FOE OF COMPULSION

Suspension of Railway Men's Right to Strike Pending Arbitration Opposed.

MILITARY CLAUSE PUZZLE

Vested in President Not Known to Senate Committeemen,

Who End Public Hearings.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11,-Public hearings on the railroad legislation recom mended by President Wilson to supple ment the Adamson law were concluded by the Senate commerce committee to-night and tomorrow consideration of what measures shall be put before the Senate for action will begin. Bills on which the hearings have been conducted include one to forbid

strikes or lockouts during investiga-tion of controversies between railroad employers and employes; another giv-ing the President authority to take over the railroads in case of military necessity, and a third to give the In-terstate Commerce Commission power to fix railroad wages as well as rates to fix railroad wages as well as rates

Gompers Opposes Compulsion. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the last witness before the committee, protested strongly against any measure to compel arbitration of disputes between employer and employe and said to his mind a measure which suspends during investigation the right to strike is but a sten that will be followed by

but a step that will be followed by others toward driving the workers back into involuntary servitude.

Senator Cummins asked Mr. Gompers what he would do if he were clothed with all the power of government and a strike, peaceful, but effective in tying up all transportation, had become a fact.

Non-Interference Is Favored.

Military Clause Not Understood. W. N. Doak, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, asked the committee earlier in the day if it interpreted the military necessity bill to give the President power to draft railroad workers so that it might

be used to end a strike as such power was used in France several years ago. "I don't think," said Senator Cummins, "that any member of the com-mittee knows whether it would give such power. I have asked myself that An effort will be made tomerrow to have the Senate adjourn over until Monday so as to permit uninterrupted executive sessions of the committee.

NOTED EDUCATOR TO SPEAK

Adams Puffer, of New York, Is Billed for Address to Teachers.

Puffer will speak if it can be arranged.

It is also hoped to arrange for a vocational institute on Saturday morning, at which teachers, supervisors and all interested in educational matters may attend. While here Mr. Puffer will be shown the Portland schools and he will undoubtedly be especially interested in the vocational work carried on here.

the Swiss flag, Switzerland at the same time to give a guarantee that the vessels shall carry only foodstuffs, especially cereals, for use in Switzerland. This step is desired, the newspaper says, because the problem of feeding not only the Swiss people, but a large number of interned prisoners and refugees from all nations, daily is becoming more acute.

EXPLOSION PROVES FATAL (Continued From First Page.)

flames. Dense black smoke covered the countryside for miles.

Buildings Shaken for Two Miles. Buildings within a radius of two

miles were shaken and almost all their windows were shattered. Many strucwindows were shattered. Many struc-tures were badly damaged by falling tions from the United States and Arshells and several were set on fire. There was a literal reign of terro

throughout Union Township, in which the plant is situated. Sheriff's Deputies and police from Kingsland, Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford and other places surrounded the plant and gradually spread out for a distance of ROME CONFERENCE REGARDED AS two miles in all directions, warning the residents of their peril:

Within an hour after the fire started the highways were filled with refugees Council May Prove Turning Point of all ages. Many of the women carried babies and others were pushing baby carriages.

Flaming Metal Soars Skyward. Warden Kelly gave a vivid desertp tion of the conflagration, of which he had an excellent view from the peni-

BRONCHITIS SUFFERER

Cured by a Simple Remedy.

Columbus, Ga. "I am telling every-body what Vinol has done for my husband. He had a bronchial cough, his system was run-down and I felt sure he would die. His father insisted on his trying Vinol, and I am so thankful he did, because it cured his cough and built him up. My doctor highly recommends it and said he could not take anything bet-

GOMPERS EMPHATIC tentiary. He said the burning area resembled a gigantic display of fireworks. As hundreds of huge shells expladed the burning area resembled a gigantic display of fireworks. ward to a great height, emitting myriads of sparks like giant sky-

> "I don't want to see any more fireworks as long as I live," he said, over the telephone. "Can't you hear the explosions now

ing with every explosion." The warden said the alarm was given to persons in the Snake Hill neighborhood by 500 negro employes of the plant, who were running for their lives and shouting to everybody to leave the

Asylum Patients in Terror. It was said that unless searching parties were organized promptly there would be no estimating how many



O. Stanley, Governor of Kentucky, Who Curbed Mob by Going in Per-son to Scene of Rioting.

might die, as it would be impossible "If the power of government was in for those lost in the darkness to find me. I, with my concepts and love of their way out of the meadows.

American freedom and American hopes.

Would not interfere even though them.

would not interfere even though there was some inconvenience and suffering. The railroad men are not barbarians; the railroad managers, I do not believe, are barbarians. I have no doubt that there would be an adjustment of the controversy." were in constant terror. He asserted they believed the world was coming to Mr. Gompers said an act providing for investigation of railroad controversies but not forbidding a strike or lockout and which provided for publication of the results of the investigation of the results of the investigation through advertising paid for by the Government could not be objected to, but from it he could "anticipate no good."

The Medicard the world was coming to an end and were calmed only after they had been assured that peace had b

ATTACK PROPOSED.

Be Imported Without Loss,

A dispatch from Berne, April, 1916, said a project for the purchase by the Swiss government of trans-Atlantic steamships to enable the government to bring in the nation's food supply under the protection of the Swiss flag had been taken up by the federal council. Several days later another dispatch from Berne said the Swiss government had directed its commercial departments to charter a number of neutral steamers exclusively for Swiss imports.

Teutonic Allies Said to Have Been Reinforced on Left Wing, for Purpose of Aiding Constantine.

