

WILSON'S PLANS TO AVERT STRIKE TOLD EMPLOYEES

President Outlines Scheme of Settlement of Threatened Walkout and Sends for Railroad Presidents of Trunk Lines to Discuss Matter With Them Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President Wilson today outlined to the general committee of railroad employees his plan for settlement of the threatened general strike based on acceptance of an eight-hour working day and creation of a commission by congress and the president to investigate the working of the eight-hour day and collateral issues.

Plan is Outlined.

It was understood that under the president's plan the eight-hour day would go into effect pending the outcome of the investigation. The commission will be a small one, practically composed of three members, and will have authority to summon witnesses, and determine all of the facts regarding the eight-hour day.

Under the president's plan, the double compensation proposition would be eliminated. The eight-hour day would carry ten hours' pay at the present rate.

"The president's proposition," said one of the brotherhood leaders, "is fair and square, and the men would be fools not to accept it."

After leaving the white house the men went to their hall to discuss the proposal and take a vote on it. It was said they probably would reach a decision tonight and that the president would have it in his hands when he meets the railroad presidents tomorrow.

Vote Upon Plan.

Just at 4 o'clock the brotherhood representatives finished their conference with the president and went to their hall to vote on the president's plan.

The employees heard the president's plan without demonstration and said they would send word to the white house as soon as possible as to their decision.

After the meeting, A. B. Garretson refused to comment and declared the decision of the men would be given out at the white house, if at all.

The president did most of the talking at the meeting, explaining his plan in detail and urging that it be accepted for the good of the country. Afterward Mr. Garretson and W. S. Stone of the engineers spoke briefly.

At the conclusion of the decision all of the men fell in line and shook hands with the president before leaving.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents cannot speak absolutely for their roads, he may invite to the white house the financiers who control them. Officials said today that the president wants to deal with the "ultimate authority" on both sides, in order that negotiations may be conducted here.

President Wilson today invited the presidents of the principal railroads of the country to come to Washington immediately to confer with him on the threatened railroad strike.

RAILROAD PRESIDENTS EN ROUTE WASHINGTON

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Presidents of five railroads with headquarters in Chicago, left for Washington on the Broadway limited today in response to President Wilson's call. They are W. J. Jackson, Chicago and Eastern Illinois; C. H. Markham, Illinois Central; H. R. Currie, Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville; M. J. Carpenter, Chicago, Terre Haute and Southeastern; and R. H. Ashton, Chicago and Northwestern.

ALLIED SMASH WEAKENS LINES GERMAN FRONT

Important Gains Scored by French and British on Three-Mile Front—Violent Artillery Duel Near Maurepas—English Advance on Somme Cripples Teuton Defensive System.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Operations on three different parts of the Somme front yesterday resulted in the removal of some of the barriers of the powerful German defensive system.

In the action yesterday the French attained an ascendancy over their adversary during the fighting around the Guillemont-Maurepas road. The Germans still have a hold in the northwest part of Maurepas, but the French, by reason of their success in that vicinity, have a dominating position and besides, are menacing the German communications.

South of the Somme the German trench system around Belloy-en-Santerre was a real fortified work which has resisted numerous previous bombardments. Its capture permits further progress in that section.

Artillery Duel.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maurepas, in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. There were no infantry attacks during the night.

The announcement says: "On the Somme front the enemy made no attempt at a counter attack during the night."

"Our troops are organizing the positions they won. Artillery fighting continues with great violence in the region north of Maurepas and in the sector of Belloy-en-Santerre. "On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

British Advance.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guillemont.

The communication follows: "As a result of fighting undertaken yesterday evening in conjunction with a French advance on Maurepas, we have pushed forward our line both west and southwest of Guillemont. West of Highwood we captured some 300 yards of a hostile trench about 300 yards in advance of our previous line. East of Moquet farm our machine gun fire ripped in the mud a German attack."

"West of Vimy we exploded a mine and occupied the crater with only slight opposition. Both we and the enemy blew up small mines south of Loos, causing us neither casualties nor damage."

QUAKE DAMAGE IN ITALY HEAVY

ROME, Aug. 17.—The chief damage resulting from the earthquake which shook dozens of cities and towns in Central Italy yesterday morning was at Rimini, where four persons are dead and 20 injured. The military and civil authorities are caring for the injured and homeless. The earthquake caused a panic among the population of many of the central cities and villages.

