

Railroad Heads Confer in New York But No Statement Is Given Out

IF STRIKE IS CALLED WILL BEGIN SOON

WILSON NOT TO TAKE HAND "RIGHT NOW"

Both Will Be Called on Eastern Roads First, and Gradually Spread West to Affect All Roads by Next Wednesday—President Feels He Can Only Appeal to Patriotism of Both Sides

NEW YORK, March 15.—The five railroad brotherhood chiefs and managers of the leading railroads conferred at 11:30 this morning. The brotherhoods presented resolutions passed at Chicago, conferring authority on them to call the strike. An adjournment was taken at noon for lunch, and no statements were given out.

It is reported that the managers have offered to raise the trainmen's wages, but not to shorten the length of the working day. It is not considered probable the brotherhood chiefs will accept this offer. They will take, however, an eight hour day, with promise overtime.

If the strike is called it will begin on the Eastern roads Saturday night and work west, involving all freight and passenger traffic by Wednesday night of next week.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Judge Chamber of the board of mediation said at the White House today that President Wilson does not feel that he can act in the railway strike "right now."

It is reported that the president feels he can only appeal to the patriotism of both sides to prevent a bad impression abroad.

CHICAGO, March 15.—Five railroads entering Chicago have placed embargoes on livestock and perishables which will not reach their destinations prior to the time for the strike scheduled for next Saturday.

They will carry no freight unless the chance of damage is waived by the shipper.

B. P. O. ELKS TO INITIATE TONIGHT

CLASS OF CANDIDATES WILL BE GIVEN DEGREE, WHILE SPECIAL MUSICAL FEATURES AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED

A class of candidates will be initiated by B. P. O. Elks No. 1847, at the local temple tonight.

Following the initiatory services a special entertainment has been arranged for the evening.

Among the numbers will be several solos by P. C. Chapman, a noted singer of Los Angeles, who is in the city. Mr. Chapman took part in the entertainment at the Methodist church last night, and his singing was greatly enjoyed.

Senate Confirms Appointments WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Dr. Gary Grayson as rear admiral by a vote of 77 to 26, and of Ray Baker of Nevada, formerly attached to the American embassy at Petrograd, as director of the United States mint.

CAPTAIN SIEMENS BUYS WARRANTS FOR BOND ISSUE

BOND ORDINANCE INTRODUCED AT SPECIAL MEETING

Final Steps Rapidly Being Taken in Bond and Warrants Sale for Construction of Railroad From This City to Dairy—Siemens Made Offer for Warrants and Council Passed Resolution Accepting It.

Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the Klamath Commercial Club and of the First State and Savings bank of this city, purchased the warrants in the \$300,000 bond issue for the building of the municipal railroad from this city to Dairy last night at the special meeting of the council at the city hall.

The last ordinance to be introduced in the completion of the technical details of this matter was also introduced last night, and provides for the issuance of the \$300,000 funding or refunding bonds, and also provides for levying and assessment of a direct ad valorem tax for the raising of the principal and interest on the fund.

Captain Siemens purchased the warrants for the fund at 6 per cent interest, and is to place in the hands of the city treasurer \$10,000 within ten days and the remainder in sixty days.

The council then passed a resolution awarding the sale of the warrants to Captain Siemens. The bonds are expected to arrive within a few days from Spitzer-Rorick & Co., who purchased them, and with the adoption of the bond ordinance introduced last night, all details of this transaction will be completed successfully, it is believed.

Some argument arose last night among the members of the council in allowing Spitzer-Rorick to have the warrants to sell, thereby taking them out of the city's hands, but the offer of Captain Siemens prevented the necessity of the bonds leaving the city's possession, and no further opposition developed.

THREAT ISSUED AGAINST WILSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—President Wilson completed a week's confinement to his room yesterday as a result of a cold he took during the inauguration ceremonies. His improvement is slow, and he is still confined to his bed.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—A death threat against President Wilson made here as a result of the submarine crisis was learned of yesterday. The police and secret service are co-operating in an attempt to prosecute.

