



PEACE VOTE WITHIN 2 WEEKS FORECAST

Pact to Be Reported Out by Committee.

ADMINISTRATION IS HOPEFUL

Hitchcock Sees President; Is Silent on Reservations.

CHANGE IN TEXT OPPOSED

Wilson Says Germany Would Have to Pass on Amendments; Senate Situation Is Clearer.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, ranking democrat of the foreign relations committee, told President Wilson today he believed the peace treaty would be reported out by the committee within ten days or two weeks.

RADIO PHONES INSTALLED

Wireless Talk Can Be Carried On With Ships at San Francisco.

LAND TO BE SOLD SOLDIERS

McNary Bill Would Appropriate \$20,000,000 for Reclamation.

McnARY HAS PENSION BILL

Persons About 65 Making Less Than \$6 Would Get \$4 a Week.

LUDENDORFF'S STORY TO APPEAR IN THE OREGONIAN

Stellar figure in the cast of the great war, it was Ludendorff that the central powers turned in the trial of battle.

Early Agreement Expected

The possibility of a breaking up of the whole senate situation was evidenced by the fact that negotiations between democrats and republicans today were of a far more direct character than those which have been in progress during the past few days.

NEW YORK STRIKES BREAK ALL RECORDS

INDUSTRIAL BATTLE LIST IS LONGEST IN HISTORY.

Trouble Affects Umbrella-Makers, Actors, Many Other Lines; Now Builders May Quit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—More industries are affected by strikes here ever or threatened in this city than ever before in the history of labor unions, according to figures compiled by labor leaders and made public today.

Besides the actors and railroad shopmen, those now on strike in New York include painters, plasterers, machinists, carpenters, shopmen of the Brooklyn Union Gas company, cigar makers, brass makers, shirt makers, furriers, brass bed makers, umbrella makers and art lamp workers.

A nation-wide building strike, taking 1,500,000 men out of work, was threatened in a statement issued yesterday by 27 international heads of labor unions. The trouble is the outgrowth of charges that building contractors employ nonunion labor.

JEWEL SMUGGLERS BUSY

Imports, Legal and Illegal, Show Increase at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Scores of almost priceless jewels which have been worn in the courts of Europe for generations, are streaming daily into this city, and the staff of the collector of port of New York has been enlarged to meet increased activities of jewel smugglers.

Russia is contributing more than any other country to the jewelry being brought here, it was stated.

The connection will be made by the station.

CITY TAKES INSURANCE

Canta Cruz Writes Policy on Mishaps During Fleet Visit.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Aug. 15.—A blanket indemnity policy with Lloyd's of London to protect the city against damage suit losses as the result of any accidents while the Pacific fleet is visiting here was taken out by the mayor and city council here today.

JAIL BREAKING IS HABIT

D. M. Delmas Even Escaped From German Prison in War.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 15.—Extradition papers have been issued to bring D. M. Delmas, former British soldier, back from Texas to face a charge of jail breaking in Grays Harbor County, Washington.

MAZAMA KILLED BY FALL FROM RAINIER

JACK MEREDITH DROPS 60 FEET ON LITTLE TAHOMA.

Lee Benedict, Also of Portland, Is With Victim When Rock at Feet Gives Way; Body Found.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 15.—Jack Meredith, 25 years old, of Portland, Or., was killed last night when he plucked from a ridge of Little Tahoma peak on Mount Rainier and fell about 60 feet.

Meredith was a member of the Mazama club of Portland, a mountain-climbing organization which was encamped on Mazama ridge.

Jack Meredith was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meredith, 735 Hillsboro street. Up to a late hour last night Mr. Meredith had no direct news of the tragedy. He said, however, that he had received a letter from Jack yesterday morning in which his son spoke of the enjoyment of the trip.

W. C. T. U. WORKER KILLED BY THUG

Mrs. E. W. Freeman Victim of Gas Pipe Murderer.

Her skull crushed by powerful blow with a gas pipe and her body lying on the kitchen floor of their home at 424 Fourth street, Mrs. Eunice W. Freeman, aged 58, former press representative of the W. C. T. U. of Oregon, was found dead at 5:45 yesterday afternoon by her son, Cecil Freeman, 21, when he returned from work at the union station, where he is employed as a pass clerk.

ROBBERY IS HELD MOTIVE

Son Finds Mother's Body on Returning From Work.

The brutal murder had been committed some time during the forenoon, in the opinion of Coroner Earl Smith, who took charge of the body.

NATION AIDS WAR ON OHIO HOARDERS

Federal Attorneys to Assist in Seizures.

PACKERS' EVASION ALLEGED

Shipments of Foods Made to Violate Law, Is Charge.

MEAT TO BE CONFISCATED

Forty Warrants Issued by State to Be Followed by Arrests; Eggs Seized in Detroit.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Close cooperation between state authorities, who possess detailed information of food and price conditions, and the attorney-general and his staff of assistants, empowered to enforce the food control law, is being established as part of the government's fight to reduce the cost of living.

