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THE STRIKE SITUATION HANGS IN BALANCE

PRESSURE HUNG PRESIDENT

ARBITRATION DEMANDS POUR
IN FROM PUBLIC—AGENTS
ARE BLAMED.

GLOOM PERVADES STRIKE
PRINCIPALS DURING DAY

President Wilson Consults with Rail-
roads' Sub Committee Again and
Sends Mediator to See Brother-
hoods—After Meeting Things Look
More Hopeful—Agents Accused.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Federal
Mediator Chambers conferred with
President Wilson for a half hour this
morning and later conferred with
brotherhood representatives. After
Chambers returned to the White
House Mr. Wilson arranged an im-
mediate meeting of the railway presi-
dent's subcommittee. As the commit-
tee started for the White House one
member said: "Since midnight the
situation has been worse. The situa-
tion is very serious."

Entering the White House another
member said: "Everything depends on
this visit."
The meeting lasted 10 minutes.
On leaving President Holden of the
Burlington said: "The situation is
more hopeful. As long as there is
something to work with we'll keep
plugging away." He plans to report
full to the committee on a visit this
afternoon.

Brotherhood members have de-
clared railroads are instigating propa-
ganda to persuade President Wilson to
force arbitration and declared station
agents are urging the public in their
vicinities to send Wilson arbitration
messages. It is alleged railroads are
intimidating employees.

Railroad presidents subcommittee
met the full committee late this after-
noon and reported the results of the
Wilson conference and discussed a
tentative settlement on a plan that
included an eight-hour day. The
presidents want assurance of the in-
terstate commerce commission that it
will immediately consider rate in-
creases. They also want the perma-
nent commission to settle future labor
disputes.

A clash among the presidents is ex-
pected. Many powerful executives
are outspoken against the eight hour
and made a statement calling Wilson's
plan "preposterous and impractical."

MR. PENINGTON IMPROVES.

Crippled Man Able to Surprise Father
by Walking.

Letters from Canada to Mrs. C. C.
Penington and her daughter Mary
convey the joyful tidings that their
son and brother S. Penington has sud-
denly regained use of his limbs and
can walk, notwithstanding his back
was broken a few weeks ago in an ac-
cident. C. C. Penington and daughter
Mrs. Lloyd Scriber hastened at once
from La Grande at the time to the in-
jured man's side. For weeks his fate
hung in the balance. A most delicate
operation was performed upon the
man's broken back, a particle of bone
removed and consequences awaited.
For a time it appeared that he might,
after many months, be able to walk
with the use of crutches. His father
and sister left the hospital a few days
ago the letter says, for the Penington
farm some distance away, and when
Mr. Penington returned again to the
hospital to remove his son to the
ranch by means of special stretchers
and great caution, he discovered to
his glad surprise that the young man
deliberately left his bed and walked
out of the room without crutches.
The father was too surprised to fully
realize for a time what had happened.
The news was hurried to the balance
of the family in La Grande.

Canadian Huckleberries Big.

Mrs. Emma C. Harding has re-
ceived a shipment of huckleberries
from her son Fred in Canada which
are wonders for size and flavor. They
resemble fancy cherries in size more
than the Oregon huckleberry. As to
flavor they were exceptionally fine,
and Mrs. Harding has exercised ex-
treme caution in canning them, an-
ticipating some delicious pies when
snow flies.

CAPTAIN KOENIG



Lionized submarine captain who took his ship and crew safely into Bre-
men after sensational voyage to America and back again.

"HANSOME PUP" SEEKS A WIFE

MERLIN FRUIT PACKER PEN-
CILS LOVE LETTER.

Shipment of Fruit When Unpacked
Contains Love-charged Appeal
for Good Cook, Washerwoman.

