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Employees Leaving Washington Expecting Strike

WILSON AT CAPITOL ON MISSION NOT MADE PUBLIC

UNEXPECTED VISIT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS CREATES SPECULATION

CRISIS OF STRIKE IS RAPIDLY AT ITS HEIGHT

Meeting of President and Brotherhoods Postponed Until After Railroad Presidents Agree on Counter Proposals to Make on the Strike Issue, Now at Its Crisis.

Washington, Aug. 26.—President Wilson unexpectedly went to the capitol at 2:30 this afternoon. He entered the President's room off the senate chamber where he conferred with Senator Newlands, chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee, and with Senator Kearn the Democratic floor leader. The session lasted 38 minutes.

The President met newspapermen personally later and said:

"I came to the capitol on certain matters of legislation. I can't discuss the matter further. I hope that is satisfactory."

Sensors Kern and Newlands returned to the senate floor. Railroad executives are puzzled. They had no idea what caused the visit.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The climax in the railroad strike situation appears imminent. The strike question may be decided before night. Presidents of the greatest American railroads argued for hours preparing counter proposals which they will present to President Wilson whenever completed. President Wilson postponed a meeting with the brotherhoods until after he received the railroad's final declaration. He also conferred with Secretary Lane of the interior department.

The brotherhood representatives met for one hour. Afterward they paid their hotel bills and prepared to leave Washington. They are determined to refuse the railroad's proposals whatever they may be unless as President Wilson has outlined, and they believe negotiations are near the end.

EXPEDITION BOAT SUNK

Borden-Lane Boat Hits Rock But All Lives Were Saved

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—A wireless message from the coast guard McCulloch said the power schooner, Great Bear, used by the Borden-Lane Arctic expedition was wrecked on a rock in the Bering sea. The party landed safely at St. Matthews Island and all lives were saved. Many members of the expeditions were from Seattle and northwestern points.

Heat Less Oppressive

After two days of 96 degree weather a decline was felt in La Grande today. Government instruments recorded 93 degrees at 2 p. m.

Prohis May Come

Although it is announced that a special train carrying the presidential and vice-presidential prohibition party candidates from coast to coast is scheduled to leave the east September 8th, for a cross-country trip, it is not known for a certainty that the train will come to Eastern Oregon. Local members of the state executive committee have written to ascertain what the scheduled is to be.

Death of Mrs. Coffinberry.

Elizabeth A. Coffinberry, widow of the late C. C. Coffinberry, died in Union, Oregon, Tuesday, Aug. 22, age 88 years and two months. The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from Cook Bros. undertaking parlors. Mrs. Coffinberry was quite a pioneer in this section and had been in feeble health for many years. The funeral was largely attended by the old friends of the Coffinberrys.—Union Republican.

SENDS SMOKES AND CANDY TO SOLDIERS



MISS JULIA MEYER

Miss Meyer, daughter of George von L. Myer, ex-secretary of state and ex-ambassador to Italy and Russia, is leading a campaign to help the soldiers at the Mexican border. She is sending tobacco, pipes, chewing gum and chocolates regularly to the troops, from her summer home, "Rock-mapple," Massachusetts.

Band Dance Enjoyable. The Elks' band went to Cove Thursday night where they were met by an appreciative audience in a short concert. After that a dance was given. The attendance was good.

OLD SOLDIERS GO TO REUNION

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26.—Commander in Chief Elias R. Lanford of Cincinnati arrived with his staff today for the opening of the 50th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Headquarters for the organization was opened at the hotel Muehlebach. Union station was packed with blue clad veterans and their families. Each arriving train brought a quota of old warriors. Boy scouts were in charge of various information booths and acted as escorts to the sixty-1-ers. The real work of the camp will not begin until Monday, when the committees begin their sessions. In practically all the churches tomorrow there will be special G. A. R. services.

SIGNALS INSPIRING.

People on Mt. Emily See Odd Signs—Mountain Peaks Visible.

