

# PACKERS BEHIND HIGH BREAD PRICES

## Believed Strike Situation Will Reach Crisis by Friday Night

### Chairmen Are Impatient Threaten Strike at Once

RAILROAD PRESIDENTS CANNOT REACH AGREEMENT

Biggest Roads May Give in to Save Business and Safety of Nation—Indicated That Some Roads Will Act Independently and Accede to Wilson. Western Roads Most Opposed to the Eight Hour Day.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Leaders of the four railroad brotherhoods are having much difficulty in retaining the district chairmen of the brotherhoods from declaring a nationwide strike. The authority to declare a strike rests solely with the district chairmen.

The brotherhood leaders are counseling patience, believing that matters will reach a crisis in forty-eight hours. The chairmen are impatient.

District Chairman Donovan proposed this morning that the chairmen return to their homes, leaving the brotherhood executives with an order to declare a strike. The suggestion was overruled. Owing to dissension among the railroad presidents, they are unable to reach a solution. The indications are that they are uneasy. The eight hour day is the hitch. Some of the presidents favor acceptance of the shorter day, "letting the result be on President Wilson's head."

The presidents of the biggest roads are seeking plans for meeting President Wilson's purpose and the brotherhood's demands to save the situation. It is indicated that some of the presidents will act independently unless some headway is made very soon. President Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio road, who talked with President Wilson last night, favors acceptance of Wilson's proposal rather than endangering the business and safety of the nation. If Willard accepts the proposal independently, this may force other attractive railroads to do the same. The Western railroads are most vehement in their opposition to the

### Russian Veteran is Now Retired



GEN. KUROPATKIN

General Kuropatkin, who led the Russians in the war with Japan, and who has had fifty years of military service with his government, has been appointed governor general of Turkestan. The general was in command of one of the great armies in the present war, but this appointment means he will go to a post where he has nothing to do with it.

eight hour day, saying manufacturers and farmers will not tolerate consequent rate increases.

## More Work Than Men in Klamath This Summer

There is a very pronounced scarcity of laborers in Klamath county this summer. There is not an idle man on the streets who really wants to work. Calls for men from perhaps a dozen sources are being unheeded because everybody is busy.

The greatest call for men comes from the sawmills and logging camps. The Alamo Lumber company is crying for men to work in the sawmill, in the box factory and in the woods. The Pollock, Day Lumber company wants men for both the sawmill and logging camp, and may have to stop part of its operations unless more laborers are secured soon. Men also are wanted at Nicollet Brothers' logging camp on the Upper Lake.

Lieutenant George E. Goodwin can use 100 more men right now on road construction in Crater Lake national park, but cannot obtain the men. The amount of road work done this year in the park is expected to be considerably less because of this shortage of labor. What will happen when the grain harvest commences is problematical. Farmers have not found it easy to find enough men to put up hay and may have no little difficulty in getting men to help in the grain cutting and threshing.

### USE CONVICTS ON LAVA BEDS ROAD

PRESIDENT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION AT BEDS TODAY WITH KLAMATH CITIZENS

To get a definite idea of the scenic value of the Lava Beds and to ascertain the most feasible routes through the beds, Roscoe J. Anderson of Redding, president of the Northern California Good Roads Association, left this morning for the Lava Beds. He is accompanied by Secretary Fred Fleet of Klamath Commercial Club, Captain O. C. Applegate and F. U. Patrick of the White Pelican garage. The party will return this afternoon.

Mr. Anderson states that Northern California each year is allowed several convicts from the state prison for road work. It is the plan next year to use these convicts on the road through the Lava Beds north to the state line. The road from the state line to Klamath Falls is in good condition.

### BONDING HOUSE LAWYER COMING

REPRESENTATIVE OF KELLER BROTHERS OF DENVER DUE TODAY OR TOMORROW TO SEE LOCAL COMMITTEE

That one bonding house already is interested in the \$300,000 railroad bond issue to be voted on this fall is indicated in a telegram received yesterday by R. E. Strahorn before he left for Portland.

The telegram is from Keller Brothers of Denver, and states that a representative of their house will be in Klamath Falls tomorrow, possibly this evening, with instructions to interview Captain J. W. Siemens and other members of the committee in charge of the work of securing the railroad.

The representative, who is an attorney for Keller Brothers, will be here a short time to get information for a report to the bonding house he appears for.

### Billings' Trial Set

United Press Service SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—After Billings, Mooney and wife, Weinburg and Nolan had pleaded not guilty this morning to complicity in the dynamiting during the preparedness parade, the trial of Billings was set for September 11th. The other cases will be set later.

### She Loved a Russian

United Press Service BERNE, Aug. 23.—The news reached here today that a widow at Stettin, Germany, was sentenced to eighteen months in prison at hard labor because she fell in love with a Russian prisoner of war. Her daughter, Olga, 19, also was sentenced to six months at hard labor for merely flirting with a Russian prisoner.

Visiting Laws. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Furrey of Rogue River Valley are visiting with Sheriff and Mrs. C. C. Low.

### Why the French Are Driving Back the Germans



These are the kind of shells the French are now throwing into the German trenches in the Somme, something of the same kind the Germans threw at the French in the beginning of the war. They partly account for the driving back of the Germans in that part of France.

### W. H. MASON BUYS KLAMATH RECORD

CLOSED OPTION ON PAPER PUBLISHED BY CATHERINE PREHM AT NOON TODAY—PLANS ARE NOT KNOWN

W. H. Mason at noon today closed his option on the Klamath Record, and is now in charge of the publication. Mr. Mason's plans for the paper are as yet somewhat indefinite, but it is certain that he intends to continue publication of the paper.

Mr. Mason purchased the Record from Catherine Prehm, who has conducted it in Merrill and Klamath Falls under the name of the Merrill Record and lately under the name of the Klamath Record. Miss Prehm at present is out of the city. Her plans are not known.

