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## MILITARY DRAFT LIKELY IF STRIKE COMES

### PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS MANY LAWS

APPEARS AT JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS WITH RADICAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

### EMPLOYEES MAY STRIKE BEFORE LAWS CAN PASS

Absolute Control of Rolling Stock Asked for, New Eight Hour Law Wanted, and Investigation of Its Effects as Soon as Possible—Republicans Suggest Delay.

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson this afternoon recommended a half-score vitally important pieces of legislation to a joint session of congress with the request that it be put through at the earliest possible moment. The message contained about 3500 words and included some of the most drastic legislation yet suggested to congress by a president. He reviewed the strike situation and recommended among others the following laws:

"Immediate provision for enlargement of the administrative power; reorganization of the Interstate Commerce commission, enabling the commission to perform duties with promptness now practically impossible; establishment of an eight-hour day for all railroad employes operating trains interstate; authorization for presidential appointment of a commission to study the eight-hour day law's results, reporting to congress at earliest possible date without recommendations; congressional approval for Interstate Commerce Commission investigation of the proposed freight rate increases to meet the railroads' additional expenditures as the result of a shorter day; amendment of the federal law providing mediation by making a full, public inquiry compulsory before a strike, and lockout may be declared; empowering the president in the event of military necessity taking control of rolling stock necessary for military service.

Wilson outlined details of his efforts to effect a settlement and declared negotiations have resulted in complete deadlock and asserted the country faces "a great national calamity with cities cut off from food and the nation's commerce paralyzed." He said: "Countless thousands may be brought to the very point of starvation."

Republicans indicated it might need considerable time to debate the program, but administration officials believe all of this legislation will pass within 10 days.

Washington, Aug. 29.—It is learned President Wilson plans military operation of all railroads if the strike comes. He intends to make the present crews operate trains under military draft. Senator Newlands conferred with Mr. Wilson and then with Attorney General Gregory, Interstate Commerce Commission Clark and Chairman Adamson of the House Interstate Commerce committee, regarding a bill legalizing such action.

President Wilson addressed a joint session of congress at 2:30 this afternoon on the railroad situation.

### MUST BE LAW ERE MONDAY

Brotherhood leaders said today that if Wilson plans to halt the strike by a law similar to the Canadian Disputes act, congress must act before Monday. Otherwise the brotherhoods intend to walk out Labor day. The leaders also declared the law will be ineffective if the strike began before Mr. Wilson signed the measure.

Mr. Wilson had completed the congressional address this morning. It contained 3500 words.

During the morning the railroad presidents officially handed Mr. Wilson a counter-proposal and Secretary

### BIG BILLS SIGNED.

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson has signed the army, navy, Philippine and the bill of lading bills. A hundred spectators, including Secretary of War Baker, congressmen and prominent citizens witnessed the signatures.

### IN THE DAYS NEWS.



J. STUART BLACKTON

Col. Blackton is suing Henry Ford for \$1,000,000, claiming Ford peace advertisements libelled the photoplay, "The Battle Cry of Peace," which Blackton produced.

### BOILING WATER SCALDS WOMAN

MRS. ELLA RYNEARSON SUFFERS SEVERE BURNS.

Granddaughter Displays Rare Presence of Mind in Crisis.

Mrs. Ella Rynearson was very seriously scalded and burned in an accident which happened at her home just north of town yesterday. Mrs. Rynearson had undertaken to remove from the stove a wash boiler half filled with boiling water. Either by the "turning" of her ankle or by stumbling she fell and the contents of the boiler were spilled over her. Her hand and arms and body were all more or less scalded. By rare presence of mind her little granddaughter, Bessie Scriber, began tearing away Mrs. Rynearson's clothing, and her son, George Rynearson, also came to the rescue as hurriedly as possible and measurably assisted in limiting the injuries inflicted by the boiling water.

Dr. Holt was called to dress the injuries, and while there is no expectation of serious results the accident is one of the most severe of the kind that could be imagined.