Mt. Emily, Aug. 26.—(Special)—A few nights ago the Observer correspondent and several others witnessed an unusual sight on the summit of Mt. Emily. Five members of the U. S. Geodetic survey were there sending and receiving signals to and from La Grande, Mt. Emily and four other elevated points to the south and west. The air was very clear and that aided greatly in getting the delicate and intricate work done in record time. It was an odd sight to see all these lights going in addition to the many lights in the valley and in the valley towns. The lights of Baker could also be plainly seen. The chill air and the cold breeze were the only bad feature about it.

The air has been unusually clear this season. Only a few days ago your correspondent was able to see the massive outlines of Mt. Adams just as the sun was setting. Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams and Mt. Rainier have all been seen at the same time by fire warden Perry and others. This may seem incredible to some but it is a fact just the same.

Threshers on the Way.

Threshing outfits in the vicinity of Union are organized and beginning work, relates the Union Republican. There are five outfits in this immediate valley—Woll, Minnick, Sirrine, Randall and Davis. There has been some difficulty in securing men, but it is understood that most of the outfits have full crews. The weather has been fine and the outlook for rapid work in separating the grain flattering.

Auto Goes to Mountain Top.

Mt. Emily, Aug. 26.—(Special)—Tracy Hollister and Jay Millering were up here in an automobile over Sunday. It was the second one to make the trip. The road crew under J. H. Blumenstein has now finished its work and the road is in much better condition than ever before.

ENEMY FLEET SEIZES NEW YORK HARBOR

ADMIRAL HELMS SINKS SEVERAL BATTLECRUISERS OF ENEMY FLEET.

DEFENDERS THEMSELVES ARE LOSERS OF GOOD SHIPS

Great War Game Proceeded Off New York Harbor this Morning for a Period of Eight Hours—Defending Fleet Engages Foe Off Ship—Firing With Big Guns.

Washington, Aug. 26.—A great naval war game battle is ranging off the New York harbor for a period of eight hours today. After several days of scouting the defending enemy fleets have come within battle range.

Admiral Helms is defending the New York harbor, and engaged Admiral Mayo's attacking fleet off the Scotland lightship.

Many Ships Sunk. Helms opened fire with his 12-inch guns. So effective was his fire that the defenders soon "sank" the battleship Texas and Nevada and the destroyers Wadsworth and Cooper.

Own Ships Lost. But in the conflict their lost were defending ships. Helms lost the scout cruiser Birmingham, and the destroyers Fanning, Dayton and Balch.

Defenders Beaten. The enemy fleet of the battle was theoretically declared to have destroyed the defenders, the invading troops landing on Long Island.

New Recruits Sent.

Harry M. Race, aged 19 years, of Boise, and Harry L. Gilbert, the same age, of Baker, have been sent to Clackamas after enlisting with Captain Clark in the recruiting station here.

HIGH COST OF LIVING IS HELD UP FOR CRITICISM

Greely, Colo., Aug. 26.—Mr. Hughes attacked the Democratic administration saying here today: "Our opponents have failed to reduce the high cost of living. They shamelessly betrayed the merits of the system and left our citizens to be murdered, property destroyed close to our own boundary. They said they opposed a protective tariff. This resulted in great unemployment and it will be so again after the war."

Hughes Arrives in Denver.

Denver, Aug. 26.—Coming to a suffrage state enthused by his declaration in favor of National Woman's suffrage, Charles E. Hughes was greeted by almost as many women as men on his arrival here today. Union station was jammed by a crowd which wanted to catch the first sight of the Republican candidate for president. A committee of Colorado's leading Republicans met Governor Hughes and escorted him by automobile to his hotel. Conferences with republican leaders were to precede to first address scheduled for tonight at the municipal auditorium. Twelve thousand persons can be jammed into this hall and an overflow crowd was expected. Candidate Hughes, Mrs. Hughes and the newspapermen who have crossed the continent with them will leave shortly after tonight's meeting for Estes Park, Colorado's beautiful mountain resort, where Governor Hughes will spend a week climbing hills and vacationing in preparation for his return to the east.

LIKES ORCHARD OUTLOOK

Idaho State Horticultural Expert Commends Imbler Growers

After an inspection of Imbler orchards last evening, E. F. Stephens of Nampa, who is chairman of the Idaho State Board of Horticulture, pronounced the Imbler orchards in splendid shape. He called the Miller orchard the best-kept tract of apples he has seen. Mr. Stephens declared that the whole outlook at Imbler is to his opinion, very promising.

