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If right the cause, no counter challenge fear.
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For the loose shafts of slander let them fly;
Justice stands scathless in her panoply.
—James Rhodes.

EVEN WHILE DEATH WAS CALLING

WHILE struggling with perplexing problems involving the welfare of the country at home and abroad President Wilson has been called upon to bear a burden of sorrow because of the death of his only sister. In his grief the chief executive should have the sympathy of all. He has suffered a blow that strikes deep.

No other president save Lincoln has gone "through the mill" as Wilson has done. With the war in Europe underway he has been forced to use

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the most careful discretion and the greatest courage to sustain American rights yet keep the country at peace. On two occasions we have been close to strife with Mexico and had there been a man of lesser ability or patriotism in the White House there would have been war.

The railroad strike situation was one to try a president's soul because such a strike would have meant disaster to the country. In addition President Wilson has to endure a campaign of defamation that promises to exceed in bitterness anything of the sort in modern times. This has continued regardless of the fact death has visited the family. In fact while his sister lay dying Woodrow Wilson was the target of unfair shafts from Wall street and the tory press.

A man who really serves his country as Wilson has done—honestly and without fear—takes grave chances. Privilege has many weapons with which to strike.

RAILROAD POVERTY AND DESTITUTION

THE net earnings of the principal railroads of the country increased only 26.6 per cent during the last fiscal year. The total net revenue of these roads was only \$1,176,804,000, an increase over last year of only \$305,969,000.

These are the railroads that are about to be ruined by an eight hour day which will add to their operating expenses \$60,000,000 a year according to the railroad presidents and \$20,000,000 a year according to the brotherhood chiefs.

Taking the railroad figures as a basis, an eight hour day would decrease the net revenue to a paltry \$1,116,804,000, which in turn would be barely \$245,969,000 in excess of the total net revenue of last year.

It ought to be plain enough to anybody that the railroads are sure to be ruined by an eight hour day. No wonder they appeal to the unfortunate shippers to intervene and prevent the government from pressing this crown of thorns upon the brow of Wall street. Such a picture of railroad poverty and destitution as the reports to the Interstate Commerce present ought to furnish a new inspiration to the Hughes eloquence.—New York World.

MR. HODGEN'S CANDIDACY

IN their claim that the east end of the county is entitled to representation in the legislative delegation from this county the Milton-Freewater people have justice with them. That section is heavily populated, has an immense assessment and needs of its own to be cared for. It is only fair that one member of the delegation should be from the east end.

In Louis Hodgen there is a legislative candidate who will appeal to a host of voters without reference to politics, or locality. He has many friends in Pendleton and elsewhere who will vote for him for reasons of personal faith in him and for the further reason the claim of the east end for recognition will be regarded as valid.

It will not surprise the East Oregonian to see Louis Hodgen's name on the roll of the next legislature.

CONFLICTING

THE president of the Southern Pacific railroad company says that the severe car shortage in western Oregon is due to the vastly increased business of that region. He points out that the lumber business in particular has shown wonderful improvement. So much so that it is physically impossible for the company to take care of the traffic.

But this testimony does not harmonize with the dire tales of calamity we have been hearing from the standpaters. Have we not been told repeatedly that the lumber business has been ruined by free trade from Canada? If that particular business has been so grossly treated under the Wilson administration that it can no longer sit up in bed why this claim from the Southern Pacific that business is so rushing the road cannot keep up?



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