### IS PREPARING TO HEAR INCREASES

WILSON WILL URGE LARGER INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION FOR USE IF EIGHT HOUR DAY IS GRANTED

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—After an hour's discussion with President Wilson this morning, Chairman Newlands of the senate and Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committees learned that the president will urge immediate action in the senate on the bill increasing the Interstate Commerce Commission to nine members. The bill has already passed the house.

It is believed that President Wilson's action is based on a desire to afford rapid hearings of requests for increased tariffs if the railroads concede to an eight hour day to avoid the threatened strike.

### FARMERS BUY MANY HEADERS

SIX HEADERS, THREE BINDERS AND MANY MOWERS AND RAKES SOLD BY LOCAL IMPLEMENT DEALERS

Six headers, three binders, nineteen mowers and fourteen rakes have been purchased this year by Klamath county farmers from J. S. Mills & Son, who conduct the implement store at Sixth and Klamath. Harvesting machinery also has been sold to many farmers by other implement agents in Klamath Falls. Excepting one mower, all the implements mentioned were new, and were McCormick products.

The mowers and rakes were sold several weeks ago, when haying commenced, but the grain harvesters were sold during the last few days.

Headers were sold to Cheyne brothers, Charles Steeman, August Liskey, Beldin brothers, J. A. Thompson and W. S. Folsom, and John Sahrakoff. An eight foot binder was purchased by S. L. Holliday, a seven foot binder by Steve Herlihy and a six foot binder by A. Kalina.

### To Hold Baseball Dance Friday Eve

Posters announcing a dance next Friday evening for the benefit of the Klamath Falls baseball team were distributed this morning. The dance will be held at Houston's opera house. Tickets for gentlemen will be sold for one dollar and ladies will be admitted free.

Music will be furnished by the Peerless orchestra.

### No Word From Deutschland

United Press Service BERLIN, Aug. 23.—No word from the Deutschland has been received here, although the vessel left Baltimore twenty-one days ago. Officers of the company operating the ship hope she will arrive soon.

## PACKERS OF CHICAGO OWN LARGE BAKERY

### FOODSTUFFS GO UP 25 PER CENT

THIS INCREASE IS THAT OF THE PRICES OF THIS YEAR OVER LAST YEAR—PORK HIGHEST SINCE 1905

United Press Service CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—A comparison of the prevailing prices of foodstuffs with those of a year ago shows an increase of 25 per cent in the cost of living.

Pork has reached the highest price known since 1914. Beans have advanced six cents a pound, vegetables ten cents, and canned goods have doubled in price. Coal is to take an advance in September of fifty cents a ton.

WILL SUBMIT DATA TO TRADE COMMISSION

Illinois Congressman makes charge That Packers Fix Meat Prices and Control One of the World's Largest Bakeries—Says They Intend to Make a Loaf of Bread Cost Consumers Six Cents.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Congressman Rainey of Illinois announced today that he will submit to the federal trade commission data showing that Chicago meat packers are behind the agitation for higher prices for bread and flour.

Congressman Rainey charges that the packers have fixed meat prices and have secured one of the world's largest bakeries, and intend to make a six-cent loaf.

### CHILD MORTALITY LOWEST IN YEARS

INFANTILE PARALYSIS HAS HAD EFFECT OF CAUSING BETTER CARE OF BABIES AND HOMES BY PARENTS

United Press Service NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Despite the recent epidemic of infantile paralysis, New York health officials stated today that infant mortality this summer is the lowest in the history of the country.

This is said to be due to the fact that parents have taken better care of their children and homes, fearing infant paralysis.

### Stockman Visits

Fred Stukel, a livestock dealer of Merrill, was in town this morning transacting business.

### Tonsils Removed

Tonsils were removed Monday from Mrs. J. L. Gordon and son, Fred, of Fort Klamath. Drs. C. E. Wheeler and G. A. Cathey performed the operations.

### DIGGING DITCH FROM FOUR MILE

CANAL COMPANY IS DIVERTING WATER FROM FOUR MILE TO FISH LAKE FOR DRINKING AND IRRIGATION PURPOSES

A ditch to carry water from Four Mile Lake to Fish Lake is being constructed by the Rogue River Valley Canal company, according to Bert Palm, who returned last night from an outing in that country. The ditch is to be seven miles long and is being dug to get more water into Fish Lake. A dam is being erected in Four Mile Creek to back up the water in Four Mile Lake, from where it will be pumped to the new ditch to Fish Lake, 1,000 feet lower.

Fish Lake is the source of Medford's water supply. The water runs from the lake down Butte Creek for about fourteen miles, and then is diverted in pipes to Medford.

Water from Butte Creek also is used by the Rogue River Valley Canal company for irrigation purposes. Forty men are employed by this company in the work now being done. All supplies for the work come through Klamath Falls.

## Turk Troops Rushed to Balkan Theater of War

United Press Service LONDON, Aug. 23.—According to a dispatch from Athens, Turkey is sending a division of troops to aid the Bulgarian-Austrian army. Turkey will be asked to send more detachments to reinforce the Germans, Bulgarians and Rumanians.

The Bulgarian center, reinforced by fresh troops, this morning began an offensive in the Yandar Valley, northwest of Salonika.

All dispatches from the Balkan theater are closely censored.

French grenades repulsed a surprise last night on Hartmannswellerkopf. Aviators and machine guns have defeated four German aeroplanes northeast of Peronne.

### United Press Service

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The Germans twice today unsuccessfully attempted to recapture the British positions at Thiepval.

They are manning the village, however.

### United Press Service

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—The Germans have recaptured trenches around the trees.

British attacks between Thiepval and Pozieres have been repulsed.