

RAILROADS AGAINST GRANTING DEMAND

Stand for Arbitration Seems Firm.

WILSON EMPHASIZES PLEA

President Talks "as One Citizen to Another."

REPLY BEING CONSIDERED

Spokesman for Employers Say Position Is That Principle Greater Than Immediate Issues Is at Stake.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—As one American citizen to another, President Wilson today appealed to each of the executives of the country's principal railroads on grounds of patriotism to accept his plan for averting the threatened disaster of a Nation-wide strike. He emphasized the necessity for keeping the railroads in service as a part of the National defense and to make possible preparation for meeting conditions that will exist after the European war.

On leaving the White House the railroad presidents, augmented during the day by arrivals from the West, held conferences at which sentiment was said to be against agreeing to the President's proposal in its present form.

Counter Proposal Hoped For

Hope was expressed, however, that some satisfactory counter proposition might be advanced, and it was decided to turn over to a committee the task of drafting a final reply to the President. With more than 60 men, most of them with their own ideas about what ought to be done, the executives found it difficult to "get down to brass tacks," as one of them expressed it. Another meeting will be held tomorrow, and every effort will be made to reach a decision promptly.

The railroad heads still insist that President Wilson is asking them to sacrifice the principle of arbitration. Elizabeth Lee, of the National conference committee of railroads, issued a statement tonight in which she said:

"That the railroads should grant, under threat of a National strike, a \$50,000,000 wage preference to a small minority of their employees, without a hearing before a public tribunal, is inconceivable in a democracy like ours. All questions at issue—wages, hours, costs, operating conditions—are submerged by the greater issue: Shall arbitration be abandoned in the settlement of industrial disputes?"

Appeal Made to Public Opinion

The statement suggests, however, that the railroads stand ready to take whatever action the people and the country desire. It concludes:

"The weight of public opinion must determine these issues. We cannot believe that it is the calm judgment of the country that should sacrifice the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes under a threat to the commerce of the country."

While the officials were listening to President Wilson and, later conferring at their hotel, the general committee of 60 representatives of the employees, who already have accepted the President's plan, held a perfunctory meeting and marked time awaiting the decision of the employees. They said they would wait until President Wilson dismissed them, but stood ready to call a strike should the negotiations fail.

President Addresses Employers

Although a few of the railroad executives invited had not arrived to-day it was decided that those already in Washington were representative, and, therefore, the President called them to the White House and earnestly urged that his plan of settlement be ratified.

"I will not allow passion to come into my thoughts in this solemn matter," he said. "We are both acting as trustees of great interests. I am willing to allow this matter to go to the great American jury and let them assume the responsibility. The railroads' responsibility of failure will not rest with me. I wish you to consider the consequences as affecting the people of the cities and countryside of a failure to agree. The country cannot live if the means of keeping alive its vitality are interfered with. The lives and fortunes of 100,000,000 men, women and little ones—many of whom may die—depend upon what may be done in this room. I appeal to you as one American citizen to another to avert this disaster."

Arbitration Impossible, Wilson Says

The President spoke in a more intimate fashion than he has in any of the previous conferences. He referred to the disastrous effect which a strike would have, "especially at this time when every ounce of American energy and initiative has to be mobilized to meet the extraordinary situation which will emerge out of the European war."

Reiterating that it was impossible for him to bring about arbitration under present conditions, the President declared it was not necessary to discuss practical methods of avoiding the strike. The war had taught the country that it could no longer remain isolated and that provisionally the world of its position affects the world.

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ROUMANIA NEAR TO JOINING ENTENTE

THOROUGHFARE FOR RUSSIAN TROOPS IS EXPECTED.

