

RAILROADS REPLY TO MEN'S DEMANDS

Brotherhoods Told They Are Proposing to "Skim Cream From Both Crocks."

OPEN DISCUSSION ASKED

Rules and Regulations Interwoven In Present Wage Structure Declared to Have Bearing on Equities of Problem.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Eastern railroad managers today to the demands of their employees for an eight-hour day and higher rates for overtime work by submitting propositions of their own for discussion. The demands of the employees are not refused, neither is a demand made by the railroad managers for the acceptance of their own proposals. These are submitted for consideration in the negotiations that are expected to follow.

The railroad managers demand that there shall be open for discussion those provisions in present schedules or compensation which are "in conflict" with the following principles:

"No double compensation for the same time or service. Classification Issue Raised. The same classification for the purpose of compensation to be applied to all members of a train and engine crew. Two or more differently paid classes of service performed in the same day or trip to be paid proportionate rates, according to the class of service, with not less than a minimum day for the combined service."

The reply explains that these are "not counter-proposals," but that "in such a fundamental reconstruction of the wage basis as is proposed by the employees the railroad managers insist they have a right to demand a frank discussion of the rules and regulations interwoven in the present wage structure. Any rules and regulations that are fair and equitable under the present basis of pay manifestly would be unfair and inequitable on any other basis of pay."

Present Rules Held Liberal. The present standards of rules and working conditions, the railroad managers hold, "are adequate and even liberal to their employees." They have no desire, they state, to reduce the present standards.

CHICAGO, March 30.—The demands presented today by representatives of the so-called big four railroad unions involve 139 railway systems with 24,000 miles of right-of-way, exclusive of terminals and yards. In the western territory the roads are 100 miles long with 125,000 miles; in the eastern territory 60 roads with 63,000 miles, and in the southeastern territory 20 roads with 45,000 miles.

GUNS POUND AT VERDUN

(Continued From First Page.) scattered. This is because the task of the French gunners is to search out German batteries hidden over the entire landscape and restrict their activity as much as possible. The French gunners seem to be performing their task well. They know the position of many batteries and shoot with uncommon accuracy, as the correspondent experienced personally when a shell dropped squarely in the battery by which he was standing.

German Flank Attack. An officer from the headquarters of the Crown Prince explained to the correspondent the operations leading to the occupation of the western bank of the river. The French positions here, which the German operations on the east bank had been subjected to a flanking fire, were on Goose Hill and in Cumieres wood, with strongly fortified supporting points for infantry in the villages of Regneville and Bethincourt. Every house had been converted into a miniature fortress by walling the cellars with masonry and cement and providing embrasures for machine guns and rifles. The position faced north and the flank was protected by the flooded woods.

A frontal attack would have entailed heavy losses in charging up the steep slopes of the Goose ridge and Deadman's Hill, so the German leaders determined to attempt a flank attack. A surprise crossing was completely successful. Several columns were thrown across the river and Goose ridge was carried. Regneville was surrounded and the French garrison surrendered several days later.

Escape of Defenders Blocked. The first heavy resistance was encountered in the ravine and in Cumieres wood.

THAT TIRED FEELING

Relieved by Hood's Sarsaparilla, Which Renovates the Blood. That tired feeling that comes to you in the Spring, year after year, is a sign that your blood lacks vitality, just as pimples, boils and other eruptions are signs that it is impure; and it is also a sign that your system is in a low or run-down condition inviting disease. It is a warning, which it is wise to heed. Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla. The old and true blood medicine relieves that tired feeling. It cleanses the blood, gives you new life, new courage, strength and cheerfulness. It makes the right red blood that will make you feel, look, eat and sleep better. Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla. It embodies the careful training, experience and skill of Mr. Hood, a pharmacist for fifty years, in its quality and power to cure.

The Biggest in Portland! You Can Always Save Money on Shoes \$2.48 for Men's Dress or Work Shoes, Black, Tan or Patent. Hundreds of pairs to choose from. 98c for Men's \$1.50 House Slippers. Wright's, cor. 4th and Alder

mieres wood. The resistance was finally broken and the defenders, whose escape was prevented by a curtain of champagne fire behind the woods, were killed or captured almost to a man, fighting desperately to the last. The French counter-attack was delivered too hurriedly, only three battalions participating, instead of a brigade, as ordered by General Petain.

