

LABORER NEAR LIMIT, SAYS GLENN E. PLUMB

Reduced Return for Work Held
Not Long Endurable.

ROAD OWNERSHIP URGED

Gloomy View of Conditions Given
by Counsel for Brotherhoods in
Support of Reorganization Plan.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Warning that the laboring man has reached that point where his activities may cease "because he cannot much longer stand the diminishing return for his work," was expressed today by Glenn E. Plumb, counsel for railway brotherhoods, in urging enactment by congress of a bill drawn by him for public ownership of railroads.

The gloomy view of conditions was given by Mr. Plumb near the close of a five-hour appearance on the witness stand, during which he charged systematic plundering of the transportation highways of the country, and denied that he had come forward with the Plumb plan for solving railway evils at this time in order to link it up with the high cost of living, on which the nation's attention has been turned.

Mr. Plumb apparently was cognizant of the rumors sweeping through the capital that he had picked an unusually propitious time for presenting his bill, which organized labor has claimed will help put down the living cost through reduction of freight rates and elimination of private capital from every transportation company in the United States.

Except for the invitation from Chairman Enoch of the house interstate commerce committee conducting hearings on all plans for railroad control, the Plumb plan, he said, would not have seen the light of day until early fall.

Radical Change Demanded

But it was while speaking through the country in its behalf, the witness declared, that he found an overwhelming sentiment for radical change in the old system of railroad control. Pressed for an explanation of his statement that he would not be surprised to see anything happen, the witness said this did not mean halting of business activities, great destruction of industry or a cataclysm, but the feeling in the minds of millions of workers was that something had to be done quickly in their behalf.

"The feeling of unrest," he declared, "is accentuated by this ever-rising cost of living and the necessity of finding some way to meet it."

Plunder of Bonds Charged

Leading directly "from Wall street and from the banking houses controlled directly by the Morgan and Rockefeller groups," information which has come into the possession of the railroad brotherhood "shows that there has proceeded a systematic plundering of virtually all of the public transportation highways in the United States," said Mr. Plumb.

Mr. Plumb said the information tended to show that the "wrecking and looting" of the railroads, he said, was "not sporadic examples of the highway robbery to which the American public has been subjected as to its transportation highways."

Mr. Plumb, after charging that every railroad had suffered from financial manipulation, announced that the 14 affiliated railway labor organizations had called a national conference on railroad control to open at Washington Saturday.

Wilson Principle Cited

"On behalf of the public, we are inviting to participate in this conference as members of the joint national committee on railroad control, Frank P. Walsh, former joint chairman of the national war labor board; Joseph W. Folk of Missouri; Raymond Robins, John Lind of Minnesota; Edward F. Dunne of Chicago; Dr. Edward W. Bemis, Felix Adler, Governor Allen of Kansas; Julia C. Lathrop, Judge Walter Clark of North Carolina and Dean Herman Schneider of the University of Cincinnati."

"Every response to our invitation to participate in this national conference on democracy in railroad control has been accompanied by whole-hearted acceptance of the basic principle expressed in President Wilson's message at the convening of the congress, wherein he declares for the 'genuine democratization of industry,' based upon a full recognition of the rights of those who work."

Referring to the tripartite plan, Mr. Plumb said:

"This vast army of producers appears before you united force, profoundly convinced of the egotism soundness of the principles upon which their plan is built. The constantly rising cost of commodities has far outstripped the purchasing power of the consumer's wage. This has compelled a corresponding lowering of the standard of existence."

STORM STARTS NEW FIRES

Blaze Near Marion Lake Along Cascade Divide Being Fought.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Another thunder storm hit the Santiam national forest last night and two small fires were started by the lightning which struck in the vicinity of Marion lake along the Cascade divide. Supervisor C. C. Hall learned today that a crew of men from Marion lake was fighting the fire.

At White Bull mountain, near Quartzville, a small fire started Tuesday night.

Patented lands, belonging to the Hill interests, one-half mile from the ranger's station, just south of White City, are also being patrolled. Fires are being guarded by the company's men and by Santiam forest rangers. The fires have been burning three days.

THIEVES EAT, ROB, DEPART

Oregon City Home Entered by Burglars With Varied Tastes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—During the absence of the J. N. Webster family at Oswego, their home was entered and robbed Wednesday. The house was thoroughly ransacked and a number of pieces of valuable jewelry taken, including a gold watch, a keepsake of Mrs. Webster, presented to her by her deceased mother.

