

END SEEMS NEAR IN SHIPYARD STRIKE

President Prepared to Take Action.

NEW WAGE SCALE IS AWARDED

Other Unions Not Expected to Support Carpenters.

NO COERCION IN PROSPECT

Hutcherson, Head of Brotherhood, Sends Telegrams to Wilson and Daniels to Enlist Their Personal Efforts for Peace.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Efforts by the Government to end the strikes of carpenters in Eastern shipyards brought two important developments today, which officials declared promise to effect an early settlement.

President Wilson prepared to take some action in the situation, the nature of which has not been disclosed.

The shipbuilding labor adjustment board handed down a wage award covering Delaware River and Maryland shipyards, which will form the basis of a general Eastern shipbuilding wage scale.

The President is expected to express definite views on the situation in reply to a telegram he received tonight from William L. Hutcherson, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, asking an opportunity personally to put the situation before him.

Other Unions Stay Out.

Other developments in connection with the strikes during the day were: Indications that the heads of other unions will not support Hutcherson's position and assurances from New York metal workers that they will continue work awaiting an adjustment by the wage adjustment board.

A statement by the Shipping Board that no effort will be made to coerce the strikers by threatening to call them into the military service.

A declaration by Chairman Fletcher, of the Senate commerce committee, investigating shipping, that the Government should take over the operation of all shipyards and fix a general scale.

A request by shipyards that they be permitted to crush the strike in their own way.

Carpenters' Union Stands Alone.

Hutcherson's refusal to leave a settlement to the Labor Adjustment Board drew from officials of the board tonight the statement that the carpenters' organization—alone of all the trades engaged in shipbuilding—has declined to let it adjust difficulties.

Officials of the American Federation of Labor, it was declared, have little sympathy with Hutcherson's attitude and are likely to repudiate him. Organizations of the carpenters on the Pacific and Gulf coasts and along the South Atlantic, despite orders from Hutcherson, are leaving to the Adjustment Board, his members said tonight, all questions affecting their relations with their employers.

Uniform Scale Awarded.

The Delaware and Maryland award establishes a uniform wage scale and working conditions in 60 per cent of the Atlantic Coast yards. It gives carpenters a minimum wage of \$5.80 a day, and the striking Baltimore carpenters, although not parties to the agreement, will be permitted to accept its provisions if they so desire.

The award will be used as a basis for arranging other agreements. The adjustment board will go South next week, after which it expects to take

GREATEST DRIVE DUE IN NEXT LOAN

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN MOST EXTENSIVE IN HISTORY.

Users of Newspapers to Be Asked to Assist More Generously Than in Previous Drives.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Because it is expected the third liberty loan will be "of tremendous size," a proportionate effort is being planned to insure its overwhelming success. It was announced by the liberty loan committee here today.

A feature of the coming drive for "liberty dollars" will be one of the most intensive advertising campaigns in history, it was stated.

This will be imperative because of the great variety of demands upon public attention at this time, it was said.

A special endeavor will be made to have users of newspapers and other varieties of advertising who assisted generously in the first and second liberty loan campaigns, contribute still greater allotments of space, the committee announced.

TUSCANIA LIST INCREASED

War Department Receives 11 More Names of U-Boat Victims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Eleven additional names of American soldiers who lost their lives on the torpedoed liner Tuscania were received tonight by the War Department from London. Ten of them previously had been reported in the list of 121 identified received by the Associated Press from a Scottish port last Tuesday. The one not in that list was that of Private James A. Schless, Rice Lake, Wis.

The War Department's list of known dead now is 93, it having received 82 names by cable last night. The Associated Press dispatch referred to announced that a total of 164 soldier victims had been buried in Scotland, but that 23 of them had not been identified.

PRICE OF RICE TO DROP

Surplus of Crop Now in United States Is \$150,000,000 Pounds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Reduction in the price of rice is in prospect for April 1, the Food Administration announced today.

Distribution figures show that there is a surplus, after deducting the million bags purchased for export to Europe, of 150,000,000 pounds.

The surplus is ample for domestic requirements.

The increase in the cost of rice during the last few months, the administration explains, has been due to the fact that most rice mills are working to capacity in supplying the allies.

LINE DRAWN AT PIGS

Neighbors Stood for Horses, Cows and Chickens, but There's Limit.

Joe Singer, sanitary inspector in the bureau of health, in charge of the North East Side district, stood for horses, cows and chickens in the backyard of L. V. Hull, 156 East Twenty-seventh North, but when he installed a litter of pigs—that was too much.

As a result, Hull, upon formal complaint of Mrs. C. D. Clayton, living 3 1/2 feet from the Hull house, was arrested, and in Municipal Court yesterday was fined \$1.50 and was ordered to dispose of his porkers.

