

### WILSON INSTRUCTS LABOR COMMISSION

#### Whole Subject of Unrest Among American Workmen to Be Probed.

#### WEST TO BE INVESTIGATED

#### President Seeks Information, Especially Regarding Activities of I. W. W. and Charges That Capital Incites "Workers."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—In preparation for an inquiry into labor conditions in the West the special commission appointed by President Wilson and headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson held his first meeting today and received his instructions from the President.

It was indicated that the commission, which will leave Monday for Arizona, expects to broaden the scope of its survey to include the general labor unrest throughout the United States and to recommend to the President a comprehensive policy of dealing with the situation as a war emergency.

The commission, during its two-months' trip plans to visit Arizona, California, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and possibly New Mexico. By public hearing in the towns of each state with workers, industrial leaders, state officials and leading citizens, the commission hopes to bring to light the causes of strikes, industrial troubles and other industrial troubles hampering the country's war program.

The Governor of each state will be visited and his co-operation sought. Particular attention probably will be paid to the charges of organized labor that I. W. W. activities in many cases have been encouraged and financed by corporations as a means of discrediting the extension of labor organization. In this connection the deportation of workers from Arizona towns will be investigated early in the commission's tour.

Other meetings of the commission will be held tomorrow and Saturday to perfect plans.

Besides Secretary Wilson members of the commission are: Verner Z. Reed, of Colorado, a lead and zinc operator and ranch owner, who acted successfully as a Government conciliator in settling recent miners' strikes at Leadville; Colonel J. J. Hoover, of Pennsylvania, a retired coal operator who represented the labor department last summer in arranging with Western industries to adjust their periods of temporary shutdown so that workmen could go to the farms during the harvest season; John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, and E. P. Marsh, president of the Washington State Labor Federation; and Frank Kurter, the commission's secretary.

Assistant Secretary Baker for labor questions arising out of war production and until recently was professor of law at Harvard.

**TENTATIVE SOLUTION SOUGHT**

#### Adjustment Board Hopes Strikers Will Work Pending Investigation.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Sept. 27.—Based on telegraphic reports received today from the Oregon Adjustment Board, the Department of Labor and Shipping Board express hope that differences may be brought about which will permit full resumption of work in Portland shipyards until such time as the Labor Adjustment Board can make an investigation and announce an equitable wage scale for that locality. The Adjustment Board had no direct authority on the Portland situation, but announced that it will be accompanied by its Pacific Coast trip today by William Blackman, of the Department of Labor, detailed today by Secretary Wilson, and also by an attorney from the Shipping Board.

After conferences this afternoon with President Wilson, the special labor commission, headed by the Secretary of Labor is the head, will leave Washington for the Pacific Coast Sunday, going by the way of Arizona, Idaho, Nevada and north to Portland and Seattle.

This commission is not to operate in connection with the Labor Adjustment Board, but will conduct investigations into Industrial Workers of the World activities, especially as they affect lumber production. The Adjustment Board, when in Portland, will investigate the lumber industry, especially in its relations with the wood ship industry, and probably will go into the eight-hour question as it affects lumber mills and logging camps.

It also will attempt to warn the extent to which Industrial Workers of the World activities have hindered the production of lumber for ships and airplanes. The date when this board will report at Portland has not been estimated, but it probably will not arrive until after the Adjustment Board has left.

### WIFEBEATING IS CHARGED

#### Mrs. Julius Mantha, of Oregon City, Sues for Divorce.

OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Charging that her husband, Julius Mantha, of Willamette, struck her and called her vile names, Mrs. Rose Mantha today sued for a divorce. They formerly lived at Garden Home, where the husband is said to have been convicted of wifebeating, but he was paroled, after promising to do better. The Manthas have six children. They were married at Portland, November 9, 1901. Mrs. Mantha asks for the possession of 15 acres of land in lieu of alimony. She is represented by C. H. Dye.

### DR. GREENE'S WIFE DIES

#### Death Comes at Home of Brother After Long Illness.

Mrs. Julia Matilda Greene, wife of Dr. H. M. Greene, Captain in the Medical Reserve Corps and now stationed at American Lake, died Tuesday at the home of her brother, Arthur A. Cooper, 1111 Michigan avenue. She had been ill for several months.

