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Mediation Fails To Adjust Controversy

ARBITRATION ADVANCED AS A LAST RESORT

THIS BROTHERHOODS DISFAVOR
BUT CONSIDER IT IN EX-
ECUTIVE SESSION.

PRESIDENT OFFERS TO LISTEN TO PRINCIPALS

Mediation Fails to Accomplish Its
Purpose in Great Railroad Con-
troversy and Arbitration is Ad-
vanced as Latest and Final Pan-
acea to Cure Dispute by Mediators.

New York, Aug. 12.—President Garretson of the Conductors' brotherhood announced late this afternoon the Trainmen would accept any intervention offer President Wilson might make but the President has not yet made an offer. Garretson indicated the brotherhoods intended to delay the strike until they met the president.

New York, Aug. 12.—Federal Mediator Martin Knapp formally announced today that mediation had failed to settle the railroad controversy. He has suggested arbitration, and the four brotherhoods have gone into executive session to consider the proposal.

No Decision Reached.
After the executive meeting, President Garretson of the Conductors' brotherhood declared that the Trainmen are undecided whether to accept arbitration as a substitute for mediation. They did say however that they will meet the mediators tomorrow for further discussion.

Break Is Dangerously Near.
Many believe that a break is inevitable, but mediators have not abandoned hope. At the same time the railroad managers are insistent and demand arbitration which the brotherhoods disfavor.

Wilson Offers Aid.
Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson today wired the trainmen and the railroad managers saying he desires to meet them before the strike is ordered.

On account of the threatened situation, he remained at his office abandoning his usual week-end holiday.

Boys Gather For Military Training
Plum Island, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Twelve hundred school boys from all over the United States pitched camp here today to learn how to be soldiers so they can help Uncle Sam in case of trouble when they grow up.

None of the boys is less than 15 nor more than 18 years old. They are gathered from the combined scholarship of more than 300 boys' schools and are under the immediate direction of Colonel Andrew Hero of the Coast Artillery Camp Commandant. They come from so far away as Charleston, C. S.; Jackson Springs, S. S.; Cleveland, O., and Kansas City, Mo.

The idea of training these boys as young men are being trained at Plattsburg and other preparedness camps all over the country, is that of Dr. Samuel S. Drury, Headmaster of St. Paul's school for boys.

SOME PEACHES THIS YEAR.

Supply Not Up to Normal but a Fair Crop.

A. R. Badley, the peach king of Milton, writes the Observer that he will have a fair crop of peaches and will be able to take care of his old customers. He says not to believe those who claim there are no peaches for he has a fair crop.

APPENDIX WAS RUPTURED

Autopsy Discloses Gangrenous State In Ambrose Boy

During the autopsy conducted upon the body of Donald Ambrose, the 11-year-old boy who died yesterday noon, at the Henry Undertaking parlors, a ruptured gangrenous appendix was found and general peritonitis prevalent. Perforation had probably existed three or four days.

Among those present at the autopsy were physicians H. L. Underwood, Dora Underwood, Richardson, Biggers, Coroner Graham, Bacon, Holt; Chiropractors G. T. Darland, Mary V. Darland and Starba. Osteopaths of the city had also been invited in but none were in attendance.

A Stranger Within Our Gates Last Night Said--

The Elks band concert last evening was well attended. Automobiles lined up three deep and the sidewalks were filled with people standing. Nearby lawns furnished resting places for the people. One of those in attendance was a modern looking man—apparently a man who has been around a great deal and knows something of community spirit and civic pride.

"Fine band you have," he ventured to say to a La Grande party standing near.

"Yes," said the resident of La Grande.

"Costs the city a good deal to keep up such a musical organization doesn't it? How is it done by direct taxation?" asked the stranger.

"As I understand it," said the La Grande party this band costs the city nothing. Not a cent of public money is expended upon it.

"Fine," said the stranger. "But in that case does the city not take enough interest in such concerns that is not costing the management a cent to provide seats for the public. But, perhaps it would be too big a job to construct movable seats, they think."

"You are wrong again," remarked the La Grande party. "We have many seats already constructed for public occasions such as celebrations. These belong to the city and when a big day is on the street department places these seats along the business section for the people."

"Did I understand you to say 'when a big day is on,'" said the stranger, and continuing he ejaculated in positive tones, "why, my friend, what do you call this concert? This is a concert that would cost people money to hear in a large city yet your band is giving it free to the people who are thoroughly enjoying it were it not for the fact they are compelled to stand. Why does not some one urge the city to place these benches you speak of in the street every night there is a concert. But I suppose in these smaller towns it takes a petition signed by three-fourths of electorates to accomplish anything like that and you are all too busy."