While in the house the robbers prepared a meal and helped themselves to whatever they could find and had a regular feast before leaving.

'MYSTERY' CASKET OPENED

Relic in Albany Home Believed to Be Initiation Paraphernalia.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The mystery casket discovered yesterday in the residence bought by R. B.

Emmons from Robert Snell was built five years ago by John B. Gentry, a lodge organizer, as special initiation paraphernalia.

Mr. Gentry owned a small grocery store here six years ago, but sold it and took up lodge work. He was connected with lodges as Williamite valley organizer and moved to Portland five years ago, leaving the casket in the house owned by Robert Snell. The mystery box is not used in regular initiations.

Many tenants had moved in and out of the Snell house during the past year, but no one opened the casket until yesterday.

The casket was daintily trimmed in pink and white. The pillow was marked as if a head had been resting upon it. There was no body in the casket. The box was wired on the outside with a switch at each end. One cluster contained about 40 push buttons. The wiring was not connected.

OREGON READY QUICKLY

BATTLESHIP, RENOVATED, TO
BID WELCOME TO FLEET.

Large Force at Bremerton Works
Night and Day on Vessel; Cost
to Total \$150,000.

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 7.—So that the famous old battleship Oregon, once pride of the American navy, could steam from Bremerton to San Francisco to participate in the welcome to the Pacific fleet there, work costing \$150,000 must be done on the warship, it was learned at the Puget sound navy yard today.

Orders to put the Oregon back into full commission came recently. Only six weeks ago most of the warship's motive gear, including the dynamo, was removed, preparatory to towing the vessel in to Portland, where the navy bulwark of Spanish-American war days was to be a training ship for the Oregon navy reserve.

A large force of men is working day and night so that the battleship will reach San Francisco by August 31. Much of the equipment taken out of the vessel was obsolete and must be replaced.

BOTTOM OF LAKE SOUGHT

Soundings Ordered in Water Reported
to Have No Base.

BEND, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—To ascertain, if possible, the depth of East lake, soundings will be made within the next few days under the direction of Prof. Shintaffer, resident near the lake. It was learned today, sufficient wire to reach to a depth of 3000 feet is being laid out. The lake is reported to be bottomless, and previous attempts have registered 3700 feet without a shaking of the line.

The investigation is to be made on the advice of Professor W. O. Crosby, heading the party of U. S. reclamation service. Geologists now working on the Hammond Falls reservoir site. The lake has been filled on by settlers in the Millican valley, as a possible source of irrigation for vast tracts of arid land, and it is considered important that the depth of the water be ascertained.

BEND GETS \$100,000 PLANT

Erection of Power House to Start in
Two Weeks.

BEND, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Upon his return from a conference in Chicago with eastern officials of the company, T. H. Foley, manager of the local interests of the Bend Water, Light and Power Company, announced today that construction of a 1000-kilowatt steam plant, to cost approximately \$100,000 will be started here within the next two weeks. It is expected that the new plant, which will double the power output of the water operated power house here, will be completed by February 1, 1920.

Plans for construction of a \$125,000 plant on Tumalo creek, work on which was to have started the latter part of the summer, will be halted until next summer, Mr. Foley explained.

MISSING SON IS SOUGHT

Marvin Zehner of Hubbard Believed
to Have Run Away.

HUBBARD, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Marvin Zehner, son of J. H. Zehner, of this city, has been missing since April 20, when he apparently disappeared presumably in search of an education. Marvin had been visiting at a 1000-kilowatt steam plant, to cost approximately \$100,000 will be started here within the next two weeks. It is expected that the new plant, which will double the power output of the water operated power house here, will be completed by February 1, 1920.

The parents are eager to communicate with the boy and have offered a reward of \$25 for information leading to his location.

BERRIES PAY \$1031 AN ACRE

Grower Near Salem Sets New Record
in Cultivating Logans.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—J. H. Hoffman, who resides a few miles north of Salem on the river road, probably has set a new record for loganberry culture in Marion county.

From three and three-fifths acres of land, Mr. Hoffman picked 46,434 pounds of loganberries for which he received \$1031.72. He sold an acre for \$1031. Mr. Hoffman also engages in strawberry culture quite extensively.

