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Ray Of Hope Filters Out Of White House

WAY FOUND TO SATISFY

PASSAGE OF EIGHT-HOUR LAW BY MIDNIGHT SATURDAY WOULD STOP STRIKE

TRAINMEN WAITING TO RECALL STRIKE ORDER

Afternoon at Washington Pregnant With Noticeable Improvement in Strike Situation, Although Danger Is Not Over Yet—Conference At Capitol Fruitful.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Chairman Adamson has introduced the eight-hour bill in the House.

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—The Northern Pacific has warned all travelers, predicting delays, but promised to try to run one train daily.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Chairman Higgins of the General Railway Managers' Association, has announced the western railroads have already hired strikebreakers.

Washington, Aug. 31.—For the first time in several days, official Washington refuses to believe the strike is unavoidable. It is generally expected tonight that congress will pass the eight-hour day law.

Recall May Yet Come
President Garretson of the Conductors' brotherhood said this afternoon: "If the eight-hour day law passes, we will flash the words that a satisfactory settlement to the question has been reached and the brotherhood members will be told to stay in their place. That will mean there will be no strike."

Gompers On Hand
Such a law must pass before midnight Saturday in order to stop the strike, it is agreed. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor heard Mr. Garretson discuss the situation with the interstate commerce committee, and other officials, and heard him tell the committee and the interstate commerce commission what the trainmen's terms were. Mr. Gompers nodded his head energetically when Garretson demanded eight hours.

"Things Are Moving"
President Wilson left the capitol after conferring with congressional leaders and urged quick action. He told the reporters:

"Things are moving. We are making satisfactory progress."

Later the White House made an official statement saying:

"Brotherhood leaders are unable to give President Wilson any assurances this afternoon."

The President has arranged to confer with congressional leaders tomorrow morning. Brighter though the outlook is, the strike is not yet avoided.

Senator Lee of Maryland, introduced a resolution yesterday morning asking the brotherhoods to postpone the strike a week to permit congress time to consider legislation intelligently. Tentative drafts submitted to the senate interstate commerce committee propose to attach to the pending bill amendments enlarging the commerce commission's membership, establishing an eight-hour day on interstate commerce railroads, presidential appointment of a commission of three men to investigate workings, interstate commerce commission to accept findings and grant rate increases accordingly to insure fair return on the invested capital, an amendment to the existing arbitration law, providing that differences be referred to a board of investigation, pending decision of which a strike or lockout would be unlawful; empowering the president to take over the railways during strikes and in case of military necessity.

Lost Valley Wants Postoffice.

The heads of 18 families in Lost Valley, Wheeler county, have petitioned to have a postoffice established.

Hog Prices Highest Since 1863

Santa Fe Has Train Crews Ready

Chicago, Aug. 31.—The livestock embargo has skyrocketed the hog market. Choice hogs sold at \$11.40 per hundred pounds today—the highest since 1865.

Other meats are jumping. Kansas City hogs reached \$11.10 and East St. Louis hogs \$11.45, the highest since 1863.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad has embargoed all freight except government ammunition, and the Chicago & Northwestern has embargoed all perishables and explosives.

Yellowstone to Close Up Hotels

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—It is announced all Yellowstone park hotels will close tomorrow on account of unsettled transportation conditions.

Santa Fe Will Run Trains

Topeka, Aug. 31.—The Santa Fe general offices have announced 46 train crews are stationed at division points ready to man passenger, mail and express trains. Two crews are stationed at each of 23 division points ready to operate the trains each way.

SPECIAL WILL BRING NAGS

RACE HORSES PROVIDED FOR

EIGHT CARLOADS TO LEAVE BLACKFOOT SATURDAY.

Train Will Reach La Grande Ahead of Strike Hour Sunday.

SEAT AND SPACE SALE TOMORROW.

With ice cream to be served near by, and the box seat auction in addition, the band concert tomorrow night promises great social festivities. The sale of the seats in boxes at the fair grounds from which to watch the big races next week, will be conducted during the evening, and this will unquestionably draw a big crowd. A splendid concert is being worked up by the band, and an opportunity for the people of La Grande to get out and be entertained is provided. Automobile spaces will be sold at the same time.

