

FORECAST

Tonight and Thursday Generally Fair; Cooler.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER

Maximum Yesterday 93;
Minimum Today 57.

MEDFORD OREGON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1916

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BOTH SIDES IN RAILROAD CONTROVERSY PREPARING FOR STRIKE MONDAY

WILSON TRIES TO PREVENT BIG STRIKE

President Plans Appeal to Workers to Direct Their Leaders to Rescind Walkout—Union Chiefs Deny Any Request Clayton Act in Nebraska—Hopeful Feeling in Washington for Settlement, Though None Know Why or How.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—With both sides making last hour preparations for a strike, President Wilson today turned all the influence of his administration toward persuading the brotherhood leaders to postpone or rescind their strike order until congress has had opportunity to act.

There were intimations that should the labor leaders continue firm President Wilson might even make a public appeal to the railway workers themselves to direct their leaders to postpone it.

Despite denials of the labor leaders that President Wilson or anyone else had asked them to postpone the strike, there were abundant evidences that such was the case and there was a feeling in congress, in administration circles and in other places that a way would be found to avert the walk out. No one knew what it was, but the feeling prevailed.

After a conference with Secretary Wilson at the department of labor, the brotherhood leaders reiterated that no power on earth except a satisfactory settlement would avert the strike and that they had no power to rescind the order.

Nevertheless, efforts were continued to bring about a postponement.

Restraining Order Issued.
The first legal phase of the situation developed with the temporary injunction issued by a local court in Nebraska restraining the conductors from calling or enforcing a strike on the Union Pacific. This brought up for the first time the effect of the much-discussed Clayton anti-injunction act passed by congress at the behest of labor.

The brotherhood leaders unreservedly expressed the opinion that the injunction was in contravention of the law and could not stand. There were intimations that similar injunctions might be asked for in different parts of the country where the sentiment of the men is known to be against the strike.

While every effort was being made to prevent the strike, both sides continued to make preparations to meet it.

The senate inter-state commerce commission quoted a law passed years ago authorizing the president to take charge of railroad and telegraph lines when safety of the nation might require it.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Brotherhood heads insisted after a conference with Secretary Wilson today that they had not been requested by President Wilson or any other administration official to postpone the strike and that nothing except a

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MILITIA RELIEVES BORDER REGULARS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Twenty-eight companies of coast artillery troops, approximately 6000 men, now on border duty as provisional infantry units attached to the mobile army, were ordered back today to their posts in the eastern and western departments. More than 10,000 additional National Guardsmen, ordered to the border recently, will take the place of the artillery troops.

SENATE HEARS DRAFTS LABOR BILLS THURSDAY

Railroads, Brotherhoods and Shippers to Present Opinions to Interstate Committee—Consider Three Tentative Acts to Prevent Break—Important Conferences in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The senate interstate commerce committee adopted a resolution today providing for hearings on proposed railroad legislation in the impending crisis, beginning Thursday at 9 a. m. Railroad officials, brotherhood officers and representatives of shippers were invited to appear.

Each side will be given three hours in which to discuss their views of legislation proposed by President Wilson to prevent the threatened strike and to provide for operation of trains in the event of a strike.

The committee has under consideration tentative drafts of three bills. One considers the proposed eight-hour day and creating a wage commission of three members, two to be recommended respectively by the railroads and the brotherhoods, which shall observe the administrative and financial effects of the institution of the eight-hour day. Another amends the Newlands act to make arbitration more effective along the line of Canadian principles. The third provides for government operation of railroads for military necessity.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Railroad brotherhoods will make an effort to adjust their differences with the companies separately in a series of conferences with the heads of each system before a strike is declared, according to members of the Rock Island committee, an organization of employees of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Brotherhood officials, after securing copies of proposed bills affecting the railroad situation, went into conference at the department of labor with Secretary Wilson. It was supposed they intended to consider the proposed legislation as it affected them and discuss it with the secretary of labor.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—A large number of the railroad presidents, who have been in Washington discussing the strike problem with President Wilson, arrived in Chicago today for an important conference.

The conference will be held tomorrow to lay plans based on the assumption that a strike will be called September 4.

WEALTHY TOURIST STRICKEN IN BATH

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 30.—Christian W. Manning, aged 66, a wealthy manufacturer of Des Moines, Iowa, fell dead in a bath room at a local hotel today of heart disease.

With his wife, Mr. Manning was making a pleasure tour of British Columbia and Alaska. In Victoria they learned of the threatened strike on the American railroads and decided to rush back with all speed.

HUGHES PLANS NOT CHANGED BY STRIKE

ESTES PARK, Colo., Aug. 30.—The threatened railroad strike situation will not hasten the departure of Charles E. Hughes from here, according to an announcement made today. It was said Mr. Hughes will leave at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for Loveland, Colo., according to schedule where he will meet Governor Carlson of Colorado and deliver an address at the Loveland fair.