MUNITION TOILERS THREATEN STRIKE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 17.—Union machinists employed by the Winchester Repeating Arms company are expected to strike today to obtain an eight-hour day without wage reductions, and other concessions requested by a shop committee yesterday. Seven members of that committee are no longer on the payroll. They claim to have been discharged. The company in a statement made today asserts that the men voluntarily gave up their positions.

11,161 INFANTS ARE AFFLICTED WITH PARALYSIS

Measures to Prevent Further Spread of Epidemic Discussed by Conference at Washington—Cases Not Confined to Cities—Outside New York Region. Situation Normal.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Measures to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis were discussed here today in a conference called by the public health service under the authority of congress for such councils in an epidemic of national danger.

Delegates from nearly all states were present today with detailed reports of the spread of the plague over the country.

The imposition of new regulations to prevent interstate transmission of the disease is not the primary object of the conference, but in welcoming the delegates Secretary McAdoo expressed hope for federal and state co-ordination of preventive measures and regulations.

Assistant Surgeon General A. H. Glennan, in the absence of Surgeon General Blue, opened the conference, which is expected to continue two days. Assistant Surgeon General W. C. Rieker presided.

11,171 Cases Exist.

The conferees agreed their figures showed more than 10,000 cases of infantile paralysis in the United States, but that outside of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania, the situation practically was normal. Aside from the cases in the vicinity of New York City there was no specific evidence that the transmission of the disease could be traced back to the metropolis.

The exact figures from thirty-eight states showed 11,171 cases not confined to cities by any means. Many were reported on farms. Few suggestions were offered regarding the possible cause. "The scientific study of prevention and cure will be discussed later."

The following number of cases this year, or since the outbreak of the present epidemic, were reported:

Three in Oregon.

Alabama 64, Arkansas 3, California 4, Colorado 3, Connecticut 323, Delaware 2, District of Columbia 16, Florida 6, Illinois 296, Indiana 37, Iowa 25, Kentucky 18, Louisiana 51, Maine 14, Maryland 66, Massachusetts 165, Michigan 97, Minnesota 318, Missouri 11, Montana 15, Nebraska 10, New Hampshire 7, New Jersey 1714, New York 7753 (6753 in New York City and 1000 estimated elsewhere), North Carolina 20, Ohio 166, Oregon 3, Pennsylvania 336, Rhode Island 53, South Carolina 55, South Dakota 22, Tennessee 36, Texas 30, Vermont 15, Virginia 29, Washington 7, West Virginia 8, Wisconsin 5.

Upon the question of railroad communication, the Pacific coast delegates reported success of a co-operative method in which British Columbia officials are participating. Instead of having children inspected upon leaving trains, the Oregon and Washington delegates said, mutual notification by the health officers of those states and British Columbia was made of suspected children.

Abandon Train Inspection.

It was stated that California probably would abandon the train inspection plan and adopt the mutual notification system.

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HEAVY FIGHTING ON BALKAN FRONT

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Heavy fighting on the Balkan front is reported in an official Bulgarian statement received here today from Sofia. The allied forces delivered strong infantry attacks, but the statement says were repulsed.

The fighting occurred in the region of Lake Doiran, northwest of Saloniki, near the Greek-Serbian border. Several encounters have taken place in this vicinity of late, but the official Bulgarian statement indicates that larger forces are being employed against the Bulgarians.



DETROIT ROBBERS HID \$32,000 IN ROOMING HOUSE

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 17.—The Detroit News today printed a statement by Miss Jesse Nottle, a stenographer, declaring that the robbers, who looted the pay car of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company of \$32,000 or more on August 4, hid the cash in local rooming houses and escaped with their loot last Saturday. Miss Nottle said she knew one of the alleged bandits.

Miss Nottle's statement has been confirmed by more than one person, the News says. The rooming houses involved have been visited by detectives.

On Sunday, August 6—two days after the Burroughs robbery—Miss Nottle declares she met a young man acquaintance near her rooming house on Cass avenue. He displayed a large roll of bills, she said. On subsequent occasions, according to her story, he had much money with him.

Last Saturday, according to Miss Nottle's story, the man was in her room when she returned from work. He had two trunks, one of them very heavy, with him, she said. "He made me swear that I would keep the trunks for him, but not open them," the young woman declared. "He said he was involved in a robbery."

The youth departed but shortly afterwards another young man, who said he was her friend's room mate, came and demanded the trunks, Miss Nottle said.

