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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

GRANTS PASS TO HEAR MR. HUGHES

Republican Candidate Will Make Brief Address On Arrival of Train No. 15 Next Thursday Afternoon

A real live candidate for the presidency of the United States, the man given the overwhelming endorsement of Oregon republicans, will be entertained for a short time in Grants Pass next Thursday. Charles Evans Hughes, now touring the west, will arrive here on train No. 15 Thursday afternoon, and according to present arrangements will speak briefly before the train continues its way westward. For a time it appeared likely that efforts to route Hughes through southern Oregon by daylight might fail, but a telegram received Saturday afternoon by Attorney Williams, chairman of the county committee, from the state committee, stated that the original plan would be followed, and that Hughes would speak here for a few minutes.

Arrangements are under way here for a suitable reception to the distinguished visitor, and he will undoubtedly be greeted by a large crowd of his admirers. The band stand in Railroad park will be utilized as headquarters and the band will discourse music before and after Mr. Hughes' arrival. An invitation has been extended to the people of the county to be here Thursday and to assist in showing this notable visitor a rousing welcome. Wednesday Hughes will speak in Portland, leaving for the south on the train at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning. His first talk south of Portland will be at Roseburg early Thursday morning, while Grants Pass will be honored with his first talk in southern Oregon. Proceeding southward on No. 15 Mr. Hughes will speak at both Medford and Ashland, then proceeding directly southward to San Francisco.

MEXICAN EXILES STIR UP TROUBLE

El Paso, Aug. 12.—"Trouble for the United States and the Carranza government is afoot and is being stirred up right here in El Paso by a number of wealthy Mexican exiles who desire Carranza's overthrow and American intervention, if necessary," stated a government official today.

Several silent and mysterious strangers, reported to be agents of the exiles, have been seen around El Paso hotels, conferring with influential Mexicans. These men are under surveillance by United States secret service men.

"Behind the projected revolution," stated the government official, "are a number of Mexicans, owning millions of acres of land in Mexico, but now living in Los Angeles, San Antonio and other southern places. They are 'at outs' with the de facto government and the safety of their wealth depends on the crumbling of the Carranza regime. They are going about their revolutionary activities cautiously."

"Some of the Carranza garrisons are undermined now, I believe," continued this official.

Along the border customs raiders and army outposts are on the alert today to hunt smuggling of ammunition into Mexico for the new insurgents.

HUGHES CHARGES DEMOCRATS WITH SECTIONALISM

Helena, Mont., Aug. 12.—The democratic party was assailed as a party of sectionalism by Republican Nominee Hughes here today. He read a long list of chairmen of important senate and house committees, showing how the south was firmly entrenched in important lawmaking committees.

"Such an administration which makes so many men from the same section chairmen like this," he said, "is sectional administration. It is not an American administration in a broad and proper sense."

Hughes pointed out that in both senate and house "pork" bills were handled by committees of which southern members were chairmen.

"The present administration does not understand the business of the country," Hughes asserted. "It is not so organized as to take care of the business and enterprises of the country."

Hughes cited the democratic policy on sugar taxation as an instance of democratic inefficiency.

FEDERAL PROBE OF WHEAT PRICES

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Utmost secrecy today surrounded a reported federal investigation here of rising wheat prices and a corresponding increase in the price of flour. Traders intimated that the rumored investigation already was having its effect, for wheat, flour and livestock prices, soaring for a week, began to decline slightly today.

Flour which sold for \$7.25 a barrel yesterday, declined five cents today. Fractional declines characterized the wheat market opening.

Rumors of the federal investigation persisted, although E. N. Hurley, chairman of the federal trade commission, flatly denied he was making any probe of wheat or bread conditions.

"The only grounds on which we could investigate," Hurley told the United Press, "would be in event of unfair trade combines in restraint of interstate trade."

District Attorney Clynne, however, was said to be probing charges that the wheat price jump was due to market manipulation rather than the natural increase due to a crop shortage.

New York—Herman Patrick Tapp was held up by the British authorities because they thought tasty kilt golf costumes he was gathering for women of this country might be war uniforms for Irish rebels.

NATIONAL GUARD ALL TO THE BORDER

Washington, Aug. 12.—A general order to all department commanders was issued by the war department today to send all the remaining national guard organizations in their respective districts to the border as soon after they have been equipped as transportation can be obtained.

The order, it was explained, will mean that the troops will be entrusted whether they are up to the required strength or not.

There is no special emergency, it was stated, the order growing out of the general staff's desire to have the militia mobilization on the border completed as soon as possible.

The order applies only to those organizations numbering about 30,000, which already have been mobilized in the various states.

