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## CONGRESS MIGHT PASS LAW FOR EIGHT HOUR DAY

Senate and House Have Power to Pass Such a Law to Regulate Commerce

## PRESIDENT WILSON IS FIRM

Railroads May Be Forced to Yield to Brotherhood's Demands and Avoid the Threatened Strike

Washington, Aug. 23.—President Wilson turned to congress today for support in his demand for an eight hour railroad day a sane equitable means of avoiding a strike that would be disastrous to the nation.

He was informed by the leaders of the two powerful committees created to deal with matters relating to interstate commerce that congress has undoubted power to pass an eight-hour law.

This is accepted as indicating that if the railway executives impose impossible counter demands before yielding they will face legislation which will make it compulsory.

Capitulation Expected  
The plan that was presented at the last White House conference, however, is said to have exacted guarantees so numerous and varied as to constitute a serious stumbling block.

They wanted positive assurances that freight rates would be increased at least 5 per cent to meet the added burden in wages estimated by their statisticians. Assurances were asked that legislation would be enacted to prevent a similar crisis.

The president remained firm. He is understood to have made no promise other than that he would urge the passage of the bill now in the senate by which the Interstate Commerce commission would be increased from seven to nine members.

The importance of the president's suggestion lies in its possible application to the long standing claim of the mission which passes on rates ought also to be employed to sit in judgment on the demands of employes for higher wages.

Following his last conference with the representatives of the railway executives, President Wilson sent today for Chairman Newlands of the senate committee on Interstate Commerce and Chairman Adamson of the house committee.

Adamson Makes Statement  
At the conclusion of the conference Chairman Adamson said:

"The president talked very frankly with us. He reviewed all that had transpired between the White House and the railway executives up to the present. We believe he is right in his demand for the eight hour day.

"Congress has plenary powers to deal with all questions relating to interstate commerce. It has undoubted power to pass an eight hour day law. Also it may enact any other measure by way of regulating commerce.

"I have not considered any concrete proposition and will take the question up until we are convinced that the president has failed to settle the strike. I believe from the knowledge of the situation obtained today that the president will gain his point."

## ANTICIPATION IS BETTER THAN THE REAL THING

Girls Don't Appreciate Scenery and Geese When It Rains and They are Told to "Move On"

Misses Edna Fischer, Leota McCracken, Sadie Allen, Lyla and Evelyn Miller, chaperoned by Mrs. J. B. Campbell returned Monday night from their hike to the fish hatchery. The girls report some tired and sore feet after traveling from 9:30 a. m. until 9: p. m. to get home Monday. The girls started out on their trip last week with light hearts but, when it rained and a farmer refused to let them remain overnight in his barn, their enthusiasm died immediately. They estimated they could not enjoy the scenery, as they stood watching some geese swimming in a ditch another man said, "move on girls, I don't like the looks of this, move on." In spite of all the trouble the girls held to their purpose and visited the fish hatchery and feel that they will know better how to plan another trip.

## SPRINGFIELD AUTO CAMP MAKES GOOD REPUTATION

When Tourists Return From Trips They Make Especial Effort to Stop Here

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shaffer and F. G. Shaffer of Santa Ana, California, stopped at the local auto camp Tuesday evening for tire repairs. They are on their way to Cashmere, Washington and report bad roads and tire trouble on their trip.

An auto party consisting of five ladies, traveled until ten o'clock Tuesday evening to reach the Springfield auto camp. Mrs. E. F. Sturgeson, and daughters Anna and Marie, Mrs. C. F. Mendenhall, and Miss Stella Delwert left Everett, Washington June 5 for an extended auto trip through Oregon and California and across the border into Mexico and are now returning home. Remembering their visit to the Springfield auto camp about June 20, the party made special effort to camp here on their return. The ladies say they have traveled 5500 miles with very little trouble or need of repairs. They also speak highly of the beautiful scenery of Oregon, especially at Crater Lake.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH EUGENE, FILLED AT WIGMORE FUNERAL

Larger Part of Former Pastor's Congregation Pay Last Respects to Their Beloved Leader

More than 200 Springfield people attended the funeral services for the late E. C. Wigmore, former pastor of the local Christian church, at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Christian church of Eugene. The auditorium of the great church was filled with friends of the Wigmore family. Great banks of beautiful flowers were sent by the friends.