Listen, ladies!
Here's some chance to get a hus-
band really worth while.
It's just like this. When clerks in
the Pattison Bros. grocery store be-
gan to unwrap some Merlin, Ore.,
peaches this morning, they encoun-
tered a love letter from some fellow in
Merlin who has unusual merit as a
prospective husband. There is some
question about his name but it is
"Erery" or "Evry," but anyway his
name is itself even though his second
name is blurred on the wrapping
paper love epistle.
"I am 21 years of age. I am a nice
young man weight one 100 95 lb.
handsome as a pup. Worth full \$50
thousand and I want a wife who is a
good cook and can run a wash board.
I want to here from you at once. I
don't care how old or how young.
Please answer at once. Dick Erery,
Merlin, Ore."

RECEPTION SATURDAY.

George W. Hull and Wife to Greet
Public at Pastry Shop.

Housewives of La Grande have an
invitation to call Saturday at 1316
Adams avenue where Mr. and Mrs.
George W. Hull are opening a pastry
shop. The guests will be welcomed
especially after 2 p. m. for the rest
of the afternoon, and samples of pastry
will be given to each visitor. "We
want to meet the people of La Grande
and have set Saturday afternoon as
the beginning of our acquaintance,"
said Mr. Hull this afternoon. "We
want all housewives who can get
away for a few minutes that day to
drop into the store, and see for them-
selves what we have."

SOCIETY BENEFITED.

Oregon Prisoners' Aid Society Repre-
sentative in Town.

Representing and looking after in-
terests of the Oregon Prisoners' Aid
society in Portland, T. J. Hazelton,
the financial secretary of the institu-
tion is in La Grande today. He is
confering with authorities and others
while here.

It is planned that Mr. Hazelton
shall address a congregation in the
L. D. S. tabernacle next Sunday even-
ing on Prison Reform.

Stewart Deserves Credit.

Baker, Aug. 24.—Owing to a mis-
understanding, in mentioning the ac-
cident to Walter Fields at Durkee
night before last, credit was not given
to the right party for saving Fields'
life, if he eventually recovers from
his injuries. Section Foreman W. J.
Stewart was the man who found
Fields and applied first aid measures,
which undoubtedly conserved the in-
jured man's strength, so that he was
brought safely to the hospital here.

RECEIVED SILVER CUP.

Lou Rayburn's Ability as Trap Shoot-
er Is Recognized.

Lou Rayburn is in receipt of a
handsome silver cup as one of the
trophies recently awarded at the
Northwestern Sportsmen's meeting.
The cup was sent direct from an east-
ern concern to Mr. Rayburn at La
Grande and is inscribed with his name
and also the score which was made in
the recent contests and which gave
the recipient title to the trophy. Mr.
Rayburn has numerous prizes and
medals secured in contests before the
traps.

FRUITMEN ORGANIZING.

Hundred Carloads Reported Signed
Up by League.

Articles of association, constitution
and by-laws of the Grande Ronde Ap-
ple Growers' league have been drafted
by a committee appointed at a La
Grande meeting some time ago, and
100 carloads of apples have been
signed up for the league to handle.
The papers are still circulating and
further and complete organization is
set for a nearby date at which time
officials will be elected. One of the
essential features of the league's con-
stitution is that growers who belong
to it can choose their own method of
marketing but it must be done
through the league thus giving the
league supervision of the pack and
benefit of the tonnage. Headquarters
for the association will be established
in La Grande.

Blacksmith at Chemawa Dead.

Chemawa, Or., Aug. 24.—The fu-
neral of the late H. E. Mann, who died
in Portland Thursday, was held on
Monday, interment being in Salem.
Mr. Mann was for 15 years black-
smith at the Chemawa Indian school
and was enjoying his annual vacation
in Portland when stricken with ap-
pendicitis and operated upon. Nora
and Marie, and one son, Edward, his
wife died at Chemawa in May, and
two daughters also died here recently.

Boiler Makers Given Raise.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 24.—Two
hundred boiler makers and helpers em-
ployed by the Chicago, Milwaukee &
St. Paul railroad from Moberidge, S.
D., to the Coast, were granted a wage
increase of 2-1-2 cents per hour as a
result of a conference between rail-
road officials and union representa-
tives which was concluded here yester-
day. The average wages of boiler-
makers will be 49 cents an hour and
that of helpers 25 cents an hour in
the future. A nine-hour work-day
will be continued as heretofore.

