

# PRESIDENT SUBMITS PROPOSAL TO END STRIKE

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Announcement Verbally Made at White House That President Has Submitted Formal Proposals to Both Sides For Ending Strike Which Will Go Before Various Bodies For Consideration the First of the Week—No Details Made Public Now

Washington, July 28.—(By Associated Press.)—An announcement was verbally made at the White House today that President Harding was prepared to submit proposals for settlement of the railroad strike to meetings of the railway executives and of the general strike committees of the shop craft unions.

The President, it was stated officially, believes that some of the difficulties in the way of adjustment of the strike which has injured the nation's transportation system are "clearing away" as the result of the conferences with the railroad executives.

Although outlines of the President's proposals leaked out during the day, Mr. Harding himself, it was said, would make public no details prior to the assembly of the two parties. The executives will meet in New York Tuesday but the leaders of the shop craft unions, it was said, may be unable to assemble all of their strike committee members in Chicago before Wednesday.

Announcement Made. Washington, July 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Definite announcement that President Harding has evolved proposals for ending the rail strike to be laid before meetings of union and executive representatives next week was made late today by J. A. Franklin, president of the boiler-makers' union, after he, with B. M. Jewell, general leader of the strikers, had concluded a final conference with the president.

Representatives of the striking shop workers, Mr. Franklin said, presumably would meet in Chicago to consider the president's proposals while T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of railway executives, has announced a call for a meeting of executives next Tuesday in New York.

Mr. Franklin, as he hurried away from the White House, presciently returned to Chicago, preparatory to returning to Chicago, made the further announcement that there would be no settlement between the unions and individual railroads.

Three Proposals. Washington, July 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Three proposals for immediate ending of the railroad strike have been submitted to representatives of the railroad executives and labor unions by President Harding according to information obtained today from administration advisors who talk with the executive.

The proposals all hinge on various plans for adjusting the employees' seniority rights, which will be submitted, it was said, to the executive meeting in New York Tuesday and to an employees' conference in Chicago, to be arranged by B. M. Jewell, the shopmen's leader.

Outside railroad contracting, it was said, would be abandoned by the railroads under each of the three proposals.

Gossip on Proposals. One of the proposals, according to those claiming to have information of the president's suggestion, would be for the railroads to waive the seniority question and take all strikers back to work. Another was said to be give "loyal men who have remained at work prior seniority rights over the strikers" and the third was for separate adjustment of the seniority dispute by each road with its own employees through joint committees to be appointed.

Soon after the nature of the president's proposals had become known and after the cabinet session at which it was presumed the executives had outlined them to his advisors, Mr. Jewell appeared at the White House for another conference with Mr. Harding. The strike leader refused to discuss the situation and declared "this thing has come to the point where we can all do good if we keep quiet for a couple of days."

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## WIDOW WITNESSES TRIPLE HANGING OF HUSBANDS MURDERERS

Estancia, New Mexico, July 28.—Three men were hanged here at 7 o'clock this morning for the murder of Anton Coury, a merchant of Duran, New Mexico, last September. A fourth man who was convicted was granted a stay of execution on an appeal to the district court for a new trial at the last minute.

Mrs. Coury, widow of the slain merchant, was a silent watcher at the hangings. The three, Carlos Renteria, Yeldoro Miranda and Luis Medrauo, were put on scaffolds and the three traps were sprung simultaneously.

## LOWE KLANSMAN STATE AFFIDAVITS RECALL ELECTION

Medford, Or., July 28.—Two affidavits have been filed by former members of the Ku Klux Klan stating that D. M. Lowe, recall candidate for sheriff, is a klansman. One of them is as follows, signed by J. E. Edmiston, manager of the Oregon Cooperative Growers plant here:

"I, J. E. Edmiston, being first duly sworn, depose and say that during the months of February, March and April, 1922, I was a member of the Medford Ku Klux Klan lodge. Since that time I have resigned. But during that time I several times sat in the Ku Klux lodge with D. M. Lowe and know that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I make this affidavit for the citizens' committee because the issue seems to have been raised and it is material to know whether he elected as sheriff Mr. Lowe will follow his obligation to uphold and enforce the law, or whether he will follow his oath as a klansman to protect the klansmen of all hazards, murder, treason and rape alone excepted."

The recall election is set for Saturday, Judge Calkins having refused to grant an injunction against its being held. As a consequence of this court action the county is plunged into an intensely bitter two-day campaign. Yesterday afternoon the Medford Mail Tribune devoted an entire special edition to the support of Sheriff Terrill, and during the night some one, supposedly a supporter of Lowe, broke into the office and removed all the "spaces" from the magazines of the linotype machines, equivalent to "splitting the cannon" of an opposing army.

All administration officials acquainted with the proposals appeared to share the president's view that a basis upon which the strikers might return to work had been worked out.

