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Overtime Is The Sticking Point

GERMANS WILL KILL CIVILIAN CITIZENS TOO

REPRISAL FOR RECENT KILLING OF SOLDIERS ORDERED BY BERLIN.

ZEPPELIN RAIDERS WILL DROP BOMBS ON CIVILIANS

Contending There Must Be Punishment Inflicted for Death of Submarine Sailors at Hands of English Crew, Berlin Instructs Raiders to Respect No One.

Berlin, Aug. 15.—(Radio to Sayville)—It is officially announced Zeppelins will hereafter punish the English because a crew on the British ship Baralong killed German submarine sailors.

Hereafter Zeppelins will not consider civilian lives when bombing towns in England.

French Retake Trenches. Paris, Aug. 15.—It is announced French in a grenade attack captured German Verdun trenches on a 300-yard front to a depth of 100 yards, near Saint Fin Chapel.

Italians Pierce Trenches. Rome, Aug. 15.—Italians have captured several sections of the Austrian trenches west of San Grado and taken 1400 prisoners.

Teuton Lines Penetrated. Petrograd, Aug. 15.—Russians have pierced a new Teuton line on the Zelota-Lypa river and advanced 12 miles on the upper Strpa.

Berlin Version Given. Berlin, Aug. 15.—It is admitted that British have gained a foothold in German front lines at Thierval, near Pozieres last night. Gen. Bothmer repulsed strong Russian attacks between Zeorow and Konichy east of Lemberg; Russians suffered heavily. Attacks failed between Lup and Graberka.

English Retaking Trenches. London, Aug. 15.—It is announced British entered the German trenches on Moiquet farm northwest of Pozieres and captured 11 prisoners. They repulsed two small raiding parties. In the last two days British recaptured nearly all trenches Germans took Saturday.

THIEVES MAKE HAUL.

North Vancouver, B. C., Treasurer's Vault Broken Into.

Vancouver, Aug. 15.—Robbers entered the North Vancouver city treasurer's vault and stole \$10,000. The theft was discovered this morning. There is no clew.

CAMPAIGN CHANGED.

Regular Stumping Tour Not To Be Made by President.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Pres. Wilson has definitely decided not to go on a stumping tour. Chairman McCormick said today the president would accept occasional invitations to make speaking trips. Mr. Wilson plans to go to his summer White House on Shadow Lawn after congress adjourns and will receive delegations from all parts of the country there. McCormick said President Wilson might accept one invitation to speak on the Pacific coast.

SEVERAL FILE PROOFS.

Enterprise Group Received by Land Office During Day.

The following homestead proofs were received in the United States land office in La Grande today: Tom Atkins, Enterprise; Florence M. Apington, Chico; Calvin Mahaffey, Enterprise; Humphrey Best, Enterprise; Charles H. Zurcher, Enterprise; Earl Botts, Zumwalt; Benjamin F. Eckley, Joseph; Mary Pillington, Bly, Wn.; Jack Stareo of La Grande filed a homestead application.

Yesterday's business transacted by Register Bramwell and Receiver Skiff follow: Charles C. Smelzer, Durkee, additional homestead; Peter Huel, Joseph, additional homestead; James E. Wards, Long Creek, additional homestead; Frank Stevenson, Joseph, additional homestead; Clyde Harson, Enterprise, additional homestead; John C. Phillips, Promise, additional homestead; Charles F. Patterson, Range, additional homestead; Nettie F. Meyers, Pendleton, Umatilla Indian land application.

Railroads Accept Eight-Hour Principle

All Freight, Mail And Passenger Trains Will Be Stalled

Strike Order Will Be Followed Instantly By Walkout Of The Four Brotherhoods

Washington, Aug. 15.—A. B. Garretson, of the Conductors' brotherhood, declared today if the strike is called in the United States, transportation will be paralyzed within one minute after the order is issued and movement of mails will halt. He declared strikers are not responsible for mail stoppage. "It's the railroads that have the mail-carrying contracts. I see no reason

why we must supply men for this. The roads must attend to it. 'Industrial necessity' is the excuse for every kind of injustice and oppression. Whenever money kings don't want to give us a fair chance, they claim we must continue in the old state on account of 'industrial necessity'."

Other Brotherhood leaders had nothing to say.

2 MORE MAKE SAFE ESCAPE

FLAXFIELD PRISONERS EVADE PURSUERS.

One of the Two Reported Wounded by Guard Bullets.

Salem, Aug. 15.—Charles Brown and Leopold Werter escaped from the Oregon penitentiary flax fields at Mission Bottom this morning. Armed guards were all around. The men suddenly dashed and vanished in the brush and guards fired.