With that the stranger took off his hat as the band played America, and strolled off toward his hotel.

TROLLEY CARS CRASH HEADON

TWELVE DIE AND SCORES BADLY HURT

Women Faint At Sight of Bloody Victims Brought to City

Johnstown, Aug. 12.—Nineteen were killed and scores injured when the trolleys of the Southern Cambria Traction line collided headon several miles north of here. One car was running away.

Automobiles rushed surgeons and nurses to the scene. Thousands gathered at depot awaiting news of friends and relatives. Fire engines carried the injured here.

Women fainted in the streets at the sight of bloody injured aboard the fire trucks.

TWO DROP DEAD.

After Drinking Whiskey Duo Fall to the Floor Lifeless.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Tony Schrick aged 25, and Herman Todse, aged 27, entered a saloon, ordered whiskey and drank it and fell dead. The police are investigating.

Operation Is Successful

Mrs. Mary I. Kohl who has been indisposed for the last three months was operated on about a week ago for tonsillitis, and is now on the road to recovery.

Woman's Party Organized and Ready.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 12.—Their new political party organized and a plan ready to force passage of the Constitutional suffrage amendment, the Woman's party, representing 12 suffrage states and claiming to control four million votes, started its third and last day's session today.

Today's business is largely supplementary to that already transacted. Conferences were the keynote of the program. Three of them were to be held: The first a general conference on the coming campaign to be carried on by women; the second a conference of state chairmen on campaign plans and the third a conference of national organizers on organization plans.

"Big Ben" Newman, Dying

Milwaukee, Aug. 12.—William Newman, "the millionaire tramp" is dying in the National Soldiers' home here today. A few years ago he was one of the most widely known and most romantic figures in American trampdom.

"Big Ben" as he was called, was born in Denmark and graduated from the University of Copenhagen. He came to the United States when 18 and traveled about the country, making his expenses by lecturing on reform ideas.

He visited nearly every city on the face of the earth and paid only \$1.28 cents railroad fare. He was arrested 608 times.

He lectured on child labor, prison reform and abolition of white slavery. In 1913 he was instrumental in having 250 children removed from sweatshops in Joliet, Ill. For three years he was the companion of Jack London.

"I have done my best to make the world see its evils and to correct them," said Newman, "I have fought the good fight and I am near the end of my race. I can't win against the white plague."

Big Ben's life is going out very rapidly. It is believed he can survive only a few weeks. One of the most romantic stories in American life will be written to its end when he dies.

EXCURSIONS TO SUMMIT THRILL

NUMEROUS PARTIES RIDE,
DRIVE OR WALK.

Huckleberry Season Near at Hand—Mountaineers Feel Imposition Often Inflicted.

Mt. Emily Summit, Aug. 12.—(Special)—Sunday diversion is sending hundreds from La Grande a score of miles away for recreation, change of scenery and rest, when Mt. Emily affords ample of this sort and at close range. In the face of the big rush to Wallowa, Upper Grande Ronde and Upper Catherine creek, every Sunday a large number of people drive, ride or walk up to the summit and at close range. In the face of the big rush to Wallowa, Upper Grande Ronde and Upper Catherine creek, every Sunday a large number of people drive, ride or walk up to the summit and at close range. In the face of the big rush to Wallowa, Upper Grande Ronde and Upper Catherine creek, every Sunday a large number of people drive, ride or walk up to the summit and at close range.

Several parties are up here picking huckleberries. There are not many berries as yet, they are ripening slowly and it will be about two weeks before they will be plentiful. The people who live in the mountains naturally feel that they are entitled to all the huckleberries that grow close to their homes if not to all that grow on their own land. It often happens that greedy pickers from a distance show no consideration for the rights of the land owners but will pick all the berries in a man's dooryard if they are not chased away. They will even break off the bushes and pick the berries at their leisure. Often this is done by people who own land in town or in the valley and who would be highly offended if people were to come down from the mountains and take the same liberties on their premises that they think nothing of taking on the premises of others.

The road to Mt. Emily has been greatly improved this year but the road crew has been laid off for several days on account of being unable to secure the necessary giant powder to work with. When powder can again be had it will be but a few days until the road from town to the south line of the Wenaha National forest will be in much better condition than ever before. From there to the top of Mt. Emily there are occasional rough spots but none of them very bad. Parties driving up here should follow the telephone line after they reach the place where it comes up from the valley.