The attack here then ceased and was transferred to Avocourt wood. The attack succeeded in the first rush. The French now hold only the sack-like position two and one-half miles wide and of about the same depth, containing hill No. 304. The contents of the sack are expected to pass into German possession when the period of artillery preparation has ended.

In the course of the day the correspondent had an opportunity of interviewing a large number of French prisoners captured in Avocourt wood. They were surprised by the German tactics, which were based on artillery fire of such precision that the Germans were able to start their charge while the artillery was still playing on the French trenches and to cover the greatest part of the intervening ground before the guns shifted their range farther back from the commanding height near the base of the Meuse.

Verdun Burning in Background. The Associated Press correspondent was able today to survey the whole battle fronting north of Verdun. The background of the panorama was the burning city of Verdun, with its aqueduct cathedral tower standing out amid the smoke. The barracks and other prominent buildings were easily discernible to the naked eye, as the distance was only 10 miles. The city had been burning for several days and the fire apparently had almost burned itself out. Shells were dropping with ominous regularity in the vicinity of Fort Belleville, or the extreme left of the picture.

SUBMARINE BASE FOUND

GREEKS ON CORFU ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO FRANCE. British Said to Have Been Fired on by Batteries at Pireus and to Have Met Other Resistance.

PARIS, March 28.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Discovery in the Greek island of Corfu of an elaborate organization for providing information and supplies for submarines is reported in a dispatch to this Journal. About 40 persons, including the keeper of one of the principal hotels, have been arrested and will be removed to France.

PLOT CHARGE IS PROBED

RING TO INDUCE BANKRUPTCIES IS ALLEGED. Forcing of Firms to Sell, Purchase of Stocks at Price Limit With Aid of Professional Trustees Charged.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—An investigation of an alleged bankruptcy ring, which induces bankruptcies, it is charged, and then makes off with fat dividends through professional trustees, stock buyers and auctioneers, was instituted today by the Federal grand jury. Indictments are expected. The operations of the alleged ring were revealed by William T. Hawkins, a member of the ring, who testified that at a price limit fixed beforehand, outside bidders are shelled; the stock is obtained at a ridiculously low figure, and the members of the combine split proceeds of the sale of the goods. It takes only three creditors having a claim on an aggregate of \$500 to start the firm into bankruptcy.

Registration Totals 1098. HOOD RIVER, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—The total registration of Hood River county electors now reaches 1098, of whom 714 are Republicans. The voters, divided as to parties and sex, are as follows: Republicans, men 552, women 212; Democratic, men 372,

All Goods Purchased Today Will Be Charged on April Bills, Payable May 1st Economy Basement Store

"WHERE YOU SPEND THE LEAST AND GET THE MOST FOR IT"

New Suits \$16.45—New Coats \$6.85—New Waists 98c—Just Arrived From New York

The Suits at \$16.45 —Are very clever and fashionable—made of black and white checks, or all-wool poplin in navy blue or Copen blue. Tailored with the latest flaring peplum—collar and cuffs silk trimmed—trimmed with novelty buttons—skirt wide and flaring, yoke top. Jackets lined with good quality messaline silk. The Coats at \$6.85 —Remarkable in every way—black and gray diagonals with raglan sleeves, belted. Of fancy mixtures in gray, with three-piece belt all around. Of navy, black and Copen serge, belted style. Fancy button and silk trimmings. All show the latest style features and are tailored in the same manner as expensive models. Waists at 98c —Dainty new models in sheer voiles, with pretty embroidery on the side fronts—lace edging on the convertible collars—others with rows of lace insertion and lace—models that are hemstitched—waists of corded, striped and plain voile—with all the style and quality of \$1.50 waists.

Remnants and Sample Laces 5c Bunch —4 and 5 pieces in a bunch—consisting of allovers, edges and flouncings—lengths for trimmings, neckwear, etc., selling as high as \$1 yard. Remnants of Wash Goods 1-3 to 1-2 Off —Voiles, lawns, madras, gingham, percales, calicoes, dimities, muslin, longcloth, nainsook, etc. Lengths from 1 1/2 to 6 yards. 25c to 35c Veiling Remnants 10c —Plain and fancy meshes, in brown, navy and black. New Sample Neckw'r 25c —Regular 35c to 50c styles. In sheer embroidered organdies and voiles.

