



SHOPMEN'S STRIKE PUT UP TO HINES

President Will Deal With Railroad Men Direct.

SENATORS OFFER SUGGESTION

Idle Men Held to Have Disobeyed Union Executives.

RETURN TO WORK, DEMAND

Consideration of Wage Increase, Now Under Discussion, to Be Continued With Heads.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—President Wilson tonight notified Director-General Hines that he was authorized to take up the demands of railroad shop employees for higher wages and decide them on their merits.

The president said that the letter sent him by Senator Cummins, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, "had set me free to deal as I think best with the difficult question of the wages of certain classes of railroad employees," but added, "I think that the chief obstacle to a decision has been created by the men themselves. They have gone out on a strike and repudiated the authority of their officers at the very moment when they were urging action in regard to their interests."

Workers Must Obey Chiefs.

The president's decision was announced tonight from the White House in the form of a letter sent by him to Mr. Hines. The president said that "until the employees return to work and again recognize the authority of their organization, the whole matter must be at a standstill."

The president's letter follows:

"My Dear Director-General: I am just in receipt of the letter from Senator Albert B. Cummins, chairman of the senate committee on interstate commerce, which set me free to deal as I think best with the difficult question of the wages of certain classes of railway employees and I take advantage of the occasion to write you this letter in order that I may, both in the public interest and in the interests of the railroad employees themselves, make the present situation as clear and definite as possible.

"I thought it my duty to lay the question in its present pressing form before the committee of the senate because I thought I should not act upon this matter within the brief interval of government control remaining without their acquiescence and approval.

Feels Free to Act.

"Senator Cummins' letter, which speaks the unanimous judgment of the committee, leaves me free and indeed imposes upon me the duty to act.

"The question of the wages of railroad shopmen was submitted, you will remember, to the board of railroad wages and working conditions of the railroad administration last February, but was not reported upon by the board until the 18th of July. The delay was unavoidable because the board was continuously engaged in dealing with several wage matters affecting classes of employees who had not previously received consideration. The board now having apprised us of its inability, at any rate for the time being, to agree upon recommendation, it is clearly our duty to proceed with the matter in the hope of a speedy solution.

"You are therefore authorized to say to the railroad shop employees that the question of wages they have raised will be taken up and considered on its merits by the director-general in conference with their duly accredited representatives.

Union Heads Recognized.

"I hope that you will make it clear to the men concerned that the railroad administration cannot deal with problems of this sort, or with any problems affecting the men, except through the duly chosen international officers of the regularly constituted organization and their authorized committees.

"Matters of so serious a nature and affecting so many men cannot be dealt with except in this way. Any action which brings the authority of the authorized representatives of the organization into question or discredits it must interfere with, if not prevent, action altogether. The chief obstacle to a decision has been created by the men themselves. They have gone out on strike and repudiated the authority of their officers at the very moment when they were urging action in regard to various interests.

"You will remember that a conference between yourself and the authorized representatives of the men was arranged at the instance of these representatives for July 25 to discuss the wage question and the question of a national agreement, but before this conference took place or could take place, local bodies of railway shopmen took action looking toward a strike on the first of August.

Strike Blocks Plans.

"As a result of this action, various strikes actually took place before there was an opportunity to act in a satisfactory or conclusive way with respect to the wages. In the presence of these strikes and the repudiation of the authority of the representatives of the organizations concerned there can be no consideration of the matter in controversy. Until the employees return to work and again recognize the authority of their organization, the whole matter must be at a standstill."

ACTORS' STRIKE SHUTS NEW YORK THEATERS

ULTIMATUM ON DEMANDS FOR EXTRA PAY REJECTED.

Walkout Called One Hour Before Time for Curtains to Rise; 15,000 Patrons Discharged.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Thirteen of New York's "leading" theaters were closed tonight by an actors' strike, called an hour before the curtains were to go up, by the Actors' Equity association.

More than 15,000 theater attendants were discharged.

The strike order followed close on the heels of rejection by the Producing Managers' Protective association of an ultimatum demanding action by 7 P. M. on extra pay demands submitted several days ago.

These demands included recognition of the Actors' Equity association, extra compensation for performances in excess of eight a week and continuation of the standard "equity" form of contract in use since 1917.

Officials of the managers' association have announced that they are "ready for a fight" and that steps have been taken for an organization of the "legitimate" vaudeville, burlesque and moving-picture interests to combat the efforts for unionization of stage and screen artists.

BOA LOST ON BATTLESHIP

Big Constrictor Captured in Panama Hides Among Ship's Stores.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 7.—A boa constrictor is believed to be hiding on board one of the dreadnoughts now at anchor here today. While the fleet was visiting Panama ten days ago a party of sailors scaled Ancon mountain and found the constrictor sleeping under a tree, where he had gorged himself on a Panama goat. Eight sailors charged the snake and carried into Balboa the writhing serpent, which was reported to have been slipped aboard one of the dreadnoughts at dark just before the fleet sailed. The boa is reported to have glided off into the darkness and hidden himself among the ship's stores. No one has been able to find him.