ANCIENT SERES ATTACKED; THE GREEKS RETIRE

AFTER HELPING ALLIES DE-
FEND STRONGHOLD GREEKS
ORDERED BACK.

DAY'S OUTCOME ALONG
FRENCH FRONT A TIE

England Expects Monumental Raid
by German Zeppelin in September
and August—Raid Last Night Re-
ported Uneventful—Allies Driven
Across the Struma.

Athens, Aug. 24.—Bulgarians are
attacking the ancient city of Seres
43 miles northeast of Saloniki.
Greeks are helping the French defend
the city.

Elsewhere the Bulgar offensive is
halted.

Allies Falling Back.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Sofia has an-
nounced Bulgarians drove the Allies
across the Struma river. French and
British abandoned several hundred of
their dead.

Russians Vanquish Turks.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—It is an-
nounced Russians have defeated 80-
000 Turks near Mosul and captured
two entire regiments, many cannons
and much booty.

Four Aeroplanes Crumpled.

Paris, Aug. 24.—It is announced
French repulsed two attacks near
Soyecourt south of the Somme. Four
German aeroplanes were destroyed.

Great Raids Anticipated.

London, Aug. 24.—A Zeppelin
raided the east coast of England at
midnight with no damage. Officials
believed the Zeppelin reconnoitered
preparatory to a great aerial attack.
It is reported Germans are building a
fleet of huge sky dreadnaughts carry-
ing five tons of explosives and is
planning extensive raids in September
and October when the weather is
more favorable.

Germans Keep up Charges.

London, Aug. 24.—Gen. Haig has
reported the Germans have repeated-
ly attacked English between Guillemont
station and the Quarry last
night. They succeeded in reaching
the British trench parapets but were
repelled after hot bayoneting along
the parapets. They suffered heavily.

Germans shelled Huppertzollern re-
doubt near Hulluch and attempted a
raid. Machine guns halted the charge
before it reached the trenches.

Greeks Falling Back.

An Athens dispatch said Green
troops around Zeres are evacuating
positions and retreating southward
under Greek government's orders.
The retirement order came after Bul-
garians shelled the Greeks for several
hours.

EDITORS RUB ELBOWS.

Group of Two-County District and
Elsewhere Discuss Shop.

At the Foley last evening about a
half score of editors of the state, par-
ticularly of Eastern Oregon, met to
greet the State Editorial association
president and secretary, E. E. Brodie
of Oregon City and Phillip S. Bates
of Portland. After a dinner the men
visited and smoked until the midnight
hour, hob-nobbing over affairs of the
newspaper shop. In addition to the
state association officers and the La
Grande newspaper representatives
present, guests included G. L. Hurd,
formerly of Stanfield, and Editors
Henry of Elgin, Bledsoe of Wallowa
and Cheney of Enterprise.

Pendleton Postoffice Ready.

Pendleton's new federal building is
ready for occupancy and the post-
office and offices for the Umatilla for-
est supervisor will be moved to the
new building on September 3.

ALL GERMANY JOYOUS OVER RETURN OF THE FAMOUS DEUTSCHLAND

The Hague, Aug. 24.—Slightly damaged, the Deutschland
famous submarine merchant boat, returned from its voyage to
America, reaching Bremen in safety. The crew has stated the
return course was the same route as the one adopted when out-
ward bound.

Bremen crowds have lionized Captain Koenig and he is a
national hero. Germany has abandoned all other pursuits today
in cities especially to celebrate the safe return of the now famous
vessel.

Another definite announcement has been made to the effect
that as soon as the German Admiralty knew positively the
Deutschland had reached a point of comparative safety that the
Bremen, a sister ship, started for America. This was several
days ago.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The Deutschland
eluded eight British warships and
many American fishing schooners off
the Virginia Capes. Captain Koenig
said the Allies hired the schooners to
spread fishing nets in an endeavor to
locate the submarine and Koenig de-
clared the Allies observed American

neutrality and remained outside the
three-mile limit.

