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## PRESIDENT WILSON SHIFTS RESPONSIBILITY TO RAILROADS

### Stands Firm on Eight Hour Proposal Made by Employes and Insists on Adoption of His Plan

### PEOPLE OF THE U. S. WILL NOT TOLERATE STRIKE

### Should Trouble Come Congress May Take Over and Operate Roads to Protect American Commerce and Industry

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Wilson indirectly served notice on the railroad executives today that he had no intention of withdrawing his demand for an eight hour-day as a means of averting the threatened strike. He also made clear his position on arbitration. He said:

"What I am proposing does not weaken or discredit the principle of arbitration. It strengthens it, rather. It proposes that nothing be conceded except the eight hour day, to which the whole economic movement of the time seems to point, and the immediate creation of an agency for determining all arbitrate elements in this case in the light, not of predictions or forecasts, but of established and ascertained facts."

The statement was contained in a telegram signed by the president and forwarded from the White House to George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers at Hartford, Conn. Two days ago Mr. Pope telegraphed the president congratulating him on the stand he had taken.

That the president sought this means of informing the public and the railway executives definitely of his position is clear from the fact that he gave out the correspondence.

The direct effect of this strategic move from the White House was somewhat bewildering to the railway executives. They have heard from leaders of the brotherhoods and congressional sources that as a last resort the president will appeal to congress for temporary federal control.

### May Mean Government Control

According to several members of congress, such a move may possibly be the means of preventing a tie-up of the railway traffic that would be most disastrous to the country. Some believe it means the beginning of government control over all the great trunk lines which thread the country.

In discussing the situation, Senator Marcus A. Smith of Arizona, a Democratic member of the senate committee on railroads, said:

"I am unalterably opposed to government control of railroads, but a strike might result in something worse. I don't construe the attitude attributed to the president by the published reports of the conference as a threat of permanent control."

### Would Be Temporary Only

"My own analysis of the president's plan in event the railroads officially refuse to heed his suggestion is that he will ask for temporary receiverships. In this way the government could operate the railroads on an eight-hour day basis pending a settlement of the controversy between the employes and employers."

Senator Smith took the precaution to remark that he had not discussed the matter with President Wilson. It is reasonably certain, however, that all members of the important railroad committee are being kept informed of the details of the conference.

It is said that if the president finds the railway executive unwilling to yield, the following tentative plan may be followed:

First—A notification to the railroads of his intention to have the government operate the lines if a strike is called.

Second—The retention in the railway service of members of the brotherhoods after removing the present executives. The roads will be in the hands of a temporary receiver with the government acting as receiver.

Subordinate Management Retained  
Third—The subordinate management of the railroads will be retained and no changes will be made affecting either employes or operation schedules except as should be proven necessary after a fair trial under government direction.

Fourth—The appointment of a disinterested government commission to determine what additional increase in freight rates, if any, should be recommended to the Interstate Commerce commission to offset the increased expenses.

The executives and managers held separate meetings this morning, continuing until 1:30, but all dispersed in the afternoon, most of those remaining in Washington over Sunday taking automobile trips in the afternoon.

### Evangelistic Services in Tent

Melkie and Johnson, evangelists who say they are traveling south from Tacoma, will hold services in a tent at the corner of Fifth and G streets commencing next Thursday evening. Their advertising matter says their services will be evangelistic and that they have no connection with Mormonism, Russellism or Holly-Rollerism.

## HUGHES BOOSTERS PUSHING CAMPAIGN IN THIS COMMUNITY

### Will Put Large Banner Across Main Street Telling of Headquarters Location

"Hughes-Fairbanks Headquarters," with a big hand pointing to J. J. Brown's office will greet the people of Springfield about the middle of this week from over Main street at the corner of Fourth. This big forty foot banner is now in the course of construction and is to be painted by Claud Signor, local artist, and will be strung with the city father's consent between the pole at Egimann's and the pole at the Commercial State Bank.

The Hughes-Fairbanks club held a very interesting meeting at the headquarters Friday evening. The membership committee reported that 125 had already signed up for membership. They expect to have 500 by election time is J. C. Holbrook's prediction. Petitions have been given men of surrounding towns to circulate and all of the farmers in the community will be asked to join.

President Walker appointed O. B. Kenney, Thomas Sike and D. S. Bean, as the finance committee. Hughes buttons and literature will be distributed soon.