Dean E. C. Sanderson of the Eugene Bible University conducted the services. He delivered one of the addresses and paid his former co-worker many high tributes. Several other members of the Bible University assisted in the services. Rev. J. A. Bennett of the Junction City Christian church, G. S. O. Humbert, field secretary of the Bible university and Rev. J. T. Moore of the Springfield Methodist church were among the speakers. The pall bearers were the members of the official board of Mr. Wigmore's congregation. They were P. M. Stroud, S. A. Gay, F. L. Travis, William E. Knott, J. C. Holbrook, and E. E. Lee.

The Springfield business houses closed Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 until 3:00 o'clock in order to let those engaged in business attend the funeral of Mr. Wigmore.

Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Eugene. Rev. J. S. McCallum officiating at the service there.

## DEUTSCHLAND GETS SAFELY TO MOUTH OF WESER, GERMANY

German Submarine Takes Cargo Back to Fatherland in Less Than One Month's Time

Berlin, (Via Sayville), Aug. 23.—The German submarine Deutschland arrived at the mouth of the Weser this afternoon. All on board are well.

It is believed that on her return trip the Deutschland came south through the North sea after passing between Scotland and Ireland. The Deutschland slipped out of the Virginia capes on the return trip to Bremen on the night of August 1. She easily eluded a cordon of allied warships awaiting her outside the three-mile limit off Cape Henry and passed out to sea. On various occasions she was reported as having been sighted by ships crossing the Atlantic.

The Deutschland made the voyage to this country in 17 days. The extra days consumed on the return trip can be attributed to two reasons. One was that she came over unexpectedly but returned in the face of full knowledge by the allied governments of her preliminary movements. Another was that on the trip Captain Koenig steered a course through the ever-dangerous English channel, while, returning, he scoured the safer and longer route around the British Isles.

## 'SPRINGFIELD CONGRATULATES MISS COOS BAY' IS SLOGAN

Springfield, Oregon, Thursday, August 24, 1916.

Miss Coos Bay, North Bend,

My dear little sister-in-law to be:

I suppose this missive will reach you too late to change your mind in regard to the fateful step you are about to take, but as I have been a little sister to Eugene so long, and as I know his character so well I can't help having a heart full of sympathy for you as you take this plunge for better or for worse. You probably don't know and can't possibly know his disposition as well as I, who have dwelt with him these many years.

Why, do you know he has grown so big and strong that he has no thought or consideration for his smaller relatives and would hog all the toys we have to play with. He even wants to take my round-house and machine shops from me, but I have a great big bean that wouldn't let him do those naughty things. There is one thing he does do to me. He coaxes me over to see him and charges me twenty cents and then he gets my money away from me and tells me that I have some real bargains. They are not real bargains at all. His real honest-to-goodness bargains are only make-believes and I am just foolish enough to think they are—'til I get back home and compare prices and goods with home merchants.

Of course my big brother has his good traits. He is very progressive and has a nice home to take you to. He has fine facilities for educating your family. Some day I am going to have a wedding, and as I couldn't possibly marry a brother, I have set my cap for another nice young man. He is such a nice man, and is awfully rich. Haven't I told you who he is? Let me whisper his name in your ear. It's Mr. Espee Shops.

Yours with heaps of love,  
Miss Springfield Lane

## Score of Local Boosters Go Wearing Badges—"Natron Cut-Off Next"

BEST MAN IS FROM HERE

M. C. Bressler Will Tell Throng of "Greater Dividends" of Building Railroads in Northwest

Each with a badge bearing the inscription "Springfield congratulates Coos Bay, Natron Cut-Off Next" and a good supply of the 15,000 slips of paper bearing the same words, more than a score of good Springfield boosters started for the Coos Bay Railroad Jubilee early this morning. The party had two missions to carry out; to show the railroad company the need of completing the Oakridge line and to see to it that Henry Adrian should get safely to North Bend.

"Heine," you know is to be best man at the wedding of Mr. Eugene Lane and Miss Coos Bay at North Bend this afternoon. A few days ago the Eugene Chamber of Commerce asked the Springfield Business Men's club to select the best man for the wedding and they promptly picked "Heine." Poor "Heine." He has been so worked up about it for the last two days that he has hardly had any sleep or eaten a square meal. He has been so busy gathering up his "glad rags" and trying on suits and plug hats that he has gotten all fussed up. But the Springfield delegation are with him so he will get through all right.