Remarkable New Silks 59c The Silks Scarcest and Most in Demand —Come today expecting to see just about every color combination shown in silks this season. Silks for dresses, for waists, for three-piece suits, for linings, for petticoats, kimonos, fancy work and many other uses here in

Fancy striped messalines and taffetas, figured silks and foulards, plaids, Persian designs, Roman stripes and beautiful 36-inch checked poplins. —These silks are of unusual quality and patterns. Extraordinary at 59c yard. Buy your season's supply. Three New Model Nadia Corsets \$1.29 —Of pink or white coutil or dotted poplin, low or medium bust, medium or long skirt. Some with free hips and curved waistline. All sizes, 19 to 28.

Wool Voiles, Serges, Crepes, Extra Special 47c Yard All New—Special Purchase Just Received —Hundreds of yards of these fashionable materials will be shown today for the first time. We direct special attention to the all-wool voiles, in Copen, biscuit, reseda, light blue, silver gray, apricot, brown and black. This is an imported material, 42 inches wide, of quality selling regularly from \$1.35 to \$1.50 a yard. Also serges and crepes in a full line of staple Spring shades, from cream to black.

Curtain Swisses 9c Yard 12 1/2c and 15c Qualities —Great variety of dots and figured designs—good quality and patterns for bedroom, kitchen, bathroom windows. Full 36 inches wide. Limited Quantity of Lambskin Gloves 95c Exceptional Heavy, Durable Quality, Pair —Pique sewn, contrasting embroidered backs. In tan shades, some white and gray.

A Sale of Laces and Embroideries Offering Unusual Economies—SHOP EARLY

Sale of Aprons for One Day Only 75c and 85c House Dress Aprons Extra Special 50c —Four new styles to choose from—in good quality percale, plain or figured, in pretty light colors. Slip over the head, envelope, belted, back and side-closing styles. All extra well made in full, large styles, neatly trimmed. All sizes. Children's Playtime Overalls 59c —They save dollars' worth of clothing. Made of navy or striped denim, with sleeves, round or square necks—completely covers a child's clothing. Sizes 1 to 8 years. Middy Blouses, 75c Styles, 59c —Sizes 6 to 20 years. Now is the time to buy middies, when the assortments are complete. These are of all white or with red, navy or cadet collars. Laced or plain. Amoskeag Chambray Petticoats 50c —Wide or narrow stripes in light blue or gray, deep flounce finished with ruffle. Made in all lengths, full style.

Household Needs \$1.35 Wash Boilers With Copper Bottoms 98c —Good weight tin, stationary wood grip handles and fit-in covers. No. 8 size. \$2 Dover Asbestos Sad Irons, Set of 3 \$1.49 —Best irons made. Three irons, stand and asbestos hood. 75c Clothes Dryers 59c —The "Eureka" will fit against the wall. With eight easily adjustable long arms. 80c Split Clothes Baskets 69c —No. 3 size, wood clothes baskets, durable, reinforced bottoms. 10c Washing Ammonia 5c Handy Package Cotton 3c 10c Metal Towel Rings 5c Witch Hazel, pint . . .18c 25c size Bay Ram . . .19c Assortment Nail Buffers 5c

Daintiest of New Muslin Underwear Gowns, Envelope Chemise, Drawers, Combinations, Corset Covers, Skirts, Regular 75c to \$1 Styles and Qualities 59c Each —Cape or muslin gowns, waisted style combinations, skirts with ruffles, corset covers with yokes, drawers in knicker or flat leg style, regulation envelope chemise, trimmed with the daintiest, finest laces, insertions, embroideries and run with ribbon. All sizes in every style.

Women's Knit Combination Suits 35c—Or 3 for \$1.00 —Regular 50c suits of fine white cotton yarn, low neck, sleeveless, tight knee or umbrella-shaped lace-trimmed pants.

