



WILSON ISSUES ULTIMATUM ON WAGE DEMANDS

Secret Proposal to Settle Railway Controversy Made by President in Conference With Leaders

(Associated Press Leased Wire) Washington, Feb. 13.—President Wilson today made a proposal to the representatives of the railroad brotherhoods for a settlement of their wage demands and the men agreed to give it consideration.

The Brotherhood men would not say what the proposal was. Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, announcing that they would make no statement today.

The white house was expected to issue a statement later in the day. It is believed there was no intimation whether the president had offered a substitute for an increase in wages in the nature of a continuation of a fight on the high cost of living, or whether he asked the workers to delay pressing their demands until the railroads were returned to the private owners March 1.

Men Must Decide R. M. Jewell, president of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, announced that the president's proposal would have to be "put up to the men" before any announcement could be made by the union representatives.

Besides Mr. Jewell and Mr. Shea, E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers was present at the conference. The president met the representatives on the south portion of the white house and read a statement which he had prepared after a study of the report on the wage negotiations presented to him by Director General Hines. The conference lasted about fifteen minutes. The president was in his wheel chair.

This was the first conference the president has had outside of the sick room since his illness began last fall. Conference Advised Mr. Shea immediately notified the other union officials who have been conferring with Mr. Hines, advising them to call a conference to consider the president's statement. He indicated that the conference would consume most of the day, and might be continued tomorrow. He said there was no disposition on the part of the union men to act hastily and that they desired to make a complete examination of the president's statement before reaching a decision.

The president's proposal, whatever it was, was not expected to stay the strike of the maintenance of way employees called for next Tuesday. Secretary Tumulty declined to say whether the president had refused specifically the wage demands, saying that "every one wants to settle the strike" and that the Brotherhood chiefs should have an opportunity to consider the president's suggestion or proposal without outside interference.

Hines Backed Up The president's statement that the government's policy was "based on justice to all interests" is in line with the final word presented to the union leaders by Director General Hines at the last conference with them. Mr. Hines was understood to have told the men that with the return of the roads to private control under the new railroad bill an impartial tribunal for consideration of their demands would be created.

Mr. Hines was understood to have suggested to the president that if an increase in pay was granted the men, the roads would seek an increase in freight rates, which would mean increased living costs. Inasmuch as the unions were pressing strongly for a reduction in living costs officials said there was reason to believe that the president had employed this in his answer to the union spokesmen.

Wilson Looks Well When the railroad men greeted the president they told him he was looking very well. "I have just been shaved," said the president, "that helps a bit."

The president, sitting in his wheel chair in a corner under the portico, wrapped in a blanket, shook hands with the men when Secretary Tumulty presented them. They stood up throughout the conference with their overcoats on, but their hats in their hands. The president pressed them to put their hats on because of the dampness, but they refused.

After reading his statement the president asked them to give consideration to his suggestion and they promised to do so.

Removal of Postmaster May Be Aired in Senate

Portland, Or., Feb. 13.—All of the reasons for the removal of Frank S. Myers as postmaster of Portland may be made public by reason of a joint letter sent by Senators Chamberlain and Johnson to Senator Charles E. Townsend of Michigan, chairman of the senate postoffice committee yesterday, according to a Washington, D. C. dispatch received here today.

This letter advised Senator Townsend that the two Oregon senators had no objections to the postoffice committee granting a hearing on the removal of Postmaster Myers.

Ship Sails With Big Stock of Liquor But Docks "Dry"

Southampton, Feb. 13.—Although the Cunard liner Mauretania had a record stock of liquors on board when leaving New York, her lockers were empty on arrival here. The bar was besieged by thirsty passengers from the moment she passed outside the three-mile zone. The Mauretania's stewards declare that increased storage room for beverages is necessary for future trips.

BOY'S DEATH CAUSE OF ORDER AGAINST CARELESS CYCLISTS

Moved by the accident that befell little Clifford Fitts here Thursday morning when he was crushed to death under the wheels of a truck, Chief of Police Welsh Friday issued orders to Traffic Officer Moffitt, and all patrolmen to arrest all boys, or persons, caught riding bicycles and holding on to streetcars, autos or other fast-moving vehicles. According to the chief it is said that boys make it a practice to hold onto the rear end of streetcars while in motion, and he declared that parents should warn their children against such practice.