58 CORPSES RECOVERED.

Several More Missing in Cabin Creek Flood Catastrophy.

Charleston, Aug. 12.—Fifty-six Cabin creek flood victims corpses have been recovered. Thirty-eight are still missing and believed dead.

ALLEN FOR HUGHES.

Kansas Editor Will Stump Maine Urging Hughes' Candidacy.

Topeka, Aug. 12.—Henry J. Allen, the Wichita editor and Progressive gubernatorial candidate in 1914, intends to campaign Maine for Hughes next month. He is among the first national Progressive leaders to urge election of Hughes.

Said He Was His Wife's Husband

Denver, Colo., Aug. 1.—Such is life as the husband of a famous suffragist: A voice on the phone to the city editor said:

"This is Ewing Robinson."

"Who?"
"Ewing Robinson, better known as the husband of Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, state senator from Colorado." Ewing Robinson is known to his friends as a fine fellow and a brilliant wit.

SUMMER DRINK AVERAGE 3RD OF PINT A MONTH

JULY HEAVIEST OF THE THREE
WITH TOTAL OF 2422
QUARTS OF BEER

ABOUT \$4,400 SENT OUT
FOR LIQUOR IN PERIOD

Affidavits Filed With County Clerk Indicate Use of Liquor in the County is Relatively Small—Fancy Liquors in Demand—Beer and Liquor Consumption 8393 Quarts.

THREE MONTHS LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

The importation of liquor into Union county for the months of May, June and July expressed in quarts, show the following results:

Month	Beer	Liquor
May	1520	765
June	1875	896
July	2422	915

Total 5817 2576
Grand Total 8393
*Includes 57 quarts alcohol, 33 quarts wine, 16 quarts gin, 5 quarts brandy, balance whiskey.

Estimated value of shipments for three months; \$3200 for liquor, \$1,163.40 for beer. Average of liquor for each individual in county, is slightly less than one pint for three months, and not quite a third of a pint for each person for one month.

If all the liquor, beer and other brands, shipped into Union county during May, June and July, was divided equally between the 20,000 people of Union county, each would have consumed an average of less than a third of a pint each of these three months—at least that much would have been the quota for each. These figures are obtained from affidavits filed up to yesterday and reckon only with shipments up to the first of August. July was the heaviest month of the three, both as to beer and liquor shipments as is shown in the above table. That there is much fastidiousness among liquor users is attested by the amount of wines, gin and brandy listed by the affidavits. The sales here do not take into account such alcohol as was retained under affidavit from drug stores, as the amounts shipped into the county to druggists cover that item.

Placing the value of whiskey at \$1.25 per quart and beer 20 cents, the citizens of the county spent a total of \$4383.40 for liquor during the three months.

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NEW THEATER CONTEMPLATED

Arcade People May Erect New Building in La Grande

A rumor is current today that Meyers & Leiter, lessees of the Arcade theater, may erect a building especially designed for the moving picture and theatrical business. Their present lease on the Arcade has over a year yet to run but it is reported two locations are now being considered by them for the new structure. When called upon by a reporter for the Observer they declined to make any positive statement, but gave assurance that La Grande is to be their permanent home and that they will follow the moving picture and theatrical business here.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.



A. M. Dickman (above); Alexander Davidson.

While federal, state, county and municipal investigations are under way to fix responsibility for the gigantic munitions explosion at Black Tom Island, N. Y., Dickman, Leigh Valley agent, and Davidson, storage official, were put under arrest, charged with responsibility for the death of one of the victims.

M'ADOO GRILLED BY MR. HUGHES

ousting of Appraiser Clapp Criticized.

Republican Standard Bearer May Descend Famous Copper Mine.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 12.—Charles E. Hughes, in his western drive today hurled pork charges at Secretary of the Treasury William McAdoo. He declared the administration, in addition to other civil service breeches, ousted Henry T. Clapp, assistant appraiser of merchandise in the port of New York and gave the job to Daniel Finn, a Tammany leader.

Mr. Hughes called the administration inefficient.

The presidential candidate may go to Butte and descend the Leonard Copper mine 2800 feet deep, and also address the miners there.

TOURISTS AT LAKE.

