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## NATION-WIDE WIRE STRIKE IS CALLED

### FIRST DAY OF STRIKE IS FIZZLE

Western Union Not Effected Only 166 Men Out of 40,000 Walk Out—Postal Operators Quit Work San Francisco and Portland—Carlton Declares Strike a Failure—Burlison Maintains Telegraph Traffic Has Not and Will Not Be Delayed.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Postmaster General Burlison declared in a statement today that no amount of pressure would avail to make the government wire control board "extend or go beyond rules and regulations of the war labor board which have been strictly observed since the government took over control of the telegraph and telephone properties."

DALLAS, Tex., June 11.—A. J. Fisher, a non-union lineman employed by the Dallas Light and Power company, was shot and instantly killed in a clash here today between strike sympathizers and non-union men taking the places of striking employees of the company.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Only 166 persons, including 121 operators, out of a total of 40,000 employed by the Western Union throughout the country were absent from duty at noon today, Newcomb Carlton, the company's president, announced in a statement terming "a complete failure" the strike called by the Commercial Telegrapher's Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11.—The 140 keymen of the Postal Telegraph company in San Francisco had quit their posts in response to the nationwide strike call, but the 400 Western Union operators were still at work, according to statements from leaders of both sides today. The Western Union operators were said to have disregarded the strike order throughout the state, while the Postal men were out generally, it was said.

The Postal and Western Union plants here were being picketed, labor leaders announced. Failure of the Western Union men to strike was due to their membership in the company's organization of employees, it was said. But four employees in California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona responded to the strike order, M. T. Cook, district superintendent of the Western Union company, announced here today.

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### ARMY PLANES TO LAND AT ASHLAND COMING SUNDAY

PORTLAND, June 11.—The squadron of army airplanes which arrived yesterday from Mather Field, Sacramento, to participate in the Victory Rose Festival here, made its first exhibition flight today. The planes rose from the municipal golf links, used this week as an aviation field, bearing aloft as passengers representatives of all the local newspapers and several other civilians who had been promised aerial thrills. The airplanes circled over the city. The squadron will leave Portland for the return flight to Mather Field early Saturday, Lieutenant Colonel Watson announced today. Its route will include Albany, Springfield and Cottage Grove on Saturday, staying at the latter city that night; Sunday flight Grants Pass and Ashland, reaching Granada, Cal., that night and resuming the homeward flight the following morning.

### OBJECTIONS TO COVENANT ARE OLD AS HILLS

Senator Walsh Replies to Criticisms of Lodge and Knox—Same Criticisms Were Made Against Construction of United States—Washington's Advice Then Is Sound Today.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Asserting that opponents of the League of Nations have trumped up many unsupportable objections to play upon popular sensitiveness, Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, defended the league covenant in the senate today against charges that it subverts the American constitution.

Answering Senators Lodge, republican of Massachusetts, Knox, republican of Pennsylvania, and others who urged constitutional objections the Montana senator declared their arguments founded on theories long since disproved. He quoted many precedents to support his position that the covenant neither sets aside any constitutional prerogative nor assumes any new power in treaty-making.

Charges that the league would be a "superstate" he declared to be a "mere declamation" since the organism in most of the provisions complained of could only "advise" or "recommend." The celebrated article ten, he continued certainly would bind the United States to make war in certain instances, but added that the same obligation had been assumed by various treaties made by this government in the past.

Referring to assertions that the league would be a super-government, the senator quoted from the covenant at length and continued: "It is idle to assert that an organization thus equipped is a government at all. It has no army and no treasury, and no means of securing either. Two it may render decisions, it cannot make laws, neither can it levy taxes."

Senator Walsh said no one contended the league covenant was perfect. But it was "a mere subterfuge" he declared to talk of amending it. "What the senate may do," he continued, "is to propose amendments, which in substance is rejection of the treaty with a condition. The whole subject in thus opened up and negotiation must be resumed. Doubtless other nations will propose amendments. The stupendous labors of the past six months are all undone, peace is as far away as it was last December."

### WAY CLEARED FOR VILLA TO BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., June 11.—If the information received in El Paso this morning is correct, forces under General Felipe Angeles and Francisco Villa have swung from south of Samalayuca, northeast in three separate columns to the vicinity of Guadalupe, 32 miles east of Juarez, and have a clear sweep toward the border city.

### Bolsheviks Capture Ufa

LONDON, June 11.—Bolshevik forces on Monday captured Ufa, one of the cities recently taken by the troops of Admiral Kolchak, after three days of sanguinary fighting, according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here today.

### INTERRUPTING HIS SIESTA



### COLONEL E. M. HOUSE IS DELEGATED TO SETTLE THE IRISH PROBLEM

DUBLIN, June 11.—A Paris dispatch to the Freeman's Journal claims authority for the statement that the Irish question will probably be raised in the peace conference.

