



## STRIKE CRISIS IS EXPECTED TODAY

### Men Say They Will Wait No Longer Than Tonight.

## ROADS HAVE NEW PROPOSAL

### Arbitration of Wage Issue Is Asked, With Retroactive Feature Promised.

## MEN ARE STILL HOSTILE

### Fact That Offer Has Been Made, However, Viewed as Optimistic Sign.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—A crisis tomorrow in the threatened nationwide railroad strike appeared unavoidable tonight.

Heads of the four railroad brotherhoods went to the White House today and informed President Wilson that under no circumstances could they hold their committee of 640 here after tomorrow night. The men, they said, were demanding that they obtain some definite answer from the railroad heads on President Wilson's plan, already accepted by them, or that they be permitted to go home and prepare for a strike. Everything was declared to be in readiness for a walkout whenever the committee of 640 gave the word.

### Appointment Made for Noon Today.

The President is understood to have given the men no definite promise as to what he would do. He made an appointment with them for noon tomorrow, however, and shortly after they left the White House he sent for three of the railroad executives to advise them of what had happened.

The railroad presidents and managers met tonight and agreed to a counter proposal, to be submitted to the President today. This holds to the demand for arbitration, to which the employees say they are unalterably opposed, and emphasizes the difference between an eight-hour work day and an eight-hour day as a basis for pay.

### Railroads' Offer Formulated.

The plan proposes: "That an eight-hour day is not directly connected with the matter at issue and that there is a difference between an actual eight-hour and an eight-hour day as a basis for pay;

"That the questions of increases of wages are indisputably questions which should be settled by arbitration;

"That the present demands of the trainmen be submitted to arbitration by the Interstate Commerce Commission or some body to be created by the President, or in some other way;

"That if the arbitrating board finds wage increases should be granted, their findings will be retroactive, and the increases will take effect from the time the arbitration begins;

### Contingent Fund Proposed.

"That a fund shall be created by the railroads to provide for this contingency, the Interstate Commerce Commission to keep the accounts that will be necessary, and the arrangement to continue in force for a time not yet determined upon, the men agreeing that during the period of arbitration there shall be no further demands nor any attempt to strike."

### Issue Declared Up to Men.

"It puts the issue squarely up to the men," was the way one official expressed it.

The crisis in the situation is expected by noon tomorrow, when the President has an engagement to see the brotherhood leaders.

Some of the executives said that while the proposal would not give the more than 20 per cent increase in wages provided for in effect in President Wilson's plan, it probably would give an increase of more than 10 per cent. The proposal in its tentative form covered three typewritten pages.

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## WINDOW IS BROKEN AND BRIDE STOLEN

### WEDDING IN SPOKANE BALKS IRATE FATHER OF GIRL.

### Lamont Couple Elope in Only Available Auto, but Are to Return When Parent Cools.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Miss Hazel Strachan, 18, and Harry De Long, 21, were married in Spokane last night at the home of C. C. Elliott, 415 Baldwin avenue, after being detained for four hours by the Spokane police, following an exciting elopement from Lamont, Wash., where they ran away from the bride's irate father.

The youth broke a window in the house to gain entrance, and lowered his future bride to the ground by a rope, later jumping from the second-story window himself. The bride's father took after them, but, according to Mr. De Long, he had arranged for the only automobile available in Lamont, and the angry parent was left, while De Long and Miss Strachan drove to Davenport, where they took the train for Spokane.

"They were met at the depot by police officers, the father having telephoned to Sheriff Cole, of Colfax, that the girl was but 13.

The girl's father is L. H. Strachan, a wealthy farmer, and the boy's father is a mining man of Kellogg. "We intend to make our home in Spokane for the present, but will return to Lamont later, after Hazel's father cools down," the bridegroom said.

## CIVILIANS COMING HOME

### New Orleans Expected to Leave San Diego September 2.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 25.—The cruiser New Orleans will leave San Diego September 2 for San Francisco, arriving at the latter port September 5. Two days will be passed at San Francisco, and the ship, with 59 Pacific Northwest civilian volunteers on board, will arrive at Astoria about September 10, and at Seattle September 12. The cruiser South Dakota will arrive here tomorrow or Sunday, and all civilian volunteers on board the New Orleans will sail on the South Dakota on an ocean trip for instruction in big gun practice.

## HARRISBURG MAN RESCUED

### Ben Tomlin Near Victim of Drowning While Bathing in Willamette.

HARRISBURG, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—Ben Tomlin, junior member of the local hardware firm of Tomlin & Son, was nearly drowned in the Willamette River here yesterday while in bathing.

Chester Bennett, a local boy and an ex-member of the United States Navy, and Arthur McMahan resuscitated him after life apparently was extinct.

## BRITISH ARE JOINING LINES WITH ALLIES

### Drive Gains Ground on East and North.

## GERMANS ATTACK ST. MIHIEL

### New Assault May Have Effect on Verdun Situation.

## DOWNHILL SLOPE REACHED

### London Expects Progress to Be More Rapid From Now On—Battle Is Raging With Fury Unprecedented During War.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER. (War correspondent of the New York Tribune. By special cable.)