Columbia Beach to Have Sports

Boys of Portland are the guests to-day of J. M. Rinehart, manager of Columbia beach, who has thrown the gates open for the day and arranged a programme of sports. Prizes for the races and games will be clothing and other merchandise.

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AMERICAN FLEET IS WELCOMED TO COAST

Lusty Greeting Extended U. S.
Pacific Armada.

DANIELS' DREAM REALIZED

Welcome Is Just What Admiral Rodman Expected—Epoch-Making Event, Says Secretary.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American armada—the greatest that has ever turned a propeller blade in the Pacific—came today to make the sea under the shore and Cascade slopes its home. In an inspiring naval parade, Admiral Hugh Rodman's newly created fleet passed in review of Secretary of the Navy Daniels and governors and mayors of western states and cities aboard the cruiser Montana and anchored off Coronado beach, while thousands lined the shore to aid in the welcome.

Six miles of war vessels, 21 in number—some of which had held guard with the British in the North sea—swung past the reviewing ship firing from the dreadnoughts salutes of 19 guns in honor of the secretary of the navy as they came aboard the Montana. It required one hour for this vast fleet of dreadnoughts, battleships of leader type and 21 sleek and speedy destroyers to pass the welcoming party.

Daniels Realizes Dream.

The war vessels turned in shore by the Montana, then stood away to the southward for three miles, came about and steamed to the northwest, making almost a complete circle, and then the dreadnoughts took up their anchorages off the beach, while the battleships and destroyers came into the bay.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, turning from the bridge of the Montana after the last destroyer had passed, said:

"This is the realization of a dream I kept constantly in view for six years. The first time I came to the coast, shortly after induction into office to study naval conditions here. I conceived of an American fleet that was truly an American fleet, equally at home and in equal strength on both coasts. This organization into two powerful fleets is an epoch-making event in naval history."

After the review Secretary Daniels, in company with Governor Stephens of California, Governor Octaviano Larrazola of New Mexico, the Mayor of San Diego and Admirals J. L. Jayne, Josiah McKean and Charles Parks and prominent western coast citizens, went aboard the flagship New Mexico, where the speeches of welcome were made to Admiral Rodman and his fleet officers.

A stubborn gray haze which defied the sun hung over the sea early today when the flagship New Mexico with Admiral Rodman on the bridge slipped its anchor under Los Coronado and followed by five other dreadnoughts, two battleships, a scout cruiser and tender and 21 destroyers, stood away to the northward toward San Diego. The warships, in column formation 500 yards apart, steamed toward the Coronado tower, their outlines melting in the gray mist.

The New Mexico was abeam of the Montana, where Secretary Daniels stood on the bridge, precisely at 2 o'clock. The crew of the flagship lined the decks, standing at attention, while a three-pound gun roared out a salute. On the quarterdeck of the flagship were the fleet's officers standing at attention. Overhead hummed a flock of airplanes, winding their way in and out of the advancing column of warships. The Montana returned a salute in honor of Admiral Rodman as the New Mexico steamed past.

Then came the Mississippi, the Wyoming, Arkansas, New York and Texas, their officers and crews standing at attention while their saluting guns barked 19 times. After them came the battleships Georgia and Vermont, the tender Prairie and the 21 destroyers. Secretary Daniels stood with hat pressed against his breast while the entire fleet was passing.

General Reception Follows

There was a general reception on the quarterdeck of the flagship that lasted for nearly two hours. Governor Stephens of California made a brief speech of welcome in which he said that he felt that protection had come at last to the coast. Governor Larrazola

of New Mexico welcomed the fleet on behalf of his state.

Admiral Rodman on behalf of the fleet said:

"I thank you for your cordial welcome. It's just exactly what I expected. We are here to give protection of course, but what we want is your co-operation and after what I have seen today I believe that we will get it."

Secretary Daniels said:

"The fleet that went around the world under Admiral Evans totaled 214,000 tons. This fleet today totals 235,000 tons. The flagship of Admiral Evans, the Connecticut, was only half as big as the flagship New Mexico. This greater American fleet means, not war, but protection, not only for American interests and rights, but also it is a most powerful agency for the peace of the world."

