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STRIKE CRISIS APPEARS ABOUT ENDED

EIGHT HOUR BILL WILL BE PASSED BY MIDNIGHT

Only Unexpected Obstacles Can Delay Passage--Crisis Beleived to Have Passed

Washington, Sept. 1.—House tonight passed Adamson Eight-Hour Law.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The house this morning adopted a special rule under which it is scheduled to pass the Adamson eight-hour bill at 4:30 this afternoon. President Wilson told the cabinet he firmly believed the bill will pass tonight.

Debate Is Brisk
Spirited debate broke out preceding the adoption of the special rule which makes it possible to proceed with the Adamson strike bill. Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin, declared he did not believe the bill will halt the strike. Other Republicans called the legislation "Shotgun procedure."

Senate Clears the Way
Senate Leader Gallinger said during the morning that "There is to be no obstructive tactics in the senate." The bill will probably pass the senate tomorrow night.

President Wilson visited Chairman Newlands this morning and inspected the Newlands' "Strike Prevention bill." He conferred with Newlands who introduced a bill similar to the Adamson bill at 2 o'clock.

The senators propose to rush the eight-hour bill through before adjournment tonight and have it ready for the house tomorrow.

It is possible that President Wilson will receive notification that the strike has been cancelled, simultaneously with official notification of the Democratic nomination notice at Shadow Lawn, where he will be for the week end.

Congress has arranged for a night session and senate leaders have promised to remain in session after midnight to get a vote. The completed bill should reach President Wilson tomorrow noon.

Senator Newlands has promised to rush the measure throughout the senate tonight.

It is now believed in Washington that the strike crisis is passed, and that hereafter it will be but a matter of detail. The Interstate Commerce committee reported favorably on the bill about the middle of the afternoon.

Dates Are Changed.
The bill provided that the law becomes effective January 1st next year instead of December 1st, as first planned. In the house Adamson introduced to the committee an amendment changing the date from December to January 1st. This was adopted.

Electricity Not Affected.
After a sharp fight in the house, the representatives exempted electric interurbans from the bill and all independent railroads under 100 miles in length. The proposed bill originally set this figure at 200 miles. The brotherhoods opposed this amendment but will accept it if necessary to do so to bring about a settlement without a strike.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Hale Holden, the Burlington president, spokesman for the railway managers at the recent conference with the president, last night declared the Adamson compromise eight-hour bill's passage by congress will not be satisfactory to the railroads and would not settle the controversy. He said it amounts to fixing wages and the supreme court recently held that congress has not that power.

The railroads have completed their embargo preparations.

The employees are advised to take a second thought before striking. Advertisements for strike breakers have been inserted in newspapers throughout the country.

The Erie and Lackawanna railroads announce they expect to maintain service by drafting from the mechanical and clerical departments.

BEANS GROW PROFITABLY.

Canning Products Are Being Harvested in La Grande Right Now.

That string beans can be grown in Union county as well as in Eugene where more than 4000 cases of string beans will be shipped this year, according to official statements, is the opinion of many who have the interests of a cannery in this vicinity at heart.

Sweet corn grown on the Sugar addition district by Mr. Berg was displayed today in town, and if it can be beat, for sweetness and general quality, such would be extraordinary corn indeed. Other canning materials are being harvested in this valley and or will be soon, that would back up the supply for canning factories in fine shape.

CLUSTER LIGHTS STUDIED.

Suggestion Advanced to Change Corner Lights to Alleys.

During the week or 10 days intervening before the contract with the city of La Grande is renewed study is underway of disposition to make of the cluster lights on Adams and Depot streets. Some of the commissioners have expressed the belief the clusters of three lights on each corner of the main intersections should be removed entirely and some advance the proposition that they should be taken off the corners and put on the alleys at Depot, Elm, Fir south of Adams and corresponding alleys on the north of Adams. It is argued by the commissioners that the clusters in the center of the block on Adams should stay but some of the city officials call the corner clusters superfluous on account of the area being over the intersections. Before the contract is renewed this question of moving or eliminating the clusters will be gone over carefully.

Observer Office Remembered.

Mr. R. C. Plass was at the Observer office yesterday and left a basket of apples for gratuitous distribution around the shop. The apples were from Alice and while the variety was not specified the "Best of the Best" would be appropriate, enough, and the whole force is appreciative of Mr. Plass' kind act.

Vacancies on Tickets Filled by Assemblies

Salem, Or., Aug. 31.—Secretary of State Olcott has announced that the following certificates of nomination, have been filed with him:

H. Warmholtz, La Grande, Socialist, for representative, 25th representative district.

Bessie Baird, Wallowa, Socialist, for representative, 24th representative district.

Charles H. Powell, Cove, Socialist, for senator, 21st senatorial district.

