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STRIKE OF I. W. W. FAILS TO COME OFF

NOT A MILL, FACTORY OR CAMP IN ANY NORTHWEST CITY CLOSED BY STRIKE

ALL IS QUIET IN WASHINGTON

Governor Later Believed to Have Definite Plan to Check Pernicious Activities

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20—The I. W. W. general strike called for today in the northwestern states has evidently failed. Reports from several of the northwestern cities failed to disclose a single mill, factory or camp closed on account of strike. Probably not a man quit work in Portland on account of the strike call.

Seattle, Aug. 20—No I. W. W. disturbances in western Washington are reported this morning and all is quiet the first day of the so-called general strike. Governor later believed to have a definite plan to check disturbances.

CARRYING HOME YOUR PACKAGE IS POPULAR

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20—It's the popular, even the fashionable, thing for Mrs. H. Society to carry home her groceries today. More than that, it's the patriotic thing to do.

Portland stores, backed by the state defense council, have started a movement to induce housewives to carry home their smaller purchases. As the first step in this direction, the merchants today put into practice the one-delivery-a-day system, which will free a large number of men for other work.

The government is urging cities throughout the nation to adopt this plan.

SIGNS CHECK FOR HUNDRED MILLION

Washington, D. C., August 20.—The largest check ever issued in the world has been returned to the United States Treasury, paid and cancelled. The check for two hundred million dollars was signed by Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, and represented the first payment on the loan of the United States to Great Britain.

Other large checks which have been signed by Secretary McAdoo within the last six months are one for \$100,000,000 to France and one for \$100,000,000 to Italy. Numerous other smaller checks ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$75,000,000 have been signed as loans to our allies.

Previous to January, 1917, the largest check that had ever been signed by a secretary of the treasury of the United States was one for \$40,000,000 in payment for the rights of the French Panama Canal company for the privilege of constructing the Panama canal. The next largest check was for \$25,000,000 in payment for the Danish West Indies.

When the treaty ceding the islands to the United States was signed it contained a clause calling for payment of the entire amount in gold. When it came time for the Danish minister to collect for the islands, the treasury was made ready to make the payment, but the perplexed minister found that there was hardly enough wagons in Washington to haul \$25,000,000 in gold, and, finally, after much cabling between officials, he consented to take a draft for the sum to be placed at the credit of the government.

G. A. R. REUNION AT BOSTON

Ten Thousand Veterans of Civil War Meet in National Convention at the Hub

Boston, Aug. 20—Between 8,000 and 10,000 G. A. R. veterans are here today for their National reunion and encampment. Members of the Navy Medical Honor league, which will hold its convention in conjunction with the Grand Army, began arriving yesterday and most of them were here this morning from all parts of the country.

Every arrangement for the comfort of the veterans has been made. Boy Scouts will act as guides.

Among the prominent veterans arriving today were Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, William J. Patterson of Pittsburg, Pa.; Senior vice-commander W. H. Worstead of Kansas City, Mo.; and Junior vice-commander E. A. Russ of New Orleans, La.

The veterans will be officially welcomed to the city tonight at a get-together meeting.

With this country on the eve of active military participation in the war, the Grand Army reunion has taken on a new and serious significance. It is probable that some plan for coordinating the work of the Grand Army in aiding the country in ways of the gathering of the veterans.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF DOG LICENSE LAW ATTACKED

Salem, Ore., Aug. 20—The constitutionality of the new dog license law was attacked here today in the mandamus proceedings instituted to compel Constable Varney to collect dog licenses or destroy the dogs. The application for a writ was argued before Justice Moore today.

E. R. Ringo, the constable's attorney, declared the law is unconstitutional because it is not statewide and because it is a criminal statute and yet attempts to raise revenue.

ROAD CONFERENCE DELAYED BY WRECK

Delay in the road conference between the governors, state highway commissioners and citizens of Oregon and California was caused by a wrecked bridge which had to be repaired before the Oregon officials could continue their journey to Crescent City.

The meeting was called to consider the extension into Oregon of the Coast Highway, which California is building from San Francisco Bay to the northern boundary of the state. Discussion as to whether it shall continue north, on the assumption that a similar coast route will be built through Oregon, or strike northeast to the Pacific Highway at Grants Pass, will be the chief feature of the sessions.