17 KILLED IN COLLISION OF CARS

Scores of Others Injured When Trolley Cars Come Together On Traction Company Line In Pennsylvania

Johnstown, Pa., Aug. 12.—At least 17 were killed and scores of others were hurt in a head-on collision between trolley cars on the Southern Cambria Traction company line at Echo, several miles north of here this afternoon.

The dead are: Joseph Ribblett, Johnstown; Benj. Ribblett; Frank Ribblett, a son, Mooreville, David Dishon; Mrs. Benj. Ribblett, Cooperdale, little son of John Lentz, Jamison; Mrs. John Lentz, Jamison, Angus Verner, motorman, runaway car; Taylor Thomas, motorman, runaway car; six unidentified men.

At least a score of injured have been brought to hospitals here. Scores more are being treated at the scene. It is impossible to get the exact number of injured.

All the Johnstown automobile fire engines were pressed into service as ambulances and there is a constant stream of them to and from the scene. Several women fainted as one of the fire trucks, carrying two young women, apparently badly injured, drove its way through the crowds on Main street, apparently headed for a crash.

CAPTURE OF TOLMINO IS IMMINENT

Italians Now Contending For Austrian Stronghold On the Isonzo, Scoring Continuous Victories South of Goritz

Rome, Aug. 12.—A new and fierce battle has broken out around the fortified Austrian town of Tolmino, next to Goritz, the greatest Austrian stronghold on the Isonzo. The city, lying twenty miles north of Goritz, is believed to be in imminent danger of capture.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Italian troops have scored further victories south of Goritz, crossing the Vallone and carrying the western slopes of Monte Nadlogem, it was officially announced this afternoon. Italian detachments have occupied Oppachiasella.

Oppachiasella lies six miles south of Goritz, and about two miles southeast of San Martino del Carso, whose capture was announced yesterday.

THREATENED STRIKE KEEPS WILSON ON JOB

Washington, Aug. 12.—In view of the threatening railroad strike situation, President Wilson remained at his desk today and did not take his customary week end jaunt away from Washington.

U. S. LOSES \$100,000,000 IN TRADE THROUGH BRITISH INTERFERENCE

Chicago, Aug. 12.—An estimated loss of \$100,000,000 in Russian trade to American firms within the last eight months through theft or delay of cables by the British censors, was charged today by A. S. Postnikof, president of the International Manufacturers Sales company.

Postnikof confirmed United Press despatches from Petrograd, stating that efforts are being made to lay a direct cable between Russia and America. He declared this was being done because of the inability to get proper cable transmission of Russian orders through the British censor.

He charged that England had actually been stealing American trade, with the declaration that out of 50 cables received by his company in the last eight months, only five have been transmitted in their original form.

"While I have no direct proof that England has garbled our cables to throw trade to their own manufacturers, I am pretty certain that such is the case," said Postnikof.

"In the past eight months of eight cables from here to our Petrograd office and from that office to this office seven have been lost. No doubt exists in my mind that England is using every possible means, fair or foul, to interfere, and if possible, put an end to, direct trade relations between the United States and other countries. England is particularly desirous of discouraging such trade between American firms and their Russian customers."

"Prior to the war, Germany enjoyed this lucrative position in all our dealings with Russia."

The International Manufacturers Sales company is a subsidiary sales organization of 50 American firms, representing a total capital of \$400,000,000.

Postnikof said his concerns provoked

to Washington regarding the censorship of their cables and that considerable correspondence with the state department followed. Nine cables from the company's Russian offices are still missing, Postnikof declared.

"The loss to America will run over \$100,000,000 through England's acts," he said.

Postnikof considers the situation so serious that he plans to leave for New York tonight to confer with Newcomb Carlton, head of the Western Union Telegraph company regarding the laying of cables between Russia and this country.

Washington, Aug. 12.—England "indignantly denies" that she has diverted to her own use any cabled Russian business orders intended for United States firms.

The state department revealed today that this has been the upshot thus far of its investigation into complaints that England was engaged in a trade stealing process, whereby orders were turned to English houses.

Every complaint by American firms has been examined to the limit. In some instances, it developed that while there had been no diversion, there had been cabled "delays" in both England and Russia.

The main difficulty in finding any proof of British interference lies in the fact that America must rely chiefly on British word—and invariably England has "indignantly denied" the claims.

For this reason, the state department has virtually given up hope of relieving the situation confronting American firms dealing with Russia. England admittedly has the right to delay cablegrams under the plea that it is necessary because of the exigencies of war. In fact some interna-

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AUSTRIANS ARE CONTINUING TO RETREAT NORTH

London, Aug. 12.—The advance guard of the Russian force that occupied Stanislaw, pressed on two miles northeast of the city and crossed the river Zlota Bistriza, 18 miles south of Halitz, according to Petrograd despatches today.

