



PRESIDENT DENIES STRIKERS HEARING

Right to Tie Up Ship-yards Questioned.

W. L. HUTCHESON ANSWERED

Recourse to Wage Adjustment Board May Be Had.

IDLE YARDS AID ENEMY

Head of Carpenters' Brotherhood Told That Principle of National Welfare Before Individual Profit Is Supreme.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Wilson took a hand tonight in the Eastern shipyard labor strikes and issued a sharp rebuke to William L. Hutcheson, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who, after refusing to send striking ship carpenters back to work pending action by the Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment Board, had asked for a personal conference to lay the situation before the President.

Immediate Conference Denied. In effect, the President declared that if Hutcheson did not want to give aid and comfort to the enemy he would send the men to work and leave a settlement of the differences to the Adjustment Board and declined to see him until he had done so.

The President sent this telegram to the union chief: "William L. Hutcheson, General President of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, New York.—I have received your telegram of yesterday and am very glad to note the expression of your desire as a patriotic citizen to assist in carrying on the work by which we are trying to save America and men everywhere who work and are free. Taking advantage of that assurance, I feel it to be my duty to call your attention to the fact that the strike of the carpenters in the shipyards is in marked and painful contrast to the action of labor in other trades and places. Ships are absolutely necessary for the winning of this war. No one can strike a deadlier blow at the safety of the Nation and of its forces on the other side than by interfering with or obstructing the shipbuilding programme.

Immediate Resumption Advised. "All the other unions engaged in this indispensable work have agreed to abide by the decisions of the shipbuilding wage adjustment board. That board has dealt fairly and liberally with all who have reported to it. I must say to you very frankly that it is your duty to leave to the solution of your present difficulties with your employers and to advise the men whom you represent to return at once to work pending the decision. No body of men have the moral right in the present circumstances of the Nation to strike until every method of adjustment has been tried to the limit. If you do not act upon this principle you are undoubtedly giving aid and comfort to the enemy, whatever may be your own conscious purpose.

"I do not see that anything will be gained by my seeing you personally until you have accepted and acted upon the principle. It is the duty of the Government to see that the best possible conditions of labor are obtained, as it is its duty to see to it that there is no lawless and conscienceless profiteering and that duty the Government has accepted and will perform. Will you co-operate or will you obstruct?"

"WOODROW WILSON" Hutcheson Stands Alone.

The fact that other union heads are refusing to support Hutcheson's position and that they fear his attitude may put labor generally in a false light, according to Shipping Board officials, to believe that the carpenters who are out in New York district and at Baltimore will return to work even if Hutcheson does not direct them to do so. Carpenters' locals in other districts already are dealing direct with the adjustment board and those at Baltimore have been given the privilege of acceptance of the new Delaware River wage award, announced last night, which grants a substantial increase in wages.

EDUCATOR SENT TO FRANCE

University Dean to Aid Washington Boys in Military Service.

SEATTLE, Feb. 17.—A. R. Priest, dean of the University of Washington, left last night for France, the representative of all Washington people who have relatives at the front. His object will be to extend all possible aid to men from this state.

AMOY QUAKE TOLL NOT SET

Chinese City Is Shaken to Foundations, and Many Buildings Fall.

AMOY, China, Feb. 15.—No estimate has yet been made of the number of fatalities resulting from the severe earthquake which shook the city to its foundations today.

RETURN OF MEN SOUGHT

President Hutcheson Advises White House He Seeks Adjustment.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A message signed by William L. Hutcheson, president of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, was received here today.

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HUN AIRMAN BOMBS U.S. FIELD HOSPITAL

RELIEF STATION IS SHELLED WITHOUT SUCCESS.

No Fatalities Occur, Though Patients and Residents Suffered From Shock.

(By the Associated Press.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 16.—An American field hospital in a town within our lines apparently was the target for a German airplane which flew over it last night and dropped several unusually heavy bombs.

The hospital in which were a number of sick and wounded officers and men was the building nearest the place where the German airman dropped two different sets of bombs. Fortunately none of the missiles reached their mark, although the hospital patients and the residents of the town were severely shaken by the explosions. American anti-aircraft guns engaged the enemy, but without success.

The hospital probably will be moved to a less dangerous spot.

"WAR PIG" SELLS FOR \$550

Pasco Porker Sold 65 Times and Red Cross Fund Mounts.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—A "war pig," donated by E. G. Bonney, of Connell, to the Pasco Red Cross, was auctioned here Saturday for the benefit of the Red Cross. The auctioneer was R. L. Olds, and the bidding was spirited. The pig, which weighed about 40 pounds, brought \$550, after being sold 65 times. The highest price paid for the pig at any one time was \$45. Two chickens were donated by Mr. Grinnell brought \$17.45, Mr. Grinnell bidding \$6 himself.