Reports that children roller-skate on the streets and sidewalks in parts of the city gave rise Friday to another order from Chief Welsh to his officers to arrest those caught doing so. According to city ordinances, the chief explained, it is unlawful to roller-skate on the streets or sidewalks in the city bounded by the west side of Commercial street on the west, the north side of Center street on the north, the center line of High street on the east and the south line of Perry on the south.

HOOVER FAVORITE FOR PRESIDENT IN STRAW BALLOTING

Count of ballots thus far received in The Capital Journal straw vote for president shows that Hoover is the big favorite. Practically all of the independent voters favor Hoover as do many democrats and some republicans. Among avowed republican candidates, Wood leads the field, with Johnson second. The total count to date is as follows:

- Hoover ..... 35
Bryan ..... 10
Wood ..... 10
Capper ..... 10
Taft ..... 1
Wilson ..... 1
Lynn J. Frazier ..... 1
Poindexter ..... 1
Pershing ..... 1
Johnson ..... 1

HARRISBURG RAIDERS ARE STILL AT LARGE

Sheriff W. L. Needham has received notice of \$100 reward offered by citizens of Harrisburg for the arrest and conviction of thieves who robbed the Hill and Carroll stores at that place February 8. The robbery took place early in the morning, the raiders breaking into the stores and securing \$31 in cash.

In addition to the money taken, the following articles were secured: 24 fountain pens, 12 nickel plated watches, 3 pocket knives, 1 razor and 2 kodaks. The notice is sent out by Sheriff C. M. Kendall of Albany, who reports that a definite description of the thieves was not available at Harrisburg, the thieves making their "get-away" unobserved.

Maintenance Men Will Consider Wilson's Plan

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 13.—Any proposal President Wilson has made to representatives of the railroad brotherhoods in an effort to adjust their wage demands will receive "earnest consideration" by officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Shop Laborers, President Allen Barker said today.

ASHURST SEEKS TO BLOCK SALE OF HUN LINERS

Concurrent Resolution Introduced Today Instructs Shipping Board Not to Sell Former German Ships

INJUNCTION ASKED

Washington, Feb. 13.—Application for an injunction against the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation to prevent the sale of thirty former German liners at public auction next Monday was filed in the District of Columbia supreme court today by William Randolph Hearst of New York, acting in his capacity as a taxpayer.

Chief Justice Mc Coy issued a writ requiring the defendants to show cause Monday morning why a temporary injunction should not be issued.

Washington, Feb. 13.—A concurrent resolution directing the shipping board not to sell the thirty former German liners which the board plans to dispose of at public auction here Monday except through regular public bidding after three months advertising and then only if proper offers are received was introduced today by Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona.

Ships Under- priced. The resolution was offered in the midst of a debate on the sale of the ships. Senator Ashurst declared that it was a fact that the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation intended to sell the vessels to the International Mercantile Marine for \$25,000,000. He said the vessels had a pre-war value of \$154,000,000 and a present value of \$30,000,000.

Chairman Jones of the Commerce committee, previously had told the senate that he had no idea that a story that the ships were to be sold to the International Mercantile Marine under a secret understanding between the board and British interests was true.

Probe Is Ordered.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Chairman Payne of the shipping board, was requested to appear before the senate commerce committee late today to explain the proposed sale of the thirty former German passenger liners at public auction here next Monday. Chairman Jones said the committee desired full information owing to the agitation against the sale.

The International Mercantile Marine has offered \$25,000,000 for the ships, but all private bids for their sale were rejected. Chairman Payne announced that he would not accept any single bid for all ships.

Chairman Payne has announced that he has telegraphed Henry H. Raymond of New York, president of the American Steamship Owners association and Charles H. Potter of New York, president of the United States Steamship Operators association, asking them to notify officials of their organizations of the proposed sale.

Canada Objects To Curb Upon League Rights

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—Canada has given Great Britain notice that it objects to any change in the covenant of the league of nations which will prevent the dominion from being a full fledged member of the league and having a vote in the assembly.

After a meeting of the cabinet was held tonight representations were forwarded to the imperial authorities protesting against accepting by Great Britain of the League reservation to the peace treaty which now is being considered by the United States senate.

TWO RICH GOLD FIELDS ARE FOUND IN URALS

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Two valuable gold fields have been discovered since the Russian soviet government recovered the Urals, according to a Moscow newspaper. One field is said to lie thirty miles north of the most northerly mine of the Ekaterinburg mining center. Soviet engineers reported that if machinery were available these fields would increase Russia's gold output by sixty per cent within two years.