ADMIRAL'S FLAGSHIP WONDER

New Mexico Mystery Even to Men
Who Know It Best.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 7.—Admiral Rodman's flagship, the New Mexico, is the wonder ship of the world. This marine bulwark, with its 12 14-inch guns, is the only electrically driven dreadnought in the world, and the type has been so successful that other ships of its class are to be constructed. A few salvos from its guns would lay a city in ruins.

Lieutenant-Commander O. L. Wolford, chief gunnery officer, with in battle directs the fire and handling of the ship's guns from the foretop, today pictured the magnitude of the New Mexico in a way to appeal to the landman.

"No human mind in or out of the navy can grasp the New Mexico in its entirety," said Commander Wolford. "This ship is a mystery even to us who know it best. There are an infinite number of details in the construction, and no person can comprehend it all."

"The ship weighs 32,000 tons, of 71,500,000 pounds, and if all the metal were cast in one piece it would weigh into an iron band weighing one pound to the foot this band would reach from the north to the south pole."

"The New Mexico has fuel oil bottoms which can carry enough gasoline to drive an automobile 15,000,000 miles. In one week the ship's laundries can wash 150,000 articles, the bakeries can turn out 5000 loaves of bread and 1000 pies, while the galleys in the same time can prepare 10,000 dinners."

"It costs Uncle Sam just \$755 to fire one 14-inch gun, while to fire the guns of one turret would cost \$2245 and one salvo from all turrets would set the government back \$9660."

"The flagship of the Pacific fleet displaces 12,500 cubic feet of salt water and has a speed of 21½ miles an hour. She has an armor belt of 13½ inches on her sides."

RODMAN ASKS WEST TO HELP

Co-operation Held Necessary to Success of Fleet's Purpose.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 7.—Admiral Hugh Rodman of the Pacific fleet dictated the following statement to the people of the Pacific coast states today:

"As commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, I extend to the people of the west the warmest greetings of the officers and men of this command."

"We are here not only as your protective force, but also to test out and develop the navy-yards, stations and other utilities pertaining to the fleet which are already established, and if necessary to recommend their expansion."

"The Atlantic and Pacific fleets can be quickly and expeditiously united in either ocean should occasion require."

"It needs your assistance and hearty co-operation to insure the success of our endeavors."

PRUNE PRICE IS DOUBLED

Marion County Reports Heavy Advance Between April and July.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Contract prices for prunes advanced 100 per cent between April 25 and July 29, according to the records of the county clerk.

On April 25 Henry Lynch and several other Polk county growers contracted products at \$50 a ton, while late in July Lemmons and other Marion county growers received \$100 a ton. Many other sales have been made here at prices ranging from \$80 to \$85 a ton.

TEACHERS LEARN LAWS

Establishment of Part-Time Schools
New Oregon Feature.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—W. M. Smith, county superintendent of schools, has mailed to clerks and chairmen of all school boards in Marion county copies of the new school laws and circulars giving the textbook adoptions for the next six years.

The most important change made in the school laws at the last session of the state legislature is the establishment of part-time schools. Under the old school law it was necessary for pupils to attend school until they reached the age of 16 years, unless they had already completed the eighth grade. The law now provides they must attend until 18 years of age, unless they are regularly employed. In that case they must attend part-time schools at least five hours a week.

Fourteen million roses were distributed in London on the occasion of the recent Alexandra day celebration.

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Woodbury Soap 23c
Armand's Face Powder 50c, 81c
O. D. R. Deodorant 25c
Mum 25c
Eversweet 25c
Spiro Powder 22c

Persipino 25c
Pure Food Colors: Strawberry, Raspberry, Blue, Green, Orange and Lemon, 1-oz bottle 10c
3-oz Lanoline 25c
1-oz. Sol. Blue to make Washing Bluing 25c
Japanese Cleansing Cream to remove grease and paint from clothing, 1 pt. 25c
1 Bottle Sol. Magnesia Citrate 30c
1 lb. B. & B. or J. & J. Cotton for 90c

1 pt. Rose Water 50c
1 pt. Peppermint 35c
Lustral for Polishing Automobiles, Furniture 25c, 50c
4 oz. F. E. Cascara Aromatic 40c
Java Riz Powder 45c
Vallants Bath Salts 50c
Molena Freckle Cream 85c
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