LONDON, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The British drove forward their wedge eastward and northward today, in the first movement closing on Ginchy and Guillemont, and in the second advancing on Fiers.

This advance joins up their line with the French, who scored an important success yesterday in the capture of Maurepas and in their push beyond. Joffre's troops today consolidated their gains, while the artillery kept pounding at the German line.

German Aim New Blow. The Germans, as if to divert the French from the Somme attack, aimed a new blow at the famous St. Mihiel salient, which projects into the French line southeast of Verdun. They succeeded in gaining a hold on the allied trenches here, but were driven out again in a counter attack.

Whether this assault is the forerunner of others on a wider front and of greater violence is not certain. But a German drive here would bring French forces from the front north of Verdun and so make feasible a renewal of the Crown Prince's attack on the fortresses.

Flanking Move Made Possible. British gains advanced their line in the eastern and northern edges of the Devil's Wood and brought them near Ginchy, which with Guillemont form the strongest link in the German second system in this sector. In an effort to repel this threat the Germans opened a counter attack today, but were driven back with heavy losses.

Along the northern side of the wedge the British advanced their line several hundred yards on each side of the road running out of Longueval toward Fiers. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

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## ENTIRE MAIL CONFISCATED

### Scandinavian-American Liner Held Up by British at Kirkwall.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The entire American mail on the Scandinavian-American liner United States was confiscated by the British authorities at Kirkwall, says an Overseas News Agency announcement today.

The United States arrived at Copenhagen on August 18 from New York.

## BOYS PLAYING ON RAFT ARE DROWNED

### Henry Hayes, 12; Jesse Goodwin, 10, Victims.

## RELATIVES SEE TRAGEDY

### Chums Slip Into River While in Friendly Scuffle.

## BODIES ARE RECOVERED

### Although Lads Are Taken From Water in Short Time, Efforts to Resuscitate Them by Aid of Pulmotor Fail.

Henry Hayes, aged 12 years, of 489 Twenty-second street North, and his chum, Jesse ("Buster") Goodwin, aged 10, of 624 Guild street, were drowned in a backwater of the Willamette River at the foot of Sherlock avenue, near the North Pacific Lumber Company's mill, at 4 P. M. yesterday.

The boys were playing on a plank raft floating 25 feet from the beach, and fell into the water while scuffling. Leonard Hayes, 8-year-old brother of Henry, and Mrs. E. L. Goodwin, grandmother of Jesse, were on the bank when the accident occurred, and ran screaming for help. The boys were taken from the water after 10 minutes, and physicians worked over them unsuccessfully with pulmotors for more than two hours.

## Boys Go to Chapman School.

Henry Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hayes. Jesse Goodwin's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Goodwin. The latter boy was a nephew of Earl R. Goodwin, of The Oregonian staff. Both boys attended the Chapman School. They played together constantly.

Gilbert Noonan, aged 15 years, was the first to be attracted by Leonard's cries for help. The lad ran to the beach and swam to the raft. He dived and located the bodies, which later were recovered by two men.

The police were notified, and Dr. W. H. Skene and an interne from the Emergency Hospital hastened to the scene with first aid apparatus. Harbor Patrolman Frehn and Engineer Jackel arrived a few minutes later with the harbor patrol boat.

The body of the Goodwin boy was recovered a few minutes before that of his companion, and the efforts to resuscitate him were continued after the Hayes boy had been pronounced dead. Meanwhile, the fathers of both lads

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## WATER FAILS IN 4 TOWNS IN VALLEY

### OREGON CITY PIPE LINE DRY WITH THERMOMETER AT 92.

### West Linn, Willamette and Bolton Are Others Affected—Big Reservoir and Mains Are Empty.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—With the thermometer registering 92 degrees today, Oregon City, West Linn, Willamette and Bolton are without water because of a break in the pipeline from the south fork of the Clackamas.

The 1,000,000-gallon municipal reservoir has been drained of its supply and the city elevator, which uses water power, has stopped.

Early in the day a thrasher crossed over an air valve box, breaking the pipe line, and causing a small flood, that was quickly checked. The break was repaired within a few minutes. Later, however, the flow into the reservoir suddenly stopped, the level of water dropped rapidly, and tonight even the supply in the mains had been exhausted.

The trouble was located tonight near the intake in the headwaters of the Clackamas. Harold Banda, engineer, and Fred McCauland, water superintendent, will remain in the woods until the damage is repaired.

Ice cream stands where loganberry juice and near beer are sold did a thriving business today.

## DEUTSCHLAND TO RETURN

### Freight Now Being Received for Second Voyage to America.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Preparations for another voyage of the submarine Deutschland to the United States are well under way. Freight is being received for this trip.

The amount of cargo now ready is larger than had been expected, the Overseas News Agency says. All the members of the crew have expressed readiness to sign for the next voyage.