Tumulty took the proposal to a meeting of the brotherhood executives.

### FINGERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Men with long, tapering "piano" fingers are apt to desert after short service, while those having stubby digits, denoting stability of character and utter lack of the artistic temperament, usually stand by their oaths and make the best Marines, according to finger print experts at headquarters of the United States Marine Corps.

Although desertions from the Corps are light at all times it has been found that actors, sign writers, and, strange to say, waiters, furnish the largest number of deserters.

Records, including finger prints, of all men enlisted in the Marine Corps are kept at headquarters for purposes of identification, and there are cases on record where bodies, with finger tips intact, have been positively identified through the finger print medium.

### TWO MORE ENLIST.

Elgin and La Grande Each Contribute Soldier to Border Duty.

Two 20-year-old recruits left last thing for the depot at Clackamas and thence to the Mexican border to serve their country. Harold Austin, of Elgin, wrote a letter to Captain Clark August 14, asking for information and then came to La Grande Saturday. He went back to close up some work in the harvest field and again reported and was finally accepted together with Arthur L. Brill of La Grande. Both are now being prepared for active service.

### MASON ORCHARD BURNS.

At 2:35 this afternoon the fire department was called to the Ella Mason orchard on the east end of Adams avenue to quell a persistent blaze which broke out in the dry grass. About half, or more, of the trees were scorched and ruined, so far as this year's crop was concerned. The blaze was spreading with terrific speed, eating its way towards a half dozen homes on the North side of Adams when the department began its fight with chemicals, emptying all hand and tank supplies before mastering the blaze. The same orchard was burned over last year.

### A. MINNICK OF EVANS SHOT BY STORE THIEVES

BULLET PIERCES CHEST AND LODGES IN ARM; AID GIVEN AT EARLY MOMENT.

### FOUR, MAYBE FIVE, MEN ROB STORE, POSTOFFICE

Night Watchman Fires at Group and Is in Turn Shot by Hidden Thieves Standing Close by—Sheriff Anticipates Arrests—Money Taken Trivial—Store Robbed Year Ago.

Evans, Aug. 29.—(Special)—Alfred Minnick, aged 69 and a brother of John Minnick of Union, was shot through the breast by a robber in the Co-operative store here at 10 o'clock last night. The bullet bored through the old man's chest near the heart and lodged in his arm. Minnick was found a few minutes later and within an hour and a half Sheriff Marvin was on the trail of the would-be assassins and robbers. The postoffice is located in that building and the thieves, for there were four or five of them, were aiming at the postoffice money and the store money as well. Of the former they got \$2 and of the latter \$10.

Shot From Close Range. Mr. Minnick, as night watchman, sleeps in the store of which his son Frank is manager, and has for a considerable time. It was only a year or so ago that he fired at some thieves prowling about the place, but on that occasion no answer came. Last night he detected either three or four men leaving the store. Mr. Minnick seized his revolver and fired at them but missed it is thought. He was standing near the door and the group was outside.

The moment he did so, a colleague of the larger group of thieves fired at the old man at close range, sending the bullet over a tie rack. It seems he reached through the ties and pressed the gun against the old man's shoulder. As Minnick fell, the assassin bolted through the door and up to a late hour today no trace of them has been located.

They gained admission to the building by the pass key route.

Sheriff Marvin was in Evans and Lostine most of the morning running down clues and said that he had some slight threads to go by and that it was not impossible but that arrests would be made during the afternoon.

The victim of the bullet was hurried to his home and had surgical attention a few minutes after the shooting—about 15 or 20, to be exact. Unless complications or infection should set in, it is predicted he will recover readily, although he is an old man and may have trouble recovering his good health on that account.

Frank Minnick, manager of the Co-operative store at Evans, telephoned to the La Grande postoffice at 6 o'clock this morning, asking that the inspectors' headquarters here send a man to Evans at once. The inspector however is in Harney county today. Telephone calls awaited E. S. Norris, general manager of the Oregon Co-operative string of stores, and Secretary Sullivan, also of this city.

