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Brotherhoods, Employers, Shippers Will Meet

Final Answer to Wilson is Refusal

Washington, Aug. 30.—The senate Interstate Commerce committee has announced a formal hearing of brotherhoods, railway executives and big shippers for tomorrow to gather data for use in framing legislation President Wilson requests.

W. G. Lee, the trainmen's leader, conferred with Labor Secretary Wilson, and said later: "No power under heaven except a satisfactory settlement can prevent a strike Labor Day."

"The first formal congressional effort to rush through anti-strike legislation has caused a quarrel. Certain senators charged other senators with 'trying to make political capital from the disastrous situation.'"

All Proposals Fail
"God forgive you, I cannot," exclaimed President Wilson today at the conclusion of the final interview with railroad executives when the rejected his every proposal.

Want Strike Date Delayed
Mr. Wilson is exerting every effort to persuade the trainmen to withdraw the September fourth strike order.

Summary of Wilson's Speech.
A more detailed summary of the speech President Wilson made in Washington to congress last evening, than was published in the Observer yesterday follows:

"It seemed to me, in considering the subject matter of the controversy, that the whole spirit of the time and the preponderant evidence of recent economic experience spoke for the eight-hour day."

The whole presumption of modern experience would, it seemed to me, be in its favor, whether there was arbitration or not."

"I hesitatingly offered the friendly services of the Administration to the railway managers to see to it that justice was done the railroad in the outcome. I felt warranted in assuring them no obstacle of law would be suffered to stand in the way of their increasing their revenues to meet the expenses resulting from the change."

"They (the railroads) fear the hostile influence of shippers who would be opposed to an increase of freight rates (for which, however, of course, the public itself would pay); they apparently feel on confidence that the Interstate Commerce Commission could withstand the objections that would be made. They do not care to rely upon the friendly assurances of the Congress or the President. They have thought it best that they should be forced to yield, if they must yield, not by counsel, but by the suffering of the country."

"I yield to no man in firm adherence, alike of conviction and of purpose, to the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes; but matters have come to a sudden crisis in this particular dispute and the country has been caught unprovided with any practicable means of enforcing that conviction in practice, by whose fault I will not now stop to inquire."

"I was seeking to compose the present in order to safeguard the future; for I wished an atmosphere of peace and friendly co-operation in which to take counsel with the representatives of the Nation with regard to the best means for providing against the recurrence of such unhappy situations in the future."

The President's legislative proposals are in substance as follows:

1. Immediate enlargement and administrative reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission in order that the Commission may be able to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a promptness and thoroughness which are with its present means of action practically impossible.

2. Eight-hour day as legal basis of work and wages of trainmen engaged in interstate transportation.

3. Appointment by the President of a small body of men to observe the actual results in experience of the adoption of the eight-hour day in railway transportation with the provision that the investigators shall report their conclusions to the Congress at the earliest possible date but without recommendation, that the public may learn from an unprejudiced source what actual developments have ensued.

4. Power to be granted to Interstate Commerce Commission to consider wage expenditures in fixing freight rates.

5. Provision that full public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted and completed before a strike or lockout may lawfully be attempted.

6. Power to be given President to operate roads and draft train crews in event of military necessity.

In conclusion, the President says that arbitral awards should be made

Re-appointed as Regent.

Governor Withycombe has re-appointed W. C. Bryant of Moro as regent of the state normal school. Bryant's term expired on July 1 and his appointment is for the ensuing six years.

Oregon Has 363 Newspapers.

A government report shows that Oregon has 363 newspapers. There are 24 states in the Union which have more newspapers than Oregon and 23 that have fewer papers than this state.

Victim of Santa Clara Wreck.

Miss Alice Church aged 23, died at Marshfield from consumption which developed from a cold contracted through exposure when Miss Church was overturned from a life boat at the time of the wrecking of the Santa Clara.

FLOUR MILLS CAN RUN A WEEK DURING THE STRIKE

Omaha, Aug. 30.—District Judge Sears has issued an injunction restraining Union Pacific trainmen from striking on Labor Day.