It is planned to take the pig to Eltopia, where it will be sold again for the benefit of the Red Cross at that place.

BELGIAN COURTS DEFIANT

German Orders to Close Court of Appeals Meet With Rebuke.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Belgian courts and lawyers have defied the Germans in Flanders, an official dispatch received here yesterday said. The trouble began with the instituting of proceedings in the court of appeals against the members of the council of Flanders, composed of Flemish supporters of the Teutons.

The Germans ordered the Court of Appeals to cease its sessions and in protest all other courts adjourned and lawyers refused to appear in the courts.

HOG PRICES TO CONTINUE

Claims That \$15.50 Per Hundred Pounds Is Inequitable Disproportion.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Government fixed price of \$15.50 per hundred-weight on hogs at the Chicago market will continue to be enforced by the food administration, it is announced. Claims that the figure was inequitable were refuted, an Administration statement said, by referendum returns of a hundred leading hog raisers, editors of farm journals and presidents of livestock exchanges.

GLASS FOUND IN CANDIES

Twenty Enlisted Men at Camp Forest in Serious Condition.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Twenty enlisted men of the 52d Infantry at Camp Forest are confined to the base hospital as the result of eating candy containing particles of ground glass. At the camp it was said that the condition of some of the men is serious.

The candy was secured at the Camp Canteen and was said to have been shipped there from Knoxville, Tenn.

FEDERAL ORDERS CONFUSE

Food Administrator Calls Attention to Sale of Flour Substitutes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Because of the many misunderstandings of the regulations regarding the sale of wheat flour substitutes, the food administration has issued a statement calling attention to the fact that retailers are required to sell only three pounds of substitutes for every five pounds of whole wheat or graham flour.

AMONG MEN SOUGHT

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ULTIMATUM HURLED AT RUMAN LEADERS

Evacuation of Bessarabia Is Demanded.

RUSSIA GIVES TIME

Surrender of "Murderers" of Russians Ordered.

PEACE DEAL IS REPORTED

Vienna Contends That Rumania Is Attempting to Make Terms With Teutonia Which Will Safeguard Balkan Kingdom.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Russian government has sent an ultimatum to the Rumanian government demanding the evacuation of Bessarabia by the Rumanian and counter-revolutionary troops and the right to transport Russian troops through Rumania and Bessarabian territory. The ultimatum, according to report, was to expire February 16.

The ultimatum also demands the extradition of Lieutenants-General Dmitri Stecherbacheff, commander of the Russian forces in Rumania, who recently was declared an outlaw by the Bolsheviks as an enemy of the Russian people. Rumania is ordered to hand over the "murderers" of Russian soldiers and sailors.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Handelsblad says it has been learned that Rumania intends to enter into negotiations with the central powers, provided they give her previous assurance that they will not assail the sovereignty of Rumania, but will leave a solution of dynamic questions to the Rumanians themselves.

The Rumanians, the dispatch adds, will then declare their readiness to cede the Dobruja to Bulgaria, provided the central powers grant Rumania benevolent support in the Bessarabian question. The correspondent adds that the Cabinet of M. Averescu has not yet been formed, but that it is said the first point in his programme is peace by agreement with the central powers.

O. A. C. TEACHER HONORED

Dr. Hector Macpherson to Aid Preparation of Agricultural Laws.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Dr. Hector Macpherson, professor of economics and sociology at the Oregon Agricultural College, has been appointed to the land settlement committee of the American Association for Agricultural Legislation. The American Association for Agricultural Legislation is organized to promote agricultural legislation and to further production, marketing and rural life conditions.

ENVOY OF TROTSKY IS PLAIN CITIZEN

APPOINTMENT OF CONSUL JOHN REED WITHDRAWN.

Bolshevik Leader Said to Have Planned Holding Ambassador Francis as Hostage.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A belated dispatch received here from Petrograd says John Reed left Petrograd for the United States as a private citizen, his appointment as Consul of the Bolsheviks at New York having been withdrawn.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16.—John Reed, the writer, who is under indictment in the United States for alleged seditious activities, has arrived here from Petrograd on his way to New York to take up the post of Consul-General in that city under a Bolshevik commission.

Reed told the Associated Press correspondent that, desiring to take a quantity of notes and other written matter to America without interference by the censorship, he visited Foreign Minister Trotsky and asked to be appointed a Bolshevik courier. Trotsky told him, Reed said, that the government would do better to let him go and would make him Consul-General in New York.

Trotsky is said to have told Reed that if any attempt was made by the American authorities to prosecute him under the pending indictment, the Bolsheviks would retaliate on Ambassador Francis. Reed's mission is considered, therefore, in the nature of a test to see whether the United States dares defy Trotsky.

