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## MANAGERS OFFER TO TRY 8 HOUR PLAN

### The Existing Overtime Schedule Not Abandoned

#### TRAINMEN TAKE NEWEST PROPOSITION FROM THE RAILROADS UNDER STUDY

Washington, Aug. 16.—Railroad employees who are about to walk out and cripple transportation over the whole United States, have a new proposition from the managers to consider today which may mean commercial peace. The decision hasn't been reached but is under discussion this afternoon and may come to a successful conclusion tomorrow in what promises to be the most dramatic scene in the history of American labor. This scene will take place in the East Room of the White House. The proposition is this: The managers will agree to adopt an eight-hour day for a trial period, but instead of paying time and a half for overtime, will continue on the present overtime basis. (This is pro rata, and not time and a half, or, in other words, straight time added to the regular day's pay).

This proposition was announced to the 600 division chairmen who have been in New York while the four presidents of the brotherhoods were in Washington. W. B. Carter of the Firemen's Brotherhood carried the news to the delegates.

No definite decision has been reached but the proposition is under consideration this afternoon. Trainmen insist the president or the managers must outline a method of investigating the eight-hour day and let the trainmen decide if it is satisfactory.

Yesterday evening word was sent to New York for the 640 delegates to come to Washington, that whatever decision was reached would have the sanction of all, and not alone of the Presidents of each Brotherhood.

It will be a dramatic scene, this, tomorrow, when President Wilson tells the railroad workers his reasons for believing no strike is necessary. The trainmen's district chairmen conferred in New York this morning after agreeing to meet Wilson tomorrow. The proposition of giving the eight-hour day basis with the present overtime schedule a trial is the chief matter of discussion at New York and here today.

Federal Mediator Chambers late today announced President Wilson will put a concrete proposition before the 600 members of the railway employees general committee tomorrow at the White House.

Reduced to local terms, the decision of the managers at Washington to give the eight-hour day a trial, means this: Under present conditions the employees have 10 hours in which to bring a train from Huntington to La Grande and if delay is occasioned and the trip takes longer than that, pro rata overtime is paid. Under the new proposals, eight hours would constitute a day's work, instead of 10, and after eight hours pro rata overtime would be given at the rate of 12 1-2 miles an hour, but not time and a half as asked for.

#### HUNTINGTON MAN DEAD

Apoplexy Cause of Death Which Is Shock to the Town.

Huntington, Aug. 15.—Following a failing illness for several years F. M. Gaugh, manager of the local railroad telegraph office here, died suddenly at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning of apoplexy. Mr. Gaugh had attended to his usual duties during the day on Friday and he and his wife had visited with friends Friday evening, hence his sudden death caused quite a shock to his friends. Mr. Gaugh had been in Huntington for seven years. He was born in Missouri 53 years ago. The remains were sent Sunday evening to Kansas City, Mo., accompanied by his wife, where burial will take place. Surviving him are his wife of this city and his mother and sister residing at Kansas City.

#### GOVERNMENT CREW COMES

Light Keepers at Their Posts This Afternoon.

From the very peaks of Mt. Emily and Mt. Fannie—sentinels of the Grande Ronde valley—will flicker signal lights tonight in further prosecution of the government scheme to establish longitudinal, latitudinal and azimuth readings for La Grande as a part of an exhaustive survey of the coast now under way. For several days, as previously noted in the Observer J. E. McGrath has been taking astronomical readings from an observatory in the O.-W. yards here and while he is still at work on the proposition of establishing longitudinal and latitudinal readings at this point, triangulation scheme crews are