RAILWAY WOMEN STRIKE

Section Hands Want \$2 a Day in Place of \$1.50 for 9 Hours.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 16.—Women section hands employed by the Lehigh Valley Railway on the Shenandoah-Lost Creek branch, are on a strike.

They receive \$1.50 for a nine-hour day and they are striking for \$2. They will be organized by a union organizer today.

HUGE PROFITEERING FRAUDS CHARGED

U.S. Declared Robbed of Many Thousands.

WORTHLESS STEEL IS SOLD

Defective Metal Furnished for Ship Engines.

SAN FRANCISCO ARRESTED

Prosper J. Forrest Accused, Follow- ing Secret Raid on Offices—His Company Supplies Federal Plants in Northwest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Profiteering by wholesale in steel parts of engines destined for ships under construction at Pacific Coast shipyards for the Federal Emergency Fleet Corporation is charged by the Federal civil and military authorities, following a secret raid Friday night on the offices of the Edwin Forrest Forge Company and the arrest today of its secretary and manager, Prosper J. Forrest.

Simultaneously with the arrest of Forrest and his release on bail of \$5000 by Commissioner Francis K. Will, Assistant United States Attorney Caspar Orban announced that the case would be taken before the Federal grand jury Tuesday.

It is said that the Forrest company has already defrauded the Government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it is declared by Orban that similar practices all over the country are being investigated. Threatened destruction of evidence precipitated the arrest here.

Following a conference with the military authorities, Orban indicated that others in San Francisco were involved and that arrests would follow. The prosecutor hinted that the investigation will not stop with the present case locally.

Forrest was arrested at his offices today at 129 Fremont street. In the complaint he is accused of defrauding the Government by substituting for steel passing the Federal test defective and valueless metal.

The Forrest firm has contracts with the Government through Seattle, Tacoma and Portland shipbuilding plants engaged in constructing vessels for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Thousands of tons of metal, it is said, have been turned into steel propeller shafts by the Forrest firm since Christmas, and it is into some of these shafts that the company is accused of using defective steel.

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La Grande Woman Resigns.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Governor Whitcomb today accepted the resignation of Mrs. Bertha Williams Griffith, of La Grande, as a member of the State Board of Examination of Graduate Nurses. Miss Elizabeth Darling was appointed in her stead.

All Shipments to Be Traced.

The arrest of Forrest marked the beginning of an investigation by the Emergency Fleet Corporation to trace all shipments of steel parts from the

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REPUBLICANS MAY CONFER IN SPRING

Nation-Wide Meeting Is Hays' Plan

MANY PROBLEMS IN SIGHT

Full Discussion of Political Outlook Desired.

OUTLINE OF PLANS NEEDED

New Chairman of National Committee Believes Such Conference Will Be Effective Preliminary Move for Next Campaign.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Will H. Hays, of Indiana, the new Republican National chairman, has a big proposition in contemplation. It is likely to develop into the first big and concrete move that he will make to elect a Republican Congress in November and a Republican President in 1920.

The idea, in substance, is to have the Republican National Committee call a Nation-wide conference, to be held some time in April, probably in Chicago. The purpose will be, if such a session is summoned, to have a free and full discussion of National political affairs and, if found advisable, to prepare a statement that, in effect, would be the Republican National platform adjusted to conditions that have arisen since the Chicago convention of 1916.

The statement would be in accord with the "clean-sweep" policy adopted this week at St. Louis, when Mr. Hays was elected chairman, and the executive, campaign and advisory committees of the Hughes campaign were eliminated.

Men of Prominence Considered.

It is understood that the men who would be expected to sit in such a conference would be the members of the Republican national committee, the chairman of the Republican state committees of the various states, all of the Republican United States Senators and Republican members of the House of Representatives, and the Republican Governors of states.

The tentative plan of action includes preliminary conferences, during which Chairman Hays would work out the constituency of the new executive committee which he is to suggest and which will be elected, in fact, by the national committee, in accordance with the new rule embodied in the Howell resolution adopted at St. Louis, directing that all committees, henceforth, having to do with national party organization, shall be elected by the committee men and not appointed by the chairman.

Procedure Is Made Plain.

Chairman Hays at Indianapolis, after his election, made it plain that the cornerstone of the policy that he will pursue, is that it is the business of the National committee to elect the party candidates and not to nominate them. In line with this, he holds that it is not the prerogative of the National committee to amend or construct the party platform.

No legal method exists, it is admitted, of summoning a delegate National convention, prior to the nominating of 1920, and men who have expressed an opinion as to the advisability of holding a National conference as quickly as one can be arranged, are in agreement that a body, constituted as is suggested would be entirely representative of the party and of all the factions that were amalgamated successfully, according to all indications, by the election of Chairman Hays at St. Louis.

Chairman Hays expects to go to

BABY BORN AT SEA ABOARD ROSE CITY

MR. AND MRS. HENRY STRUCKE RECEIVE VALENTINE.