A big six-ton truck loaded with chrome ore crashed through a bridge nine miles from Crescent City today, and Governor Withycombe, S. Benson, State Highway Commissioner, and the delegation traveling by auto from Grants Pass were delayed and did not reach Crescent City until Sunday night. The program was postponed until their arrival.

VIOLATORS OF DRAFT LAW GET TWO YEARS

New York Aug. 20—Pleading guilty to the charge of conspiring to violate the United States draft laws, Dr. Samuel Bernfeld and Louisa Cherry, ousted members of the exemption board, were today sentenced to a term of two years in the Atlanta federal prison. They were also given a fine of \$10,000 each, with fines remitted.

ITALIANS IN GREAT AUSTRIAN ACTIVITY

Days of Artillery and Aerial Activity Precede Assault Which Land Italian Troops in Austrian Front Line Trenches

Rome, Aug. 20—Italy has started on a determined offensive extending from the Adriatic to the Alps, a blow which is probably the greatest the Italians have yet struck.

Early reports describe initial successes of the troops of General Cadorna. This offensive followed days of artillery preparation and extensive aerial activity.

Assaults were launched on Carso, Isonzo and Julian fronts simultaneously as one great offensive.

The Italians actually pulverized the Austrian defenses in many places along the entire line. Dispatches

from the front reported the enemy hurrying up reserves to strengthen weak places in their lines, flinging troops into human ramparts against the advancing Italians.

The defenders are bitterly resisting the advance of the Italians.

Italy's drive carried General Cadorna's troops across the Isonzo river north of Anheva, and into the Austrian front line trenches from Piava to the sea. It is reported in an official statement.

Seven thousand five hundred Austrian prisoners are officially reported.

BRITISH TOMMIES TALK OF EVERYTHING BUT WAR WHILE FIGHTING

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS) United Press Staff Correspondent

With the British Army in the field August 1 (By Mail)—People can get used to anything, even to this business of war. Were it not so, those who have to keep on killing Germans month in and month out, would go mad and bite somebody.

Today I was out among the guns pounding away at the Germans in the neighborhood of Lens. It was tea time. Overhead seven British planes were winging past on their way to a wrestling match with the enemy in the clouds. Now and then a six-inch shell exploded in the vicinity of the British batteries.

Under a scrap of canvas serving as shelter from the midsummer sun, sat a Canadian major, commander of a battery of howitzers. He was bare-headed. On a wooden hand grenade packing-case was a cup of tea. By it lay a slice of buttered bread. The major was in his shirt sleeves. In his hands were a book and lead pencil.

Jotting something down in the book the major laid it face down on

the case and took up the slice of buttered bread, bit off a mouthful and chewed away for some 30 seconds, then called out to one of his gunners nearby:

"Number Two! Four seven five nine."

Number Two crew lifted a huge shell into the howitzer's breech, closed and locked the breechblock, sighted and stood by, one of the men holding the lanyard taut in his right hand. In his left he held a piece of bread.

Swallowing a gulp of tea the major picked up his gunnery book and casually ordered:

"Number One! Fire!"

The howitzer next to Number Two bellowed so the country round about echoed and rocked to its thunder. The major set down some figures and refreshed himself with more tea and bread.

"Hey, Bill!" sang out the gunner of Number One crew.

"Watcher want now?" an ammunition tender growled. He was busy

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RUSH WORK ON DESTROYERS

Construction of Submarine Chasers Halted to Speed Up On the Largest Craft

Washington, D. C., August 20.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has secured pledges of co-operation from the ship builders in his plans to double the number of United States submarine destroyers, and orders have been issued to hasten the construction of vessels under the present contracts.

The construction of submarine chasers will be stopped temporarily when the first group is finished in order that the situation of the ship yards may be turned to the building of scores of destroyers, which are believed to be the strongest submarine weapon.

The president and naval chiefs have decided against a major naval offensive at this time. It is believed that the allied navies will make a great smash against the Germans next spring.