Instructions went out today from Attorney-General Palmer to two district attorneys in Ohio to proceed immediately to assist Governor Cox in the seizure in large quantities of meat, butter and eggs alleged to have been held in storage in that state for more than six to ten months, the legal limit.

Criminal prosecutions will be instituted, it was said, if it can be shown that the foods were held from the market for the purpose of hoarding prices.

WARFIELD SCHEME SUPPORTED BY SECURITY OWNERS

SIX PER CENT PLAN URGED

ROADS KEPT IN 'BREAD LINE'

Relief Denied by Commerce Board; End of Basis for Warfare With Shippers Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Advocates of the Warfield plan for reorganization of the railroads on a basis that would pay holders of stock a flat minimum dividend of 6 per cent closed their case today before the house interstate commerce committee.

Forney Johnston of advisory counsel of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, sponsor of the plan, and Samuel H. Beach, president of the Savings Banks Association of New York, discussed its provisions at an all-day session of the committee.

Mr. Johnston asserted that half the people of this country were concerned directly in the welfare of the roads and demanded a law that would afford reasonable compensation on invested capital.

The committee has not yet reached the top of the hill in its big task of hearing proponents of all plans and of reporting out a bill. Beginning next week, representatives of the railway executive advisory committee will be heard, along with other witnesses who want to see the roads turned back at the end of the year, on the same basis as heretofore, except with added regulations as provided in the bill by Chairman Esch.

"If congress does not take courageous and constructive action now," said Mr. Johnston, appearing in behalf of the Warfield 6 per cent return plan, "the progress of a generation toward a well-regulated system of privately owned and operated railway transportation will be destroyed and the 6th

6 CENTS TO PAY FORD DONATED BY EDITORS

DRAFT SENT FROM OREGON IN CARE OF CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

"There Is Nothing Penurious About State—We Would Have Paid It Thrice," Is Declaration.

SHATTLE, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—"United we'll ride in high-priced cars, divided we will have to ride in flivvers. There is nothing penurious about Oregon. We would have paid it had the amount been twice what it is—yes, even three times."

So declared the members of the executive committee of the Oregon State Editorial association today as they drew a bank draft for 6 cents to send to the Chicago Tribune as a tender to Henry Ford for the nominal award made him by the jury in his suit for libel.

"We realize the dangers of newspaper publication as well as anyone in the world can," said C. E. Ingalls, president of the editorial association. "With the necessity of producing reading matter for people who think that the war for independence was fought in 1812 and think that the history we write is bunk, we have enough on our minds without expecting some of these intellectuals to fall on us for anything from 6 cents up to a million dollars."

The Oregon editors are attending the National Editorial association convention here.

Other Oregonians who helped to raise the "pot" for the Tribune were Lloyd Riches, secretary of the Oregon State Editorial association; S. C. Mortgon, president of the Oregon newspaper conference, and John E. Grakke and E. E. Brodie, members of the conference executive committee.

COAST SHIP INQUIRY NEAR

House Investigating Committee Will Start West Tonight.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 15.—The special house committee which is investigating the shipping board activities is expected to leave tomorrow night for the Pacific coast, where it is understood examinations will be made of all the shipbuilding plants at Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and other cities.

There are five members of the committee, of which Representative Walsh of Massachusetts is chairman. The only Pacific coast member is Representative Hadley of Washington.

FORD TO GET LITTLE COSTS

Not More Than \$50 for Plaintiff, in Million-Dollar Case.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 15.—The amount of costs that Henry Ford may receive from the Chicago Daily Tribune in addition to the 8 cents damages awarded him last night by a jury which heard his libel suit will not exceed \$50.

Under the law, where nominal damages are awarded not more than \$50 costs may be assessed against the losing party. Some held that in cases where damages awarded amount to less than \$50, costs collectable may not exceed the judgment awarded. In this event Mr. Ford could demand only 6 cents costs from the Tribune.

AIR LOOP FAILS; 2 DEAD

Army Flyer and Newspaper Reporter Victims at Paducah, Ky.

PADUCAH, Ky., Aug. 15.—Lieutenant James Stewart of Park Field, Memphis, and S. Reed Campbell, reporter employed by the Commercial Appeal, were killed when the army airplane in which they were giving exhibition flights fell near the Country club here tonight.

The pilot was attempting to make a third loop when he lost control of the machine. Both bodies were horribly battered.

MINE MILL IS ROBBED

Two Watchmen Overcome and Gold Taken at Victor, Colo.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 15.—The independent mill at Victor, Colo., one of the largest in this section of the west, was robbed last night. The bandits overpowered two watchmen and escaped with a quantity of gold concentrate.

The watchmen are in a hospital at Victor. No estimate of the amount of loot has been made.

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