HERE'S HOW TOMMY ATKINS LIVES IN THE TRENCHES



The old stove may not 'draw' as well as the range in the modern home, but Tommy Atkins finds it mighty useful at meal times in the trenches. The picture shows how British soldiers are living.

PENSIONS GAINED BY HARD WORK GO WITH STRIKE

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Associated Press dispatches from all parts of the country indicated that within 48 hours, unless a delay in the strike is ordered, embargo orders will be effective on practically every railroad in the country.

Commercial and industrial organizations as well as individual firms and corporations throughout the country were reported 'hoping for the best and preparing for the worst.'

Railroad men hoped that many members of the brotherhoods would not obey the strike order. In fact, it was rumored that little if any pressure would be brought to bear on the older generation of engineers and conductors whose seniority has placed them in well paid positions, many of them with pensioned leisure not far away.

Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth were reported as making systematic arrangements for motor truck service. Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and many other states where the interurban service has been highly developed, will use the electric facilities to the limit.

ESPEE APPEALS TO MEN NOT TO LEAVE EMPLOY STRIKE PROSPECT DEPRESSES WHEAT

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 30.—An appeal to all employees of the Southern Pacific railroad in the engine, train and yard service to avoid a strike was issued here today. After calling attention to increase in pay previously made, the statement says: "It should be borne in mind also that no great strike such as now threatens has ever had a successful termination for the strikers. You will remember the result of the strike in 1894.

"Strikes fail because the rights of the third and most interested party, the public, are not considered. Much misery, destitution and want follow in the wake of strikes of this kind. Pension rights are lost, homes are sacrificed and all with no ultimate gain."

Zepplins Throw Bombs on Bucharest
BUCHAREST, Aug. 30.—During Monday night a Zeppelin and a foreign aeroplane threw several bombs on Bucharest without causing the least damage. Artillery drove them off.
Enemy aeroplanes threw bombs on Balcic, Piatra and Niamtra without damage.

CLAYTON ACT TO GET FULL TEST IN RAIL CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The injunction issued in Omaha, which probably is the forerunner of others, brings up squarely for the first time in a labor dispute the effect of the Clayton anti-injunction law.

Brotherhood leaders say injunctions are indirect violation of the law. Its constitutionality never has been tested, but the present crisis may bring one about.

Judge Sears set Saturday morning, September 2, for the hearing on the order.

Hamilton, in his petition, claims the strike order is a violation of the constitution of the conductors' organization, which provides for a two-thirds vote on any road where a strike is to be called. This law was changed last May so that a two-thirds vote of all concerned in a general wage movement governs the employees of all railroads involved, whether the employees of an individual road vote to strike or not. Hamilton claims the change violates the constitution of the order.

Hamilton recites in his petition the benefits he derives from membership in the order, and says he will lose these if he refuses to respond to a strike order, and that if he strikes he will lose his position with the railroad, his seniority rights and pension.

HEARING ON RATE INCREASE DELAYED PENDING INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Proposed increases in transcontinental freight rates from the east to intermountain territory, and from the Pacific coast to the east, which it was estimated would bring the railroads about \$20,000,000 a year additional revenue were suspended today by the interstate commerce commission for further investigation. They were to have become effective at midnight.

The commission suspended the rates until December 31, pending the investigation to determine their reasonableness. They would have been effective September 1. The increases proposed were on fruits, vegetables, dry goods and many other commodities. More than 600 shippers were represented here recently and protested against the increase.

The increases were proposed after the commission had held several months ago that transcontinental roads did not now have to meet the competition of the Panama canal and that lower rates than those now in question could not be justified for this reason and for the reason that this transcontinental traffic should pay its share of the total burden of transportation.

The higher rates were proposed after this decision.

ELLIOT EXPLAINS STRIKE LATITUDE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—President Elliott of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad issued a statement today declaring that the country might misunderstand from President Wilson's address to congress yesterday that only freight service on the country's railroads would be tied up by a strike.

"Those who have not followed the subject carefully and do not understand its complexity," said Mr. Elliott, "may assume from the president's language that a strike order will have no effect upon passenger train service. This is not the case, and included in the order to strike are all men in passenger train service who are members of the various brotherhoods."

Submarines Capture Steamers

LONDON, Aug. 29.—The Swedish steamer Roslagen, 1349 tons, of Stockholm, and the Thor have been seized by German torpedo boat destroyers and taken southward, says a Lloyd's dispatch from Copenhagen.

Three steamers named Thor are listed in the marine registers, two of which are small vessels, while the third, 1937 tons, hails from Stockholm.