STATE'S CHIEF WITNESS TELLS MURDER DETAILS

Youth Who Was Present In Centralia I. W. W. Hall At Time Of Shooting Says Four Of Defendants Were In Building At Time

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 13.—Thomas C. Morgan, 19 years old, said to be one of the most important witnesses for the state in the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice Day parade victim, took the stand shortly after the opening of court today.

Morgan, whose home is in Raymond, Wash., was in the I. W. W. hall at the time of the shooting of Grimm and other American Legion members.

He went to the I. W. W. hall shortly after 1 o'clock on the day of the tragedy, he testified. He saw there Britt Smith, Mike Sheehan, Ray Becker and James McInerney, four of the defendants. Shortly after he reached the hall, he said, Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney and another of the defendants, entered the hall and held a conversation with Britt Smith.

During all of the shooting Morgan was in the rear of the hall, he testified.

Second Youth Testifies Clarence Sherwood, 17 year old Centralia youth, also a witness today, testified to being near the railroad tracks, northeast of the scene of the shooting at the time the marchers were fired upon. He described the shooting as "sounding like a motorcycle exhaust," saying that the shots seemed to come from both the hill and from the direction of town. After the shooting, he testified, he saw John Lamb, one of the defendants, running northeast from town. Two men accompanied Lamb, he said, both carrying guns.

Defense counsel questioned Sherwood closely on cross examination, state counsel objecting to the line of examination, declaring it an attempt to intimidate the witness. Defense was held by the court to strict cross examination.

The Legion members marching in the parade had halted and were marking time when the first shots were fired into their ranks, according to Morgan.

Tells Of Shots. The first shots came from opposite the I. W. W. hall, Morgan declared. He testified that he thought they came either from the Avalon or Arnold hotels. The shooting from across the street from the hall was followed quickly by shots from the Rodenick hotel, upstairs over the hall, Morgan testified, qualifying the assertion by stating that "he thought they came from upstairs over the hall."

"At the time these first shots were fired, were the soldiers standing in ranks?" W. H. Abel, of state counsel, asked.

"They were closing up as near as I could see," answered Morgan. "They hadn't made any attempt to come towards the hall that I could see."

Morgan was found hiding in an ice-chest in the rear of the I. W. W. hall after the shooting. With him in the chest were James McInerney, Ray Becker and Mike Sheehan, three of the defendants. In the original indictment in the justice court at Centralia, Mor-

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PALO ALTO CITIZENS START HOOVER CLUB

Palo Alto, Cal., Feb. 13.—The organization of a Hoover republican club "to give active and voluntary expression to the demand for Herbert C. Hoover for president of the United States and to obtain his nomination by the republican party" was perfected here today by fellow townsmen of the former food administrator. Men and women of the two leading political parties are represented in the membership of the club.

The first action of the club was to issue a nation wide invitation for advocates of Mr. Hoover's nomination to telegraph their endorsements to the headquarters of the club at Palo Alto. Resolutions were adopted urging the organization of Hoover republican clubs wherever there is sentiment favoring his nomination.

Three Workers Lose Lives By Accident During Week

Three workmen paid the supreme penalty in Oregon industries during the week ending February 12, according to the weekly report of the state industrial accident commission which shows a total of 317 accidents during the week. Of the accidents reported 293 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, 11 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the act and three were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act.

As a result of the refusal of the Albany school board to grant further increase for salary, four teachers have resigned.

Navy Needs California Base Declares Daniels

Washington, Feb. 13.—"The navy's most pressing need" is the establishment of a naval base in California, Secretary Daniels told a delegation from Alameda, Cal., today in accepting tentatively a deed for a site at that city.

Mr. Daniels said his acceptance of the offer was conditioned upon appropriations by congress for the necessary construction at Alameda.

HUBBARD MAN IS SUED FOR LARGE SUM AS DAMAGES

Suit was filed by Mrs. Sarah Atundson of Portland, Friday for \$50,000 punitive damages for injuries sustained in an automobile accident which occurred in Portland July 24, 1919. The suit is filed against J. J. Hirschberger, auto dealer of Hubbard.

In her complaint, Mrs. Amundson claims that Mr. Hirschberger on the date mentioned, was driving his car at a "reckless and unlawful rate of speed" and that his car struck her in attempting the crossing at the intersection of 47th and Division streets, Portland. She further alleges that he failed to give any warning signal, in addition to violating state and municipal statutes and ordinances, pertaining to traffic regulation.