S. S. Start, Baker, Socialist, for public service commissioner, Eastern Oregon district.

James Hickman Barkley, Bend, Socialist, for representative in congress, second district.

OREGON TROOPS ON WAY HOME SOON

Calexico, Sep. 1.—A military train in two sections, is ready to transport the first battalion of the second Washington infantry homeward early tonight. Other battalions will follow shortly. The Oregon troops will start tomorrow.

CANAL BLOCKADED AGAIN

Has Been No Movement of Vessels Through Canal for Three Days
Washington, Sept. 1.—Gen. Goethals has informed the Canal commission a new slide has blocked the canal south of Gold Hill. For 200 feet the channel is obstructed. No vessels have moved since Wednesday.

MORE MEMPHIS VICTIMS

Two of the Injured Die—Gunboat Crew Drowned at Same Time
Washington, Sept. 1.—Admiral Pond has radioed that A. J. Anderson and W. Planck have died. They were injured when the cruiser Memphis' steam pipe bursted at Santo Domingo. He also reported Seamen Priest, Garrison, Seymour of the gunboat Castine, drowned.

Only Portion Concurred In

Through a misunderstanding of the exact situation in the matter of G. H. Rush, a contractor who with two engineers inspected the dam at the intake recently, was yesterday reported in the Observer to have signed and concurred in the whole report filed with the city commission. Mr. Rush did not concur in the part of the report recommending an arrangement for construction of supports for the valve stems now in place and for the construction of three 30-inch drains in wood gates. Neither did he recommend that three 30-inch drains be constructed at once. These exceptions were noted before the commission at the time the report was filed, and the failure of segregation of the report was purely an oversight, as noted above.

Commander Elected

Kansas City, Sept. 1.—William L. Patterson of Pittsburgh, was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic today. He received 436 of the 670 votes cast.

OPENS NEW OFFICE.

George Huntington Currey Will Operate Insurance and Ad Office.
To write life and fire insurance, and conduct an advertising bureau, George Huntington Currey today opened an office in the Huntington block on Elm street. Mr. Currey will devote his time to several insurance lines and advertising and is launching out on business for himself.

ENVOYS FROM LA GRANDE TO CAPITAL HOME

TRAINMEN AND FIREMEN'S REPRESENTATIVES BACK FROM CONFERENCE.

DECLARE WILSON FAIR AND SQUARE IN EFFORTS

Delegations to Congress from Various States Thoroughly Familiar With the Situation and Vote Expected To Be Prompt and Affirmative by Big Majority—Data Is Given.

La Grande's railroad brotherhood chairmen who helped make up the committee of 640 similar chairmen to deal with the strike situation at New York and then at Washington, are home again. John C. Hughes, chairman of the O.W. system for the Trainmen, returned yesterday noon and Firman Clifford returned today having represented the enginemen at the strike negotiations.

"In general the news reports," said Mr. Hughes this morning, have told the story of the proceedings accurately but erred in some instances." The statement made by some of the papers, however, that President Wilson was not advised of the date for the walkout Mr. Hughes declares to be wrong. On August 12th, several days before the date was given to the public, the President was advised of that fact, and at no time says the chairman, have employees done other than keep the executive posted of their progress and their purposes. In return he declares, President Wilson has been conscientious and square in his dealings with the men.

The chairmen refused to express an opinion on the possibility of a settlement, but it is learned from an unofficial source that the brotherhoods here have been advised that the prospects for a settlement have become brighter as the date of the strike approaches.

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HORSE FIGHTS AUTO.

A big sorrel horse, part of a drove of horses being taken along the highway just outside La Grande, last evening very purposely and with malice aforethought climbed aboard the hood of an automobile belonging to a tourist, whose name was not learned. It appears the auto party was passing a big drove of horses and had seemingly safely negotiated the passage, when a big animal at the rear of the herd jumped with his forefeet upon the hood of the car and not only put crimps into the radiator but broke the lights and left the autodriver in a sad predicament.

GREEK KING ABDICATES

CROWN PRINCE APPOINTED REGENT, UNCONFIRMED RUMORS SAY

REBELLION KNOWN TO BE STARTED IN GREEK ARMY

Several Garrisons Turn Over to Roubles—Saloniki Garrison Surrounded—Ruslana Credited With Winning Important Battle—Struggle in the West Continues.

London, Sept. 1.—It is unconfirmedly reported that King Constantine of Greece, whose German wife's influence has kept him from declaring war on the Teutons with the allies, has abdicated his throne, and the Crown Prince has been appointed regent. If true it means that Greece will align herself with the allies undoubtedly, as a rebellion has already broken out in Greece. General mobilization of the Greek army has been ordered.

Fearing assassination during the time he stood out against participation in the war, Constantine kept himself closely guarded and as the Greeks, by rank and file, commenced to clamor for war, he secluded himself all the more. Abdication has been hinted at as the only solution of the problem. He ascended to the throne only a few years ago when the Greek king was assassinated. He is of Danish family, and not Greek.

