when they quit who will receive freight or sell tickets? The company cannot let incompetent men do that work."

Only four men in the Chicago office are affected by the decision of the telegraphers' orders. At the general offices of the company to-day the officials said the men were at work as usual all over the system and that no trouble was anticipated.

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