They have done all that can be done from this end, and Mr. Norris has gone to Evans.

### TWO G. A. R. MEN ATTENDING 50TH ENCAMPMENT FALL DEAD

Kansas City, Aug. 29.—Fifteen thousand veterans today attended the fiftieth grand army encampment. Officials predicted the attendance will total 40,000 before the first general session.

Two veterans have died of heart disease and Red Cross stations are located at several down-town points.

### GRAND ARMY MEN WELCOMED

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 29.—The National council of administration and the committee on credentials of the G. A. R., concluded their sessions this morning and have prepared their reports for presentation to the official session of the encampment Thursday morning.

Tonight's semi-official meeting will

### HIGH LIGHTS AT FRATERNAL CONGRESS MEET.



Three commanding figures at the convention of the National Fraternal Congress of America, at Cleveland, are George W. Miller, president of the congress (top left); Miss Bina West, supreme commander Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees; and (below) D. P. Markey, supreme commander of the Maccabees.

### STUDENTS AT BORDER STAY

### ARMY DEPARTMENT CHANGES PREVIOUS ORDER.

Only Units Entirely College Organizations Will Be Disbanded.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The war department has temporarily suspended a previous order releasing college student militiamen September first. The suspension does not apply to units composed entirely of students. They are scheduled to be disbanded this week.

There are several O. A. C. boys at the border with Corvallis and Salem companies, and some from scattering points in the state. O. A. C. alumni and students in La Grande and this county had hoped their colleagues would be back in time to resume their studies in Corvallis when school opens. Today's war department orders changes that possibility, although the delay may not be for a prolonged period. How much longer these will be kept on the border the war department alone knows.

### FRIENDS EXPRESS SYMPATHY.

J. H. Pearce is in receipt of a note from Congressman Nick Sinnott giving the particulars of the recent death of their two and a half years old daughter in New York. Contrary to general belief the little one's death was not due to infantile paralysis but to acute pneumonia. Eastern Oregon constituents have been expressing sympathy with Congressman Sinnott and Mrs. Sinnott in their bereavement.

### JOHNSON HAS VITAL BATTLE

### CALIFORNIA BULL MOOSE LEADER SEEKS TOGA.

Ohio Primaries as Well as California Vote, On Today.

Sacramento, Aug. 29.—Whether Gov. Johnson or Willis H. Booth of Los Angeles is to make the race for United States senator on the Republican ticket next November is the chief matter to be decided by Republicans of California in the primary election today.

Governor Johnson is certain to be in on the finale in November, for he has no opposition as a Progressive candidate. If he wins over Booth for the Republican nomination he will have one opponent less in the final election, being pitted against George S. Patton of Los Angeles, Democrat; Walter T. Mills of Berkeley, Socialist and Marshall W. Atwood of Pasadena, Prohibitionist, Patton, Atwood and Mills have no opposition for the nominations. If Booth wins today, however, Johnson will run only as a Progressive. Judge Walter Bordwell of Los Angeles announced himself so far as a Republican candidate and went so far as to have his name put on the ballot before he decided he didn't want to make the race. Besides the nomination for senator, there are eleven congressional nominations of which nine are candidates for re-election—John E. Raker, C. F. Curry, Julius Kahn, John I. Nolan, J. A. Elston, Denver S. Church, E. A. Hayes, C. H. Randall and William Kettner, Raker, Curry, Kahn, Church and Randall are certain to qualify for the November election.

Detroit, Aug. 29.—Political parties in Michigan today named their candidates for the November election. For the Democrats, the primary balloting was merely the formal ratification of the selections of the party organization chiefs, but Republicans were waging a rough and tumble scrap for nearly every place on the ticket.

Candidates were being selected for governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator, congress, the state senate and house of representatives.

