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STRIKE NEGOTIATIONS IN WILSON'S HANDS

Belief Prevails Brotherhoods Will Yet Consent To Full Arbitration

Washington, Aug. 14.—Railroad managers met President Wilson at 3 o'clock. Administration officials are optimistic. One high official said: "There will be no strike."

The opinion grows that employes' representatives have indicated willingness to submit to arbitration at the request of the President.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson met representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods this morning, after New York meetings has ended in complete failure—mediation failing and the brotherhoods rejecting arbitration after long sessions Saturday night. The trainmen left the White House at noon, smiling broadly. A. B. Garretson for the Conductors' brotherhood said: "Negotiations are entirely in the President's hands." Warren Stone, for the Engineers said: "We are optimistic." W. P. Lee for the Firemen said: "It looks good—the best it has yet." Employes are scheduled to see the President again this afternoon after his conference with railway managers at 3 o'clock.

President Wilson will spend the intervening time studying stenographic reports of the morning's proceedings, and formulating proposals which he will make to the managers. It is reported the employes have consented to accept arbitration provided the railroads will withdraw any counter proposals. Immediately after the trainmen departed, Federal Mediator Chambers again conferred with the President.



TOP, LEFT — MISS MAUD YOUNGER OF CALIFORNIA; TOP, RIGHT—MRS. SARA BARD FIELD OF OREGON; BELOW—MRS. WILLIAM KENT OF CALIFORNIA.

Woman's political power has more than doubled since the last presidential election and 4,000,000 women of the United States are eligible to cast ballots for presidential candidates, according to leaders of the National Woman's party, which held a conference at Colorado Springs last week.

TEUTONS ARE STEMMING TIDE OF REVERSES

ALONG 700-YARD FRONT ENGLISH ARE PUSHED BACK BY KAISER.

ITALIAN GAINS ABOUT GORITZ CONTINUE TODAY

Press Dispatches Tell of French Success, Italian Advances, Russian Progress and Reversal to English Forces in Vicinity of Pozieres—Loss is Admitted.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—It is announced a German counter last night drove British from German first-line trenches along a 700-yard front south-west of Thiapval, near Pozieres. The British occupied these trenches yesterday.

German and Austrian official statements reported Russian attacks were repulsed practically at every front. Russians vainly attacked northeast of Stanislaw and suffered heavily. Two long assaults were defeated near Lup and Grabecker. Austrian officials say: "On Archduke Karl's front our troops maintained positions against violent enemy attacks. West of Stanislaw we repulsed two Russian divisions in a 36 hour battle. Hindenburg repulsed Russian mass attacks. Over Brody Austrian an aeroplane set a fire—that destroyed the Russian's Albatross aeroplane. Russian imperial guard suffered heavily in vainly attacking the Stochod front."

DEATH CALLS JNO. A. CATES

DECEASED WAS MEMBER OF A PROMINENT FAMILY.

Mr. Cates was a Regularly Nominated Candidate for County Clerk.

John A. Cates, aged seventy, died yesterday at the home of his son, Cecil Cates, near Alicel. His demise was due to injuries following an accident by a fall at the son's farm a week or so ago and which resulted in a condition of partial paralysis. The deceased was a member of one of the earlier pioneer families of Union county, his parents settling on a homestead above Union in the early sixties. The surviving members of the original family are Robert S. Cates, former county clerk of this county and now a resident of Kingman, Kansas; Ed E. Cates, of Sparta; W. A. Cates of Vancouver, Wash.; George, of Baker, and an only sister, Mrs. Josephine Ison, also of Baker, whose husband was former district attorney for Eastern Oregon.

John A. Cates has been a resident of Union county practically all the time since the earliest days. For many years he was at Telocaset and a few years ago removed to La Grande. At the primary election held in May Mr. Cates received the endorsement of the Democratic voters of the county for nominee for county clerk to be voted on at the coming general election in November. For years he has officiated as grand jury bailiff. The surviving members of the immediate family are a wife and one son, Cecil. The death of an only daughter occurred some years ago. The funeral was held from the home of his son at 1 o'clock this afternoon and the interment was at the cemetery in Union.

Cold Weather Beneficial.

New York, Aug. 14.—Unusually cold weather today caused a reduction in infantile paralysis but notwithstanding there were 95 new cases and 31 deaths.

SUICIDE PREVENTED.

North Powder Man's Life Spared—Now Awaits Sanity Board.

Having been apprehended while in the act of choking himself and hammering his head with a heavy boot at the same time, and brought to La Grande Saturday, Peter Stalzen this afternoon awaits the sanity board's findings. His home was in North Powder.

TEDDY CAN'T COME.

Informs Round-Up Management that He May Come at Later Date.

Pendleton, Aug. 14.—President T. D. Taylor has received an autograph letter from Col. Theodore Roosevelt in which the famous Rough Rider advises that at present he cannot accept the invitation to witness the 1916 Round-Up, September 21, 22 and 23, but if at a later date it is possible for him to make Oregon during the presidential campaign now on he will be glad to accept. The Round-Up management still has hopes that he will be able to come for it is certain that the 1916 attendance will break all records as it is and with Mr. Roosevelt here it would be a high water year. As for the show it will be up to the usual Round-Up standard with many new, novel and daring features. Already ticket reservations are double those of last year and equal to those of 1913. The prize list has been increased a couple of thousand dollars which insures a big number of high class contestants.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—W. B. Storey, Sante Fee operating department chief, told the United Press today some of the western railroads are prepared to continue running all trains in the event of the strike. They have hundreds skilled non-union men ready to begin work.