SHIP ALLOCATION BEGUN

Board Authorizes Distribution to Pacific Coast Lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Authorization to proceed with the allocation of ships for the Pacific coast, as recently announced by the United States shipping board, was received here today by H. H. Eby, assistant director of the shipping board, from John Cushing, acting director of the board at Washington. The message said:

"You are authorized to proceed with the allocation of new Pacific coast deliveries as rapidly as available to trade routes as outlined by you with a view to the establishment of continuous line service."

BIG BATTLESHIP DISABLED

Propeller Shaft Broken Off Coast of Central America.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The battleship Rhode Island, flagship of squadron No. 1 of the new Pacific fleet, is being towed to Balboa, canal zone, with a broken propeller shaft. The battleship North Carolina has the disabled dreadnought in tow.

Dispatches to the navy department late today said the starboard shaft of the Rhode Island broke when she was about 675 miles west of Balboa en route to San Diego to join the vanguard of the fleet. Although compartments in the aft part of the battleship were flooded, there were no casualties.

GERMAN COLLEGE CLOSES

Part of Coeur d'Alene Institution to Be Old People's Home.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 7.—Coeur d'Alene college, Lutheran church institution at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, will not be reopened this fall, it was announced here today. It has been impossible to organize a faculty and obtain the enrollment of a student body before time for beginning the fall work, it was stated.

An old people's home is to be opened in a part of the college buildings as soon as sufficient applications are received. However, no applications for admittance have yet been made.

FOREIGN IRON MILLS SOLD

American Capital Reported Seeking European Gun Plant.

GENEVA, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—A statement was made here today that American steel companies, after having bought out the Doehlewerke steel factories at Vienna and Dusseldorf, the largest in Europe, are now negotiating to acquire the famous Skoda works, noted for its naval guns.

If successful in this, the Americans will have virtually a monopoly of the steel works of the continent, it is said.

SEATTLE RAPS ARMY BACON

35-Cent Variety Declared to Be "All Fat" by Purchasers.

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—Complaints were made to city authorities today by Seattle residents that the army bacon being sold here by municipal authorities is "all fat." The bacon is being sold at 35 cents a pound.

Acting Mayor W. D. Lane said the purchasers could not expect high-grade bacon at the price they are paying.

WILSON PREPARES HIGH-COST VOLLEY

President to U. S. Congress Today.

FOOD CONTROL TO BE ASKED

Extension of Lever Act to Peace Times Wanted.

STRONGER LAWS DESIRED

No Recommendation of Limit Upon Margin of Profit; Leaders Keep Wires Hot for Quorum.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—President Wilson put the finishing touches on his high-cost-of-living address to congress tonight and prepared to deliver it in person tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

One possibility loomed up to threaten the president's plans.

It was that the leaders might not be able to round up a quorum in the house and that some member insisting on parliamentary rule, by raising the point, might forestall the joint session of the house and senate.

Representative Blanton, democrat of Texas, served notice on Republican Leader Mondell that he, for one, would insist on a legal quorum.

Republican and democratic leaders both accordingly made the telegraph wires hot tonight with messages ordering absentees back in time for tomorrow afternoon.

Needed Laws to Be Outlined.

The address will be confined to laying before congress what measures, in the opinion of the president and of the sub-committee appointed by Attorney-General Palmer, should be enacted at once to bring relief to the public from the existing high prices. All the elements that have helped create the condition the country finds itself in today, in the view of these men, will be dealt with. These include, it was learned authoritatively, labor problems and strikes resulting from them, and production which would be interfered with by strikes.

To this extent the matter of railroad wages will be included in the address, but a solution of the entire railroad problem will not be suggested beyond the suggestion already made to congress by the president in his letter to the chairman of the senate and house interstate commerce committees.

No recommendation will be made for a licensing system of producers.

No recommendation will be made for (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

TAXI DRIVER'S FRIGHT SEALS ROBBERS' FATE

FROM SEAT LEAVES HIGH-PRICED CRYMEN NO WAY TO ESCAPE.

Police and Civilian Crowd Run Down Pair Who Drove to Store for Daring Deed at Closing Hour.

Two highwaymen in a taxicab stopped at 7:30 o'clock last night at the store of H. Goldstein, 225 Burnside street, robbed him of \$45.01 and two watches, and would have made their escape had not the taxicab driver become so frightened that he fell off his seat and ran when the robbers hurried from the store and told him to drive on.