C. E. Swarts attended the Hughes address in Portland last week and made a report to the members who were present at the meeting. He told of the splendid personality of Mr. Hughes. He described the republican candidate as human and approachable and appeared more like a business man than a politician. Mr. Hughes talked about an hour and a half and did not use a note or any references. The cheering was immense and it was one of the greatest treats ever, he said.

## SPECIAL TRAIN GOES FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO COOS BAY POINTS

### Five Specials Will Pass Through Eugene on Way to Railroad Jubilee at Marshfield

The first special train to go to the Coos Bay celebration arrived at Eugene last night and left at 2:30 this afternoon for Marshfield. Five special trains are scheduled for the week to run to Marshfield. The first, or the San Francisco special made the trip today. Two special trains, one for the Journal and for the Chamber of Commerce, will make the run this week from Portland. The Cherrin special will go to the celebration from Salem. The Radiators of Eugene will have a special train to Marshfield.

The San Francisco special will return to Eugene at 6 a. m. Friday and will then come to Springfield for a few hours, while the San Franciscans visit local merchants.

The Philathea class of the M. E. church will have a very important business meeting at the home of Mrs. VanValzah Tuesday evening. Every member is urged to be present.

## AW! WHO'S AFRAID OF RAIN?

### Nobody Is, When They Don't Have to Sleep Out of Doors

Last Wednesday morning two young chaps and a black dog were seen going toward Thurston with packs on their backs. They were dressed for rough life and seemed to be having great prospects in view. That same night these two young fellows were rudely awakened by some friendly raindrops at the fish hatchery. They found shelter for the rest of the night in an old house.

The next day it rained. These husky lads became discouraged for their fun had a sort of a damp appearance and started for home. That evening, a wet pup, two drenched knapsacks and a couple of sick looking boys appeared at the News office. Their vacation is over now. They had a good time—while it lasted.

## Woman Will Practice Law

Miss Grace Arnold, whose relatives live in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill this county, has been admitted to the practice of law in the United States district court at Portland. She is the third woman to be admitted to the practice of law in the federal courts of this state.

## W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT TELLS OF PROGRAM IN DRY MOVEMENT

### Nations of Europe Are Beginning to See Need of Temperance Among Soldiers

Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, president of the Oregon Woman's Christian Temperance Union and editor of the Oregon W. C. T. U. paper addressed the union services at the Methodist church last evening on the progress of temperance and this fall's campaign.

"The W. C. T. U. for over forty years has been trying to make it easier for our boys and girls to live," said Mrs. Kemp. "We learn that history is divided into periods. The periods of piracy on the high seas, of duelling and of slavery are past. But the slavery of alcoholism is still with us. This type of slavery and of the slavery of the thousands of boys who are learning to smoke cigarettes is far worse. The W. C. T. U. used to combat these problems with moral suasion, now it uses legal suasion."

"Eighteen months ago Russia went dry in one day. Vodka drinking was prohibited by order of the Czar. Statistics report that after a year and a half there is more money in the savings banks of Russia than ever before. Germany, France and England have followed Russia's example and are slowly turning prohibition. The soldiers in the armies of these nations are prohibited from drinking while on duty. Norway has recently ordered the manufacture and sale of liquor stopped. Norwegian statisticians have made the statement that every time a man drinks a pint of brandy he shortens his life 11 hours, and every time he drinks a pint of beer he shortens his life 25 minutes."

"There are 19 dry states in America. It is probable that Montana and California will go dry in November. The W. C. T. U. is just beginning to reap a reward for its labors. For 35 years the public schools of every state in the Union have been teaching the children of the harm of the use of alcohol. Now many of these children are grown up and are voting."

"Prohibition has done great things for Oregon. We have a good law. The officers want to enforce the law. The people want the laws enforced. During the first six months of 1915 there was a 20 per cent increase in the number of prisoners sent to the Oregon penitentiary. Since the first of January this year the consumption of whiskey in this state decreased 93 per cent. Now there is a little less than two per cent as much beer consumed in Oregon as there was before the saloons were closed. The Weinhard Brewery in Portland can make all the beer consumed in Oregon in a whole year at this rate in eight days."

"Since the state has gone dry not one man employed in the Oregon breweries has lost his job. The Portland breweries have turned to making new drinks. The Salem brewery is making Loganberry juice. The Medford brewery is making ice cream and butter."

"Beer has a small food value. Five dollars and forty cents worth of beer has the same food value as six and eight tenths cents worth of bread. Times are too hard to buy food at the rate it costs to get it from beer."