Minneapolis, Aug. 30.—It is reliably reported that flour mills manufacturing one-third of the nation's flour supply will close within a week after the strike starts.

Mail Service in Danger

Cleveland, Aug. 30.—Edward Hooker, manager of the Brotherhood's publicity, predicted today that "Uncle Sam's railway mail service will be paralyzed the instant the strike begins." He declared every mail train will be halted.

Fruit Growers Will Be Ruined

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—Harris Weinstock, state market director declared last night that if the strike or railroad embargo on perishables continued long it meant the ruin of thousands of California farmers. He said many have been on the ragged edge for years and expected this would be a banner year and put them on their feet. It means the cutting off of fresh food supplies for city dealers, but if coal or gasoline fails it means a fresh food famine in many communities.

RIVAL WINS WOMAN

La Grande Man Waits Too Long, Another Gets Bride

Boston, Aug. 29.—(Special to Oregonian)—A current popular song relates the experiences of a man who, after withstanding the blandishments of the "white lights" of New York, decides to go back to his home state of Oregon. While Lynn, Mass., does not pretend to be as wicked or as seductive as New York, it has been able, in this instance, to send an Oregonian back to La Grande by the first available train. It was not altogether Lynn's fault, however. There was a woman in it.

In years gone by—it is not necessary to tell exactly how many—J. H. Doherty and Annie F. Doherty attended school in Londonderry, Ireland. They arranged that when the lad had migrated to America and saved enough money to build a home, he might claim his bride in the foresighted Annie.

Young Doherty came over, landed in New York, and worked in the East for several years as a railroad fireman. Then he went West, to better himself. He saved his earnings for many years and in 1911 he decided that it was time for his sweetheart to come over and see America too. She came, and after a short visit in New York she found her way to Lynn, where she obtained employment in a shoe factory. For the next few years she and her childhood sweetheart corresponded and finally went so far as to plan the long-deferred nuptials.

Here take in a necessary hiatus. Either Doherty waited overlong, or Annie tired of waiting for him. At any rate, Doherty appeared in Lynn last week, prepared to pose as a prosperous bridegroom, only to find that Annie, one week ago tomorrow, had become Mrs. John P. Murphy. Doherty had never heard of Mr.

IN THE DAYS' NEWS.



ROBERT W. STEVENS

Stevens is the man who says music can be tasted. He is director of music at the University of Chicago.

Notes from the flute are like sugar; the clarinet like grapefruit; the piano like clear water; the violin like claret; and the saxophone like buttermilk, he says.

TEACHERS' DATA SOUGHT.

25-Year Records in Union County Being Accumulated.

If any person in Union county has taught school for 25 years, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe would appreciate information concerning such fact, that it may be used in the exhaustive survey now being conducted by a committee appointed some time since from the State Teachers' association to look into the matter of pensions for teachers in Oregon. One meeting of the committee has been held in Salem and another is set for October 2nd in Portland at which time the committee will meet and discuss further plans and recommendations concerning the question of pensions.

Just at present a list of all teachers with a teaching record of 25 years is being sought. Dr. Foster Reed institute is chairman while other members include: County Superintendent Churchill, Assistant State Superintendent Carleton, County Superintendent Clark of Malheur county, City Superintendent Imel of Astoria, County Superintendent Brown of Douglas county, Miss Orschild and Miss Dennis of Portland, Superintendent Ackerman of the Monmouth normal and Mrs. Ivanhoe of La Grande.

HIGHER RATES SUSPENDED.

Transportation Companies' Raise Not Permissible Now.
Washington, Aug. 30.—The Interstate Commerce commission has suspended the increased trans-continental rates proposed by trans-continental carriers.

NECESSARIES OF LIFE AMPLE TO KEEP LA GRANDE A MONTH

There is no need of La Grande citizens becoming alarmed over the food supply during the pending strike. There is enough food of the staple sort in the grocery stores and in the wholesale houses to care for the normal consumption for fully a month, but some sorts of food will be used up in probably 10 days. These items are purely luxuries and will not in any way harass requirements to life. Vegetables can be supplied from home gardens but there is certain to be a shortage of many fruits, principally peaches, if a strike comes and lasts for any period of time.