Police and a crowd of civilians chased the robbers. Ithmer Gillespie was captured and taken to headquarters by Patrolmen Meehan and Purin. Inspectors were still interviewing him at a late hour.

Police chased the other man up a stairway, but he reached the roof of a building in the vicinity and escaped. The whole north end was excited over the holdup, which was one of the boldest attempted for months. Several reports that the robbers had been seen reached police headquarters within a few minutes, keeping inspectors on the run chasing down unfounded rumors.

The men entered the store just as Mr. Goldstein was closing up for the night. He ran into the street after them, shouting for help. Police say the robbers doubtless would have escaped had not the taxicab driver deserted his machine and left them on foot.

MARINERS WIN WAGE RISE

Strike on Lumber Schooners in Pacific Ports Ends.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—A strike affecting the masters and mates of 34 steam lumber schooners in this port and 42 similar craft in other Pacific coast ports was ended here today, when an agreement on a new wage scale was adopted.

Under the new schedule the mates will receive \$1 an hour overtime, the same rate received by sailors. The employers, it was announced, also had granted an increase in wages to the masters. The schedule, it was said, will not apply to the masters of 11 small steam schooners making short coast trips. The wages of these skippers has been set at \$250 a month, while the commanders of the larger schooners are to receive \$275 a month.

SUGAR TRADE CURB URGED

Exports at Price Under 6 1/2 Cents May Be Prohibited.

HAVANA, Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—A resolution which would authorize the president "not to permit the exportation of sugar" corresponding to the 1919-20 crop at a price less than 6 1/2 cents per pound, free on board, was presented in the house of representatives today.

No action was taken on the resolution. (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

WARNING MESSAGE SENT TO ROUMANIA

U. S. Demands Fair Treatment for Hungary.

FOOD SUPPLIES MAY BE CUT

Hoover Halts Shipments on Way to Budapest.

ROUMANIANS IN CONTROL

Supreme Council at Paris Sends Note Urging Conformity With Decisions of Entente.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A dispatch from Vienna by way of Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the United States has sent an ultimatum to Roumania demanding withdrawal of the severe armistice terms presented to Hungary, on pain of a cessation of the shipment of food to Roumania.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The supreme council has sent a note to the Roumanian authorities begging them to conform to the decisions of the entente and not to embarrass by previous decisions the work of the inter-allied investigating committee sent to Budapest.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Herbert Hoover, head of the inter-allied relief commission, has stopped all relief supplies on their way to Budapest, taking the position that he would be unwarranted in letting supplies reach Hungary while the Roumanians are now depriving the people of foodstuffs.

Members of the American peace delegation said tonight that there are no American troops now in Budapest, and that none will be sent there. It was added that the only Americans in the Hungarian capital are officers, and possibly a few soldiers engaged in relief work.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A bolshevik submarine has been sunk in the Baltic sea by the British torpedo-boat destroyers Valorous and Vancouver, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty this evening.

HUNGARIAN CABINET OUSTED

New Ministry Reported Established by Archduke Joseph.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The peace conference was advised today that the Hungarian cabinet headed by Jules Peidl had been overthrown and that Archduke Joseph had formed a new cabinet. (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

LEAGUE CANNOT LEAD U. S. TO WAR—WOOD

ARMIES WILL NEVER FIGHT ON MANDATE OF ALIEN.

Vigorous Appeal for Preparedness as Measure of Humanity Is Made After Medal Is Received.

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 7.—"The armies of America," declared Major-General Leonard Wood, in a speech following the conferring of a medal by the state of New Mexico at the capital here today, "will never go to war at the mandate of any foreign nation, nor group of nations."

General Wood urged national preparedness as a steadfast policy, declaring lack of it is "not humanity, but brutality."

He received loud applause when he appealed for the wiping out of "cheap little racial and social distinctions" and the perpetuation of the battlefield spirit of democracy.

"Avoid internationalism as you would death," said General Wood in denunciation of bolshevism and allied evils.

The medal was presented in recognition of General Wood's service in the great war.

TRANS-ROCKY FLIGHT ON

Captain Hoy, Canadian Aviator, Off for Pioneer Voyage.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 7.—Captain E. C. Hoy, Canadian army aviator, left here at daybreak today in an attempt to fly across the Canadian Rocky mountains. He reached Vernon, B. C., 225 miles from here, in three hours and six minutes. He left Vernon at 8:19 for Grand Forks.

The flight, if successful, will be the first ever made over the Canadian Rockies. Captain Hoy started on the same flight several days ago, but turned back when he encountered unfavorable weather at Chilliwack.

The flight is being made under the auspices of three newspapers, the Vancouver World, the Calgary Herald and the Lethbridge Herald. Captain Hoy expects to fly by way of Lethbridge and reach Calgary at about 8 P. M. today.