Caravan Invades Wallowa

RACING BOOSTERS VISIT WALLOWANS

2-DAY JOURNEY ON PROGRAM FOR THE TRIP

Social Business and Races Triangular Purpose of Journey Many Took

Early this morning, ere business was astir to any extent a half-dozen automobile loads of race meet boosters left one at a time and for different points in Wallowa county, forgetting not to touch Elgin and way points en route. They are talking up the race meet here September 6-9 inclusive.

All will not be business on the trip for the big majority are staying over until tomorrow, intending to spend the night at the head of Wallowa Lake. There were a great number of colored posters taken along but most of the boosting was to be done from word of mouth. While visiting Wallowa county on a boosting expedition, merchants and businessmen who went with the caravan of automobiles will take time enough to greet fellow businessmen along the way. After attending a dance at Wallowa Lake park tonight, and enjoying a plunge in the lake waters tomorrow and maybe a yanking expedition, the men will return home tomorrow night. Several parties were accompanied by their wives so that the boosting junket becomes at once a booster trip and a social recreation function.

MISSIONARY TO TALK

Interesting Close-View of War Zone To Be Told Sunday

Miss Cole, mention of whom was made yesterday as having recently arrived from England and Scotland where she was interned during two years of the war, will speak tomorrow morning at the Methodist church on the war as viewed from the Turkish angle and from the English. She was a missionary in Turkey before the war broke out and lived in Scotland and England during the war so that she is very familiar with the civilian life of England while the conflict has raged. Her mother of Forest Grove, who was a missionary for 40 years in Turkey, is also in the city and will hear her daughter tomorrow morning. The story Miss Cole tells is one of extreme interest.

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PLANNING BIG MEETINGS

Summerville Church Aims to Get Countryside Into Church

Rev. G. R. Archer, pastor of the Summerville Methodist church was in La Grande today arranging for advertising his big meetings next Sunday at Summerville. It is to be called "Go to Church" day, and invitation is extended to the whole countryside. In the morning Rev. Archer will himself occupy the pulpit speaking on the theme "sources and uses of Suffering." In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. C. A. Edwards of La Grande will speak on the recent quadrennial conference of the Methodist church. Special music is to be provided for each of these services.

Little Frost on Hill.

Mt. Emily, Aug. 25.—(Special)—The frost on the morning of the 19th inst. was evidently much less severe up here than at many places in the valley. The potatoes, strawberries, etc. at the Blumenstein cabin were not injured at all. It is probably the highest piece of tilled ground in the country, being just about a mile (5,280 ft.) above sea-level and approximately 2,500 feet above the valley. The strawberries are in full bearing at present, potatoes, peas and turnips are large enough to eat.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS



Here is the "Fokker killer" of the French aviation corps. He has brought down 12 German aeroplanes and in many thrilling air battles has had hairbreadth escapes from death.

PLATTING LOTS ON MT. EMILY

SUMMER COTTAGE GROUND IS MADE AVAILABLE

Forest Reserve People Will Lease Suitable Lots for Campers

Mt. Emily, Aug. 26.—(Special)—Town lots laid out on Mt. Emily! What do you think of that? Supervisor J. M. Schmitz and Rangers Botcher and Thomas are platting some ground near what is known locally as Bear Wallow. The lots are 100 x 150 feet and are to be leased to anyone who wishes to build a summer cottage on one of them. They will not be sold but may be leased for as long as 30 years if desired. There are various rules to be complied with, none of the cottages are to cost less than \$1,000. This provision will very likely have to be changed before there is any mad rush for the lots. The plan is new and the underlying idea is good but it may need modification and changes in some localities. At any rate it shows that even though many people here do not appreciate the value of Mt. Emily as a beauty spot and place for recreation, the authorities at Washington do appreciate it. With most people "distance (and expense) lends enchantment to the view."

ELGIN MAN STRICKEN.

