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## BIG STRIKES NOT SETTLED; BOSTON IS HIT

### 8,000 EMPLOYEES RAILWAY SYSTEM THE BEAN EATERS' CITY UP IN HARD KNOT

## DEMAND 8 HOURS, BIGGER WAGES

### Strikers at San Francisco Turn Cold Shoulder on Employers and Send Delegates to Washington

Boston, Mass., July 17.—Car service on street, subway and elevated lines here and in 12 adjacent cities and towns is tied up by a strike of 8,000 employees of the Boston Elevated Railway system, as a protest against the war labor board's delay in announcing award in the wage dispute. Workmen demand eight hours and 73 1/2 cents an hour.

San Francisco, July 17.—The strike conference committee of the telephone operators and electrical workers today refused negotiations with the telephone company to learn details of the strike settlement agreement reported as reached yesterday in Washington, D. C. A committee of two of the strikers' representatives left for Washington today for further conferences with the wire control board and Postmaster General Burleson.

## PLENTY OF HARVEST HELP AT \$4.00 DAY

Portland, July 17.—Reports received for the past week by the Portland office of the United States employment service failed to substantiate rumors that have been circulated in this city to the effect that the Eastern Oregon wheat fields were drawing men from all parts of the state, lured by high wages. The employment service found that except in a few cases in which the men are experts in some particular line of work, as header drivers, sack sewers, box tenders, and the like, the prevailing wage is \$4 a day and board. Reports also indicate that at the present time there is no great shortage of labor in any of the wheat districts.

A report from Moro, Oregon, received yesterday indicated that the wages are \$4 a day and that more men are going there than are needed at present. At Salem men are being paid \$3 and \$3.50 a day and board and no more are needed.

## ALABAMA FAILS TO RATIFY AMENDMENT

Montgomery, Ala., July 17.—The Alabama senate today refused to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment by a vote of 19 to 13.

## WHEAT GROWERS BUY LAND WITH ONE CROP

Amarillo, Texas, July 17.—Bumper wheat crops, which are assured in this district, are causing an unique situation as regards crop values and the present prices of land. In many instances the crop will yield as much as twice the value of the land. One farmer near here recently purchased 120 acres of which half was planted in wheat, and his yield, as now estimated, will more than double the price paid for the farm and improvements. Some farmers are assured of 50 bushels to the acre, almost an unheard of yield in this district.

## "ACT OF BIG FIVE BLOT ON JUSTICE"

### Former Premier of Japan Makes Such Assertion Upon Failure to Secure "Racial Equality"

Yokohama, July 17.—Failure of the peace conference at Paris to adopt Japan's proposal of racial equality was denounced by Marquis Okuma, former premier of Japan, in an address he delivered recently before the Japan Civilization society. "It is a blot on justice and humanity that the whites, who constitute less than one-third of the world's population, assume the control of the world, and I declare that a justice and a humanity which do not recognize racial equality are scarcely worthy of the name," he said. "Germany has hitherto been a great influence in the world and this influence is about to be replaced by Anglo-American influence which will produce a far reaching effect on the future peace of the world and the weal of mankind."

Concluding, Marquis Okuma said that the Japanese are considerably inferior to westerners in intellectual powers, physical strength and wealth and they must show no hesitation in possessing themselves of whatever is required to make them the equal of others. He added:

"There is nothing wrong in securing development, morally, economically and socially. If the best efforts are made in these directions it is to be hoped that no great difficulty will be experienced in surpassing the arrogant westerners and bringing them to their knees."

## BREAD PRICE IN PORTLAND WILL BE INCREASED CENT

Portland, Ore., July 17.—Portland bakers may soon increase the price of bread 1 cent a loaf. Final settlement on the increase has not yet been determined, but the majority of the bakers in the city insist that the 10-cent loaf is sold at a loss.

Other cities are paying more for bread than is charged in Portland, according to the bakers, who say an increase is justified. Just when the contemplated advance will go into effect is not yet known, as the bakers are desirous of having a meeting among themselves in order to decide on a uniform charge.

## PLANE HISSSES 30 FEET CRASHES TO GROUND

St. Johns, July 17.—Frederick Rayham again failed to depart on a trans-Atlantic flight. His machine rose to a height of 30 feet and then crashed to the ground and was wrecked. None were injured.