"He had a drayman with him and they took the trunks away," says the statement.

The woman who keeps the Second avenue rooming house has made statements to the police, which are said to indicate that five men were involved in the case.

Miss Nottle is the daughter of residents of Cathlam, Ont. She holds a responsible position with a local firm. According to her story, she had known the youth involved in the investigation for some time and had thought his character was above reproach.

MILWAUKEE FREIGHT DERAILED—ONE KILLED

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 17.—The train dispatcher's office of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad here today, reported that a freight train had been derailed near Lind, Wash., and that one man had been killed.

Chicago Wheat Nervous
CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The wheat trade was still nervous when business was resumed today. Initial prices were 1/2 to 1/4 under yesterday's close, but the concession uncovered buying orders under which prices advanced 1/8c. September opened at \$1.19 1/2 to \$1.04 1/2, sold to \$1.12 and reacted to \$1.13 1/2.

WEST ASKS LIST OF BACK TAXES ON O. & C. LAND GRANT

County Judge Tom Yelle has received from Oswald West, who has been appointed by Secretary Lane to have charge of the apportioning of back taxes due counties from O. & C. land grant property, a request that Jackson county at once prepare in triplicate an itemized statement of valuations and delinquencies and the rate of taxation, so that no time will be lost in payment by the government. The delinquencies in Jackson county total in the vicinity of a quarter million dollars.

West Gives Advice.

Mr. West states that it will be a mistake to place these lands upon the tax roll again. He says in his letter: "The act of June 9, 1916, provided that the taxes accrued and now unpaid on the lands reverted in the United States . . . shall be paid by the treasurer of the United States, upon order of the secretary of the interior, as soon as may be after the approval of this act, and a sum sufficient to make such payment is hereby appropriated."

"It is evident that title to the lands must be in one of two parties—the railroad company or the United States. If they still belong to the railroad company they can, of course, be taxed, but if title has been revested in the United States they cannot be taxed."

Leave Off Assessment Rolls.

"Should they be placed on the tax roll it will be noticed to the world that county officials consider the title still in the railroad company and that the government has no claim on the lands; that Oregon's fight for the recovery of the grant is all 'hunk'; that the government in its efforts to classify the land, and open them to settlement and taxation is without authority and that in paying the back taxes it will be paying upon the property of others."

"My advice to county officials is to leave the lands off the tax roll for the coming year and thus avoid complications which will surely arise. Should the supreme court hold the act of June 9 unconstitutional and confirm the title of the railroad company, the sheriffs of the several counties will have full authority under section 3679 of the code to place the property on the tax rolls and collect the tax for back years."

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 17.—Attachments were placed on about a dozen homes of striking moulders by manufacturing moulders of the Bridgeport Manufacturers' association today in an action alleging \$50,000 damages by reason of a strike of employees and the picketing of the plants. The suit is based upon the decision in the Danbury Hatters' case.

ATTACHING HOMES OF STRIKING MOULDERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Eight deaths from sickness among the regular and national guard troops on the border during the week ending August 12 are disclosed in statistics made public today at the war department. Medical officers regard the death rate as exceptionally low since it covers a total force of approximately 140,000 in field camps.

GERMANS TO STOP MINING MAGNESIA

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 17.—German producers in Chile of sulphate of magnesia will close their works at the end of the present month. The mines to be shut down yield about 15 per cent of the total Chilean export of this product.

COLBY SIZES UP G. O. P. SITUATION TO PROGRESSIVES

Old Guard in Complete Control—Pickets and Monitors of Privilege. Unregenerates Who Have Weathered Danger of Reform, Reabsorbed Teddy and Abandoned Itself

By GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—How the republican party looks to the average progressive is voiced by Bainbridge Colby of New York, who placed Roosevelt in nomination at the progressive convention.

"There they all are," says Colby in a letter to Vance McCormick, manager of Wilson's campaign. "The old guard! See for yourself. Count them, if you wish. Cannon and Penrose, Smoot and Gallinger, Jim Watson, Joe Keating, Estabrook, Rodenberg, McKinley of Illinois, Herr, McGraw, Hemenway, Crane—not to speak of the others, too numerous to mention—all 'friends of the tariff' and among those fit to govern."

Monitors of Privilege.