Five men sought the Republican nomination for governor. They were Frank B. Leland, banker, of Detroit; Albert E. Sleeper, former state treasurer, of Bad Axe; Gerritt J. Biekema, of Holland, ex-congressman; Washington Gardner, former congressman and former commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. of Albion; and Sybrant Westselius, of Grand Rapids.

Democrats cast their ballots for Charles H. Bender of Grand Rapids Gov. Ferris to seek a third term. For governor, following the refusal of Bender's name went on the primary ballot despite his protest that he did not want the nomination and "could not think of accepting it" because of business responsibilities.

United States Senator Charles E. Townsend, of Jackson, was opposed for re-nomination on the Republican ticket by William H. Hill, Detroit drug manufacturer and Theodore Joslyn, of Adrain, both former progressives.

### TRAINING CAMPS OPEN.

Half on Hand This Morning Balance Coming During the Day.

Tacoma, Aug. 29.—Reveille aroused 100 student soldiers at American lake at 5:30 this morning. They drilled for hours.

Many recruits are still arriving and half of the scheduled number are on hand. The remainder are expected this afternoon and tomorrow.

Portland's enrollment is the largest.

### KAISER MAY FORCE GREEK ARMY TO WAR

DECLARATION BY KAISER EXPECTED TO COME AT ANY TIME NOW.

### ROUMANIANS DRAW LINES FOR DECISIVE BATTLE

Greeks Hastily Leaving German Empire and Every Evidence Points to Open Rupture Between Greeks and Germans—Along the Front in France, Allies Have Winning Streak.

London, Aug. 29.—Copenhagen dispatches said Germany is preparing to fight Greece and Greeks are leaving Germany. Berlin diplomats believe the war is inevitable. Chancellor Holweg receives the Greek minister tomorrow.

Bucharest dispatches declared Rumanians have successfully attacked the whole Teutonic front. Rome has wireless to Germany that Turkish officers were assassinated in Sofia.

French Show Gains. Paris, Aug. 29.—It is announced French have progressed southeast of Thiaumont. Germans twice vainly attacked Fleury and Fort Vaux.

### GREAT BATTLE PENDING.

Berlin, Aug. 29.—A great battle on the Rumanian frontier is imminent. Patrol skirmishes mark the beginning of an important engagement. The Tagelblatt has reported Rumania has concentrated large forces on the frontier for several days and Teutons are massed in heavy bodies ready to meet the anticipated smash.

Chancellor Holweg has conferred with leading ministers.

### HENDERSON CLARK DEAD.

Old Resident Passes Away at His Home in South La Grande.

Henderson Clark, an old resident of South La Grande, died at his home at about 2 o'clock this afternoon at the age of 76 years. Some months ago he submitted to a surgical operation which brought relief, but on account of advanced age and deficiency of heart action there was no way to stay the inexorable decree. Mr. Clark has been a resident of La Grande for upwards of 30 years and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

The surviving members of the family are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Montgomery and Mrs. Nettie Waldrup, and four sons—Jacob, Joseph, Martin and Harvey—all of whom are residents of La Grande. A brother-in-law, Jas. McFarland, of Oklahoma, has also been present during his last illness.

The funeral arrangements had not been completed this afternoon.

### DRAWING CONTEST SET.

Thirty-day Pass at Arcade for Cleverest Cartoonist.

To the boy and girl each under 12 years of age, who draws the best original picture of a clown, will be given a 30-day pass to the Arcade theatre. The contest is now on and drawings must be left at the box office by Thursday night of this week, which is the night before the appearance of "The Clown" at the Arcade for a two-days' run.

J. C. Dell, a cartoonist, will be the judge. The Arcade box office will be glad to give any further information concerning the contest.

### LEST WE FORGET

That next Friday evening the La Grande Racing club will auction off the race grand stand box seats during the progress of the band concert. This sale is held to give those who desire the facilities, chance to bid in on them and have them reserved for the entire week of the races. Eight can be seated in each box.