EMBARGO UPON PERISHABLES ON ALL RAILROADS

Embargo to Affect All Perishables Arriving at Destination Later Than Sunday Night—Some State They Will Carry Fruit and Livestock Subject to Delays.

PORTLAND, Aug. 30.—Every railroad line entering Portland put into effect today an embargo on freight shipments in anticipation of the threatened strike. The Oregon-Washington railroad and navigation company, Southern Pacific, the Spokane, Portland and Seattle, and the Northern Pacific will accept non-perishable freight subject to delay. Neither perishable freight nor livestock will be accepted that cannot be delivered before next Saturday. The Great Northern has declared an embargo on fruit shipments.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Railroads of the nation, in view of the threatened railroad strike, rushed preparations today to enforce an embargo on perishable freight.

Shipments of livestock and perishables were refused by some roads today; others issued warnings that perishable freight which cannot reach its destination by September 2, will not be accepted.

From Chicago, the railroad center of the country, orders were flashed to ticket agents to inform passengers that unless they reach their destinations by Saturday night they would be subject to "perplexing delays."

Big manufacturers and business houses swamped telegraph companies with messages urging that their shipments be rushed at once. Many of them authorized sending their orders by express. Several large commercial houses already have recalled their traveling representatives.

Fruit Loss May Be Million

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 30.—The Southern Pacific railroad company issued orders today declaring an embargo on freight shipments effective at once. All non-perishable freight will be accepted subject to delay. No perishable or livestock shipments which cannot be delivered before 7 a. m. on Saturday, September 2 will be accepted.

A similar embargo was put into effect last night by the Oregon-Washington Railway and Navigation company. At the office of the general manager of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railroad and other lines running into Portland, it was stated that like action was expected to be taken.

Shippers here today stated that a tie-up of railroad transportation will result in the loss of millions of dollars in the fruit growing districts of southern Washington and Oregon. Plans are under way here to use motor trucks wherever possible to transport perishable freight.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 30.—An embargo on all fruit shipments and other perishable goods has been announced by the railroads here, unless shipments can reach their destination by Saturday night. Big commercial orchardists have notified the pickers and packers they will not be needed until the embargo is removed.

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AUSTRALIA VOTES ON FORCED ARMY

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 30.—The federal government has drawn up a proposition to hold a referendum on the question of establishing compulsory military service in Australia. The premier, William M. Hughes, on his return from England recently, suggested the adoption of a conscription plan. This aroused some opposition which led to the adoption of the present proposal.

RUMANIA BEGINS BOMBARDMENT DANUBE TOWNS

Albanian Contingent Ready to Join Macedonian Allies—Bucharest Bombarded by German Aircraft—Russians and Rumanians Together March Through Hungary.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Turkey has declared war on Rumania, says a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Hungarian war correspondents as quoted in a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam, report that the Rumanians have begun a bombardment of the Danube towns of Rutschuk, Bulgaria and Orzova, Hungary.

SALONIKI, Greece, Aug. 30.—An Albanian contingent is ready to join the combatants of the five allied countries in Macedonia. The Albanians already have disembarked here. They will be commanded by Essad Pasha, chief of the Albanian government, who arrived at Saloniki yesterday.

Aircraft Bombard Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Aug. 30.—Bucharest was bombarded Monday night by a Zeppelin and an aeroplane.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Bucharest by way of Rome says the Rumanians, operating in conjunction with Russians have captured the principal passes of the Carpathians. For 12 hours, the dispatch says, the Rumanians have marched uninterruptedly on Hungarian territory, meeting only weak resistance.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—"It is persistently rumored here," wires the Central News correspondent at Zurich, Switzerland, "that Rumanian cavalry has crossed Rothenthurm pass and is approaching Hermannstadt, Hungary."

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—The initial attacks against the Austro-Hungarians on the Rumanian border were everywhere defeated, says the Overseas News agency. At Voerosturovny pass an attack was made by two Rumanian battalions. The efforts of the Rumanians, the news agency says, were directed against the chief towns of Transylvania, Kronstadt, Nagyszogon and Hermannstadt, which are near the frontier.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch, filed in Athens on Monday gives a report from Saloniki that Rumania has decided to present an ultimatum to Bulgaria demanding the evacuation of Serbian territory.

BROTHERHOOD MEN REFUSE TO STRIKE

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 30.—Employees of the Duluth, Mesabe & Northern railroad and the Duluth & Iron Range will not strike, according to statement of employees today. Agreements between the roads and the men are considered binding by the men.

The men working for the Iron Range railroad belong almost to a man to the brotherhoods, but have separate agreements with the companies, and these agreements are to hold, the men say.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe this afternoon issued a statement to employees of the road notifying them that the positions of those who fail to report for work next Monday will be declared vacant and that employment of new men will be permanent, barring ill-behavior.