"What business a progressive has in such company as this I cannot for the life of me see. They are the pickets and monitors of privilege. Hughes is only their decoy and retriever. If he were elected they would rope him and tie him, as they did when he was governor in Albany, reducing him to plaintive fatality."

"There are, of course, reactionary elements in the democratic party. Until lately we had them even in the progressive party. But these elements in the democratic party are at the worst only a retardation and drag upon the steady forward push which the president has maintained. In the republican party the reactionaries are in the ascendant. They dominate the party, giving to it their character and features. It is the party of reaction, and the progressives who have allied themselves with it are the most unfortunate of dupes."

"I am rejoiced to know, and to be able to assure you, that the president will receive an immense support from the members of my party. They recognize the simple courage, the rugged fortitude and the quiet strength which have enabled him to guide his countrymen in peace and honor through the dangers of the last two years. They admire him. They are grateful to him. And as Americans, they are impatient to manifest their loyalty to him."

Rancid Reaction.

In Mr. Colby's letter, Colonel Roosevelt is not mentioned by name, but the reference is clear when he says:

"Opposition to the president's reelection proceeds from an unregenerate republicanism that has weathered the danger of reform, absorbed its most voracious critic and abandoned itself again to rancid reaction."

Mr. Colby is one of a committee of seven progressives who have been appointed by Vance McCormick to help manage the Wilson campaign. Other members are Matthew Hale of Boston, Albert D. Norton of Missouri, Francis J. Heney of California, J. A. H. Hopkins of New Jersey, Ole Hansen of Washington and William Wallace of Michigan.

8 BORDER GUARDS DIE WITHIN WEEK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Four young masked automobile bandits, one armed with a rusty revolver, started a series of saloon robberies in the southwest side of Chicago last night and vanished on the north side after having held up six saloons and obtained small amounts of money within an hour and a half. In one saloon seven men were driven into a refrigerator and told by one of the bandits to "keep cool."

Eagles Elect Officers

SAVANNAH, Ga., Aug. 17.—Election of officers today was the most important business before the 18th annual convention of the grand order of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in session here. Only one contest is expected, Henry L. Lembo, Saginaw, Mich., being opposed for the office of grand worthy chaplain by Harry McVeigh of Cincinnati, O.

HUGHES SPEAKS DEPOT GROUNDS THIS AFTERNOON

Republican Candidate for President Making Platform Addresses at Cities of Southern Oregon—Presented With Roses and Venison—Rain Accompanies Candidate.

Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate for president, will address the people of Medford for a quarter of an hour upon campaign issues from the rear of his special car on the Southern Pacific right of way at 3:50 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Hughes and party were joined at Glendale by State Committeeman S. S. Smith, who is managing the G. O. P. campaign in southern Oregon. Charles L. McNary, state chairman, and Ralph Williams, national committeeman, also accompanied the party.

There are twenty-eight in the Hughes party, which comprises an executive staff of fifteen, representatives of eastern papers and Frank W. Tyree and Sylvester Brierton, his bodyguard.

A brief address will also be delivered at the Ashland depot by the candidate.

Roseburg Speech.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 17.—In spite of the rain, which fell steadily during the forenoon, the train carrying Charles E. Hughes, republican nominee for president, was greeted at every station at which it paused in southern Oregon today by large crowds. At many small stations the train, which left Portland last night for San Francisco, did not stop, although at almost all of them groups of people had gathered, hoping to get a glimpse of the presidential candidate.

At Oakland, Ore., a three-minute stop was made while Mr. Hughes shook hands with as many as could reach him. At Sutherlin the candidate's wife was presented with a large bouquet of roses. The first rear platform speech of the day was delivered by Mr. Hughes at Roseburg, where the train stopped for fifteen minutes. He dwelt upon the subject of Americanism and the tariff. He also spoke briefly at Beysers.

Mr. Hughes was up early to view the mountain scenery and to greet the people along the way.

Venison at Riddle.

RIDDLE, Ore., Aug. 17.—Braving the rain, Riddle's population turned out in large number to greet Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate for president, as his train stopped here a few minutes today.

The private car of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes was banked with roses and other flowers when they reached Riddle, the gifts of admirers along the route, and additional bouquets were added here. The nominee also was presented with some venison.

In saying a few words here, his voice showed signs of hoarseness. Among those in the party who are accompanying Mr. Hughes to California is Chester H. Rowell of Fresno, Cal., progressive member of the national republican campaign committee.

CHICAGO AUTO BANDITS BUSY

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