It is conservatively estimated a strike would make a half million jobs here, directly and indirectly.

STORM HITS ARKANSAS.

Five Meet Death and a Score Injured by Tornado.

Memphis, Aug. 14.—A tornado swept eastern Arkansas. Five were killed and 17 injured. Four fatally. Twelve buildings were destroyed at Edmondson 17 miles west of here.

TWO LUNATICS ESCAPE.

Blacksmith Jerks Bars from Window and Two Make Escape.

Salem, Aug. 14.—John Thompson, a blacksmith and W. A. McKay, have escaped from the state insane asylum. Thompson jerked off the bars. Officials say McKay is a dangerous lunatic.

FLOUR SOARS TO NEAR RECORD IN THIS CITY

Government Probing Wheat Prices.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Assistant Federal Attorney Fleming declared District Attorney Cline has started interrogating big brokers and traders regarding wheat prices. The government wants to ascertain whether traders have deliberately caused the increase.

Prices declined today.

Paul Schultz, head of the big bakers corporation said he might immediately increase the price of bread, crackers and rolls.

With possibility of one brief exception, Union county-made flour is the highest today in the history of mod-

ern milling. When Blue Stem, top of home-made grades went to \$1.65 a sack, this being accomplished by a 60 cent jump per barrel this morning, it bested by five cents a sack the prevailing high record so far as local retailers remember, but milling company officials are inclined to think that in early history of milling that grade commanded \$1.70. Some brands jumped 80 cents per barrel.

The serious question of increases in bread is being considered by retailers and bakers alike, not only here but everywhere. In Chicago today it

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THE ONE MAN BETWEEN COMMERCIAL PEACE AND A STRIKE.



President Wilson, in Whose Hands Titanic Labor Struggle Rests.

GIBBON FARE CONFUSING.

The public is confused on the rate prevailing for the O.-W. Employees' excursion to Gibbon Thursday. The fare is one fare for the round trip providing one fare is more than a dollar. Therefore, the rate is \$1.60 from La Grande for round trip, one way under ordinary conditions being \$1.60 too. If the ticket is sold from Kamela or some point where the round trip is less than a dollar ordinarily, no rate applies. To find out what the rate is to the picnic, ascertain the one-way rate and you have the price of the ticket for the round trip if that figure is a dollar or more.

BOOSTERS ORGANIZING.

Northwest States May Amalgamate to Advertise the Communities.

Seattle, Aug. 14.—George Hardy, former secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a meeting here September 6 of representatives of railroads and civic organizations in many Oregon, Washington and Idaho cities to arrange a central advertising bureau to boost the northwest. They may establish the bureau in Seattle.

MINERS SEE HUGHES.

Candidate Leaves Spokane to Go to Couer d'Alene During Day.

Couer d'Alene, Aug. 14.—Mr. Hughes and party arrived here today and the candidate addressed a mass meeting. He returns to Spokane this afternoon. Big crowds of miners greeted the candidate.

ANOTHER U-BOAT SIGHTED.

New London, Conn., Aug. 14.—The Fishers Island wireless operator said he sighted a submarine this afternoon off Montauk point.

While the submarine sighted may be the Bremen, long overdue, dispatches say there is no great significance in the observation, as U. S. submarines are in the waters in that vicinity.

MOUNTAIN DAM BREAKS

Near-by Villages Quickly Warned by Galloping Coniers

Ashville, Aug. 14.—The Lake Toxaway dam broke today and mountaineers galloped through nearby villages shouting a warning. Hundreds fled to the hills and, while much property was damaged, no lives were lost.

French Have Advantage

Paris, Aug. 14.—French captured Denicourt road and trenches south of Somme last night. They also widened previously-seized positions.

Three German Verdun attacks were repulsed. A new French thrust north of the Somme is believed to prestage capture of the villages of Maurapoa and Cleary.

Italians Still Advancing

Rome, Aug. 14.—It is announced Italians have pierced the Austrian line south of Georitz, and gained east of Nadellium Height. They drove Austrians across the Carso Plateau.

Experts Find Value of Machinery.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 14.—Experts from Iowa state college at Ames at the state tractor demonstration here today are trying to find the value of the different makes of machines exhibited for the farmers. They are testing for fuel cost and the amount of power required to operate plows and other farm machinery. Experts say it is as necessary to measure the ability of new farm machinery as it is to measure the amount of food required by a cow and the amount of milk she produces. Farmers and implement men from all over the middle west are attending the tractor demonstration, which will continue for four days.

First Trial a Conviction.

Wallowa, Aug. 14.—Guilty as charged was the verdict of the jury Saturday evening in the court of Judge McCrae in the case of the State of Oregon vs. William McKenzie, on the charge of assault and battery on the person of Supt. Barnes of the George Palmer Lumber Co. camps at Vincent.

The case was a hard-fought one in the justice court. Many witnesses on both sides were examined. Attorney Finn of La Grande and County Attorney Corkins represented the state and Attorney Trill handled the defendant's side of the case.

The jury composed of Edwin Marvin, foreman and Marsh Davis, John McDonald, Henry Schaeffer, T. E. Mitchell and George Evans recommended leniency of the court when handing their verdict. Judge McCrae in sentencing the prisoner, fixed the fine at \$30.00 or 15 days in the county jail. The prisoner chose the latter and this morning Constable Giles Plass took the prisoner to the county seat where he was turned over to Sheriff Marvin, to serve his sentence.

The trials of Frederick Basinger and Edgar Frost on a charge of assault and battery on the person of Superintendent Barnes at the Palmer Lumber camp at Vincent on August 7, will be held in the same court today.