Nine-Pound Girl Arrives by Stork Route and Is Named Rose, After Captain Parker's Ship.

Away out on the deep Pacific, 13 miles off the Southern Oregon Coast, a valentine was received aboard the liner Rose City just before midnight Thursday.

Rose Strucke is the valentine's name and she weighed nine pounds. Today she is cooing and crowing in the Sisters' hospital at Astoria. She was given the name of Rose in remembrance of the ship, and her birth certificate is unique, inasmuch as there is no official form provided for maritime births, so Captain Clyde Parker has compiled one of his own.

The document will tell that Rose Strucke came into the world at 11:50 P. M., February 14, in Latitude 42.8 degrees north; Longitude 124.40 degrees west, or 13 miles seaward from Crook Point, Or.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strucke, the parents, were passengers, bound from Sacramento to Seattle. In welcoming the young lady into the world honors are said to be equally divided between S. C. Mercer, steward of the Rose City, Captain Parker and Mrs. P. Hutchinson, of Spokane, a passenger.

When the liner reached Astoria late Friday night the family was escorted ashore, to remain until all arrangements are completed for Miss Rose to travel north.

FRANCE TAKES OVER SHIPS

Move Believed in Co-operation With Other Allied Powers.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A decree published in the Journal Officiel this morning provides for the requisitioning of the entire merchant marine of France on March 10.

Government commissioners will confer with the ship owners as to the conditions under which the government will take over the vessels.

This official announcement in Paris follows close on the heels of the action of the Government at Washington in making the entire foreign commerce of the United States subject to control by license in order to conserve tonnage for the transport of troops and war supplies.

The French action is presumably taken with the same end in view in pursuance of the co-ordinated policy of the nations at war with Germany and Austria-Hungary.

STUDENT BEATS SCHEDULE

Lloyd Edwards, Pacific College, Fin- ishes Course Ahead of Time.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Lloyd Edwards, well-known athlete and editor of the Crescent, the college paper, for the past two years, finished his work in Pacific College this week, 4 1/2 months ahead of the schedule time. He made an excellent record as a student.

When asked as to his plans for the future, Mr. Edwards said: "Well, France seems to be the most prominent place at present, and I presume it's the Friends reconstruction unit for me." Lloyd's father, C. J. Edwards, of Tillamook, was a member of the first class graduated from Pacific College.

APPEAL TO WOMEN ISSUED

Alumnae Committee Asks Co-Eds to Enter Nurses' Training Camp.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—An appeal of 5000 young college women enters the training camp for nurses which opens at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 24, was issued today by the alumnae recruiting committee of the institutions.

The camp will be conducted by the Red Cross and Council of National Defense.

GERMANS MASS TO STRIKE BOLSHEVIKI

Battle Line Forming in Ukraine Territory.

WAR NOW SEEMS CERTAINTY

Berlin Fears for Prisoners Held by Slavs.

HOSTAGES MAY BE KILLED

Austria-Hungary Serves Notice That Her Armies May Be Used Only for Purposes of Self-Defense.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—German forces are already being concentrated in Ukraine to attack the Bolsheviks, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Tidd, and declarations looking to the active prosecution of the war against the Bolsheviks in North Russia also will be made at Berlin next week.

The German authorities are anxious regarding the fate of German prisoners in North Russia, whom the Bolsheviks are holding as hostages and who, Berlin dispatches say, may be killed if the Bolsheviks are driven to desperation. Germany has already served notice on the Bolshevik authorities that she will enforce reprisals if the German prisoners are harmed.

Czechnia Serves Notice.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has notified Berlin that Austrian troops must not be used against Russia to support any policy which Austria has not approved, but only for purposes of self-defense against marauding bands.

Wholesale Slaughter Threatened.

The lives of those arrested, as well as Germans and German supporters who have not yet been arrested, are hourly in great danger, adds the dispatch, as the Bolsheviks threaten wholesale butchery. The Bolsheviks have officially declared the Baltic nobility outlawed.

The Lokai Anzeiger (Berlin) says there is great excitement at Warsaw, Cracow and Lemberg as a result of the Ukraine treaty. The Warsaw newspapers are appearing with black borders, soldiers, mounted and on foot, are patrolling the streets to prevent demonstration. The director of affairs, Count Rostorovsky, has resigned.

Papers Urge Strike.

At Cracow the papers appeal to Polish parties to declare a one-day general strike. A general strike has been called at Lemberg for Monday, when work will be suspended in all the Polish factories, shops and government offices and the schools will be closed.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—A Vienna telegram ascribes to "a well-informed source," the statement that if Ger- many resumes military operations against Russia, the attitude of Austria- Hungary will not be influenced there- by. An agreement on this point is said to have been reached by the central powers.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 16.—The commissioners representing the central powers.

PEN PICTURES BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ILLUSTRATE SOME OUTSTANDING FEATURES IN THE WEEK'S NEWS.