Full Styles Are Short.
Notwithstanding that about all the freight that will get here if the strike comes has already been received, merchants as a whole will be amply supplied with dry goods to keep the city going indefinitely. Some of the leading stores haven't all their fancy fall stock in but have enough of necessities to do indefinitely.

Cream and Milk
With the use of gasoline trucks and farm wagons, La Grande creameries could produce more butter and have more cream and milk to sell than ever, paradoxical as it may seem. There is at present a considerable

SUNDAY STOCK TRAIN OFF

PORTLAND IS SURE TO FEEL MEAT FAMINE

NINETY PER CENT PORTLAND MEAT SUPPLY WON'T COME FORWARD SUNDAY

TRAVELERS CANCEL THEIR RESERVATIONS WITH RUSH

Willamette Valley Points to Feel the Strike Too, as Oregon Electric Will Not Run if Strike Comes—Wheat Trading Will Halt Unless Boats Can Run.

Portland, Aug. 30.—The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company has cancelled its Sunday stock train from Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The train carries ninety per cent of Portland's weekly meat supply.

The Great Northern has refused to accept perishables for delivery after Saturday and the order affected connecting lines including the Burlington, Spokane, Portland and Seattle have refused to accept perishables, but accepted other freight under the "unavoidable delay" clause.

Many prospective travelers have cancelled their reservations. Wheat trading will probably halt Monday unless means are provided for moving eastern Oregon's crop by foot. Oregon Electric officers announce the strike will affect its trainmen and reduce Willamette Valley service to a minimum.

The Eastern Oregon stock train which has been cancelled, usually leaves La Grande Saturday evening carrying from one to four cars out of this county.

St. Paul, Aug. 30.—Hill lines have simultaneously embargoed all perishable shipments not deliverable before Saturday. The order affects the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington.

Houston, Aug. 30.—The Sunset Central, Gulf Coast and International Great Northern Railroads have embargoed all livestock and perishable freight.

Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—The Pennsylvania has embargoed all perishable and livestock sent by express and freight, after September second. They hint complete embargo may be placed on express shipments later.

TRAIN OFF

PUBLIC GIVEN WARNING ABOUT STRIKE ORDER

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER BUSINESS LIMITATIONS SET IN OFFICIAL ORDER.

FREIGHT MUST REACH DESTINATION SATURDAY

People Contemplating Travel Urged To Be at Destination Before 4 O'clock a. m. Monday—Strike Orders at Washington Set Out Duties of Strikers if Crisis Comes.

Individuals contemplating travel within the next few days, and people who have freight shipments to make, are warned today by the O-W. that the company will not be responsible for transportation of either freight or passengers after certain specified dates. Effective at once the company will receive no freight which cannot reach its destination by 10 a. m. Saturday. The traveling public is warned that trips should be so arranged as to reach destination by 4 a. m. September 4th. The instructions sent to all agents on the La Grande division this morning by Superintendent Bollons, follows:

"In view of the published statements to the effect that a strike of train and engine men on all railroads in the United States, has been called for 4 a. m. Pacific time, September 4, 1916, notice is hereby given that if said strike in fact takes place, unavoidable delays will probably occur to passenger and freight trains.

"The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation, company hereby gives notice that effective at once, it will not receive any freight for shipment which cannot reach its destination on regular schedule by 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday, September second.

"Agent receiving freight which should reach its destination on regular schedule by the time mentioned should write or stamp on receipts or bills of lading the following, 'Received without liability for loss, or delay by strike.'

"Notice further is given that persons who take passage on its trains after 4 a. m. Pacific time September 4, 1916 or who will not in the ordinary course of transportation reach their destination before that time, may be subjected to delay in transportation by said strike and that the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company will not be responsible for any such delays which do occur. The foregoing notice is published for the information and guidance of our patrons and the public. Cancellation or modification of this notice will be announced as conditions warrant."