AMENDMENTS TO TARIFF ACCEPTED

Washington, July 28.—Amendments to the administration tariff by Senator Leavitt, republican, Wisconsin, designed to remove at least part of what he characterized as "concealed protection" for manufacturers of woollen cloth, were approved today by the senate after they had been accepted by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, in charge of the bill for the finance committee majority.

The amendments would apply only to clothes bearing the full wool compensatory rate of 49 cents a pound. Senator Leavitt sought to have it apply to women's dress goods carrying a compensatory duty of 40 cents a pound, but the senate refused by a vote of 33 to 25.

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## GOVERNMENT IMPOTENT IN COAL STRIKE

President Harding Writes That Federal Authority Is Powerless to Interfere with Miners.

Washington, July 28.—Confident that enough coal will be produced eventually to meet the country's needs regardless of strikes on railroads and in the mines, President Harding, it was said late today at the White House contemplates no step in the coal strike situation.

The administration it was added, will of course, interpose no conditions, should the governor of any state adopt the policies of Governor McGray of Indiana, and Groesbeck of Michigan and undertake coal production for the public.

Lansing, Mich., July 28.—A letter from President Harding to Governor Groesbeck, received today declared in effect that the federal government is powerless to interfere with the attitude of the United Mine Workers of America, towards independent local agreements that at present nothing can be done except enable men willing to work, to work in safety, and that the big issue in the coal strike dispute is national dictation, "unhesitatingly assumed by the mine workers," which must be taken care of by legislation.

The president's letter, which was in reply to a telegram sent by the governor last week when he informed the national executive he was asking John L. Lewis, president of the mine workers, to grant Michigan miners permission to enter agreements independently of their national affiliation and return to work, said:

"I don't know whether you have the persuasive power to effect a voluntary agreement in Michigan, but I think it fair to assume you could not enforce such an agreement. For the present in the absence of law to guarantee service in the public welfare, we can only take steps necessary to enable men willing to work to do so in perfect safety. I do not think this means an armed guard at the mouth of every mine. It does mean the

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LEGION CHIEF WARNS AGAINST KLAN MENACE

The Dallas, Or., July 28.—Solomon warning against allowing religious differences to split the American Legion into factions was issued today by Lane Goodell, department commander, in an address at the opening session of the Oregon department of the Legion. Mr. Goodell did not mention any organization specifically.

"One thing that I am going to touch on is very delicate," Mr. Goodell began. "Some of our posts have been split, possibly not openly. Lifelong friends will hardly speak. We more or less look askance at each other wondering if he or isn't he. It strikes me as a terrible thing in our organization, an organization whose membership has the fellowship of service to our country. We had no religious lines and we had no lines of birth in the army."

"We did not have until a year ago. Now we seem to have. I am sure it will not live, for I know that the Legion will live. To me my buddy means much more than some one who was not a buddy, and who happens to belong to the same church that I do. I cannot believe that a true legionnaire would belong to any organization which would influence him to put his buddy of a different religion on the other side."

After Mr. Goodell had finished, committee reports were heard.

# Ku Klux Klan Oath

## Binding Character of Obligation Shown

### "The Modern Ku Klux Klan"



The Capital Journal today presents another installment of the "The Modern Ku Klux Klan" by Henry P. Fry, author of the New York World expose that caused the congressional investigation of the order.

Mr. Fry in previous chapters detailed how he joined the Ku Klux Klan under a misapprehension, became a kleague, was disillusioned, discovered the real aims and purposes of the organizers, and resigned in disgust.

Tomorrow Mr. Fry will explain in detail, section by section, the Kluxers oath printed today and point out wherein it differs from the oaths of other secret societies. In later issues will follow the ritual and ceremonies of the lodge.

## Negro Victim of Klan Hanging Strangely Missing

Medford, Or., July 28.—Arthur Barr, colored, first victim of the night riding in Jackson county, now under investigation by the special grand jury, and an important witness, was listed among the "missing" today. He left Modesto, California, in time to reach this city at 6 o'clock this morning. Federal agents met the train, but he was not aboard, and none of the train attendants remembered seeing him. What whereabouts is only a matter of conjecture, and is under investigation.

The grand jury which has been in session all week probing and hearing evidence on the "sectile parties," will probably adjourn Saturday, out of respect to the religious views of one of the members who is a seventh day adventist.

The jury today is hearing testimony on the "hanging" of Henry Johnson of Jacksonville, checking up testimony, and a score of witnesses have been subpoenaed, most of the residents of Jacksonville.

The grand jury has about completed its work so far as the taking of testimony is concerned. Burr's testimony is the last piece of major importance not yet laid before the jury. Because of one of the members of the jury is a seventh day adventist and has religious scruples against sitting on his sabbath day, the jury will adjourn this evening until Monday morning. It is the belief of Assistant Attorney General Liljquist that the jury will be able to make its report by Monday night, or by Tuesday forenoon at the latest.