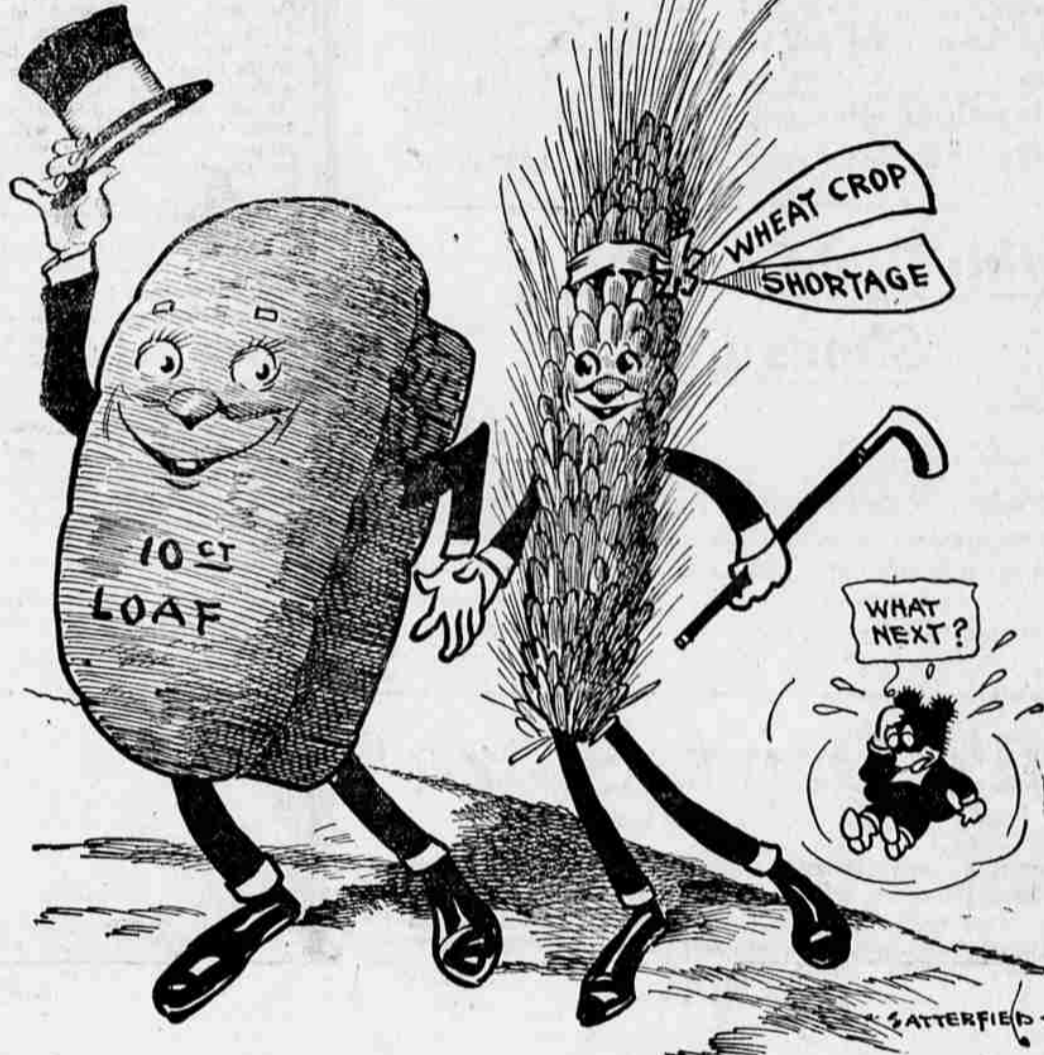
arriving from the west. There are eight light keepers in the crew, two truck drivers, one chief and a recorder.

One truck arrived last night with the necessary light keepers to establish the azimuth readings and they are today at their respective posts, ready for the chief, who arrives this afternoon, to begin his readings this evening. It is expected it will require two nights to make the observations.

When the men have completed here they will move on toward Mountain Home, continuing their work in much the same manner it is to be conducted here.

Mr. McGrath, who is in charge of the astronomical observations, has been comparing notes with Echo, where an established base was created with Walla Walla as an original base, and within a couple of nights, the Echo man will go on to Mountain Home, Idaho, and observations will begin there using La Grande as a base to work from and Mr. McGrath remains here to give the necessary comparisons. When Salt Lake is reached, another established base will be encountered and then Echo, La Grande, Mountain Home and possibly other intermediate points will be given final and accurate longitudinal and latitudinal readings.

German Strategy Again. Copenhagen, Sweden, Aug. 16.—A Swedish governmental order is posted here today prohibiting the exportation of sardines packed in oil. It has been discovered that vast quantities of tinned sardines were being packed by the Germans and the oil used on machine guns.



HAND IN HAND!