Austro-German Ultimatum Believed in Preparation—Situation Regarded Gravely in Berlin.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Aug. 22.—The Roumanian situation again is taking a leading place in the war news. Dispatches from Berlin and Bucharest, via Berlin, describe the relations between Roumanian and the German allies as extremely serious. Wolf bureau dispatches hint that an Austro-German ultimatum is in preparation. The Kreuz Zeitung declared negotiations that took place at Bucharest at the week-end between the Russian military attaches and the Roumanian Secretary of War must be considered as proof that Roumanian has joined the entente.

"It is supposed," says this newspaper, "that plans for a Russian march through Roumanian territory were discussed. Of course, Germany would regard such an arrangement as a casus belli."

Major Morant says in the Tageblatt: "German and Austrian Ministers at Bucharest have pointed out the consequences to Roumanian of granting permission to the Russians to march through Roumanian territory. Toward us Roumanian must not play her sphinx tricks so far that one day, with shrugging shoulders, she will place before us a fait accompli for which we have not been able to take proper counter measures."

The material aid Roumanian could give if she entered the war is important. She has had between 600,000 and 600,000 troops mobilized for nearly a year and her army is reputed to be one of the best equipped and trained in Europe. Roumanian may be in a position to deal a powerful blow at Bulgaria from the north in conjunction with the allies' drive from the south.

It has been generally understood that Russia has been willing to concede the province of Bessarabia, the population of which is largely Roumanian, in return for Roumanian co-operation in the war. Bessarabia is 18,000 miles square and has a population of nearly 2,000,000.

SPAIN INCREASES ARMY

Officers to Be Provided Sufficient for 600,000 Reserves.

MADRID, via Paris, Aug. 21.—An increase in the Spanish army to 180,000 men on peace footing is provided for in a military reorganization bill which soon will be presented to Parliament by the minister of war, General De Lojua. This calls for an increase over the present force of 40,000 men. Under the new plan 68,000 men will be garrisoned in Morocco.

The reserves of the active army will permit rapid mobilization of 400,000 men. The project provides for officers sufficient for a reserve army of 600,000.

PORTUGAL IS PREPARING

Franco-British Commission Sent to Give Military Council.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—In preparation for Portugal's active participation in the war, a Franco-British military mission will leave this city in a few days for Portugal. The French government has designated Lieutenant-Colonel Paris, Major Grandin de Lepervier and Lieutenant Giraud.

The British government is sending Major-General Bannister and Lieutenants Gough-Calthorpe and G. A. Robinson. These officers will co-operate with the Portuguese military authorities.

3 BOILERS EXPLODE, KILL 8

Building Wrecked and Debris Scattered Hundreds of Yards.

JACKSON, Tenn., Aug. 21.—Eight workmen were killed and 16 injured here today when three boilers at the plant of the Harlan Morris Stave Manufacturing Company exploded, wrecking the building and scattering debris over a radius of several hundred yards. It is believed that all of the injured will recover. The cause of the explosion had not been determined tonight. Officials of the company said today that all persons in the building at the time had been accounted for.

CITY HAS 337 JITNEYS

Some Provisions of Regulation Ordinance Being Enforced.

Portland has 337 jitneys, according to a report of the city license bureau compiled yesterday. This is a fewer number than were in the field a year ago, but is a larger number than was reported six months ago.

Virtually all that is being enforced of the jitney regulation ordinance is the provision requiring the taking out of a license, the payment of a fee of \$2 a month and the inspection of the machines.

PRIESTS' SLAYERS CAUGHT

Mounted Police Capture Murderous Eskimos in Arctic.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 21.—News was received today from Nome, Alaska, that the Canadian Mounted Police have captured the two Eskimos who in November, 1912, in the copper mine country of the Arctic region are alleged to have murdered Fathers Leroux and Rouyer.

They are now at Herschell Island and will be brought out for trial.

LUMBERMEN PLAN TO REBUILD EUROPE

Plans Made for Expansion of Markets.

MOMENTOUS MEETING HELD

Co-operation of Government Agencies Is Sought.