MEN New Lot Work Shirts Of Khaki, Chambray, Percale 59c Strong, Durable Everyday Shirts for Hard Wear —These shirts will give the best of wear and satisfaction, extra well made, cut in full sizes, 14 to 15. Made of plain khaki, plain and striped chambray and striped percales. Your choice of light and dark colors in good variety. All made with soft turn-down collars attached. Medium Spring Weight Union Suits 49c Regular 65c Qualities, Elastic Weave, Tailored Finish —In white and ecru. With short or long sleeves. New Shipment of Bib Overalls 65c Extra Qualities, Extra Full Cut, All Sizes —Made of blue and white striped denim, with deep front bib and shoulder straps. Sizes 34 to 42.

Originated and Trimmed in Our Millinery Workrooms \$1.95 175 Newest Spring Hats —No Two Models Trimmed Alike An Unusual, Satisfying Feature —Such wearable hats—correct in style to the last detail. Large sailors, medium and small hats, of Milan hemp in black and new colors. Trimmed in just 175 different ways with Bunches of flowers or fruits. Bouquets of large roses. Wreaths of small flowers. Bows of taffeta ribbon. And many other effective novelties.

Bring Your BOY in Today for NEW SPRING SUITS AT \$3.95 —With one and two pairs of pants. These suits can't be beat for durability, tailoring and style. All new models in homespun, diagonals and navy blue serge. Norfolk coats and full lined, taped pants. They are wonders—and should sell for more. Sizes 6 to 17 years. TAPELESS SPRING BLOUSES 25c —A very special price for such splendid washable blouses of black saten, chambray, madras and percale. Plain colors and light or dark stripes. Sizes 6 to 16 years. Medium Weight Flannelette Pajamas 49c —Excellent quality, sizes 4 to 16 years. Military collar. Wool Flannel Blouses for 49c —They can't be made for this price. Medium weight for Spring. In blue or gray, with military collar. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

27-Inch Lace Flouncings 59c Yard (Laces Selling to \$1.50 Yard) —Oriental, shadow and novelties in many beautiful designs, in cream and white, for dancing and graduation dresses, etc. 17-Inch Corset Cover Embroidery 19c Yard (Selling Usually to 35c Yard) —Firm, fat edges, with neat designs embroidered on cambric and nainsook. The kind of embroidery that wears.

Remarkable Assortment of Laces 5c Yard (Qualities Regularly 10c to 20c Yard) —Linen and cotton cluny, shadow, Oriental, Platte Valenciennes, point de Paris and novelty laces of every kind, from 1 to 4 inches wide, in cream, ecru and white. For lingerie, as well as trimmings. Extraordinary bargain at 5c yard. Wash Goods, Domestic—All New 35c Voiles 25c —Great variety of new stripes and figures in effective colors. Full 36 inches wide. 12 1/2c Percales 10c —New shipment, of stripes, checks and figures, 36 inches wide. 10c Figured Crepe 6c —Light grounds with pink, blue or lavender figures. Many patterns to choose from.

Women's 17c Seamless Stockings Special 10c Pair —Fine gauze weight, plain black or white. Double heels and toes. These are "mill run" of a well-known manufacturer. All sizes.

FLORENCE FINES "PASTOR" Sentence of Self-Styled Evangelist Is Suspended, However. FLORENCE, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—"Rev." F. E. Davis, self-styled "noted evangelist," was sentenced to a fine of \$50 and costs, sentence being suspended if he refrains from further fraudulent operations, on a charge of obtaining money for an organization that does not exist. Davis was arrested in Florence last Friday at the request of Rev. W. G. McLaren, who represents the charitable organizations induced by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Davis'

KLAMATH TO SPRUCE UP City Beautiful Contest Is Started, and Prizes Offered. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—A few days ago it was announced that a city beautiful contest would be conducted here this Summer by the Women's Literary Club, the Commercial Club and the Federation of Young People's Societies of the city. Already three entrants have registered for the contest. Registrations will be received until April 30, and prizes will be awarded this Autumn to the citizens who make

the greatest improvement in their premises. In addition stereopticon slides will be made showing the "before and after." PENDLETON HIGH CHANGES SCHEDULE. PENDLETON, Or., March 30.—(Special.)—Beginning tomorrow morning Pendleton High School will hold six periods in the morning instead of four,

and school will be dismissed earlier in the afternoon. The change was made after

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