Submerged 110 Miles in All.
The Deutschland submerged 110
miles during the 4200 mile voyage,
and the weather was splendid except
that it was foggy and stormy near the
English coast. A thick mist delayed
arrival several days.

Bremen Shows Her Joy.

Bremen is joyous. Her streets are
decorated and bells were rung.
Affecting scenes took place when
relatives met the sailors on their re-
turn.

Bremen Sends Signals.

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.—Director
Lohmann, of the Ocean Transporta-
tion company, told Bremen news-
papermen today the submarine Brem-
en is scheduled to arrive in America
within a few days. The Ocean com-
pany received a wireless message
from the Bremen en route.

Spanish War Veterans to Aid in Re-
cruiting.

Salem, Or., Aug. 24.—Complying
with a request made by Acting Ad-
jutant General Wilson, Harvey Wells,
commander of the Spanish-American
War veterans of the state, has asked
the commanders of the various posts
to aid the adjutant general in securing
recruits for the 3rd Oregon infantry.
Each commander has been named a
recruiting officer by Commander
Wells.

Mercury Registers 96.

About the hottest day of the year
—that's the record for today. The
government instruments registered
96 degrees.

Off for Detroit.

Scotty Adair, employed at the
George Palmer Lumber company for
over six years, and prominently con-
nected with Speed 'Em Up events,
leaves tonight for Canadian points to
spend a week near Lake Huron and
then goes to Detroit to make his fu-
ture home.

MR. M'KENNON EXPLAINS.

Gives His Version of Mr. Lafky's
Retirement as Manager.

Concerning the resignation of Mr.
Lafky as city manager, Commis-
sioner J. D. McKennon has issued the
following statement for publication:

"Mr. Lafky was asked to resign by
two members of the commission. I
for one deem him incompetent, and I
maintain that he has O. K'd and al-
lowed payment of bills which should
not have been done. I am not perse-
cuting Mr. Lafky but I feel that he is
not the man for the place. Merits of
the commission-manager form of
government are not assailed by me, for
I still maintain they are far better
than the old kind. The only trouble
is that we had the wrong manager.
The manager, the commission and the
city engineer are to blame for Beaver
creek dam failure. If Mr. Foley who
will be the next city manager should
be incompetent I shall certainly ask
him to resign too."

Hughes Ready for Vacation.

Orden, Utah, Aug. 24.—Orden gave
Charles E. Hughes a tremendous wel-
come this afternoon when the Repub-
lican candidate arrived to address a
crowd which jammed the city's largest
auditorium. He will leave shortly
after speaking here for Salt Lake
City, 30 miles south, where he will
deliver his second and last set ad-
dress in Utah this evening. While
showing no marked effects from his
swift trans-continental campaign trip
which opened Aug. 5, Governor
Hughes is looking forward to a week's
vacation in the Estes park region of
the Rocky Mountains beginning next
Sunday.

Land Company to Float Bond Issue.

Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—Documents
authorizing the Morson Land com-
pany to issue bonds in the sum of
\$50,000 for the completion of the west
unit of its irrigation project have
been filed with States Engineer Lewis.
The Portland Trust company is named
as trustee. J. E. Morson is president
of the irrigation company and the cor-
poration was recently granted an ex-
tension of time on its contracts by
both the federal government and the
state.

BOOSTERS TO INVAGE WALLOWA

Early Saturday morning a band of
La Grande Racing club officials and
members hie for Wallowa county and
intermediate points in automobiles to
exploit the great race meet here in
September.

At the present time fully a half
dozen well-loaded automobiles plan
to leave here at 7 o'clock. There is
room for a few more men who can
take the trip and if they will notify

F. J. Holmes they will be assigned au-
tomobiles.

The purpose of the trip is to talk
the races up the line and work up in-
terest in a special train during one of
the days. The trip will be more or
less of an outing aside from a booster
trip. Ample automobile room will
be provided for all who can attend, if
they will leave their names early with
the secretary of the club.