LEGISLATION IS ADVISED

Passage of Bill to Permit Trade Combinations Urged—All Parts of War-Torn Area Show the Need of Materials.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The Government will co-operate with the lumber manufacturers of the United States in sending abroad a corps of experts to study the condition of European lumber markets with a view to a great expansion of the field of the American producer.

This was decided today at one of the most important conferences ever held in American business history, for the conference marked the opening of steps for co-operation between the Nation's business men and the Government itself for the extension of American trade abroad.

Passage of Webb Bill Urged

Part of the result of the conference was the urging of the immediate passage of the Webb bill, now pending in Congress, to remove any question of the legality of the organization by lumber manufacturers and other groups of business men of foreign sales agencies for the manufacture and distribution of American goods to be sent to foreign countries.

The Government was represented at today's conference by two members of the Federal Trade Commission, Will H. Parry and Joseph E. Davies; by head of the Forest Service, H. S. Graves, and by the chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Dr. E. E. Pratt. Dr. Wilson Compton, economist to the trade commission, was also present in an advisory capacity.

Scenes of Lumbermen Present

On the part of the lumbermen there were present some scores of manufacturers and secretaries of lumber manufacturing organizations, including the National Manufacturers' Association, the Southern Pine, California Redwood, West Coast, Northern Pine, Northern Hemlock and Hardwood and Gum Lumber Associations.

Before taking up the question of how to organize the American lumber industry to secure the great volume of foreign lumber business that must come to the United States, even before the European war ends, detailed reports were given of the conditions abroad by the various interested organizations, as well as from governmental agencies.

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IDAHO MINE ROBBER GETS \$2180 IN GOLD

MANAGER'S AUTO HALTED BY MASKED DESPERADO.

Trip Without Guard Over Mountain Road Is Disastrous—Posses Searched Wilderness.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—A masked robber held up and relieved W. H. Estabrook, manager of the Boston-Idaho Gold Dredge Mining Company, of gold dust and nuggets valued at \$2180 this morning near Boise City in the Boise basin. The desperado made good his escape.

A posse has been organized and is thrashing the mountain wilderness for him. He is described as five feet six or seven inches tall, weight, about 150 pounds, with sandy whiskers and hair. Mr. Estabrook was returning from one of the company's big dredges with the clean-up in gold and was speeding along the mountain highway to his home at Pinehurst to deposit the gold in the safe. The masked robber, standing in the center of the highway, covered him with a revolver. His command to "halt" and the leveled revolver, brought the driver and his big car to a standstill. Cooty ordering Estabrook to hand over the gold, the robber took it and then directed Estabrook to proceed ahead at full speed and not to look back. Then the robber disappeared in the timber.

The Boston-Idaho Gold Dredge Company is dredging the mountain streams for gold. It operates several dredges. Estabrook has handled gold valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, but usually has a guard. He did not today.

VILLA MAY BE DEAD AGAIN

Mexican Consul at El Paso Has New Report, but Doubts It.

EL PASO, Aug. 21.—A new report of the death of Villa was received here today by Andres Garcia, Mexican Consul. The report, emanating from San Geronimo, in Chihuahua, said that the bandit chieftain died of blood poisoning resulting from his wounds at Tallamante, near Parral, on July 9, and was buried near there.

While the report was transmitted for what it was worth to Mexico City, it received little credence at the local consulate.

GERMAN YOUTHS CALLED?

Swiss Report Says Boys of 17 Have Been Ordered to Colors.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The intransigent publishes under reserve a dispatch from Lausanne to the effect that Germany has ordered all youths of 17 to report immediately to recruiting bureau.

SUPERVISION IS EXTENDED

United States to Arrange Budget System for San Domingo.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—American supervision of Dominican finances soon is to be extended to internal revenue as well as customs receipts. A budget system also is to be arranged.

President Carraval, it is understood, will accept the plan and recognition of his government will follow.

CLUB WHEAT LEAPS TO \$1.12; CROP HELD

Eastern Oregon Will Not Sell Holdings.