## SEESAW OF WAR COSTS MANY MEN FROM ALL ARMIES

### Russians and Germans Both Claim Series of Successes on Eastern Front

## VILLAGE CHANGES OWNERS

### Long Furious Combats Rage for 24 Hours and Do Not Pause to Give Warriors Rest

London, Aug. 20.—Both Petrograd and Berlin in today's official statements regarding the eastern front claim successes in the fighting that has been raging without pause for the last 24 hours on the Stokhod sector between Rudka and Cherwische, about 40 miles northeast of Kovel.

The Russian war office reports the capture of the Cherwische farm and of the village of Tobby, three miles to the west and on the western bank of the Stokhod. This village was officially reported in Russian hands in yesterday's Petrograd statement, but since has changed hands several times.

### Russians Capture 600

"It finally remained in our possession," says today's report, which adds that six officers and 600 men were made prisoners.

Berlin on the other hand reports successful counter attacks in this region and the capture of six officers and 367 men. The German war office statement adds that the "combat still continues" and indirectly admits Russian progress by referring to Russian troops "which pushed forward on the western bank," though it is asserted that Muscovite attacks here were repulsed.

### Wedge in German Lines

By the capture of Tobley, the Russians have driven a wedge three miles deep into General von Linsinger's front on this line and are now endeavoring to widen the breach.

Indirect admission that the town of Jublonica, east of the Carpathian pass of the Teutons since its capture by the Russians several days ago, is contained in today's Petrograd report, which says that the Teutons were "driven back to the Jablonica and Voronka (Woronienka) three miles to the southeast."

A slight Russian advance is claimed by Petrograd 29 miles to the east, on the river Bialy-Czeremosz, near the town of Dol-Hopole.

### Berlin Reports Heights Taken

Berlin reports the capture by German troops of the Kreta heights, south of Zable, in the foothills of the Carpathians, and the repulse of Russian counter attacks at Magura Height, to the southeast.

Russian troops were driven from advanced trenches east of Kiselin, in Volhynia, southeast of Kovel, according to the German statement.

A battle rages on the northeastern slope of the Czerna-Hora ridge, where the Russians are trying to break through to open their road to the Hungarian plain.

### Pass Attacked From North

Their attacks from due east of Earta (or Jablonica Pass) temporarily abandoned because of the stubborn Teuton resistance, the Muscovites now are trying to force the pass by sweeping down upon the defenders from the north.

Vienna tonight asserts that "strong attacks" broke down under the Teuton barrier fire.

## FIRST FLAX GOES TO MILL

### Eugene Chamber of Commerce Plant Turns Out First Product

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce is experimenting with flax and the first batch cut from the farms that have tried the raising of it this year has been put in the tanks at the plant back of Skinner's butte where it is undergoing the process of retting.

It is necessary for the flax to remain in the retting tanks 10 days before taken out and placed in the breaking machines and manufactured into fibre. Several bales of toe weighing 2000 pounds have already been made up.

Six men are employed at the mill in the process of manufacture. The seed is first removed from the stalks over 2000 pounds having already been secured. The seed will be used for sowing next year.

## S. P. MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

### Build New Round House and Tracks for the Willamette-Pacific

A crew of men under the direction of the construction department of the Southern Pacific company is grading for several new tracks and storage yards at the intersection of the Willamette Pacific with the Southern Pacific at Blair boulevard, Eugene.

The extent of the improvements to be made at that point has not yet been disclosed by the railroad officials but it is stated on good authority that a round house will be built which will be large enough to accommodate 26 engines, 13 now being in use about Eugene.

The Willamette Pacific will soon be completed through to Marshfield, a distance of 121 miles and in order to facilitate the handling of the freight traffic on this division it is necessary to have plenty of trackage at the end of the division, Eugene being the Eastern division point for this railroad.

## INSTALLS TRANSFORMERS

### Eugene Water Board Gets Six New Machines for System

The Eugene Water Board has just received six big transformers, each weighing about 7000 pounds, to more fully equip the electrical system. Three of the transformers will be placed at the plant at Waltherville and three will be used at Eugene. The new transformers cost \$5100.

The three used at the plant will be used in stepping up from 2300 volts to 23000 volts and the ones in the city will be used in stepping the current down to 2300 volts.

## PORTLAND BAKER HAS BECOME OWNER OF LOCAL BAKE SHOP

### F. A. Wesolowska Buys Out Herman Schrader Who Has Been Here About Six Months

Herman Schrader, sold the Springfield Bakery to F. A. Wesolowska of Portland the latter part of last week. Mr. Wesolowska took immediate possession. Mr. and Mrs. Schrader left immediately for their home at Oregon City where they lived until they came to Springfield about six months ago. Their daughter, Miss Marjorie, will remain in Springfield during the winter and will study music at the State University at Eugene.