## HENRY FORD SAYS BOOZE ONE CAUSE FOR WAR

Mount Clemens, Mich., July 17.—Henry Ford today was questioned about an article written by John Reed about him, called "Industry's Miracle Maker." Mr. Ford said Reed got his information elsewhere than from him.

The article in question said Mr. Ford opposed the use of alcoholic drink. Reed pointed out that the Germans thrived on beer and the French on wine.

"Yes, and I think that was one of the causes of the war," Ford said.

"How?" a lawyer asked.

"It made them suspicious of each other," Mr. Ford answered.

## HUNS WANT TO TRADE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

London, July 17.—Germany is believed to have sent a mission to establish trade relations with soviet Russia.

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson today signed an executive order increasing the guaranteed price of the 1919 wheat crop to \$2.30 per bushel at Galveston and New Orleans.

## WILSON TRYING TO WIN SUPPORT OF THE SENATE

### Holding Star Session With Certain Republicans—Borah Determined to Learn Facts About Shantung—Sherman Asks Senate to Reject Shantung Provision

Washington, July 17.—President Wilson has begun his conferences with republican senators. The first caller was Senator McCumber of North Dakota, a supporter of the treaty and covenant. Senator Colt, of Rhode Island, and Nelson of Minnesota were invited to call later.

Senator Colt, who had not previously made known his position on the league, announced in a senate speech his support of the principles embodied in the league covenant but withheld judgment regarding certain reservations. He said "the nations must at least see the great undertaking upon which we embarked in entering the war, through to an end, which can be done by becoming a member of the league." He did not believe the league would create a super-state or subvert the American constitution, but added that the Monroe Doctrine must be clearly safeguarded. Domestic questions, said Senator Colt, should be left for national action, but "not to try the experiment of the league would leave the world in the same condition of international anarchy as before the war."

## SECRETARY HOUSTON VISITS WEST COAST

David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, accompanied by Mrs. Houston, headed a party of officials from Washington, D. C., and from the forestry departments of Oregon and California who visited Grants Pass today. Among the delegation were H. S. Graves, head of the forestry department, at Washington, D. C., Geo. H. Cecil of the forestry department at Portland, and Austin B. Fletcher, state highway engineer of California.

Secretary Houston, Mrs. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. Graves and a few others made the trip by automobile from San Francisco to Eureka, Crescent City and thence to Grants Pass. Last night they stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Esterly at Waldo, where they were royally entertained, and Mr. and Mrs. Esterly accompanied them to this city today.

Mr. Houston stated that he was merely on a tour of inspection, being greatly interested in the beautiful highway now under construction from San Francisco north to Crescent City and on to Grants Pass. The state of California has already voted \$400,000 for this scenic highway and additional funds will probably be available from the government.

The secretary and party left for Sacramento this afternoon and will then go to Salt Lake City to attend the cattlemen's convention.

Messrs. Graves and Cecil will leave the city this evening, going as far as Riddle by auto, and then take the train for Portland.

## FIRE ALMOST DESTROYS CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

Medford, Ore., July 17.—Jacksonville, the oldest settlement in Southern Oregon, was saved from complete destruction by fire yesterday only by the aid of the Medford fire department sending their motor hose cart when the Jacksonville hose burst in a dozen places. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Four houses and one barn were destroyed, and a dozen horses were scorched.

## PACIFIC ARMADA SAILS SATURDAY

### 175 Ships Will Leave Hampton Roads, Manned by 34,000 Men and 1,800 Officers

Washington, July 17.—Approximately 175 ships with an aggregate tonnage of more than 500,000 will constitute the newly organized Pacific fleet, it was said today at the navy department. A full strength the armada will be manned by about 34,000 men and 1,800 commissioned officers, but the personnel will be about 30 per cent below this strength when the fleet begins its history making voyage from Hampton Roads next Saturday.

Included in the fleet will be these ships:

Dreadnaughts—New Mexico, Wyoming, Arkansas, Mississippi, Idaho, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico.

Pre-dreadnaughts—Vermont, Nebraska, Georgia, Rhode Island, Virginia and New Jersey.

Cruisers—Seattle, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Tacoma, Marblehead, Machias, Vicksburg, Montana, North Carolina and Pueblo.

There will be 105 destroyers of the new 1400 tons flush deck type, built after the United States entered the war. They will be divided into two squadrons with the scout cruisers Birmingham and Salem as flagships and with the Melville, Prairie, Buffalo and Blackhawk as tenders.