J. M. Shoemaker Suffers Paralytic Stroke—May Recover.

J. M. Shoemaker, well known local resident and merchant, is lying in his home suffering from a stroke of paralysis covering his right side, says the Elgin Recorder. The man was stricken at 4:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon while in company with C. L. Yentzer on the south fork of the Wallowa river, where the two had driven the day preceding for a fishing trip. The two men had driven to a point well up the river from Lostine but finding so many campers there decided to drive back down stream a few miles. En route down the stream the two stopped and took a drink of water. Both again entered the auto and when proceeding along the road when Shoemaker began sneezing. His companion turned to him and asked what the trouble was. He immediately detected the illness and tried to revive the afflicted man with water. Failing, Mr. Yentzer drove the car into Lostine, where a physician was called and who declared the affliction to be paralysis. Word was immediately telephoned to the family and Yentzer started on his way home with the unfortunate man, being met at the head of Wallowa canyon by H. F. and R. L. Shoemaker and L. S. Chapman in another auto, and the party arrived in Elgin at 9:00 o'clock last night.

Dr. E. G. Kirby, the attending physician, states that the paralysis is only partial, and holds out hope that the victim will recover greatly from the stroke. At present he is unable to converse but apparently has possession of his mental faculties.

FRENCH FRONT GRIPPED IN A FIERCE FIGHT

RESULTS AT VARIOUS SECTORS CONFLICTING RECITED IN DISPATCHES.

AEROPLANE ACTIVITIES DURING DAY EXTENSIVE

Berlin and London Sharply Contradict Each Other in Relation to Western Fighting—Balkan Situation Deadlocked Says London—Russians Capture Guta and Chase Turks.

BY ED KEEN.

London, Aug. 26.—It is reported the British left wing has captured 400 yards of German Thiepval trenches. The offensive's ninth week found the British steadily encircling German fortified positions and threatening to capture Thiepval. The German counters at various points were repulsed and Germans were defeated west of Guillemont.

The Berlin war office contradicted the Haig statement and claimed British attacks at Thiepval and Highwood sectors were repulsed, and French Maurepas attacks were repulsed the Berlin statement claims.

A French communique said the German Champagne attack caused the most violent fighting in several weeks. French grenadiers countered successfully every assault, and French aeroplanes dominated the entire front. Nine German aeroplanes were destroyed and three captive balloons burned.

Petrograd has announced that Russians have resumed the advance in the Stanislaw region, and captured the village of Guta. In Caucasus the Russians captured Kurtdagui ridge and are hotly pursuing the survivors.

The British admiralty has announced that naval aeroplanes attacked the Zeppelin hangars at Namura; Belgium and shelled the aeroplane sheds. One British machine failed to return.

The Balkan deadlock continued, and Serbians are strongly countering.

French Disperse Attacks

Paris, Aug. 26.—It is announced French fire dispersed a strong German reconnaissance south of Maurepas. There is heavy artillery fire on the Somme front. Germans dispersed attacks on the Champagne and north-eastern Verdun front.

British Vessel Sunk

London, Aug. 26.—The admiralty has announced that a submarine sank the armed British boarding steamer Duke of Albany in the North Sea Thursday. Twenty-four drowned and 87 were saved.

Some Library

Attorney Chas. J. Shelton has recently received nearly a ton of law and reference books direct from the publishers, and there are yet more to come. He will occupy the room in the bank building, now occupied by Chas. Black's variety store, as soon as Mr. Black is able to move into his new quarters south of the Christian church. Mr. Shelton has been very busy ever since locating in Halfway, and every day brings him new clients. He is credited with being very careful in the preparation of all forms of documents and reasonable in his charges. In the language of the modern business man, he is making good in every way, and his establishment here is appreciated by those in need of his professional services. Instead of getting people into trouble, his aim seems to be to keep them out of it.—Halfway Herald.

ELMA FAIR OFFICIALS PLAN

Horse-Owners. Now at Chehalis, To Take Racers to Meet

Chehalis, Wash., Aug. 24.—Three officials of the Elma fair, James Glansey, president; J. B. Kirkaldie, secretary, and A. Spohr, superintendent of stock and speed events, visited the Southwest Washington fair grounds yesterday and were pleased at the preparations made for the opening of the eighth annual Southwest Washington fair next Monday. The fair grounds are in excellent shape and the various departments are being rapidly arranged for the opening. The Elma fair officials succeeded in getting a number of the horse owners who are here to agree to go to the Elma fair with their strings of racers.