O. A. C. STUDENTS WANTED

Geological Survey Asks for Aids in Public Land Inspection.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Men who are graduates with their class at the Oregon Agricultural College are wanted by the U. S. geological survey for work in examination and designation of public lands, beginning work in March. George O. Smith, director of the survey, has asked for recommendations from President Kerr of boys who would be eligible.

Arrangements will be made for such men to be graduated with their class. Among those whom Dr. Kerr has recommended to the survey are Herman Stone, Richard Williams, Marshall Wright and Ralph Coleman.

ARMY RANK GIVEN WOMEN

Mrs. Inez Crittenden to Have Charge of Phone Girls in France.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Inez Crittenden, former confidential secretary in a large mercantile establishment in San Francisco, is to rank as a United States Army First Lieutenant when she leaves for France in charge of several hundred telephone operators. The operators are to be attached to the American expeditionary forces in France.

RELIEF DRIVE POSTPONED

Hood River Organizes to Help Armenians and Syrians.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Because of the delay in recalling posters and literature, the local drive for the Armenian and Syrian sufferers, to have been conducted yesterday by pupils of the county schools, has been postponed until next Saturday, according to Leslie Butler, Hood River county chairman.

AMERICAN PATROL ELUDES HUN TRAP

Electric Wires Hem In U. S. Boys for Time.

SCOUTS REACH SECOND LINE

Daring Party "Lies Low" and Finally Returns Safely.

TEUTONS TRY MANY TRICKS

Rocket Signals Sent Up to Imitate Yankee Code, so That Soldiers Prepare for Gas Attack Which Does Not Materialize.

(By the Associated Press.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 17.—An American patrol having passed the first line of German entanglements and approached the second line last night was suddenly cut off by a current of electricity along the first wire line.

Instead of attempting an immediate return to their trenches, which would have meant certain death from electrocution or machine gun fire, the Americans clung close to the earth, and later, when the electricity was cut off, returned in safety to their positions.

Sparks Reveal Menace. It was a thrilling experience for the patrol. A certain number of men set out from the American position in the hope of encountering a number of enemy at a point in the German trenches.

They had succeeded in getting through the first line and had crawled on until the second line was reached. When they were just about to start under the second line there was a bluish glow, and turning around they saw long, livid sparks playing through the barbed wire of the first line. The enemy had turned on a powerful electric current.

The patrolers quickly flattened out on the ground, thinking they had been discovered and expecting to hear momentarily machine gun bullets going singing overhead. Nothing of the kind happened, however. Apparently, the Germans merely turned on the current by chance, hoping that if any Americans were within the entanglements they would be killed on the wire or while trying to get out. The patrol returned safely to the American lines.

Hoax Quickly Discovered. The Germans, apparently having discovered the meaning of some of the American rocket signals, last night caused the Americans for a considerable distance along the front to prepare for a gas attack. At first the Germans sent into the air a rocket of a certain color which is the American signal for gas attack, but the hoax was discovered soon after the troops adjusted their gas masks.

The Germans next sent up a rocket calling for barrage by the Americans, but the American officers on observation duty in an advanced position, seeking whence the rocket came, sent a message to the artillery in time to prevent it from laying down the needless shell fire.

BAKER BEST PLACE TO VIEW ECLIPSE

NAVAL ASTRONOMER SELECTS EASTERN OREGON TOWN.

Whole Block Will Be Required to Accommodate Government Experts on June 8.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—According to a communication received here by E. L. Kennon cousin of Professor Asaph Hall, astronomer for the United States Navy, whose headquarters are at Washington, D. C., Baker has been definitely selected by Government observers as the point to view the total eclipse of the sun which will take place in the Northwest states on June 8.

Professor Hall says that Baker has now been determined by the Government as the best point to view the eclipse which will be total at exactly 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The party, he says, will include six persons, and they will require a space about the size of a city block on which to place their instruments and room for storage equipment.

In addition to the Government observers, there also will be several parties here from the large universities throughout the country and a delegation of astronomers from Lick Observatory in California.

OREGON PRODUCTS PLEASE

Dehydrated Foods May Be Supplied to U. S. Government.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Salem Commercial Club has received advice from Washington that the Government is desirous of securing large quantities of dehydrated products such as can be turned out by the Wittenberg-King Company. It is said that \$250,000 worth of these products, or even more, may be taken by the Government in the event they can be produced in Oregon in the quantity and quality desired.

Wittenberg expects to leave for Washington at once in connection with the proposition. It is understood that dehydrated potatoes, onions, carrots and turnips are wanted. The company is satisfied that its two big plants at Salem and The Dalles can turn out the product needed.