### OLD SHIPMATES MEET AFTER LAPSE OF HALF A CENTURY.



Yesterday marked another happy milestone in the life journey of Captain W. H. Hardy, sole survivor of the Peary expedition to Japan in 1862, who has won a niche for himself in the hearts of his loyal Portlandians.

On the streets Thursday Captain Hardy met John Hogan, whom he last saw when the two men, sailors on the good ship Wabash, landed to attack Fort Fisher in that stirring Civil War engagement.

Captain Hardy was wounded in that engagement, and was necessarily retired from active duty for a short time until he recovered, and in the meantime he lost touch with his old shipmate. After 60 years have passed over their heads since that memorable day, the two knew each other yesterday when they met on a Portland street.

Captain Hardy is 82 years old and Mr. Hogan is 73. Yet both are hale and hearty, and could undoubtedly still give a good account of themselves if called upon to take their part in their country's defense. Mr. Hogan is a resident of Los Angeles, having come to the Pacific Coast in 1886. He is visiting in Portland for a few days.

### SCHOOL HEADS CALM

#### "Im Vaterland" Revelations Cause No Action.

Portland school authorities are not stirred as yet by revelations made in the newspapers concerning the textbook "Im Vaterland," used in high school German classes, which contains such material as is laudatory of the Kaiser and the German nation.

So far as known, the book is not to be investigated as to its fitness for Portland students to use as a guide to a knowledge of German and a sympathetic insight into German life and thought.

### PROPAGANDA IS SUSPECTED

"I have been under the general impression that German propaganda has been generally circulated in this country for some time past, and I have an idea that this is a part of the whole scheme. But no action has as yet been suggested to the Board in regard to the textbook."

### "PERSHING" IS 464-POUND EXHIBIT OF 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL RESIDING NEAR SALEM.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—Coy Cowden, 11 years old, owns a 464-pound pig, "Pershing," which she raised herself in connection with a pig club organized here by G. W. Eyre, local banker. Her daddy's farm is on Central Howell Prairie, nine miles from Salem.

### STRIKE TROUCE AIM OFFERED IN APPEAL

#### Baker Urges Workers and Employers to Meet in Patriotic Message to Public.

#### FEDERAL BOARD DUE SOON

#### Suggested Plan Would Put Men Back to Work While Government Is Investigating—Safety of Soldiers Declared in Jeopardy.

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war in our history. Our best young men have gone to the help in the battle for right. They have left their employment, their families and friends and their homes, and have offered their lives for our common cause. They have placed their fate in the hands of the Government without quibble. They cannot fight without supplies. The Nation is calling for ships to carry them food and clothing and the wherewithal to fight. This is the wrong time for us to hamper our success, if not even endanger their lives, by industrial strife at home. We need them and they need us.

### CITY SUFFERS FROM STRIKES.

"Nothing will be gained by continuing the strikes. The men are losing their pay, the Nation is losing its ships, shippers are losing time and contracts and Portland is on the verge of losing a part if not all of the first great industry she has ever had, the steel works employes boarded the particularly wooden ships. The demand for ships is immediate and pressing. If our plants are to be tied up indefinitely we are bound to turn from us to the East. The existing strikes already have had a more far-reaching effect in this direction than the average person knows.

"I am making this appeal, hoping that all will join in the spirit that should exist and that must exist if we are to win the war. The Government will settle the existing disputes. With the lines drawn tight there is no other way. Let the men go back to work and give the Government a reasonable time to act. Stand behind our boys at the front and do not let them down.

### UNION MEN URGED TO ACT.

"Let me finally suggest that organized labor at its meeting tonight consider the situation. The meeting be open for free discussion by union labor at large. Let those outside the strike express their views. I believe organized labor is patriotic and loyal to the core and that it and employers, as well, will respond to the appeal of a general mediator, representing the Department of Labor, yesterday received an official dispatch, telling that the Labor Adjustment Board, consisting of Y. Edward Carr, Alfredo J. Berres and Edward Carr, will leave Washington for the Pacific Coast today.