## PORTLAND GREETES HUGHES SUBMERSIBLE'S FATE UNKNOWN

Portland, Aug. 16.—Great crowds cheered Charles Evans Hughes, Republican candidate for president, as he promanaded the streets this morning. The Hotel Benson, where headquarters were established, was thronged. He spoke to hundreds at a public reception there, and then was present at the Ad club luncheon, later attending a Press club reception.

This afternoon Mr. Hughes is touring the Columbia highway and returns to the Ice Palace tonight to speak to an audience estimated to be 10,000.

In addressing the Ad club Mr. Hughes said: "I am a member of the Republican Ad club and for the present am its spokesman. A short time ago I was short on speech and long on silence, but now I am long on speech and short on silence. The reason for the change is I was mandamused in Oregon."

He explained why he refused to let his name enter the primaries, and said he did not desire to run but preferred to remain in court. However he decided later to answer the country's call. He advocated sound and business-like administration and outlined a constructive program.

#### FIRST HORSE ARRIVES.

California Steed Is Here to Take Part in the Races.

"Magnita," owned by C. H. Williams of Eureka, California, arrived in La Grande today to take part in the big races beginning September 6th. "Magnita" is entered in the 2:30 pace. This is the first horse to come to La Grande for the Inter-Mountain circuit although the regular schedule for the circuit is now in Idaho. La Grande is the most convenient point of access from Eureka and that is why Mr. Williams' entry was sent here. The steed is at the grounds and will be put in condition for the event for which entry has been made. More than 150 other race horses will be in La Grande soon.

#### LAKE SPRUCING UP.

Elaborate Repairs and Overhauling Under Way This Week.

Various carpenters, plasterers, painters, etc., are working at the Hot Lake sanatorium this week beginning an extensive campaign of improvements and repairs to the institution.

"We are getting ready for the fall and winter business," said Mr. Wallington, new manager of the sanatorium, over the telephone today. "The fact we have repairs and improvements of various sorts under

way has not in the least hindered guests now here, but the place needed overhauling, and it is getting in fine shape right now."

#### MANY HORSES SHIPPED.

Big Consignment of Animals for Kansas City.

About one hundred and fifty head of horses which have been assembled at La Grande will be loaded out for the east this evening. These animals were bought principally in this section of the country although quite a number were brought here from outside points. They are not army horses but possibly will in the end go for military purposes. Included in the lot are several mules which are extensively used in war purposes. The purchases have been made by private dealers and that they go to Kansas City to be turned over for military purposes is a probability.

#### UNION HAS PICNIC.

Firemen of Union and Friends Hear La Grande Manager Speak.

Union volunteer firemen were hosts yesterday to a big percentage of Union's population at a picnic in Goodbrod's grove. Business houses were closed for the event, and it was generally a big time, reports City Manager F. J. Lafky and Fire Chief Claude Mackey, who attended the meeting from La Grande. Mr. Lafky spoke to the picnic crowd, as did also Marion Davis of Union who reviewed, historically, the career of the Union fire department.

Mr. Lafky in his address touched upon the troubles and tribulations attending fire departments in big cities and small, and recommended that if purchases were considered in a town of Union's size a small chemical wagon, left in convenient garages, where it could be quickly hauled by automobile to fire, there to be met by the individual firemen, would be as good an investment as any. He pointed out that a general utility man such as street superintendent, relief patrolman or the like might have general supervision of the early stages of the fire, giving way to the regular firemen as they arrived on the scene from places of business more remote than would be a man on the street continually. He pointed out that the first two minutes at a fire largely determines the outcome of damage.

After the speeches and footracing, in which Mayor Toney Smith ran away from the field, supper was served and a generally good time enjoyed.

## BERLIN IGNORANT OF DEUTSCHLAND'S COURSE

After 14 Days, Time Needed on Outgoing Voyage, No Word Comes.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—The United Press has learned the Deutschland is unheard from since she cleared Virginia Capes, 14 days ago.

Her outward voyage lasted 16 days and 14 have elapsed without word indicating the submarine is following a roundabout course to dodge blockaders.

She carries a powerful wireless but the German admiralty officials have not expected to receive wireless messages as the radio might betray the Deutschland's whereabouts.

#### HUNTERS WARNED.

If Fires Are Kept Down, Season Will Not Be Curtailed.