Chases Coyote Four Miles A. W. Shur of Worden brought in two coyote skins today to the county clerk's office for the bounties. One of the coyotes, which was caught in a trap got loose, and was chased four miles by his pursuers on snowshoes before they could catch him, according to Mr. Shur. Mr. Shur says that he just about pays his taxes by killing coyotes.

RUSSIAN REVOLT IS ACCOMPLISHED

How American Merchant Ships Will Be Armed



This photograph shows how American merchant ships will look when armed against German submarines. There is a three-inch gun high at the stern of this liner. It may be swung around to shoot at a submarine on either side or in the rear. Naval officers may advise that such a gun be also placed at the bow of each vessel.

HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES BURNS

EIGHT HUNDRED GUESTS OF THE HOUSLYN RUTED THIS MORNING WHEN FIRE DOES \$100,000 DAMAGE—ONE MAN JUMPS

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—Eight hundred guests thinly clad, rushed into the street or were rescued by firemen and the police this morning when fire broke out in the hotel Rosslyn.

GERARD ARRIVES AT WASHINGTON

GREETED BY LARGE CROWD AND IN HANDED NOTE FROM WHITE HOUSE NOT TO DISCUSS GERMAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Ambassador Gerard returned from Berlin, arrived in Washington at 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was greeted by a large crowd. On his arrival at the White House he was given a memorandum advising him not to discuss the German situation. Gerard announced that he will say nothing until his full report is made to the state department.

'FRISCO CHINESE TONGMEN FIGHT

TWO ATTACK UNIDENTIFIED CHINAMAN IN STOCKTON STREET TUNNEL, EXCHANGE 15 SHOTS WITHOUT DAMAGE, AND FLEE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Two Chinese tongmen attacked an unidentified Chinaman in the Stockton street tunnel this morning, and fifteen shots were exchanged without anyone being hit.

A large number of policemen responded to the alarm, but the Chinamen had fled.

The grand jury has indicted three Bing Tong followers for the murder of Ng You on March 5th.

Operation Performed An operation for acute appendicitis was done for Iida Stone, aged 8 years, of Shippington, this morning at the county infirmary by Dr. Warren Hunt. Dissected tonsils and adenoids, considered the source of the infected mastoid sinuses, were removed as well. Dr. Hunt has recently returned from a long stay at the surgical clinics of Philadelphia and New York.

Local Firm Gets Contract J. F. Goeller & Son of this city have been awarded the contract for the remodeling and construction work at the local Wells Fargo Express company's office. The work is expected to start within two weeks, and is now being held up until materials to be furnished by the company have arrived, to adjust the remainder of the counters and improvements to them.

STRAHORN SAYS \$800,000 READY

READY TO BEGIN WORK ON 400 MILES OF RAILROAD IN SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN OREGON TO TAP BIG TERRITORY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Robert E. Strahorn, railroad builder of Spokane, announced here that he had approximately \$800,000 immediately available toward the construction of 400 miles of railroad which will connect up with existing lines of Southern and Southeastern Oregon.

Strahorn's project, he said, would open up undeveloped territory as large as the state of Ohio. He said nearly \$5,000,000 additional would be required to complete the building program.

COMMITTEE WILL VISIT MERCHANTS

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION TO SEND MEMBERS TO SAN FRANCISCO TO FOLLOW UP WORK OF SIEMENS AND JOHNSON

A committee of business men of this city will go to San Francisco next week to raise the balance of the terminal fund money, as a result of action taken last night at the meeting of the Business Men's Association at the city hall. President Ekstrom will appoint the members of the committee.

This committee will follow up the preliminary work done by Captain J. W. Siemens and Paul Johnson of this city, who brought the matter of the railroad to the attention of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and many of the merchants of the Bay City.