MEN ASK EIGHT-HOUR DAY

North Bend Mill Workers Petition Secretary of Labor.

NORTH BEND, Or., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—At a meeting of several hundred millworkers held here today, it was unanimously decided to petition Secretary of Labor Wilson for an eight-hour day at the present wages.

A bulletin sent out by Colonel Brice P. Disque, of the spruce board, urging the men to work 10 hours, with time and a half extra for the two hours over eight hours, was read, but the men unanimously agreed to appeal for an eight-hour working day at the existing wage.

German Raid Unsuccessful.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The official statement issued today by the French war office, said: "The night was marked by somewhat greater activity of the artillery of the east side in the region of Chavignon, east of Rheims and in the Champagne. A German raid at a point east of Auberville was without result. The night was calm on the rest of the front."

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CHICAGO BOLSHIEVIKI ROUT SLAV ENVOY

Mob of Reds Turns Honor Meeting to Riot.

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Police Battle Crazy Foreigners and Professor Flees.

U. S. GOVERNMENT CURSED

Auditorium Is Scene of Demonstration Against Head of Russian Mission and Anarchistic Addresses Are Met With Cheers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Heads were cracked and bruised and wild disorder prevailed today when police, answering riot calls, with drawn revolvers and batons, charged mobs of Chicago Bolsheviks, who, by the power of fist and lung, took possession of a meeting in honor of Professor George Lomonosoff, president of the Russian mission on ways of communication, at the Douglas Park Auditorium.

Judge Harry Fisher, who was slated as temporary chairman, was chased from the speaker's platform and forced to escape through a side entrance by infuriated men and women, who screamed, "Long live the Bolshevik! Down with Fisher." We want Rodriguez," and advanced toward the platform shaking their fists in his face.

Slavs Clamor to Enter. Soon after 1 o'clock the hall, with a capacity of 1400, was filled. Suddenly approximately 4000 men and women, mostly of Russian extraction, gathered in front of the building, pounding upon the locked doors for admission.

Meanwhile, Professor Lomonosoff arrived in the hall with several members of his commission. Judge Fisher, as temporary chairman, advanced to the front of the platform. Before the judge could speak, a red-faced Russian boy, who had forced his way to the front of the hall, stood up and shouted "Tovarisch," which means "Comrade" in Russian. He whistled about and waved his arms to the audience.

Crowd Is Menacing. Bedlam broke out. "Long live the Bolshevik!" shouted one, and dozens took up the chant. "Down with Fisher," screamed another.

"Give us a Bolshevik," was another cry.

Finally one young man stood on his chair and bellowed, "Give us Rodriguez." Judge Fisher hesitated a moment, and the crowd which had formed in front of the platform grew thicker. "Get off there," one stockily built man shouted as he attempted to climb up. Fisher disappeared behind the scenery bordering the platform. Professor Lomonosoff, hurried to riots and mob scenes during the Russian revolutions, nervously glanced toward the exit, then suddenly arose, and, walking behind the scenes, picked up his coat and hat and started out.

Tumult Hous Menacing.

The disorder in the audience had grown to tumult. Dozens of speakers jumped on their chairs and began incendiary speeches, free-for-all fights broke out in five or six places as orators disagreed. Chairs were broken and knots of crowds swayed to and fro. Dr. Moses Sahand, one of those who arranged the meeting, jumped to the front of the platform.

"I am a Socialist," he shouted. "I have been a Socialist 25 years.

"Listen"—a girl jumped up on her chair "Down with the government. We want Bolshevik only. Give us Rodriguez," she screamed.

The crowd went wild again. On the street in front of the hall the crowd became disorderly and free-for-all fights started. Suddenly a rush was made that broke the doors from their hinges.

Police Use Clubs Freely.

Theodore Gilman, manager of the building, armed with a revolver, flourished it in the faces of those nearest him and struck several of them with it. Policemen from the Lawndale Station arrived at this critical point and used their clubs and revolvers freely, finally routing the ring leaders. A call was sent for more police as the disorder in the hall above was approaching a climax. Upstairs, Professor Lomonosoff, returning to the stage, offered himself as a sacrifice to appease the mob. He spoke in Russian.

"Who accomplished the revolution in Russia?" he began. "Was it some heroes or some half gods? No. The revolution was accomplished by the masses of the people whose political conscience had been slowly aroused through the generations of workers." The statement was interrupted by yells of protest.

Alderman Quits Mob.

"The Bolshevik cannot be reproached for lack of wisdom or will," he went on. "But the Bolshevik are going along the same path that the constitutional Democrats and the moderate Socialists followed."

He was interrupted by cries of "No, never," and "The Bolshevik will rule forever." These utterances provoked long periods of cheering.

At this point Alderman Rodriguez was followed.



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