Warden Minto has received a report that Werter is wounded. This makes a total of eight men escaped from flax gangs this summer.

Nights Unusually Warm.

Pendleton, Aug. 14.—Saturday night, the thermometer dropped only to 64 and last night the record was 52, according to the official records here. E. F. Averill says that the usual night temperature, even during summer rarely goes above 50. Sunday's temperature was 92.

New Resort Contemplated.

Pendleton, Aug. 14.—It is reported that there is a plan on foot for a \$75,000 health resort to be constructed this fall at Lehman Springs. The promoter is a Walla Walla physician, it is said, and, if his negotiations go through, the place will be made available for Summer and Winter trade.

His plan, it is understood, is to construct there a modern hotel, with hot and cold water, and mud bath treatments. The plunge will be improved and considerable change made in the grounds.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The Brotherhoods' executive board went into the White House at 3 this afternoon to receive the manager's proposals made to the President when they met with him this morning. Upon the decision of the Brotherhoods after this conference largely depends the future of the crisis.

Washington, Aug. 15.—President Wilson this morning again consulted with the railroad managers, and it is learned that the railroads have agreed to accept the basic principles of the eight-hour day asked for by the railroad employees. They demand, however, searching investigation of the right of the employees to demand overtime after eight hours. The employees want time and a half overtime for all over eight hours of work.

After the conference, President Wilson caused this statement to be made:

Railroad Managers Met Again

"The President spent a half hour this morning with representatives of the railway managers. After the conference he said it was impossible to report the results. All he would say was that a candid and honest discussion was progressing about the practical base of settlement."

One leading railroad official on leaving the White House said:

"We accept the eight-hour day principle. But the eight-hour day question is so obviously a part of the overtime question that the two must be handled as one problem."

EXTRA

Washington, Aug. 15.—Federal Mediator Chambers participated in the conference between President Wilson and the railroad employees. It lasted one hour and 35 minutes.

Garretson said afterwards: "We are not through. Nothing is done yet. We made no concessions."

The White House made a statement saying: "No change in an earnest effort is being made to find a settlement."

It is authoritatively learned Wilson withdrew all arbitration suggestions, as the men refused to alter their attitude against it. An alternative is under consideration tonight.

Except for scattered assortments La Grande wholesale houses carry enough in stock to keep their respective territories in necessary staple food for a period of three to four weeks. One wholesaler said this

morning that a strike would find his house short of some assortments in the period of 10 days or two weeks, but that such items as are a necessity in food preparation and table maintenance would supply demands for nearly a month. Conservation of resources at hand would make it possible, no doubt, for wholesalers and retailers to parcel out necessities for even a greater length of time than that.

Fruit luxuries would speedily be exhausted if a strike is called—of that there is no doubt. Fuel is not a pressing item just now; flour is available, meats obtainable and from a matter of eat and drink neither La Grande nor small Oregon towns would be the sufferers to any great extent if in the face of a prolonged walkout. The great suffering would develop in large cities where wholesale houses would be stripped clean in a day or two. While the populace consoles itself with the deep-rooted consolation that the men and railroads will patch up differences in some way, it is not to be overlooked that La Grande

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STRIKE ISSUE DELAYS TROOP MOBILIZATION

FUNSTON FEARS STRIKE WOULD HAMPER PROPER SUPPLY SERVICES.

FRESH MILITIAMEN NOT TO GO FORWARD JUST NOW

Difficulty of Obtaining Transportation in Case of Strike, and Serious Problem of Feeding Men Already on Border, Cause Army Department to Countermand Order.

Washington, Aug. 15.—On account of the threatened railroad strike the war department has indefinitely suspended the order sending 35,000 additional militiamen to the border.

Fear of possible shortage of supplies and the outstanding difficulty of obtaining transportation for men, have caused General Funston to urge delay in forwarding these new soldiers.

In case of a strike government officials face a serious problem in handling supplies for the soldiers on the border, and it is reported they do not fancy having more there to care for than is at present located in actual service.

TACOMA HEARS HUGHES.

Band Leads Parade Down Streets—Big Address During Day.

Tacoma, Aug. 15.—A large crowd greeted Mr. Hughes here and a band led a parade on the down town streets. He was given a great ovation. He visited the principal points of interest.

It is predicted 40,000 will hear his stadium speech this afternoon. At 1 p. m. Hughes addressed the state's Republican editors.