## ROUMANIAN ARMY ON LINE

### Russians Also Reported Concentrating on Danube.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Russians have concentrated a large number of troops on the Rumanian frontier and on the banks of the Russian Danube with which to invade Bulgaria by way of Dubrudja, according to a Budapest dispatch to the Morning Post, quoting the Aeset.

The Aeset also reports powerful Rumanian forces gathered on the Lower Danube and the Pruth.

## Serbs Take Many Prisoners.

PARIS, Aug. 25.—The Serbians have made appreciable progress on the left wing of the Saloniki front, and have taken several hundred prisoners, according to the official statement issued by the War Office tonight.

## GOVERNOR OF OREGON OFFICIATES AT WEDDING OF MISS COOS BAY AND MR. EUGENE LANE AT BIG RAILROAD COMPLETION CELEBRATION AT NORTH BEND, OR., BEFORE CROWD OF 10,000 PERSONS.



MAMMOTH WEDDING CAKE PRESENTED TO COUPLE AFTER CEREMONY—PERSONAGES IN PHOTOGRAPH ARE: GOVERNOR JAMES WHITCOMBE, GARRY WATKINS, OF EUGENE (EUGENE LANE), AND MISS GLADYS RODDY (MISS COOS BAY), OF MARSHFIELD, OR.

## ALL COOS UNITES TO MAKE GUESTS JOLLY

### Visitors Scatter to All Points of Interest.

## CLAMBAKE IS ONE BIG HIT

### Boats, Special Trains and Automobiles Are Chartered.

## GLAD HAND EVER PRESENT

### Cities Proudly Display Their Bountiful Resources, Which Are Indicated by Substantial Improvements Under Way.

BY SHAD O. KRANTZ. (Special.)—Every community, and it seems, almost every resident of Coos County today took a hand in the current railroad celebration.

This was Coos County day, and the whole county from the 10-mile region on the north to the foot of the Coquille Valley on the south joined in the welcome to the visitors and shared in the joy of entertaining them.

Parties Scatter to Many Towns. Early this morning sundry parties of pleasure seekers started from Marshfield and North Bend. They scattered in almost every direction, traveling by special train, by steamer or by automobile.

An organized force of Portland people went by train to Coquille, thence by chartered steamer to Bandon, where a special programme had been arranged. The Rousarian band and most of the Royal Rousarians went with this party.

Clam Bake Is Enjoyed. Thousands of others journeyed to Charleston Bay, where one of the most unique entertainments of the celebration was provided. The principal attraction there was the clam bake offered under the joint auspices of the North Bend and Marshfield committees. Every visitor was served with a generous portion of delicious clams, caught fresh in the waters of the nearby bay. A band concert, dancing and sports of various kind completed the festivities.

By far the most elaborate individual hospitality was that extended by Louis J. Simpson, at his magnificent country home, Shore Acres, near North Bend. Shore Acres is one of the kind of places that you read about or see once in a while in the morning pictures. They have them, too, along the Hudson River in New York, or fronting the Lake Shore boulevard in Chicago, but always and forever they have a high stone fence around them with forbidding-looking guards at the entrance.

Place Is Open to Public. The Simpson place is just like that, excepting the high fence and the guards. The grounds are wide open all the time and people are constantly welcome to enter and enjoy themselves. Today even the whole house was open. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson were there with open-handed hospitality, characteristic of them, to receive the folks. Refreshments of various kinds were dispensed freely. The house rests on a high cliff directly overlooking the ocean. Surrounding it is an expansive garden filled with rare and beautiful flowers. People were permitted to roam through it at will and many of them did.

Mr. Simpson, by the way, is the same fellow who gave a park containing nearly 100 acres and about \$100,000 worth of fir trees to the city of North Bend the other night.

Glad Hand Ever Present. Had there not been so many other attractions up and down the Coos County shore line today it is probable that visitors would have lingered longer at the Simpson place, but they didn't want to discriminate.

Wherever the excursionists wandered they were met with the same glad hand of welcome. The people of Coquille were out bright and early this morning to meet the special train party that tarried there awhile on the way down the river to Bandon.

Many Improvements Made. The Portland party stopped at Coquille on the way back from Bandon tonight, and partook of the lavish feast that had been prepared for them. The meal was spread in picnic fashion under a grove of myrtle trees near the town. More than 500 persons joined in the festivities. Welcoming speeches were delivered by the city and county officials. O. M. Clark responded for the Portland delegation.

Coquille is providing many substantial improvements for itself this summer, including a handsome addition to the Court House. It already has a nice layout of paved streets. Myrtle Point likewise took pride in displaying its resources and its industries. Myrtle Point is in the center of a productive dairy and agricultural country, and shows it.

Quite a few people journeyed on down to Powers, a new town sprung up by reason of the Smith-Powers logging operations, where the same generous provision had been made to receive them. Some of the Portland and Eugene people visited also at Goodwin's resort, at Alagsheny, at Golden, Silver Falls and other points along the upper branches of the Coquille.

Lakeside, a picturesque resort in the

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