In the fleet also will be 14 submarines of the S type with the Savannah as tender. The mine detachment will consist of the cruiser Baltimore as flagship, the mine layer Arctostook and the mine sweepers Ortolan, Partridge, Redwing, Seagull, Thrush, Whippoorwill, Tanager, Lapwing, Tern, Bittern, Sand Piper, Vireo.

The fleet train will consist of the cruiser Minneapolis as flagship and the repair ship Vestal, hospital ships Comfort and Mercy; supply ship Rappahannock, Glacier and Celtic; fuel ships Arethusa, Maumee, Neches, Kanawha, Brutus, Vulcan, Mars; target repair ship Nanshan; radio repair ship Saturn and 11 tugs.

## WILL TEST WASHINGTON'S BONE DRY LAW IN COURT

Spokane, July 17.—Formal notice of appeal to superior court has been given in the case of Maurice Oppenheimer, son of the late Mose Oppenheimer, convicted in police court on city and state charges of having liquor in his possession.

He was fined \$350 and sentenced to four months' in jail after charges of selling liquor had been changed to lesser charges on motion of the prosecutor.

## GREAT STORES OF YANK FOOD GO TO THE HUNS

Coblenz, July 17.—Civilians in the American occupied area of Germany have been buying nearly a million marks worth of food daily during the last few weeks from the United States army supplies. The amount sold thus far totals 40,000,000 marks. Germans in Trier and Coblenz have organized a non-profit association which deals with the inter-allied military commission on food, the supplies being distributed to the consumer through the retailers who are allowed a limited profit on all sales.

Such staples as bacon, rice and canned milk were at first sold to the Germans by the commission of experts especially the women and children, were in need of certain foods. Later, when thousands of American soldiers were homeward bound, the commission decided to open certain stores of the army to the Germans, owing to the fact that there was more food on hand than the army had use for.

## REPUBLICANS WOULD MURDER DAYLIGHT BILL

### START FIGHT TO PASS MEASURE WHICH WAS FORMERLY DEFEATED OVER VETO

## AGRICULTURAL BILL FRIDAY

### House Passes Bill Providing \$14,000,000 for the Rehabilitation of Wounded Soldiers

Washington, July 17.—Republican leaders of the house, supported by party leaders in the senate agreed late yesterday to attempt repassage of the agricultural appropriation bill with its daylight saving repeal rider despite the president's veto. Provisions of the daylight saving law authorizing the interstate commerce commission to fix standard time zones, however, would not be discarded under the proposal.

In line with this decision, made by the republican legislative steering committee and after assurance had been obtained that the rules committee would authorize the daylight-saving repeal being incorporated in the appropriation bill, Chairman Haugen of the house agricultural committee late yesterday reintroduced the agricultural bill. Consideration of the agricultural bill on the floor of the house probably will begin Friday.

Washington, July 17.—The house today again passed the sundry civil bill, amended to provide \$14,000,000 instead of \$6,000,000 for the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers.

## HARVEST WILL NOT BE FAILURE IN OREGON

Portland, Ore., July 17.—Conditions in Oregon have been favorable for fruit during the past week, according to the weekly summary issued by the weather bureau. The week as a whole was warm and dry. The temperature was variable but on several days exceeded 90 degrees over a large part of the state. On the 14th temperatures of 100 degrees or higher occurred at many places. Precipitation was confined to a few local showers. They were heavy in a few localities but covered small areas. Farm work progressed without interruption.

Harvest of rye is complete in most sections. Harvest of winter wheat is in progress over a large part of the state. In some sections the yield is better than expected. Spring wheat is still promising in the Willamette valley but needs rain. In other sections, except where irrigated, it is generally very poor. The warm weather has been favorable to corn but rain is needed. It is said by in Josephine county and is tasseling in Douglas county.

Apricots are nearly gone in Umatilla county. Loganberries are abundant, but need rain. Evergreen blackberries are promising.

## BRITISH REVEAL TO WORLD ONE OF BIG GUNS

London, July 17.—The British Admiralty has revealed that one of the developments of the navy in the war was an 18-inch gun which fired a ton and a half shell, seven feet long, twenty miles, with sufficient force to pierce a foot of the hardest steel. It was used in the memorable attack on Zeebrugge with excellent effect.