In relating the accident, Mrs. Amundson reiterates that the car struck her while she was crossing the street and with such speed that she was dragged about 40 feet before the car could be halted. As a result of the accident she claims the following enumerated injuries: both legs broken above the knees; left arm broken below elbow; neckbone broken and other injuries of the face; general and severe shock to nervous system.

The plaintiff claims further that as a direct result of the injuries to herself for 13 weeks and has been confined to her home under constant medical attention since that time. She lists expenses caused by the accident hospital bills, \$249.40; nurses' bills, \$294; physicians' bills, \$1035; other medical items, \$5; broke new glasses \$30.

In addition to the punitive damages asked, Mrs. Amundson asks for special damages of \$1593, covering her expenses as enumerated.

Reward Posted For Trace Of Missing Man

Portland, Or., Feb. 13.—The circuit court here today authorized the posting of a reward of \$1000 for information leading to the discovery of missing Desamps, Beaverton rancher, missing for a week. The police believe that portions of a body found in a gulch here last Saturday indicated the murder of Desamps. They were also said to be investigating today the possibility that the missing man had gone to San Francisco without informing anyone of his intention.

Hector Moulal, friend of Desamps, has been named administrator of Desamps' estate and the reward of \$1000 is to be offered from the estate.

The fad of wearing a toy poodle in a side pocket of a coat or skirt has been introduced by Senorita Marie Bueno, daughter of the former Prime Minister of San Salvador.

VETERAN ARMY OFFICER TAKEN BY DEATH TODAY

Brigadier General Peter W. Davison, Indian Fighter and Former Camp Lewis Commander, Passes

New York, Feb. 13.—Brigadier General Peter W. Davison, second in command at the Port of Embarkation in Hoboken, died yesterday at the Fox Hills military hospital on Staten Island.

General Davison was born in Watertown, Wis., May 15, 1869. His first duty was in Montana where he took part in several Indian campaigns. When the Spanish-American war broke out he was sent to Cuba and to the Philippines where he was twice recommended for brevet for gallantry in action.

He was on duty in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake and fire, having charge of a refugee camp. Subsequently he went to Alaska, then to Texas and later was attached to the general staff at Washington. In 1910 he returned to the Philippines and was placed in charge of the Philippine scouts.

He accompanied the first American troops to China, 1912, and later served with the allied armies at Tien Tsin. In 1914 he returned to the Philippines and was then sent to the Texas border.

When America entered the war he organized the 156th depot brigade at Camp Lewis, Wash., and soon afterward was promoted to be a brigadier general. During the war he served in Colorado and at Camp Kearny, Cal. After the armistice he was given command of one of the largest demobilization centers in the west at Fort Russell, Wyo. From there he came to Hoboken as executive officer under Major General Shanks.

General Davison is survived by his widow.

CARS HOLDING UP PEDESTRIANS HELD BREAKERS OF LAWS

In response to a request from Police Judge Earl Race for an interpretation of city ordinances covering blocking of streets and sidewalks in the city City Attorney Bert Macy Friday rendered an opinion that, if enforced, will cause the railroad companies running cars on the streets to make a considerable change in their operation. Judge Race requested the interpretation following the receipt of many complaints of sidewalks, streets and crossings being blocked.

In his opinion Mr. Macy refers to ordinance 1311, section 2, which provides a fine of not less than \$10 and as much as \$100, and 20 days in jail, for the obstruction of pedestrian traffic. "Obstruction of the free use of crosswalks, street crossings, or street intersections by pedestrians" is held a violation of this ordinance.

Several complaints pointed out that streetcars, almost invariably, stop directly on the sidewalk crossings, causing pedestrians to wait or either go around the car. This practice, the opinion holds, is a direct violation of the ordinance.

Nebraskans Organize to Boost for Hitchcock

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 13.—A "Nebraskans for Hitchcock for president" club was organized last night by 700 democrats with John A. Rine, Omaha, as president.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Representative Sinnott providing for the opening of the Kiannah Indian reservation.

Capital Journal's Straw Vote for President. Vote for One, placing X after name; then cut out and mail or bring to Capital Journal Office. Table with names: BRYAN, COX, GERARD, HARDING, HOOVER, JOHNSON, LOWDEN, McADOO, OWEN, PALMER, PERSHING, POINDEXTER, POMERENE, TAFT, WILSON, WOOD. Party Affiliation, Name, Address.