Portland, Aug. 15.—Candidate Hughes and his party will reach Portland tomorrow morning and, instead of penetrating the Willamette valley, will devote his entire time to Portland. His schedule tomorrow is:

6 a. m.—Arrives at North Bank depot over Great Northern Railroad. 8 a. m.—Breakfast in private car with Mrs. Hughes. 9 a. m.—Local reception committee meets him at station.

9:15 a. m.—Arrives at Benson hotel. 9:30 to 10:30—Public reception at Benson.

10:30 to 12 noon—Rest period in private. 12:45 p. m.—Informal reception at Press club.

1:30 p. m.—Leaves for trip over Columbia River highway.

5 p. m.—Returns to Benson.

8 p. m.—Public address at Ice Palace, 20th and Marshall streets.

10:30 p. m.—Retires to private car. 1:30 a. m.—Leaves for San Francisco.

The Ice Palace, where the meeting is to be held, has been completely floored and equipped with chairs under the direction of the Republican State Central committee. It will seat 10,000 and there will be standing room for two or three thousand more.

State Chairman Chas. L. McNary will preside and introduce Gov. Withycombe, who will present Mr. Hughes.

The doors will be open at 6 o'clock and the speaking will begin at 8. There will be no reserved seats except a few places on the platform for members of the state committee, officers of the state organization Hughes Alliance, and chairmen of the ushers.

It is thought certain that the big building will be filled an hour or more before the speaking commences. The uniformed Multotor club will act as an escort to Gov. Hughes and McElroy's band will furnish music before the meeting.

WILL HEAR HUGHES.

Republican County Chairman Will Attend Portland Meeting.

J. H. Peare, chairman of the Republican Central committee, left last night for Portland to attend the C. E. Hughes meeting tomorrow. All committeemen of the state will have seats of honor on the speaker's platform.

FOREST FIRES ANTICIPATED

HUNTING SEASON REASONABLY SURE TO FAN FIRES.

Automobile and Telephone Have Greatly Reduced Harmful Fires.

Albeit Eastern Oregon has been remarkably free of forest fires up to date, officials of the Union-Wallowa Counties' Fire association are unlimbering all the tools of fire prevention on the day promiscuous hunting began. Warden Williamson has his Ford groomed for quick action and loaded with kits for provisions, tools to fight fire and fire fighters conveniently near, ready to start for a possible blaze at any minute. Since hunters began today to traverse the hills, fire bugs will figuratively begin to fly, and the warden is moving his patrolmen into such districts as are most frequently visited by nimrods.

Previously the association has used teams to reach the scenes of fires, and much delay occasioned. This year the more modern way was chosen, and in the scattering instances where blazes were detected, speed, the essence of fire prevention, was quickly applied in reaching the fire and exterminating it before gripping footholds were obtained. With watchmen on high prominences constantly on the lookout for smoke, and able to talk with telephone instantly to headquarters and fighters ready to go to the blaze in automobiles, it is but little wonder that fires haven't been harmful in 1916. But that, in the opinion of officials, does not eliminate the very present danger of more fires since hunters—often carelessly negligent with matches—are permitted to wander about the mountains and timbered belts.

NOTIFICATION FIXED.

September 2d Is Date President Wilson Will "Get the News."

Washington, Aug. 15.—September second has been definitely fixed as the date President Wilson is to receive official notification of his nomination. The ceremony will be at Long Branch, N. J., on the lawn in front of the "Summer White House."

ASHLAND ENJOYED.

Fine Park Appeals to La Grande Touring Party There.

Writing from Ashland the Bohnenkamp auto party say they are greatly enjoying the Southern Oregon scenery. Among other things they say:

When I wrote last thought I would write no more, as every one knows all about this part of the trip, but from the lake to Medford is such a wonderful trip. The lake of course is a wonder in itself and beautiful beyond imagination.

We left the lake at 2 in the afternoon and came down the Rogue river stopping wherever signs showed places of interest. There was a natural rock bridge where the river goes underground for some distance and breaks out again in a new place from a different direction, and it is wild and rocky for many miles. We got to Prospect at 9 and came near sleeping in a barn as it is only a little hotel and he had over 40 tourists there for the night, but when he found we were Brother Bills, he went in to consult his wife and somebody doubled up and we had fine beds and a delicious breakfast. Got into Ashland about 3 and spent the rest of the day seeing the city and their beautiful park to purchase and beauty which they have bonded the city for \$175,000.

They plan great civic features for the future. We leave this morning for a short run into the Siskiyou somewhere beyond Hornbrook and will return tonight or tomorrow. Have heard nothing from La Grande since we left except that the laundry burned.