When the local delegation gets to the Coos Bay towns 15,000 advertising slips of many colors will be distributed broad cast advertising the Natron cut-off. M. C. Bressler has a place on its program and he will devote his time to talking on "Greater Dividends." In his talk, Mr. Bressler will bring out the need of his early completion of the Natron cut-off. He will try to show that it will mean greater dividends for the railroad company as well as for the towns and country along the line. He will compare the development of other parts of the northwest with the development that might come about if this line were completed.

Among those who went to the celebration are M. C. Bressler, Henry Adrian, Mrs. Alice Holcomb, O. B. Kessey, J. C. Dimm, Randall Scott, Gertrude Williams, Mrs. George Catching, Welby Stevens, M. M. Peckey, E. E. Kepner, C. E. Swarts, J. W. Coffin,

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## North Bend Could Not Wait For Celebration to Begin—Started Last Night

LOGGERS TO GO TO JUBILEE

Excursion Trains Will All Receive a Royal Welcome—Allegorical Ceremony Later in Day

North Bend, Ore. Aug. 23.—Coos Bay simply couldn't wait for the opening of the railroad jubilee tomorrow and started the festivities tonight. The Kaiser band gave an open air concert on the streets of North Bend early in the evening and at 9 o'clock there was a dance on the big dance floor in Marshfield. This floor is 170 feet square and is the largest dance floor ever constructed in southwestern Oregon.

Many have been arriving today by automobile. The train from the Coquille valley cities brought several hundred today to attend the races. They will remain through the jubilee. The train from the north this afternoon brought four coaches filled with people from Siuslaw, Umpqua and the Ten-Mile country.

All of the logging camps are closing down and it is estimated that 1500 loggers will be in the cities.

## Portland Trains First

The Portland excursions will be the first to arrive at North Bend tomorrow. The Journal train may wait at the Coos Bay bridge for the Portland Chamber of Commerce train so they can both come in at the same time. The reception will be the most enthusiastic that has ever been given any crowd of visitors on Coos Bay. All the whistles of many factories, steamers in port and the fire alarm sirens will be sounded.

There will be plenty of fun, too, for the local committees are little uneasy as to what the Portland Rosarians may have framed up. Perhaps the Coos Bayites will beat them to it. The Rosarians will be given a chance to pull some stunts to amuse the people and there will be something happening every minute everywhere.

## North Bend Expects Crowd

The Eugene party will arrive shortly after noon. Then there will be an other rousing reception. Six to seven thousand people from all parts of Coos county will be at North Bend to greet the visitors.

The crowd in North Bend is expected

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## TOURISTS RETURN FROM 770 MILE AUTOMOBILE TRIP

Kessey and Stevens Families Have Fine Outing in Southern and Eastern Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kessey and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Welby Stevens and family returned Monday evening from a 770 mile auto trip through southern and eastern Oregon and report a fine trip. The Willamette valley was found very impressive and beautiful. The vegetation at Grants Pass, Medford, and Ashland was quite brown. Crops looked good at Klamath Falls under the new irrigation system. At Bend vegetation was found to be dry.

The roads were dusty but fairly good except at the McKenzie Pass. No place could be more beautiful than the McKenzie river along the McKenzie Pass providing the roads were fitted for auto travel from the edge of Crook county to the McKenzie bridge. Mr. Kessey says.

The party carried about 1000 Springfield auto camp tickets on the trip and gave them to tourists and distributed them all along the way. Springfield seemed to be well advertised in many places.

## MRS. F. B. TITUS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS THURSDAY MORNING

Funeral Will Be Conducted By Rev. Humbert at Christian Church Tomorrow at 2 p. m.

Mrs. F. B. Titus, died at her home on east Main street at seven o'clock this morning after a continued illness for nearly four years, aged 53 years, 11 months and 15 days. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the Christian church. Rev. G. S. O. Humbert of the Eugene Bible University will preach the sermon. Interment will be made at the Laurel Hill cemetery, Springfield.

Sylvia Union Janes was born September 9, 1862 at Tipton, Indiana. When she was but one year old her parents moved to Vernon county, Wisconsin. At the age of 16 Miss Janes was converted and united with the Christian church at Mt. Tabor, Wisconsin.

Sylvia Union Janes was married to F. B. Titus, December 10, 1881 to which union there were born three children. They are Addie E. Pratt, of Springfield, Jennie Ethel Adams of Parker, Washington, and Earl F. Titus of Marcola.