The new owner of the Bakery, Mr. Wesolowska, has had 15 years experience in the baking business, as both a bread and pastry baker. Most of this time he has been a baker in Portland. The bakery is turning out ten cent as well as the five cent loaf and is going to make a specialty of pie and cake baking. Mr. Wesolowska said the morning that all of his bread would be wrapped in sanitary, dust-tight paper as soon as he received the proper materials.

## WEED BURNER LAID UP IN LOCAL YARDS FOR AN OVERHAULING

### Contrivance is Used for Destroying Pests Along Tracks by Gasoline Torches

The Weed-burning train of the Southern Pacific company is laid up in the local yards for slight repairs and waiting for further orders. The train is composed of locomotive, a caboose and two or three cars equipped with gasoline tanks which furnished fuel for the fire that burns the weeds four feet on both sides of the right-of-way.

When in operation, the intense heat from the gasoline burners destroys any weed or blade of grass within its reach. The train has a means of quenching the blaze when there is danger of fire spreading to adjoining fields.

The weed-burning train has just finished burning along the track on the Wendling branch and will next burn on the Woodburn-Springfield branch.

## Will Investigate Condition of River

According to a letter received by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, government engineers will soon make an examination of the Willamette river from Corvallis to Eugene. The object is to see just what will be required to make the river navigable for traffic boats.

## SPRINGFIELD IS SHOCKED AT DEATH OF E. C. WIGMORE

### Local Christian Church Pastor Succumbs After Operation for Appendicitis

### PREACHED HERE 8 YEARS

### Was Professor at Eugene Bible University—Funeral Tuesday at 2 P. M. From Christian Church

All Springfield was shocked yesterday morning when the news was received of the death of E. C. Wigmore, who has been pastor of the local Christian church for the last eight years. Mr. Wigmore had assisted A. E. Senseney in his blacksmith shop on Fifth street all day Friday and spent that evening with friends in Springfield before going to his home at Eugene. At three o'clock Saturday morning he became very ill and was taken to the Eugene Hospital. The doctors operated on Mr. Wigmore for appendicitis and gave little hopes for his recovery. From the time Mr. Wigmore became ill until his death life kept slowly but persistently ebbing away. He died at 9:33 Sunday morning.

E. C. Wigmore preached at the local Christian church last Sunday, August 13, which was the fifty second anniversary of his birth. He had been minister to this congregation continuously from the first Sunday in May, 1908. He came to Springfield and found a church and a congregation that was very weak and not well organized. Through his untiring efforts he has built up a strong congregation. One of the members of the church said this morning that he worked much harder for the success of the church than he should have for his own good. During the last 13 months Mr. Wigmore made 535 pastoral calls that were recorded.

Mr. Wigmore was born at Maudlag, near London, England, August 13, 1864, and came to America with his parents when but nine years of age. He was a graduate of Drake university of Des Moines, Iowa, and held the degree of Master of Arts from the University of Oregon. Before coming to Springfield as pastor, Mr. Wigmore ministered to a congregation at Monmouth, Oregon.

For the last 13 years Mr. Wigmore has held a professorship at the Eugene Bible University where he has been instructor in Hebrew and other Biblical subjects. He was also instructor in the department of religious education at the Bible University. Dean E. C. Sanderson said of him this morning, "He was held in the highest esteem by the students and faculty of the Eugene Bible University, and was an industrious, self-sacrificing man in all things."

He is survived by a widow and three children: Harold, La Grande and Frona. Harold has been in Montana for some time and is expected home tonight.

The funeral services will be held at the First Christian church of Eugene Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

## ARGUE TAXES AND CREDITS

### Prominent Speakers Will Talk in Eugene Tomorrow Night

Robert E. Smith, editor of the Tax Liberator, who spoke here on the tax limit amendment will be in Eugene tomorrow evening with Ex-governor West and Charles Spence to discuss tax limitations and rural credits.

Professor Hector McPherson of the Oregon Agricultural College is also expected to be present and speak on rural credits.

Meetings will be held throughout the state, the object being to acquaint the people with the rural credit and tax limitation amendments which will be voted upon at the general election in November.

### Two Bands Will Furnish Music

The Lane county fair and Round-up will be held at Eugene September 13, 14 and 15. Music will be furnished by the Philomath band and the Eugene Y. M. C. A. band. The contracts having been let Friday night. The Philomath boys will receive \$180 and the Eugene boys \$150 for their services during the week.