SATISFACTORY.

straight to the appointed end."
The Times in its news columns says corning the conference;
"The British delegates regard the "The British delegates conference as the most satisfactory of conference as the most satisfactory of the series of allied war councils. The allies already had achieved unity of aim but were less successful in secur-ing unity of action. The conference, however, marked an advance in con-verting the theory of a common front

Listen, there they go. The walls are shaking badly and broken glass is fallvents Violence by Men Bent on Killing Officials.

TOWN'S CITIZENS SOBERED

Address in Courtroom Lines Up Public Sentiment-People Enraged Because Judge Put Off Trial of Negro.

MURRAY, Ky., Jan. 11.-Re-estabshment of law and order through the personal efforts of Governor Stanley, of Kentucky, continues here tonight, after a periods of excitement that at one time threatened the destruction of Circuit Judge Charles Bush and Com-

one time threatened the destruction of Circuit Judge Charles Bush and Commonwealth Attorney Denny Smith at the hands of a mob which had become angered because the trial of Lube Martin, a negro, charged with the murder of Guthrie Duiguid, a white man, had been deferred.

After a turbulent night, during which the mob threatened to dynamite a hotel, the refuge of the judge, Governor Stanley came to Murray to plead with the crowd for the preservation of order. His presence early in the day sobered the citizens and his later address to a throng in Judge Bush's courtroom lined up public sentiment with him. His declaration that he had come fo Murray to uphold the law and protect the court 'with my body if necessary' moved a brother of the man the negro was charged with killing openly to indorse his appeal.

Before noon the Governor apparently dominated the situation and shortly thereafter left the city on a special train with the judge and the prosecutor.

EXCURSION RATES VIA SAN FRAN-CISCO HELD INEQUITABLE,

Railroads Ordered to Charge No More for Excursion From Scattle and Tacoma Than From Portland.

had been assured that peace had been declared, the war was over and that they had nothing more to fear.

Railway Traffic Suspended.

It was necessary to suspend all traffic on the Boonton branch of the Lackawanna Railroad, where tracks run within 300 yards of the burning plant. As this occurred in the rush hour, it was estimated by an official of the line that about 1000 commuters were held up by the delay.

An official of the Eric Railroad said that although their tracks nearest the plant were a mile away, windows in their trains were smashed by the force of the concussion of the first explosion.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today held that the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and other round-trip, all-year excursion and Summer excursion passenger fares from Summer excursion passenger fares from other Eastern points, with return by way of San Francisco and Portland, are unjustly discriminatory to the extent that they exceed the round-trip fares over the same route from Portland to the East by way of the Sound that although their tracks nearest the plant were a mile away, windows in their trains were smashed by the force of the concussion of the first explosion. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

Round-trip fares to Chicago, by the Northern routes, are the same from Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, but when the ticket reads by way of San Francisco in one direction the fare from Seattle is \$5.60 over the Portland fare, and from Tacoma \$4.35 over Portland. The commission points out that the The commission points out that the Portland passenger may travel through Tacoma and Seattle on the going trip and return via San Francisco, or reverse the circuit, for \$128. A Tacoma passenger covering this identical route

must pay \$132.45, and a Seattle pas-senger \$133.60. In view of the fact that passengers J. Adams Puffer, of New York, a noted educator and authority on the topic of vocational education, will visit Portland today and tomorrow. Superintendent Alderman has proposed a general meeting of teachers in the auditorium of the Lincoln High School at 4 o'clock this afternoon, where Mr. Puffer will speak if it can be arranged. It is also hoped to arrange for a vocational institute on Saturday more. by way of San Francisco in one direc-tion. The excursion rates in them-selves are not shown to be unreason-

DELIVERY OF BATTERIES OF AR-TILLERY IS BEGUN.

ATHENS, Jan. 10, via London, Jan. 11.—The government has formally accepted the ultimatum of the entente

powers.
In accordance with the agreement made with the allies on December 1, King Constantine today began delivery to the entente naval authorities of six batteries of mountain guns. He gave orders to the troops to suppress all hostile demonstrations.

Council May Prove Turning Point in War, Says London Times; Unity of Action Is Decided On.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Times in an editorial today regarding the recent war council held in Rome says:

"The conference just concluded in Rome may well prove one of the turning points in the war. More than one vital decision was reached with complete harmony. The road to victory, though it may be long, is now running straight to the appointed end."

LONDON, Jan. 11.—In connection with the Greek situation the newspapers today give prominence to a dispaper today give prominence LONDON, Jan. 11. - In connection

POSTAGE BILL DEFENDED

Chairman Moon Says Elimination of Most Magazines Desirable.

puted section of the annual postoffice bill which would increase rates on sec-ond-class matter by creation of a zone system was defended in the House to-My doctor highly recommends it and said he could not take anything better." Mrs. Thomas Monk.'

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ALSACE-LORRAINE AND BELGIUM'S DELIVERANCE DEMANDED.

resident of Deputies Says Procedure Can Be Accelerated Without Radical Change of Laws.

PARIS, Jan. 11 .- Paul Deschanel, in addressing the Chamber of Deputies today after his re-election as President of that body, said:

"The first articles of our programme remain in the deliverance of Belgium and the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine.

This is the only programme that can

and the residual of the state o

to certain criticisms, saying:

"Some reproach you with interfering
too much in diplomatic and military
affairs, but if there were failures they would seek to make you responsible, since it is you who have supervision. It is desired to shorten the war, but

der and discipline in our debates also s a form of patriotism, but to that end it is not necessary to throw our institutions into confusion. It will be to the eternal honor of our country to have faced the greatest upheaval of have faced the greatest up.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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