Charges that prominent members of the Medford realm of the Ku Klux Klan spirited away one important witness, S. B. Standifer, subpoenaed to testify before the present grand jury, into the mountains, and supplied sufficient provisions to care for him and his family for a number of weeks will be presented to the jury before the present investigation ends, it is reported.

Standifer, who has been employed for some months as a special county agent to arrest violators of the prohibition law, according to stories going the rounds, (Continued on Page Five.)

## Minister Unfrosted For Marrying Couple Wearing Bathing Suits

Lawton, Okla., July 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Convicted at a secret trial on the widely heralded "bathing suit" charge and allegation of perjury and high handed disciplining of members of his flock, the Rev. Thomas J. Irwin, former pastor of the Lawton Presbyterian church was unfrosted as a minister of the Presbyterian church in the United States early today by the judicial commission of the El Reno presbytery. W. A. Roach was moderator of the trial board.

The expulsion of the Rev. Irwin from the ministry came as a climax to episodes growing out of a bitter controversy from the Lawton church.

The convicted minister gave notice of an appeal to the synod body in the church, which is scheduled to meet in October. Irwin was found guilty of conduct unbecoming a minister in performing a marriage ceremony last summer at Medicine Park, a resort near here, in which the principals, including the minister, wore bathing suits. It was alleged the wedding was conducted in a spirit of revelry, bringing disrepute upon the church. He was convicted of having sworn to a false affidavit to obtain a district court injunction restraining interference with his conduct in his affairs of the Lawton church. The third count on which his jurors voted guilty was that he disciplined members of his congregation without due process as provided by church regulations.

Women represent the entire force of receiving and paying tellers of the Commercial Trust company in Philadelphia. There are seven in number.

## KLEAGLES ADMINISTER OBLIGATION AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO ALIEN

Two Forms of Oath are Used, Long and Short, the Latter at Lodge Meetings and it is Interspersed With Verbose and Long Winded Effusions of Emperor Simmons as Contained in the Ritual—The Short Form is for Naturalization Alone.

Four Main Sections in the Oath are Entitled Obedience, Secrecy, Fidelity and Klannishness—Each Provides Binding Obligations and the Candidate Agrees to "Seal by My Blood."—Significance Realized by Few

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### CHAPTER VI The Ku Klux Klan Oath

In the printed literature of the "Invisible Empire," it is stated that those who cannot assume a "real oath," with serious determination to keep same inviolate, are not desired in the ranks of Ku Kluxism. There is no doubt whatever that "Emperor" Simmons, who probably wrote the oath, has produced a "real oath."

In making a critical analysis of the oath, I shall first reproduce it in its entirety, and then take it up in sections and show my viewpoint. If this oath is not a dangerous document and likely to imbue people with the spirit of taking the law into their own hands, then a considerable portion of my contention against the Ku Klux Klan must necessarily fail. My case against Ku Kluxism rests to a large extent upon the potential danger to the country from an absolutely secret organization, bound together by this oath, under the sole domination of one man, and likely at any time to draw into its ranks men with no regard for anything but the Ku Klux law.

### MRS. OBENCHAIN'S CASE IS CONCLUDED

Los Angeles, Cal., July 28.—The fate of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, on trial for the second time for the murder of her sweetheart, J. Bolton Kennedy, was expected to be in the hands of the jury some time today.

Ana Keyes, deputy district attorney began final arguments for the prosecution and said he expected to conclude in time for the jury to be charged and retire with the case today.

## Hundreds of Kids To Attend Journal Matinee at Bligh

At the Bligh theater tomorrow the eleventh episode of "The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe," will be shown for Salem boys and girls by The Capital Journal, and if the jams at past performances may serve to indicate the size of tomorrow's crowd, hundreds of youngsters will be lined up in front of the boxoffice by 10 o'clock.

A five-cent piece and a Capital Journal coupon will entitle any lad or lass under the age of 13 to see the picture.

Advance reports on the eleventh installment state that it is one of the most interesting of the 18—all of which are to be shown for Salem boys and girls by The Journal. Many local critics have declared the serial to be the most interesting ever shown in the city. Unquestionably the crowds have followed it more consistently than any picture of its kind ever displayed here.

Harry Meyers, who has been starred in many features, is cast in the leading role as Robinson Crusoe. He is backed by a very able cast. The picture deals with the story of Robinson Crusoe and Friday on the island—a story most American youngsters are familiar with. The suspense is well sustained in the film. No expense was spared by the Universal company in "shooting" its scenes. The picture was taken in Algiers, Morocco and in the Madagascar and Cannibal Islands. The management of the Bligh announced this afternoon that it would be well for children to be at the boxoffice early tomorrow. All children who appear at the theater will be given an opportunity of witnessing the picture, even though two showings are necessary.

Branch Lines Cease. Brandon, Man., July 28.—Owing to the coal strike in the United States, all branch lines trains on the Great Northern railway from here have been cancelled. It was announced today.

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