Crater Reached by Bohnenkamp-Polack Party the 8th.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp and Mr. and Mrs. E. Polack, are advised by letters written the eighth that the tourists have reached the crater. Under date of Crater Lake, Aug. 8th, the letter says:

Left Prineville about 9 o'clock and found a fine stretch of road between there and Bend. There is a bitter fight for the county seat between these two places. Bend has two railroads and Prineville none so Bend thinks they are entitled to it. Bend seems to have a very good future in store. Two big mills are running night and day with beautiful timber at their very doors and a wonderful irrigation and power plant in the Deschutes just out of town. Many people are living in tents and work for everyone. Left there about 4 and night found us at Crescent in Klamath county. From there we found the best of roads to Crater Lake.

We made a trip up the mountain first on a road that is being built around the crater. Up and up we went until we looked down on snow covered mountains and finally came to a car stuck in a snow drift so we came back and up another mountain to the hotel. Have not been down to the lake yet but will probably leave here tomorrow afternoon.

MILK DRIVER STRIKE.

Two Cleveland Concerns Cripple Service—Situation Critical.

Cleveland, Aug. 12.—A half million Clevelanders went without milk today. Drivers on two of Cleveland's largest dairies struck. State mediators are trying to arrange arbitration, as the city faces a serious situation.

SLAVS PURSUE TEUTONS WITH FIERCE VIGOR

STANISLAU LEFT BEHIND IN PURSUIT OF FLEEING AUSTRIAN FORCES.

ITALY CLAIMS FURTHER SUCCESS NEAR GORITZ

Berlin Admits Measure of Success by French Troops Along Parts of the Somme Sector—German Airmen Raid Dover Dropping Shells Which Officers Say Were Unharmful.

Petrograd, Aug. 12.—It is announced General Letchitsky has crossed the Zelota Bistriza River near Stanislau and is pursuing the retreating Teutons. Russians have reached the Nadvorna region, 22 miles southeast of Stanislau where Teutons resisted but weakly and abandoned several cannons. Two separate Russian armies are approaching Halitz. Russians advanced 20 miles in four days capturing 20 villages in that time.

French Announce Repulse of Foe
Paris, Aug. 12.—It is announced the French repulsed attacks on both sides of the Somme at Hem Quarry, LaMaisonnette and Fleury. French progressed south of Thiaumont. There are artillery combats at Vaux Chapitre and Chenois sectors.

Dover Is Struck
London, Aug. 12.—Two German aeroplanes dropped four bombs on Dover this afternoon. General French has announced there was no damage. General Haig reported Australians repulsed attacks north of Pozieres, where Germans lost heavily.

Italians Continue Gains
Rome, Aug. 12.—It is announced Italians won a battle south of Goritz and have crossed the Vallons mountains where they stormed the western slopes of Monte Madloggen and captured Oppachiasella, six miles south of Goritz and two miles southeast of Sanmartino Delicarsio which was captured yesterday.

Famous Church Destroyed
Austrians are reinforced east of Goritz and are strongly holding the hills. Austrian artillery is firing from the Balzaha plateau. Austrian aeroplanes raided Venice Thursday night and destroyed the famous church of Santa Maria Formosa, centuries old.

It contained invaluable paintings.
Berlin Admits French Gains
Berlin, Aug. 12.—It is admitted French penetrated the woods northwest of Hem in terrific attacks north of Somme. Germans have repulsed Maurepas attacks.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—Russians vainly attacked near Dubczyk on both sides of Troscianur; there were strong British attacks between Thiepval and Fourceaux woods. All attacks were repulsed north of Ovillers near Pozieres.

Revision of Washington Code

North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 12.—Strong opposition, led by Justice Chadwick, of the state supreme court, to submitting to the next legislature a proposed probate code, resulted yesterday in postponing action by the Washington State Bar association until today's session. Much of yesterday's session was taken up with discussion of the probate code, submitted by Scott Z. Henderson, assistant attorney general, and chairman of a special committee named at last year's convention to draw up a code. The question will come up today as a special order of business when efforts will be made to amend the code so as to provide adequate protection for real estate titles.

President M. F. Gose, in his annual address, criticized, what he characterized as the "inconsistency" of supreme court decisions. President Henry Suzzallo, of the University of Washington, delivered a public address last night in connection with the convention.

Insane Man in Charge.

Peter Stalzen, a Hungarian aged about thirty, was brought down to the sheriff's office last night and is being detained on an insanity charge. It is probable that the patient will be taken to the hospital at Pendleton this evening.