Greek Rebellion Starts

Saloniki, Sept. 1.—It is announced Bulgaria has declared war on Roumania. Several Greek cities have revolted and the Greek garrison at Lesi Kara Burnu has surrendered to the rebels. A revolutionary committee is governing this part of Macedonia.

Greek gendarmes have joined volunteers and have surrounded the Saloniki garrison. Troops fire there killed three rebels and wounded two. Three Greek regiments at Vodena have joined the rebels.

Roumanians Continue Sweep.

Bucharest, Sept. 1.—It is announced Roumanians have occupied Turlunge Valley and the Petrosam industrial center with slight losses. The rapid sweep through Transylvania continues.

Great Slav Battle Won.

Petrograd, Sept. 1.—It is announced Russians have won a great battle. They captured 16,000 prisoners, six cannons and 55 machine guns. Teutons are retreating at the eastern front.

Germans Strike Hard.

London, Sept. 1.—Gen. Haig has reported Germans attacked on a two-mile front. Five mass charges against Cincely and High wood have failed. The German bombardment is terrific. Later the onslaught carried German's into advanced British trenches on a small frontage. British gunners silenced the German batteries east of Beaurain and caused a big explosion. British have passed the Germans at Ypres.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—It is announced Germans have recaptured trenches near Langueval. Turkey's formal war declaration was handed to the Roumanian minister at Constantinople last night. Turks have captured 5000 Russians in the Caucasus.

MRS. RILEY DEAD.

After Long Illness Cancer Victim Passed Early This Morning.

Mrs. H. W. Riley, aged 46, wife of Dr. Riley, a veterinary, died this morning at 4:50 o'clock, after a long and painful illness. Cancer of the stomach has kept Mrs. Riley in a state of suffering for many months, but a few days ago she began to sink rapidly and death was not unexpected. For the past six months or more she had borne the pain and suffering of a cancer victim with fortitude.

The remains are now at the Bohnenkamp chapel and while the funeral arrangements have not been completed, they will be held some time Sunday afternoon, likely.

The deceased is survived by her husband, and relatives who live in Ohio, from whence she came to this state. She has no other relatives in this part of the country. The bereaved husband has the sympathy of friends and acquaintances who deeply regret the untimely death of Mrs. Riley, a kind, upright, friend to a large number of La Grande people.

COPY OF STRIKE ORDERS SENT TO EACH BROTHERHOOD IN LA GRANDE

DUTIES OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS IN CONDUCT OF STRIKE.

In connection with the strike you will observe the following instructions:

1. No man in road service involved in the strike will perform any service after the hour set to strike, unless he has already begun a trip and has actually left the terminal. If the train has left the terminal he will complete the trip and deliver the engine and train at the end of run, or tie-up point if tied up under the law, after which he will perform no further service until the close of the strike. Men in other than road service will leave the service at the appointed time, which is 4 a. m. September 4th, 1916.

So far as your legal right to strike is concerned, there is no difference between a mail train and freight train. You have identically the same right to refuse to perform service on a mail train as you have to refuse to perform service on a freight train.

2. All men on strike will keep away from the company's property, except such men as are designated certain duties to be performed by authority of the organizations.

3. Every man should understand that the laws of the land must be obeyed. Acts of violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations.

4. The local representatives will arrange for a hall for meeting purposes at all terminals, using one of their own lodge rooms if available. Immediately after strike becomes effective all men will assemble at the hall secured for meeting purposes. When thus assembled an organization will be perfected by the election of a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.

No person will be permitted to be present in the meeting halls other than those who are on strike, except by permission of the assemblage.

5. The secretary will arrange a roll-call (alphabetically) with each organization on a separate sheet. Roll will be called twice daily, morning and afternoon. The names of the non-members will be kept separate on the roll from the names of those who are members of the organizations. All strikers will be required to answer the roll call and also to be in the halls, where halls are provided during the day at all times, unless excused by committee action or by chairman of the meeting.

The secretary will also keep a record of the proceedings from day to day.

6. In the conduct of every strike there are numerous irresponsible persons, not members of the organizations, who take occasion to engage in acts of violence and disorderly conduct, and such actions are usually attributed to members of the organizations, and great care should be taken by every member of the organizations to avoid associating with such persons and such conduct should be discouraged so as not to cast reproach upon the cause.

7. Some railroad officials may endeavor to coerce or mislead the men by asserting that men at other points have not quit or that they have returned to work. Such information should be discounted and all strikers should apply to their officers and committeemen for information, and be governed accordingly, and no member or non-union man will return to work until the strike is officially declared off, when all will return to work at the same time without prejudice and with all former rights. Fraternally yours.

(Signed): B of L. E., B. of L. F. & E., O. R. C., B. of R. T.