

PRESIDENT APPEALS TO RAILROAD HEADS

Strike Responsibility Put on Officials.

EMPLOYERS PUT OFF REPLY

Mr. Wilson Wants Insistence on Arbitration Abandoned.

DRAMATIC SESSION HELD

Executive Tells Presidents of Railways That if Break Comes Public Will Know Whom to Blame. Answer Monday Is Likely.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—President Wilson appealed to the railroad officials today to abandon their insistence on arbitration of the dispute threatening a nation-wide strike and to accept his plan of settlement, already agreed to by the employes, because in his opinion the railroads are contending for a principle which it is seemingly impossible to apply to the present situation.

In one of the most dramatic scenes known to the White House in recent years the President declared to the heads of \$5,000,000,000 worth of properties assembled at his summons: "If a strike comes, the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be upon me."

Public Right Announced.

A few minutes later he issued a statement saying:

"The public has a right to expect acceptance of his plan.

Refusing acceptance for the present, but not giving a final answer, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington road, and spokesman for the 33 railroad officials, urged the President to uphold the principle of arbitration, and declared his plan would "place in peril all that has been accomplished in the peaceful adjustment of labor controversies by methods of arbitration."

At the close of the conference President Wilson summoned to Washington additional railroad presidents from the West and executives already here told him they would confer among themselves and return next week, probably Monday.

Situation Regarded Grave.

The situation tonight was described by a railroad president as "not hopeless, but grave." It will be at a standstill until Monday at least. Discussion of counter proposals and compromises was current, and serious consideration was given to the possibility of Government operation of the roads in case of a strike.

As a result of the day's conference, however, it was said on good authority that many of the railroad presidents looked upon the possibility of a strike as more remote than at any time since they came to Washington. Over the week-end it was expected railroad officials will get into communication with the controlling financial interests, and it still was considered possible that some of the powerful directors of the roads would be called to Washington.

Strike Likely to Be Short.

Both among the employers and employes talk of arrangements for a strike continued, and for different reasons both sides thought it came it would last less than a week.

While President Wilson was still addressing the railroad executives, telling them they faced "a condition, not a principle," his statement to the country reviewing his plan and characterizing it as "a thoroughly practicable and fair programme," was given out at

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TWO ARE HURT BY CHINESE DRIVER

GOON WU CAUSES ACCIDENT AT BUSY CORNER.

Amateur Chauffeur Knocks Down Pedestrians at Third and Morrison Crossing.

Two pedestrians were injured seriously and another escaped injury by a narrow margin at 6 o'clock last night when a motor-truck driven by Goon Wu, Chinese, charged through a crowd at Third and Morrison streets. The injured were: Andrew F. McAtee, 342 Gantenbein avenue, chest hurt and bruised, and Mrs. Carl Lawrence, 491 East Thirty-third street, broken leg, dislocated knee and cut.

Goon Wu and Ray E. Henderson, 410 Hancock street, who was instructing the Chinaman in driving, were taken to police headquarters by Traffic Officer Bender and will be charged with reckless driving. The men made a statement to Deputy District Attorney Deich and Detectives Royle and Vaughn.

Goon bought the truck last week. Yesterday was the third time he had driven it.

The two pedestrians were knocked down and dragged a considerable distance before the amateur chauffeur got his car stopped.

The injured were taken to the Emergency Hospital in a passing automobile and then sent to St. Vincent's Hospital in the care of the Ambulance Service Company. They were attended by City Physician Ziegler.

Mrs. Lawrence is 59 years old. She is the mother of Ernest Lawrence, 1272 East Seventh street North. Mr. McAtee is about 69 years old. He is a clerk at the Y. M. C. A.

SOD BROKEN FOR SMELTER

Five Thousand See Commencement of \$1,000,000 Plant in Idaho.

KELLOGG, Idaho, Aug. 19.—The first sod was turned today on the ground which is to be occupied by the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Smelter at Kellogg. The sod was turned with appropriate exercises in the presence of 5000 persons.

The smelter when completed, it is said, will cost \$1,000,000. It is expected to handle a large part of the output of the Coeur d'Alene mines.

FAIR WEEK IS PREDICTED

Washington Forecast Says Weather May Be Cool on Coast.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, August 20, issued by the Weather Bureau today, include:

Rocky Mountain and Plateau regions—Temperatures will average low for the season, with local frosts in the high regions in the north.

Pacific states—The week will be generally fair, with temperatures near or below the seasonal average.

M'ARTHUR TO TAKE STUMP

Oregon Representative to Aid in Republican Campaign in Maine.

ORIGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 19.—Representative McArthur, of Portland, on invitation of the Republican Congressional committee, will go to Maine next week to deliver speeches in support of the Republican ticket in that state.

He is scheduled to speak at Bath, Augusta and Oakland.

RUSSIANS WIN ON STOKHOLM

Austro-German Line Broken 40 Miles From Kovel.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 19.—The Russians have broken through the Austro-German lines on the Stokhod River in Volhynia, and have made a considerable advance, it was announced today.