FRANCE ANNOUNCES WEDDING DURING THE WAR

Bordeaux, Aug. 2 (By Mail)—For the first time during the war a purely Franco-German marriage has taken place here.

Local papers carried the message without comment. The contracting parties were Ernest-Carl Brunschweig "German subject" and Miss Marie-Jeanne Esch.

Brunschweig is an employee of a commercial house at Libourne near here.

BELIEVED RUSSIA WILL REJECT PEACE PROPOSAL

Washington, D. C., August 20.—It is believed here that the Russian embassy statement foreshadows the rejection of Burris of the Pope's peace proposal.

Hogs Are Higher
Portland, Ore., Aug. 20—Hogs jumped another dollar and a quarter this morning, reaching \$18.25.

UPRISING FEARED IN PENITENTIARY

Salem, Ore., Aug. 20—A serious uprising of convicts is feared following several attempts to escape from the state penitentiary, including one narrowly averted wholesale delivery. The guards say that conditions are ripe for an outbreak. It is learned that workers in the fax plant staged a hunger strike lasting one day. Prison discipline has been increased.

PIG CLUB MEMBERS PAY VISIT TO STOCK YARDS

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20—Sixty members of the Pig club of the United States National Bank of Salem arrived in Portland this morning to study market conditions. They will be taken to the Union Stock yards and through Portland's commission and wholesale district during the day. They are the guests of G. W. and D. W. Eyre, vice presidents of the Salem bank.

The Pig club is composed of boys and girls who are studying the swine industry and, incidentally, each member is raising a pig or two.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE DESTROYS STEAMERS

New York, Aug. 20—Two steamers and 10 smaller vessels, docked at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn, were seriously damaged by fire this morning, the damage estimated to amount to nearly a million dollars. The fire followed two explosions of unknown origin.

FIGHT STILL CONTINUES AT VERDUN

GREAT BRAVERY OF FRENCH RESULT IN CAPTURE OF SEVERAL POSITIONS

MANY PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

Berlin Officially Announces That the French Take Valenciennes Without Opposition

Paris, Aug. 20—A new and terrific battle has reached a climax around Verdun.

The official statement says: "Fighting continued in our advantage in a conflict raging over a front of 12 miles between Avancecourt Wood and Douaumont."

The French, whose bravery in this attack has been incomparable, have captured numerous important positions.

The war office has given detailed reports of the continuation of artillery work on the Belgian front. Many prisoners have been taken.

Berlin, Aug. 20—The French occupation of Valenciennes without fighting is officially announced. The French are making a violent assault against the Germans on a front of 14 miles.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY POSTPONES OPENING DAY

Salem, Ore., Aug. 20—Following the example of colleges and universities throughout the country, the Willamette University here has postponed the opening of the school year from September 17 to September 23 so that students can help with the fall harvest.

LOG DRIVING REGULATIONS ARE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION

Portland, Ore., Aug. 20—Tentative rules governing log boom companies are being discussed here today at a conference attended by the public service commission and persons interested in log driving and booms.

ENGINEER TO REPORT ON IRRIGATION PROJECT

Every land owner under the Grants Pass and Gold Hill irrigation districts should make a special effort to attend the meeting called for tomorrow (Tuesday, August 21) at 1:30 p. m. at the city hall. It is a meeting of vital importance to all within the district and all should hear about the various schemes proposed and how much they will cost. This is the time to be reliably informed as to what is being done and criticisms and suggestions will be welcomed.

Agricultural experts of the state and federal government have recently examined the agricultural and soil conditions of the project and have discussed with the engineer the engineering features. How much cost for water and the land stand, and how it can be financed, are two important questions. If these things interest you do not fail to attend the meeting Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 at the city hall.

MILLIONS MADE ON SHIPS SOLD TO ALLIES

Tokio, July 17 (By Mail)—Japan has made \$50,000,000 from ships since the outbreak of the war. Thirty-two merchantmen, aggregating 200,000 tons, have been sold to England, France, Italy, America, Spain and Norway for \$42,500,000. The money obtained from the sale of 90 trawlers is estimated at \$7,500,000.

FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN.



—Gift in Los Angeles Times.