Ever since her conversion, Mrs. Titus has lived a consistent Christian life and has been an earnest worker and a minister's faithful helper.

Besides her husband and children, Mrs. Titus leaves one sister, Mrs. George Carson of Springfield, several nephews and nieces, as well as 12 grandchildren, who mourn her loss.

## POULTRY RAISERS OF LANE COUNTY TO HAVE FINE EXHIBIT

All Bird Fanciers are Requested to Send Fowls to Fair September 13, 14, and 15.

A big poultry show will be held in conjunction with the Lane county Fair by the Lane County Poultry Association at Eugene September 13, 14 and 15. All of the breeders in Lane county are asked to send their birds to this, the largest of Lane's poultry shows. The executive board of the Poultry association is sending out the following letter.

"The Lane County Poultry association extends to you a hearty invitation to come and bring your birds to their ninth annual exhibition, which will be held in Eugene, September 13, 14, 15, 1916.

"This season's show will be held in conjunction with the Lane county fair and roundup and promises to surpass any former exhibit held in the west. The added attraction of the roundup will bring additional thousands of visitors to the fair and poultry show. A placed at from 10,000 to 15,000 each day of the show.

"The show dates for this year in no way conflict with the dates of the Oregon state fair, giving the exhibitor an entire week between the two shows.

"The poultry exhibition will be held

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## OREGON PRISON IS UNDER GOING AN INVESTIGATION

State Secretary Olcott and State Treasurer Kay Start on General Clean-up at Prison

## FOLLOW GOVERNOR'S PLEA

Mutiny May Break Out Among Prisoners—Warden Minto Implicated and Given Free Range

Salem, Ore. Aug. 23.—Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay today began a personal investigation of conditions in the state penitentiary. They have spent most of the day at the prison.

Governor Withycombe, who declared Monday at a meeting of the state board that the convicts were on the verge of mutiny and conditions were so bad at the prison that he wanted authority to appoint a commission to investigate and report, is out of the city and is not expected back until the last of the week.

While it is not expected any official action will be taken until the Governor returns, the secretary of state and state treasurer have rolled up their sleeves with the evident purpose of pitching into the house-cleaning themselves without waiting for the advice of anyone else.

Here is about what may be expected.

## Will Give Minto Chance

Warden John Minto will be given a fair chance to make good. Some believe he has not had a fair chance. If he fails in putting the institution in better condition and keeping it there he might as well hand in his resignation.

One of the first things Minto probably will do will be to attempt to discharge Joe Keller, parole officer, and leader of the faction which is fighting Minto. A legal question may be involved here, as it is understood the governor contends he alone has authority to appoint and remove the parole officer. The question undoubtedly will have to go to the attorney general for an opinion.

Joe Keller, whose fame was not of the best when he was a member of the Portland police force, is one of the governor's pets, if it may be said he has such, and if he is removed there will be indignation aplenty. But there can be no doubt of Olcott's and Kay's determination to give Warden Minto a free hand, and back him up, in his one more chance to make good.

## MERCHANTS HERE FRIDAY

San Francisco Business Men to Get Acquainted Here

Nearly 100 wholesale dealers of San Francisco will visit the business men of Springfield tomorrow morning from 8:30 until 9:30. They have been visiting the towns of Coos Bay during this week and expect to visit the business houses of Eugene tomorrow afternoon.

The San Francisco business men are travelling in their own special train and are using it as a hotel, taking it right along with them and sleeping and eating right in the coaches. They are not expecting any warm public reception or banquets but are just trying to get acquainted with the business men of this territory so that San Francisco business may grow as a result of the personal contact of seller and buyer.

## Officers Make Inspection

R. G. Hunt, assistant to President H. M. Byllesby of the Northern Idaho Electric company at Chicago, B. F. Lynch, assistant to the general Auditor in Chicago, and B. H. Clingerman, assistant to President Elmer Dover, of Tacoma, paid a business visit to the local Oregon Power company office this week. The offices at Albany, Corvallis, Dallas and other way points are being inspected by these officials.

## No Band Concert Tonight

There will not be a band concert at the city park this evening. Professor Albert Perfect and some of the players have gone to the Coos Bay celebration and makes it impossible for the band to appear. One of the members of the organization said today that next week's program would be better than ever.