SPECULATION FEVER IS ON

Umatilla to Flow With Coin of Realm, Say Bankers.

BEST PRICES AIM OF ALL

At Pendleton Grain Reaches Highest Figure of Season, but Farmers Fail to Let Go of Present Yield-Baker Reports \$4.10.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Wheat at \$1.12 for club, reached the highest price of the season today. Although the market was 2 cents above the Saturday price there was very little wheat sold on the local market. Most of the farmers refuse to sell on the rising market, although some who have held over two crops from former years have disposed of this and are holding their 1916 crop for speculation.

With such high prices prevailing while the farmers still have their wheat, there will be more money turned loose in Umatilla County than for many years, according to bankers. Generally when the strong prices are being offered most of the farmers have nothing to sell.

BAKER BUYERS CONFIDENT

Wheat Jumps to \$1.10, Barley \$30 a Ton and \$25 a Ton for Oats.

BAKER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Following the rapid rise in Portland grain in this vicinity took a skyward trip today.

Although an unusual advance in the grain market was noted today, locally as well as in the larger markets, Baker milling and warehouse men were so confident of the continued strength of the market that they were eagerly offering from \$1.06 to \$1.10 for wheat, with \$20 a ton for barley and \$25 a ton for oats.

"We'll take all we can get at these figures," one buyer declared today. The advance in the market is regarded not as a fluctuation, but as a definitely indicated upward trend.

FARMERS CONTRACT AT \$1

Season's Run on Thresher Outfits Started From Union.

UNION, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Six thresher outfits from here started on the season's run today. The crop in this vicinity will not be large this season owing to so much of the acreage being in summer fallow.

The majority of the farmers here already have contracted their grain at the \$1 mark, although some received a little better prices.

CENTRALIA CAPTAIN ACCUSES COLONEL

SLANDER CHARGE FILED OVER ESCAPE OF PRISONER.

Row in Second Washington Infantry Involves Regimental Commander, Sergeant and Private.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Captain David Livingston, commanding Company M. of Centralia, now on the border, has preferred charges alleging slander against Colonel Inglis, commanding the Second Washington Infantry, according to a telegram received from Calexico, Cal., this morning.

The trouble is reported to have arisen over the escape of Private Randall, Company B, Second Washington Infantry, from the custody of a military guard, Sergeant Clifford Sayre and Private Johnson, of Company M, being on guard at the time. Randall is said to be wanted by the army for desertion, and also by civil authorities at San Diego for forgery. He was later recaptured at Imperial, 24 miles from Calexico, by Captain Livingston. Randall was then in citizen's clothing.

Sergeant Sayre and Private Johnson were under military arrest for permitting the escape of Randall, according to the reports here, but Captain Livingston is said to have shouldered the entire responsibility, and effected the release of the soldiers.

Major Llewellyn is reported to have taken Sergeant Sayre's statement, to be used in connection with Captain Livingston's charges against the regimental commander.

LAD LEAPS TO SAFETY

Thirty-Foot Jump From Bridge Is Made When Train Nears.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—As a result of a 30-foot leap this afternoon from the O.-W. R. & N. steel bridge crossing Hood River here, Russell, the 11-year-old son of Dr. E. L. Sobel, is nursing a bruised hip, a badly sprained wrist and a lacerated scalp.

The boy with a companion, Harold Bailey, was on the bridge when a freight train approached. Young Bailey scrambled to safety. Losing his presence of mind, the Sobel lad leaped. If his fall had not been broken by shallow water his injuries might have been very serious or even fatal.

FRENCH REMOVE CIVILIANS

Villages Cleared Behind Front, Say Swiss Dispatches to Berlin.

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Swiss dispatches to the Overseas News Agency report that the French had been broken by the population from towns and villages behind the front in the districts of Nancy, Lunéville, Baccarat and Saint Die.