Telegraphic arrangements were made today by President N. K. West of the La Grande Racing club, and the owners of race horses who will come to La Grande next week, which guarantee the race meet here, strike or no strike. The horses are at Blackfoot this week and concluded their racing there Saturday. Arrangements have been made to run an express train out of Blackfoot Saturday night, for La Grande. It will reach here Sunday night, several hours ahead of the time set for the strike.

There are eight cars in the equipment and each will hold about 20 horses, so that the entire lot can come forward.

The arrangements guarantee the race meet next week, without fail, and stops speculation on that score.

Hears of Father's Death.

Friends of the George L. Small family were advised that Mr. Small's father died at Eugene today. The son is camping on the Minam, and his wife is visiting in Portland. Word has been sent to Minam this afternoon advising the young man of his father's death, and he will come here tonight and proceed to Eugene at once.

One Nun Killed, Three Injured.

Lewiston, Idaho, Aug. 29.—Sister Rose of the Benedictine order was instantly killed, another sister was seriously injured, and two others were badly bruised in an automobile accident yesterday near Lake Waha. Wm. Hoardsman, a retired farmer, of Genesee, driver of the car, sustained injuries that may prove fatal.

Hoardsman, who was conveying the sisters from the St. Gertrude convent at Cottonwood to Lewiston, lost control of his machine on a steep grade. The car left the road and turned over. Sister Rose's neck was broken.

THOUSANDS FACE TRAPS

GREAT NUMBERS WILL BE MAROONED IN NORTHWEST IF STRIKE OCCURS

RIOT PREPARATION IS MADE IN INDIANA POINTS

Chicago Lines Give Out Notice That Those Who Quit Will Be Punished By Losing Their Seniority—Flavel Passengers to Get Home on Boats It Is Expected.

Portland, Aug. 31.—It is estimated 1000 travelers will be marooned in the northwest in the event of a strike. Over 30,000 will be marooned elsewhere on the coast. Thousands are leaving Los Angeles for the north. The Great Northern has arranged to run the river steamer Bailey Gatzert to Flavel to bring the Hill liner passengers to Portland if the trains halt.

Riots Anticipated
Richmond, Ind., Aug. 31.—It is learned Superintendent Lebutillier of the Richmond division of the Pennsylvania lines is prepared for strike riots. He has stored in the offices large quantities of ammunition, many rifles and several hundred maces.

Will Discharge Those Who Quit
Chicago, Aug. 30.—A statement by President Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad, which will be followed in substance by other railroad presidents, contains a warning that all employees failing to respond to the call for duty Monday will be considered discharged and will be re-employed only as new men, forfeiting seniority and other rights. The new men will be returned as long as satisfactory and men remaining in employ will be given preference of positions. Those temporarily thrown out of employment will be considered on a vacation without pay, but not forfeiting pension or insurance rights.

Railroads Prepare For Strike
Chicago, Aug. 31.—Throughout the country yesterday and this morning the railroads gathered their forces to oppose the strike set for Monday. The summary of the situation by President Ripley of the Santa Fe, member of the committee which conferred with the president, intensified pessimism here. Ripley asserted the railroads had no hope of settlement before Labor Day and are making every possible preparation for eventualities. Practically every railroad involved served notice of embargoes on perishables and livestock, or is preparing to do so. Agents everywhere were instructed to warn passengers of probable delays.

Ripley on his arrival gave three statements. The first was the formal expression of the party of railroad officials returning from Washington, the second a warning to Santa Fe employees, and the third Ripley's plans for meeting the strike and analysis of the railroad's side of the controversy. He said there was some difference of opinion among the officials when they first arrived in Washington about the course to pursue, but later became unanimous when asked to abandon arbitration. He said the railroads would make an attempt to keep at least one passenger train on each

YOUNG COUPLE WED.
Joseph Williams and Edna Ayers United in Marriage Yesterday.