### U. S. NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENT LOST IN PARIS

PARIS, June 10.—Colonel E. M. House, one of the United States peace delegates, has been asked to investigate the disappearance of Robert Minor, a newspaper correspondent and cartoonist, who was taken from his hotel, presumably by French officials. The American embassy was asked by Lincoln Steffens to inquire about Minor, but no information was forthcoming. Consequently Colonel House was requested to investigate.

### TREATY BROUGHT IN BY MEMBER OF MORGAN FIRM

Henry P. Davison Admits He Brought Copy to America But Was Read By No One But Mr. Root—J. P. Morgan and Paul Warburg Deny Having Read Text of Treaty.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Elihu Root, former secretary of state, today appeared at his own suggestion before the senate foreign relations committee investigating how copies of the peace treaty reached private hands in New York.

### NO PROGRESS IS MADE REGARDING AUSTRIAN PEACE

PARIS, June 11.—(By Associated Press.) Little progress is being made in the drafting of the missing articles of the treaty with Austria, owing to the greater urgency of completing negotiations with the Germans. One American official who is working on the Austrian treaty, asked today when the rest of the summary would be available, replied: "There may not be any more. The Austrians have not yet apparently than they are able to sign."

### PRICE CUP OF COFFEE RAISED IN PORTLAND, ALSO CUP OF TEA

PORTLAND, June 11.—The price of a cup of coffee was increased two cents in most local restaurants and cafes today. At a time when the city is filled with festival visitors, the restaurant owners declared that the increase is not alone justified, but is absolutely imperative and should have been made some months ago. A cup of coffee is now 7 cents at most places and 10 cents at some.

### PUGET SOUND METHODISTS TO RAISE \$250,000 FUND

TACOMA, Wash., June 11.—The trustees of the college of Puget Sound, the Methodist institution here, have authorized a \$250,000 building program, it was announced this morning. A gymnasium and a main college and administration building will be erected on the present campus at the beginning of a million dollar program of new buildings that is planned for the institution.

### FRANCE WINS CONTEST OVER PEACE TERMS

Refusal to Consent to Concessions to Germany Sustained After Long Discussion—Germany Denied Admission to League—Mandate for German Colonies Not Allowed.

PARIS, June 11.—(By Associated Press.) The determination of France not to consent to any material changes in the treaty with Germany was clearly defined today after the meeting of the council of four and various commissions which failed to reach any solution of the deadlock on the important points on which differences of opinion have arisen.

In spite of the attempt to speed up the work on the peace conference, reports are still unavailable from commissions dealing with Schleswig-Holstein, the eastern boundaries of Germany, the Belgian frontier and waterways and harbors. The fluid state of the proceedings makes it difficult to accept the optimistic statements of various members of delegations, that an agreement on the reply to the German counter proposals probably will be reached speedily.

### HOPE FOR EARLY DECISION

PARIS, Tuesday, June 10.—(By Associated Press.) Official announcement was made after the meeting of the council of four this afternoon that there was hope of a comparatively early decision on the reply to Germany.

### WILSON YIELDS

President Wilson fought strenuously to include a fixed total sum in the reparations clause and the close of the discussion leaves him unchanged it is said, in the belief that that is the best plan. It is understood, however, that the president said that inasmuch as Premier Clemenceau had insisted to the contrary, and also that he had signed the original draft, he would sign the reply as formulated.

### LABOR GOES ON RECORD FOR BOOZE

American Federation Opposes War Time Prohibition—Protest Against Same to Be Forwarded to President Wilson—Question Debated Over Two Hours—Gompers Finally Drawn in Declares Question Not Prohibition But Personal Liberty.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 11.—Organized labor today went on record against war-time prohibition and in favor of the exemption of 2 1/2 percent beer from both the war-time prohibition act and the federal prohibition amendment in a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor.

The resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority. It provides that a strong protest embodying its essential points be sent to President Wilson and congress.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 11.—Introduction of a resolution proposing that the American Federation of Labor go on record as against war time prohibition and in favor of excluding two and three-quarters percent beer from the provisions of both war-time and national prohibition precipitated a hot battle of words at today's session of the federation's reconstruction convention.

Debate lasted two hours, the fight against the resolution being led by delegates from the Seattle Central Labor Council and at its conclusion the convention voted that a roll call should be taken after a recess for luncheon.

The resolution was signed by more than a hundred delegates from all sections of the country and in presenting it to the convention the resolutions committee recommended its adoption.

### 140 STUDENTS AT O.A.C. ARE GIVEN THEIR SHEEPSKINS

CORVALLIS, Ore., June 11.—The 50th annual commencement of Oregon agricultural college took place today. One hundred and forty students received their degrees. The class of 1919 included men and women from 40 states, 22 colleges and one foreign country. California, Washington and Idaho ranked among those having the greatest numbers from states outside of Oregon.

### SALVAGED STEAMER SUNK IN 1918 ARRIVES NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 11.—The British steamship Bermuda, formerly in the New York-to-Bermuda passenger service, arrived here today, having been salvaged after she was accidentally sunk in the harbor of Alexandria in February, 1918. On her way here from Europe, the Bermuda carried 1700 home-going Jamaican troops.