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FEDERAL PROBE OFF AND WHEAT SOARS

Price Up 4 Cents in Day of Mad Buying.

FURTHER ADVANCE PREDICTED

Continued Reports of Shortage Make Market Lively.

SOME EXPECT \$2 GRAIN

British Efforts to Cut Down Chicago Market Noted—Few Reap Great Fortunes Because of the Big Margins Asked.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—(Special.)—A load was lifted from the wheat market today when the traders learned that E. N. Hurley, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, after making an investigation of the recent spectacular advance in wheat prices, returned to Washington and announced that there was no evidence of manipulation of prices on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Traders, who have been afraid to venture into the market while the investigation was on, bought freely today. There was an enormous trade in the wheat pit. At the opening there was a rush to buy which continued until the closing gong. The result of this buying was an advance of more than four cents for the day.

England Worried About Supply.

That the recent advance in prices is justified by conditions is not disputed anywhere except by British and Canadian government officials. England is worried over supplies and it was reported that that government is planning to commandeer the Canadian crop. Ministers of Agriculture in the Northwest provinces of Canada have steadfastly denied that crops had been injured, but reports from American crop experts now in those provinces tell another story.

E. W. Snow and George M. Le Count, American crop experts of international fame, have been sending in very bullish reports on the conditions of Spring wheat. Le Count telegraphed from Brandon, Manitoba, today that one field was threshing out 10 bushels to the acre of 43-pound wheat.

Seed Prospect Is Bad.

Another farmer had a thresher all set up ready to harvest his crop, but decided it was not worth the cost of labor and fuel in burning the field to land. In other sections much standing grain will be burned to get the straw out of the way. Canadian farmers are alarmed about seed for next Spring. There is little wheat in Manitoba that will do for seed.

Foreigners have been paying more attention than usual to the Chicago wheat markets. Local traders believe that the British importers resorted to strategy during the week in an effort to lower American prices. On Tuesday morning, before the Chicago trade had opened, a cable message showing that the Liverpool market had declined 10 pence per bushel reached the trade.

Move Affects Shaky Market.

With the Chicago trade on the fence because of the Government investigation of conditions, the Liverpool news had the effect of reducing prices in this market four cents a bushel on the first trade. The Britons, watching this market closely, jumped in and bought on the decline. Later in the day prices advanced nine cents a bushel.

Every day the reports on European crop conditions show how urgently they will need the assistance of North American wheat to keep the wolf from their doors. The crop of France is

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INVISIBLE RULE HAS FOE IN MR. HUGHES

Competent Appointees Held Necessary.

TIME FOR SURGERY IS OVER

Candidate Favors "Hygienic Treatment" for America.

BUILDING UP ADVOCATED

Republican Nominee Says Mixing of Politics With Business or Defense Plans or National Honor Not Right.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Charles Evans Hughes told audiences here and in Oakland today that the Government of the United States could not properly be conducted by mixing politics with the business, with preparedness, or with the maintenance of international functions of government.

"When you start out to be military, be military and not political," Mr. Hughes told an audience in Oakland.

Actual Facts Wanted.

"I do not believe we can run this Government by mixing business and politics," the nominee said to a gathering of business men here a short time before the Oakland meeting.

Mr. Hughes repeated his declaration that he favored fostering honorable American achievements in business and adjusting difficulties by finding and acting upon the facts.

"You can break down your prosperity by prostituting yourself in the face of an unjust popular demand," Mr. Hughes said. "I shall never do that. And the unjust popular demand is only unjust because the facts are not understood. The only thing I am afraid of in this country is the dark. When we see together out into the light of day and see the actual facts we generally find out where the trust and justice lie."

Dreamers Fail to Understand.

"Some people live in dreamland," Mr. Hughes continued, in speaking of the need for military and commercial preparedness. "They do not understand the actual world we live in."

The nominee spoke of Federal commissions to investigate various situations.

"We have developed commissions of investigation," he said. "What do they amount to unless we have expert commissioners? Commissioners are nothing except as they are dominated by good sense, inspired by loyalty and patriotism, and controlled by the facts and the justice of the case before them."

National Organization Needed.

"I believe we can put down what is wrong without destroying what is good. In weeding our garden we do not want to pull up the useful plants. We do not desire, in correcting abuses, to destroy the opportunities of success. We are competent, if we go about it in the right way, to destroy abuses, to secure open, fair dealing, and at the same time make possible honest enterprise."

"We cannot go forward unless we realize ourselves nationally. We must more than ever understand that national powers are to be exercised and that national prosperity can be gained only by the potency of our national organization."

Invisible Government Opposed.

Mr. Hughes declared himself opposed to invisible government. "I want," he said, "visible government, competent administration, not only by

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GIRL EMPLOYE IS LOCKED IN BANK

HALF-HOLIDAY IS PASSED WITH MUSTY FILES.

Miss Lulu Bornt, Left Behind by Other Clerks, Is Kept Prisoner Until Evening Session at 5.

Miss Lulu Bornt, a stenographer employed at the Scandinavian-American Bank, Park and Morrison streets, was locked in that institution yesterday afternoon quite by accident and was compelled to pass the time all alone from shortly after noon until 5 P. M.