"If hunters are careful, each man remembering always to avoid firing the forest, sportsmen will not be denied a part of their hunting season this year," thinks Deputy Game Warden John Walden. "The game department is impressing upon every hunter the great need of keeping down fires and if fires do not get away there will be no occasion to curtail the hunting season as was done last year" further explained the game official.

"In case it should turn unusually dry for the rest of the fall, fires would be prevalent from sources other than hunters it must be admitted, but if hunters don't start them, the conditions will be improved. For these reasons it behooves every man who hunts and every family that goes camping 'safety first' ever in mind."

#### CHANCELLOR TO SPEAK.

Union Meetings Sunday Night Will Hear Spokane Divine.

A. M. Meldrun, chancellor of the Spokane university (Christian denomination), was in La Grande last evening visiting his old-time friend Rev. H. L. Ford of the Christian church. This morning Dr. Meldrun left for Wallawa county points and will occupy the pulpit in the Christian church Sunday morning and evening, addressing a union meeting in the evening.

The chancellor is a man with strong personality and a traveler of note, as well as being a gifted speaker.

## FEW CHANGES IN WAR LINES IN THE WEST

MOST STUBBORN FIGHTING OF WAR ZONE ENCOUNTERED BY THE RUSSIANS.

#### VON JAGOW DENIES A RUMOR OF AGGRESSION

Danish West Indies Not To Be Molested He Says, in Denying Rumors—English Much Concerned Over Reparation for Murder of English Captain—Italians Claim Advance.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—It is announced Russians weakly attacked north of the Dneister. Germans hold the Starawipezna height.

Von Jagow today denied Germany intended to seize the Danish West Indies as the first step in assaulting the Monroe doctrine. He declared Germany doesn't intend to disturb "Sovereign rights" of any western power.

Stubborn Resistance Overcome. Petrograd, Aug. 16.—Despite the most stubborn resistance Russians advanced their lines on a 75-mile front from the Carpathians to southwest of Tarnopol and seized two villages. South Brzezany another Russian detachment crossed the Zelota-Lipa river. Against terrific counters Russians have gained toward Halitz.

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—It is announced Brussiloff's Russian armies between June fourth and August third, captured 358,000 Austro-German prisoners, 1300 machine guns, 338 bomb throwers and great amounts of miscellaneous supplies.

Night at Pozieres Quiet. London, Aug. 16.—General Haig reported today minor Pozieres engagements, these not changing the Somme situation.

Italians Take Trenches. Rome, Aug. 16.—It is announced Italians have captured Austrian trenches on the slopes of Monte Peckina, South of Goritz, near Scaletina, San Marco and took 300 prisoners.

Little Action at Champaign. Paris, Aug. 16.—It is announced French dispersed German reconnoitering parties in the Champaigne region. The night there was the calmest of the entire front.

#### ENGLISHMEN OBDURATE.

Reprisals for Execution of Fryatt Will Be Demanded.

London, Aug. 16.—Premier Asquith has intimated to the Commons Britain may not resume diplomatic relations with Germany after the war until the kaiser makes reparations for the execution of Captain Fryatt whom the kaiser slew because he had attempted to ram a U-boat.

Asquith answered Sir Edward Carson's query asking what course it was intended to pursue after the war. He added the cabinet was consulting Allies regarding the best means of exacting reparation. Labor Member Will Throne cried: "Will the government declare the kaiser is wanted for murder?"

The question went unanswered. Tremendous cheering broke out.

#### TOURNAMENT IS ENDED.

Drahn Defeats Lottes in Y. M. C. A. Finals Today.

One of the hardest-fought tennis matches played on the Y. M. C. A. courts, and probably as bitterly contested as any ever played in La Grande developed this morning when the finals in the singles tournament conducted this summer by the Y. M. C. A. club were played off between Rev. W. H. Drahn and Frits Lottes, both of whom had worked themselves into the finals by previous victories. Five sets, for a total of 46 games were played before the winner was determined and Mr. Drahn carried off the plum. At one rally the ball crossed the net 20 times before a point was determined and during the course of play 11 deuce games developed and one deuce set. The score: 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

This concludes the elimination tournament, and immediately there will be a round robin handicap tournament begun.