Major Baker's efforts are being centered on obtaining a truce pending the action of this board. Other incidents of the day were first clashes between police and strikers at the Williamette Iron & Steel Works plant. Efforts to resume operations were not very successful.

### SEVENTEEN STRIKERS ARRESTED.

Seventeen men were the quota of strikers taken yesterday for alleged violations of the anti-conspiracy ordinance. During the morning six men were arrested near the Kiernan & Koon shipyard, near Water and Mill streets, while three others were arrested at Seventeenth and Thurman streets during the morning before a detachment of uniformed officers and patrolmen, under command of Captain Moore, guarded the workers from the Williamette Iron & Steel Works plant when they went off shift at 4 P. M. Patrolmen were lined along the street for several blocks, and, although there were at least 300 strikers in that district, no attempt was made to interfere with the men by the way.

### KEYNOTE OF MAJOR BAKER'S APPEAL TO STRIKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

In a patriotic appeal to end the strike, issued from his office and directed to employers, employees and the public, Mayor Baker, among other things, said: "The Nation is at war—the greatest war in our history. Our best young men have gone to help in the battle for right. They have left their employment, their families and friends and their homes, and have offered their lives for our common cause. They have placed their fate in the hands of the Government without quibble. They cannot fight without supplies. The Nation is calling for ships to carry them food and clothing and the wherewithal to fight. This is the wrong time for us to hamper their success, if not even endanger their lives, by industrial strife at home. We need them and they need us."

### VETERANS CONDEMN STRIKE

Edward Young Camp, of Astoria, Calls Tie-Up Boost for Kaiser.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—In no uncertain tones Edward Young Camp, 38, Spanish War Veterans, has accused the present shipyard strike as an unpatriotic move that is akin to the submarine warfare in aiding the Kaiser. The men are charged specifically with attempting to injure the business of the different plants by endeavoring to induce the employes to stop work.

It was announced by Municipal Judge Rossmann and Mr. Sladter that these cases would be started in Municipal Court this morning. A large gathering of strikers crowded the courtroom yesterday morning, expecting the cases of the strikers arrested Wednesday to come up for hearing.

"We believe that patriotism should stand, absolutely, above all in the present crisis and that every American should spring to his gun or his job where the Government needs him most. I believe that if the Kaiser could act his desire he would first tie up the shipbuilding industry in the United States. That which our workers enemy would do to us, then, we must condemn when brought about by others. We appeal to all loyal Americans to stand by the way. Now and do all in their power to bring victory to America."

Pickets Plead With Police. Captain Moore heard a striker yell "Scab" at a policeman and at once gave orders to all men under him to arrest any man using that term.

Shortly before the call was received a police headquarters that strikers were beginning to picket the Independent Foundry Company, at Twenty-fifth and York streets. Captain Moore and a squad of patrolmen hurried to the scene and arrested eight strikers who refused to disperse.

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your \$25 raise if you will treat us right," shouted one striker, who balked for a time against the order to move on.

The police, however, refused to argue with the men, and merely told them that they had their orders and intended carrying them out despite their personal opinions or beliefs.

From the time the first strikers left the corner where the Williamette Iron & Steel Works employes boarded the cars until the last car had passed down into the business district there was no trouble. Everything was more quiet than on the day before. No arrests were made at this plant during the change of shifts.

Those arrested near the Kiernan & Koon shipyard were Albin Benson, Robert Jorgensen, Leopold Beyer, James Chaffner, S. J. Champurney and Matthew King.

Those arrested at Seventeenth and Thurman streets were William Elling, Thomas Sardahl and John Sjolund.

### WOODMEN OPEN REHABILITATION HALL.

Multnomah Camp, No. 77, Woodmen of the World, will hold a reception tonight at the hall, East Sixth and

East Alder streets. The reception is to be a housewarming affair, formally opening the new quarters, which have been rebuilt since the fire last Spring. There will be dancing, cards and an orchestral music programme. All Woodmen and their friends and relatives are invited.

### BERRY PICKERS WANTED

MUNICIPAL BUREAU HAS CALL FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED.

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