The Austro-Germans offered but weak resistance, and then continued their retreat north. Several guns were abandoned by the enemy in their retreat from the Zlota Bistriza.

Two separate Slav forces are now converging on Halitz, the immediate objective of General Letchitsky in his drive against Lemberg.

The first, moving eastward along the north bank of the Dniester, is less than 20 miles from Halitz. The second force operating south of the Dniester, is composed of the detachments that took Stanislaw.

There is no indication in despatches from either Petrograd, Berlin or Vienna that the Russian advance, the most rapid made by any army since the Austro-German Balkan campaign, has been slowed up. In four days they have progressed 20 miles and in the fighting about Stanislaw alone they have taken nearly twenty villages and towns.

Battling over much difficult country, the Italians scored successes of equal importance in their southward swing toward Trieste. The news from both Petrograd and Rome suggests that the demoralization of the Austrian armies may be more complete than earlier advices indicated. No official statement has been made public here thus far of the activities in the Balkans, reported from Paris yesterday.

AEROPLANES RAID ENGLAND

London, Aug. 12.—Two German aeroplanes dropped four bombs on the English coast town of Dour at 12:25 this afternoon. General French commanding the home forces, reported that no material damage was done.

SUFFRAGETTES' AXE OUT FOR WILSON

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 12.—Organizers of the National Woman's party met here today in the closing sessions of their conference to plan a \$500,000 campaign in the 12 suffrage states along the lines laid out in resolutions adopted late yesterday. The declared policy of the party is to use "its best efforts to defeat the democratic candidate for president and the democratic candidates for congress so long as their opposition to the federal amendment enfranchising women continues."

While the conference unanimously "congratulated" progressive, prohibition and socialist parties and "commended" Charles E. Hughes for their stand in favor of national woman suffrage, many of the organizers today announced their determination to wage the campaign strictly in behalf of the republican presidential candidate.

Miss Anne Martin stated that the general policy, which did not endorse any specific candidate, was merely "political expediency."

A majority of the leaders of the woman's party are women who have sacrificed comfort and luxury in their home states, to take up legal residence in suffrage states and vote. Miss Elsie Hill moved from Connecticut to Colorado. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch left New York and rented an "attic" in Kansas, she said, Mrs. E. St. Clair Thompson, of an old South Carolina family, has taken up her residence in Arizona. Miss Marjorie Ross of Pittsburg became a Wyoming homesteader.

MEDIATION IS UNAVAILING IN STRIKE

Federal Commission Unable to Solve Controversy, and President Wilson Asks Permission to Intervene

New York, Aug. 12.—Members of the executive board of the trainmen's brotherhood will accept an invitation from President Wilson to intervene in an attempt to settle amicably the difference between the brotherhoods and the railroad managers, A. B. Garretson, brotherhood official, announced this afternoon. Garretson said he had not yet received any offer from the president. He indicated the brotherhoods will delay any step until they confer with the president if the latter so desires.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson has sent word to representatives of the railroads and of the four brotherhoods who threaten to strike, stating that before they take any final action that would result in paralyzing traffic, he wishes to talk with them.

New York, Aug. 12.—Mediation has failed in the controversy between 400,000 railroad employes and the managers of the 236 railroads affected.

This was the formal announcement made today by Judge Martin Knapp of the United States board of mediation and conciliation in a communication to the trainmen.

Judge Knapp's communication read:

"In our judgement, after two days of consideration of the difficulties between the railroad managers and the employes, there is no prospect of settlement by mediation and therefore, we suggest arbitration as the means of reaching a settlement."

Immediately they were handed Judge Knapp's communication, the executive board of the brotherhoods who have been empowered by a 94 percent vote to call a strike, if, in their opinion, such action is essential to success of their fight for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime, went into executive session to consider the suggestion.

From statements made a short time before, the board declared unanimously and unequivocally that they would never consent to arbitration.

Admitted failure of mediation, it was believed in railroad and brotherhood circles, developed the most ominous situation since the men made their demands.

This seriousness was emphasized by the statement of a prominent retired railroad president that the road would face a strike rather than give up their plan to settle all differences by arbitration.

WILLARD READY TO FIGHT ANOTHER \$50,000 WORTH

Chicago, Aug. 12.—Jesse Willard, champion heavyweight boxer, is ready to take on all comers at \$50,000 per.

This was the information Willard sent from Denver to friends here today in reply to queries as to whether he had quit the fighting game.

RECOVER BODIES OF 58 VICTIMS OF FLOOD

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Fifty-six bodies have been recovered and 38 persons are missing, and are now known to have lost their lives in Wednesday's flood in the Cabin creek district, Colonel Charles Morrison reported to Governor Hatfield today.