'I DID IT ALL'—FALKENHAYN

German General Assumes Responsibility for War.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—This morning's newspapers announced that Baron Kurt von Loebner, head of the German mission at Versailles, has transmitted to the Chamber of Deputies a letter from General Erich von Falkenhayn, former German chief of staff, in which he claimed responsibility for all military acts by Germany while he was in power from the beginning of the war to the end of the battle of Verdun.

General von Falkenhayn offers himself to the allies in place of former Emperor William.

LAUNDRY WOMEN STRIKE

Spokane Employes Refuse to Do Extra Work at Former Pay.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 7.—Twenty women employed by a Spokane laundry went on strike today in protest against what they declared was requirement that they do additional work for the same pay as formerly.

Other laundries were not affected.

PORTUGAL PICKS LEADER

Antonio Almeida Gets Big Majority of Votes for President.

LISBON, Wednesday, Aug. 6.—Antonio Almeida, former premier and minister of finance, was elected president of Portugal today by parliament. Senator Almeida received 123 votes to 31 for other candidates.

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BUSINESS LEADERS OF NATION GUESTS

Chamber of Commerce of U. S. Party Here.

1920 CONVENTION IS INVITED

27 Officers and Directors Hear Portland's Claim.

NATIONAL ISSUES TOUCHED

President H. L. Ferguson, Formerly of Portland, Pleads for Sane Marine Policy.

Five hours later than scheduled, due to delays en route over the Southern Pacific railroad, 27 officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States were welcomed to Portland yesterday at a noonday meeting in the Oregon building. The visitors were met at the union station by a party headed by Mayor Baker and President Corbett of the Chamber of Commerce, escorted to automobiles and whisked away to the green room of the Chamber of Commerce, where they were greeted by business men and entertained at luncheon. The train delay disrupted the programme of the morning and left no time for the intended trips to industrial plants and the water front.

It was at the luncheon that the invitation to select Portland as the convention city for the 1920 meeting of the national commercial body was presented, and President Homer L. Ferguson delivered a stirring address in response. Immediately after the luncheon the party was taken to the public auditorium to inspect the building that provides every convenience for large gatherings. A slight hitch in the programme occurred at this point, due to a part of the visitors having been diverted to a ceremony in one of the park blocks, but a number did join the party and started out for the trip over the Columbia river highway that occupied the greater part of the afternoon and terminated with dinner at the Portland Automobile club.

President Voices Welcome.

"It is our very great pleasure to welcome to Portland the directors of the United States Chamber of Commerce," said H. L. Corbett, president of the Portland Chamber, in welcoming the guests, "and it is my regret that owing to the belated arrival of the train which brought you here, I must welcome you on behalf of a great many of our business men who were disappointed that they did not have the opportunity to be present at this hour. But the welcome is none the less cordial and genuine, and we want you to come again. It is fitting, however, that the invitation on behalf of the city should come from one who speaks as the official representative, and I take pleasure in introducing Mayor Baker."

It was 1:30 o'clock before the visitors were seated in the big dining room, but notwithstanding the lateness of the hour, a representative group of business men remained for the belated luncheon and to hear the addresses of the occasion.

"We have an ambition to have the United States Chamber meet in Portland," said Mayor Baker, plunging into the subject without wasting time in formalities.

Hope to Meet in 1920.

"We appreciate the power of the organization and the possibilities for achievement through it, however. It was our desire to show you some of the things that we have, but we could not begin to show you all in a day. We hope that we may have the chance to devote a whole week to acquainting you with Portland in 1920."

"For one thing, we have an auditorium here where every convenience for ample room for the committee meetings and for the committee meeting for the conferences that are so important a part of every such great gathering. We realize that the directors of this organization are men of large affairs, and we want you to come to Portland because of everything big that you represent. It is a privilege to say to you that Portland earnestly desires that the 1920 convention come here. We can entertain you as we have successfully received the Grand Army of the Republic, the National Education association, and as we will in 1920 entertain the Shrine. It is our hope that you will accept Portland's invitation."

Portland Advantages Detailed.

Arthur C. Callan, chairman of the committee in charge of the invitation on behalf of Portland, spoke briefly in presenting to President Ferguson the reasons formulated in manuscript and compiled in a bound volume, illustrated with photographs of local views. He said that for the first time a Pacific coast city makes request that the annual meeting of the national body be held here. Claims of Portland by Ferguson of its proximity to San Francisco, to be the place of the next meeting of the foreign trade conference, was advanced. It was pointed out that many of the delegates to one of these annual meetings are sure to be sent also to the other, as was the case last year, and that the most successful conventions of both have been when the dates were arranged to enable the two meetings to be included in the itinerary of a single trip. Briefly he mentioned the geographic advantage of location, according to the program.

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