The line indicated roughly parallels the French-German border between a point about 50 miles southeast of Verdun.

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SMALL BOYS PROVE IDAHO MURDERERS

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HAZARDOUS GETAWAY AMAZES

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PITY AND HORROR AROUSED

Children, Deserted by Mother and Steppfather, Steal Horse, Wagon and Guns, Killing Owner Who Tries to Stop Them.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Harold and Lynn Lovelace, brothers, ages 12 and 11, respectively, are in custody here, charged by their own confession with the murder of Professor F. Thomas Hamill, a teacher from Carson, Nev., at his homestead 45 miles south of Twin Falls, Tuesday afternoon of last week. The story of the shooting and the flight of the boys is almost unbelievable.

They were apprehended near Buhl, 20 miles west, Sunday evening, six days after the murder. They had traveled about 120 miles with Hamill's horse and light wagon, sleeping in the sage brush, without bedding and thinly clad. They had with them supplies which they had taken from Hamill's house, also eight guns and revolvers of various kinds. They had also stolen guns and other things from ranchers along the way.

Boys Held at Inquest

At the inquest this afternoon the verdict was that Hamill met his death from a bullet from a rifle in the hands of Lynn Lovelace. His elder brother Harold is held as instigator and accessory. Neither the mother nor their stepfather, a man named Pennycell, can be located.

The mother left, presumably for Boise, a month ago, leaving the children in the care of their stepfather. Two weeks ago the stepfather, leaving the children in care of a neighbor, went away, presumably to Colorado.

The boys confess to petty stealing for three years. They said they recently stole a gun and other articles from Hamill, who, on regaining the stolen articles, warned the boys to keep away from his place and quit stealing or he would report them to the Sheriff.

Trip Made to Steal

They returned to his cabin Tuesday to steal his horse, wagon, provisions and gun, and go to their grandfather, W. M. Retherford, at Lebanon, Or. They were loading up the supplies when Hamill returned. They barricaded themselves in Hamill's house, and as he approached, ordered him to stay back. Apparently realizing the danger from the irresponsible boys, Hamill parleyed with them, telling them he was hungry.

The older boy agreed to carry food to him, while the younger kept Hamill covered with Hamill's own gun, a 32-40 repeater, loaded with soft-nosed bullets. When the boy approached Hamill seized him, got behind him, and ordered the smaller boy to drop the gun.

"Shoot him," ordered the older boy. "I don't want to shoot him," replied Lynn. "Shoot him," again ordered the older boy, and the younger boy, not strong enough to put the gun to his shoulder, held it low, pointed toward Hamill, and pulled the trigger.

Boy's Arm Is Gashed

Hamill was stooping low behind the older boy. The bullet struck through the left sleeve of the boy, grazing his arm, and entered Hamill's right eye. According to the boys' confession, Hamill fell upon the older boy, who, with Hamill's blood on his clothing, crawled from beneath the dead man, and with his brother, finished their preparations for flight.

As described by officers who trailed them, the ride they made was the wildest and most hazardous conceivable. They traveled across the sage brush much of the way. They drove down into two canyons 400 feet deep. One was so steep the wagon tipped over. The boys, with surprising ingenuity, righted the wagon by throwing a rope over the wagon to the lower wheel, then hitching the horse to the rope. They went many miles, then doubled back, causing the officers to lose the trail.

Community Feels Horror

The pursuing officers, however, did not know they were trailing boy murderers, but thought perhaps they were trailing an insane fiend. Meantime Probation Officer Grimsby was asked to watch for two small runaway boys, when he found them, found also in their possession Hamill's property. They are being held here awaiting trial.

A wave of pity for the homeless, forsaken children, and horror over the terrible crime, has swept the community.

Mr. Sinnott Back in Washington

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 21.—Representative Sinnott returned to Washington today from New York, where he was called by the sudden death of his two-year-old daughter. The child died from quick pneumonia, being ill only two days.