Joe Williams, erstwhile secretary of the La Grande Commercial club, and more recently operating a ranch in the Durkee country, was married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, to Miss Edna Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayers of May park. The wedding was witnessed by the relatives of the two principals, Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of the Methodist church officiating. Immediately after the wedding the happy couple left for Portland to enjoy a wedding tour and thereafter will return to the Durkee country where each have a ranch.

WOMAN FOUND INSANE.

Mrs. Purdum Sent to Hospital at Pendleton After Examination.

After an examination of her mentalities, county authorities have pronounced Mrs. Purdum of this city insane and she was taken to the hospital at Pendleton. Mrs. Purdum realized her destination and was much broken up. She has been a resident of La Grande for a couple of years and for a time after her arrival was known as the "mystery woman."

Band to Give Dance

Labor Day will be celebrated by a dance in the evening at which the Elks' band will be host.

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Strike Sidelights

What will happen to La Grande's school teaching force? Unquestionably the faculty will be curtailed if the strike comes for all will not be on hand by Monday.

The stock train out of Eastern Oregon will be run Saturday night in spite of announcements from Portland to the contrary last evening.

It is the aim of the O.-W. to get the division cleared of all freight cars but is finding it a hard job. Other divisions are shooting great gobs of trains to the mountain divisions. Just about all the trains that can be run are being sent out of here today in an effort to get all yards cleared before Sunday.

Peaches to the number of 50 carloads were handled on this division yesterday. As the crop is in its height, it is plain what the loss will be if transportation is denied. This item does not interest Union county as much as prunes do.

The prune crop in Union county is the one that will feel the strike the hardest of any fruit. Apples can wait—so can wheat, hogs, cattle and the other products. In this respect the county is fortunate. Milton, Walla Walla, Freewater and the peach district along the Snake river will feel the blow hard.

In Enterprise and other Wallowa county points today several prospective travelers waited until noon for some ray of hope in strike news coming to the Observer before packing their trunks and starting for various destinations. Most of them preferred to play safe and came out this evening seeing great likelihood of trouble.

War news has been relegated. The Observer telephone buzzes all day long with queries about the strike.

Sherry's theater has closed arrangements whereby it will have films in the case of a strike. Automobile relays will carry the films from Portland to La Grande and the house will continue to run indefinitely, in spite of a tie-up of transportation.

WILL CLOSE OUT STOCK

JUDGE J. C. HENRY TO QUIT FURNITURE BUSINESS

One of La Grande's Oldest Merchants to Close Out Line

The announcement made today by J. C. Henry that he intended to quit the furniture business caused considerable stir in business circles as the Judge is one of the oldest business men in the city today.



J. C. Henry

He came to this country in 1876 and for four years worked with the late W. J. Snodgrass in the general merchandise business. He left the Snodgrass establishment and purchased the Murphy-Stuchell furniture business which was then located in the Coolidge building where Oxner's paint store is at the present time.

Since 1892 Judge Henry has been continuously in the furniture business in La Grande. In 1900 he erected the handsome store building on Fir and Adams and fitted up expressly for the furniture business. The stock that he has carried has always commanded the appreciation of the buying public and he has been very successful in business.

Wants to Take Life Easier

In speaking of retiring from the furniture business the Judge said to a reporter for the Observer: "I am some older than I once was, and I find that to enjoy life to the fullest it is best not to have too much to do. I do not mean by this that any man should quit work and rust out—not a bit of it, but I do believe that I have been on the firing line of the furniture business a sufficient length of time and I am going to close out the stock."

Continues Undertaking Line

When asked what he intended to do after he had disposed of the furniture business Judge Henry said: "Everything in the store is to be sold, including cash register, safe, delivery automobile and store fixtures. I am positively going out of the furniture business. I shall continue in the undertaking business and will devote my time to that. It is my intention to erect a modern chapel on Fourth street near my home, and to equip it with every convenience that the present day furnishes for that work. You can say to the many, many friends of the Henry Furniture store that I have deeply appreciated their patronage during the many years I have been in the business, and that I am going to close out the present stock and quit."