Traffic Is Heavy
Local and long distance traffic is rapidly increasing. Numerous parties including those who had come for prolonged stays in this city, hurried home or are making arrangements to do so early Monday. Many La Grander away from home are rushing hitherward with all possible speed, and there is an overabundance of demand for reservations for both long and short hauls. During the past 12 hours the pending strike has loomed as almost a certainty and so far as possible no one proposes to be caught away from home if he can help it.

VICTIM IS WORSE TODAY

Evans, Aug. 30.—Special.—Alfred Minnick, the old night watchman shot through the breast night before last by a gang of robbers, is in a precarious state this afternoon. He had a restless night and continued to grow worse during the day. Postal authorities have an inspector here to assist the sheriff in running down the gang. Some clues are reported to have been unearthed but no arrests were made at a late hour this afternoon.

Los Angeles, Aug. 30.—Admiral Pond has reported that the wrecked cruiser Memphis has been abandoned on the shore of San Domingo harbor. It is unknown how many sailors were drowned or killed by exploding steam-pipes. Machinist Rudd of Minneapolis was killed and Lieut. Jones of Charleston was seriously burned. A cablegram to the navy department last night from Santo Domingo announced the armored cruiser Memphis, formerly the Tennessee, was ashore there and the crew being disembarked. More than 20 men were lost with a motor boat in the harbor.

Slavs Cross

Roumania to Attack Foes

NEW PASSAGEWAY UTILIZED BY RUSSIANS WHO SUPPORT ROUMANIANS

TEUTONS HAVE DEFEATED ROUMANIANS IN PLACES

Bucharest Ineffectively Bombed by Zeppelins Last Night—Smash Against Austria-Hungary Effective in Spots and Set Back Elsewhere—Western Front Active.

London, Aug. 30.—A Zurich report says the Roumanian cavalry has crossed the Red Tower pass and is three miles inside Transylvania. They advanced near Hermannstadt. It is semi-officially announced Austrians have defeated two Roumanian battalions at Verestornoy pass, south of the Red Tower, on the Hermannstadt railway.

Paris has announced the French have progressed west of the Vardar river and French artillery has fired the Struma front and Lake Doran defenses.

West Ostrovo lake, Serbians have repulsed a Bulgarian attack. There was the usual western front canonading last night but no infantry fire except east of Elauy where the French gained.

Russians Crossing Roumania
Bucharest, Aug. 30.—It is announced that Zeppelins ineffectively raided Bucharest last night. Roumanians have marched into Transylvania for 12 hours steadily and resistance was of the weakest and Russian troops are crossing Roumania from the Black Sea to join the attack. Russians and Roumanians have captured principal Carpathian passes, Russian artillery shelling the Bulgarian city of Rustchuk and the Hungarian town of Orsovo.

HINDENBURG IS CHIEF.

Great Shakeup in German Staff Follows Dismissals.

London Aug. 30.—A Hague correspondent to the Exchange Telegraph has reported that 30 German generals on both fronts will be dismissed as a result of General Von Falkenhayn's dismissal, and the appointment of General Hindenburg who has been directing the eastern campaign and who himself was an outcast in military circles of Germany for many years, to the position of chief of staff. This is the greatest shakeup since the war started.

The kaiser dismissed Falkenhayn on account of his opposition to sending Germans to meet the Roumanian invasion.

JOHNSON NOMINATED

His Republican Opponent Concedes Bull Mooser's Elimination

Los Angeles, Aug. 30.—Willis Booth has admitted Governor Johnson defeated him for the United States senatorship nomination on the Republican ticket.

The primaries were held yesterday.

Shipping Bill Passed

Washington, Aug. 30.—The house has passed the administration shipping bill.

Planting Bull Frogs.

A shipment of Michigan bull frogs of the edible variety has been planted in Lake Magoon in the John Day country.

MEMPHIS IS ABANDONED

Warship Comes to Grief and Is Finally Deserted by Crew

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