Miss Bornt was intent upon winding up the details of the day's work and paid no heed when the last bank employe with a key left and the lock of the door clicked behind him. The banking day at the Scandinavian-American closing on Saturday at noon, but it was an hour later when the clerks had their accounts straightened so they could leave. The bank opens again at 5 o'clock, however, on Saturday nights for the accommodation of savings depositors.

When the stenographer had her tasks arranged and was ready to go, she found she could not open the door and, although she made efforts to reach some of the banking staff by telephone, she was unsuccessful and she passed the long, languorous Summer afternoon in the banking rooms.

Her enforced association with so much money was ended when Chester Johnson, a bookkeeper, came shortly before 5 o'clock and liberated her. She said she had put in most of the time profitably at any rate, although she had planned to spend the afternoon in another way. She was enabled to do a lot of filing and other miscellaneous tasks that no one finds time to accomplish in the ordinary working day.

TROOPER'S FALL MAY KILL

John M. Dunn, of Portland, Gravely Injured by Bucking Horse.

CAMP BALBOA, San Diego, Cal., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Trooper John M. Dunn, of Portland, was perhaps fatally injured at 3 o'clock today by being thrown from a horse which he was riding bareback. He was unconscious when picked up and when, after receiving first aid from Captain Houck, he did not regain consciousness, an ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the hospital at Fort Rosecrans.

At a late hour tonight he was still unconscious and physicians said he might not recover.

His mother has been notified. Trooper Dunn was born in Oregon and is about 21 years old. He rode after cattle around Heppner and Condon.

SNOW DEEP IN MOUNTAINS

Mazamas Find Depth of Five to 10 Feet in Cascades' Timber.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 19.—(Special.)—Twenty-seven members of the Mazama mountain party arrived in Eugene today from the Three Sisters and the others will break camp tomorrow morning.

W. C. Yoran said that when the returning party left the Mazama camp yesterday six inches of freshly fallen snow lay on the ground. In the timber near the summit the snow is from five to 10 feet deep.

BREMEN RUMOR IS REVIVED

Tug Which Brought in Deutschland Again Takes on Coal.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 19.—Arrival of the tug Hansa, formerly the Thomas F. Timmins, here tonight for coal revived a rumor that the German submarine merchantman Bremen was about to come in through the capes.

The tug conveyed the Deutschland during her stay in American waters, but the captain said tonight he was taking coal because he was under charter to tow mud scows to Baltimore.

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ALLIES START BIG DRIVE IN BALKANS

Offensive Now Under Way on All Fronts.

FIVE VILLAGES ARE CAPTURED

Attack Resembles Opening of Campaign on Somme.

RUSSIANS FORCE BARRIER

Austrians Admit Retirement From Gateway to Pass of Carpathians. British Sweep For Back on Western Front.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The long-expected general offensive on the Saloniki front has opened and the grand assault against the forces of the central powers now is in progress in every theater of the world-war. General Sarrail is attacking the Bulgarian forces along the entire Greek-Serbian frontier, a distance of more than 150 miles.

Reports from both Berlin and Paris indicate that the entire allies are following the same tactics in the Balkans that signalled the opening of the great offensive on the Somme. Small bodies of troops are attacking at numerous points along the Bulgarian line, apparently with the intention of feeling out their opponents' positions before the real battle opens.

Villages Are Taken.

The French report the capture of five villages in the initial phases of the offensive, while Berlin reports the capture of Florina, a Greek town 15 miles southeast of Monastir, from the Serbians. Serbian headquarters admits this reverse.

On the eastern front the Russians have forced their way into the heart of the great mountain barrier between Galicia and the Hungarian plains. The Austrians admit a retirement west of Jablonitz, the gateway to one of the most important passes through the mountains, which was seized by the Russians this week. In this district the Austrians are retreating toward the Chornahora ridge, the highest point in the Carpathians in that region. From this ridge the ground falls rapidly to the plains of Hungary.

Russians Forced Back.

Farther to the south, on the Bukowina end of the battle line, the Russians have been forced back in their advance on Kirilbaba, the next pass south of Jablonitz, and about 50 miles from that point.

Daily attacks by the British against the German lines north of the Somme in France are having their reward, and today was reported the most notable gain in some days in the region of Guillemont. After withstanding German counter-attacks, the troops of General Haig again assaulted the opposing trenches and gained from 200 to 600 yards along a front of 11 miles.

Gain Made by British.

The pressure of the Anglo-French forces has been exerted strongly recently where the two forces find hands between Guillemont and Maurepas, and the latest British advance was from Fourcaux or High Wood to the junction point. In addition the British report that they have gained a footing in the village of Guillemont. Berlin says that Anglo-French attacks north of the Somme were repulsed except around Guillemont, where the German line was shortened.

While not as active as the British on the Somme front, the French have made more gains in the Verdun region. Fighting took place on both banks of the Meuse, the Germans attacking on

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PEN PICTURE INTERPRETATION OF NEWS EVENTS OF PAST WEEK BY THE OREGONIAN CARTOONIST.