KRONSTADT CAPTURED

TRANSYLVANIA'S BIGGEST CITY IN HANDS OF THE ROUMANIANS NOW.

AUSTRIA EVACUATES LOWER TRANSYLVANIAN DISTRICT

Upper Danube Fleet Destroys Important Positions and Property Belonging to Roumanians—Struggle in the West Important About Koraine Territory Last Night.

Rome, Aug. 31.—Dispatches have declared Roumanians captured Kronstadt the most important Transylvania city and also captured nine Hungarian towns and villages during three days. They have been pouring into Transylvania.

Germans Gain and Lose.
Paris, Aug. 31.—It is announced Germans have temporarily penetrated French trench in Paroy Forest, Lorraine, last night but immediately were ejected. The western front elsewhere was calm.

Danube Fleet Busy.

Berlin, Aug. 31.—The Austrian flotilla in the upper Danube shelled and destroyed the Roumanian transports, magazines and military establishments at Turum and Severin. They captured two Roumanian tugs and two motor boats.

Austrian newspapers have announced the general staff plans to evacuate all southeastern Transylvania and shortening the Austrian lines.

Turks have declared war on Roumania.

TROOPS TRANSFERRED

Oregon and Washington Companies Returned—Others Moved

San Antonio, Aug. 31.—Gen. Funston has announced the following troop movements as a result of the threatened strike:

The First Missouri to Saint Louis; Third Missouri to Kansas City; Fifth California to San Francisco; Fourth Maryland to Baltimore; Third New York to Buffalo; Fourteenth New York to Brooklyn; Seventy-first New York to Manhattan. The first units move tonight.

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—General Bell has announced all Oregon and Washington infantry regiments will be returned to mobilization stations immediately.

San Antonio, Aug. 30.—The first movement of returning guardsmen will occur in the next 18 hours, Gen. Funston announced tonight. The movement is expected to be well under way Friday or Saturday.

UPSET IS REMARKABLE

Roskamp Car Turns Turtle But None of Occupants Hurt

One of the most remarkable turn-overs in automobile history of this county happened last night near Elgin at the spot where Bob Mays was killed about a year ago. "Heinie" Roskamp, his wife, and Mrs. Schleur, of Joseph, were on their way to La Grande after Mr. Roskamp had completed extensive contracts in Joseph. They were running along at a good rate of speed near Elgin when the radius rod on their Ford car broke and threw the car over, but against the hill rather than over the embankment, in which case they would have rolled many feet. The lower half of the wind shield was broken, but that was the only damage aside from the radius rod. How the three escaped injury none of them can explain. The Stoddard car came along and brought them to La Grande after which Mr. Roskamp returned to Elgin with new parts and brought in the upset car. They are a mighty appreciative trio today—appreciative of the fact they were neither maimed or killed.

Killed in Fist Fight.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 31.—William G. Snyder, 45, died last night from a broken neck, sustained a few minutes before when he was struck in the jaw by Peter Shaw, during a fist fight. Shaw surrendered and was placed in jail.

40 Boys on Hike

Forty little fellows, Boy Scouts and members of the boys' class of the Y. M. C. A. left this morning by automobile for Mt. Glen, where they were unceremoniously thrown upon Shank's horses to climb to the peak of Mt. Emily where they will spend three days on a grand hike tour. Scout masters and Y. M. C. A. officials are "chaperones" of the party.

AMENDED EMBARGO ORDERS EXEMPT FOOD NECESSITIES

An embargo order covering the O.-W. out of La Grande, and modifying the one issued yesterday, was sent out by Division Superintendent Bollons today, as follows:
"Embargo No. 1, dated Aug. 29th, 1916, is modified to permit receipt of all shipments of freight other than perishables, live stock and explosives, but such acceptance will be subject to indefinite delay account of impending strike. Notwithstanding the embargo the company reserves the right to accept and move preferentially between points on its line food stuff, forage, fuel, perishables and live stock and further reserves the right to limit the volume of shipments of other commodities to the end that the public may be supplied with necessities."