Several chamber committees there have had it under consideration, and it was necessary to secure their support before the merchants could be approached.

SPROULE SAYS DECISION UNMADE

SURVEY FOR MODOC NORTHERN RAILROAD MADE, BUT DECISION TO START IN SIXTY DAYS NOT MADE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—President Sproule of the Southern Pacific said last night: "Our surveys are made for the Modoc Northern railroad have been reviewed by our chief engineer. "It has not been decided to start construction of the railroad within the next sixty days," he said.

HIRAM RESIGNED AT NOON TODAY

EX-GOVERNOR JOHNSON OF CALIFORNIA, NOW UNITED STATES SENATOR, EXPECTED TO GO TO WASHINGTON SOON

SACRAMENTO, March 15.—Hiram Johnson resigned his office as governor of California at noon today to become United States senator.

The resignation was handed to Secretary of State Frank Jordan, who then prepared a commission for William Douglas Stephens, California's new chief executive.

A joint session of the senate and house of representatives was called in the assembly room at noon for a fitting ceremonial on the occasion of Johnson's retirement.

United States Senator-elect Johnson is expected to leave soon for Washington, D. C., to attend the special session of congress called for April 16th. It was the calling of the special session which occasioned Johnson's resignation from the gubernatorial chair at this time. Until the special session was called, it had been believed he would remain in office until the legislature adjourned.

William D. Stephens, lieutenant governor, and who has endorsed the policies of Governor Johnson, automatically became governor, and the issuance of a commission by the secretary of state was a mere matter of form.

YEAR'S OUTLOOK IS NOT BRIGHT

SMALL CROPS AND HIGH PRICES TO PREVAIL, OWING TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS OVER COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Small crops and high prices will probably result this season from unfavorable weather conditions prevailing generally over the United States. A scarcity of labor will make the situation more acute, say department of agricultural officials.

Early vegetables are three and four weeks late, and some points report potatoes are frozen in the ground. Lettuce has been damaged, as have also Southern California watermelons and cantaloupes. Farmers in many instances are replanting.

W. C. T. U. RAISES AND SENDS \$51 TO BELGIANS

The Klamath Falls Women Christian Temperance Union has raised and forwarded \$51 to the Belgian relief fund through the cooked food sale held March 3rd, according to a report made by Mrs. Phoebe Hammer, president of the union.

On behalf of the union, Mrs. Hammer wishes to thank all who contributed to the fund. "One dollar feeds a Belgian child one month," said Mrs. Hammer. Mrs. Hammer is a relative of Mr. Hoover, who has been in charge of the relief fund in this country, and recently left for Spain to continue this and other relief work.

DUMA COMMITTEE NOW IN CHARGE

FORMER MINISTERS IN CONTROL ARE IMPRISONED

Duma Has Declared That the Ministers and Cabinet No Longer Exist. Berlin Reports the Capital of Russia in Hands of Duma Executive Committee on Wednesday Last. Engelhard Commands Petrograd.

BERLIN, March 15.—The official German press bureau declares that the executive committee of the Russian Duma has accomplished a successful revolution in Russia and has imprisoned the ministry formerly in control, and is now in charge of the government's affairs.

The Berlin report says that the duma has declared that the ministers and the cabinet no longer exist. That on Wednesday, the third day of the revolution, the capital was completely in the hands of the duma executive committee, and that 30,000 troops were in the garrison at Petrograd who supported the revolution.

Deputy Engelhard, general staff colonel, has been appointed commander at Petrograd by the executive committee.

Tuesday night a proclamation was issued, asking that all business resume its normal life.

It is asserted that revolutionists issued a statement which blamed the government for the sufferings resulting from the war. It is declared that the revolt began last Sunday.

LONDON, March 15.—The Russian revolution succeeded after three days of fighting, principally at Moscow and Petrograd. Many houses were burned.

The czar may abdicate the throne, leaving his son to succeed.

The object of the revolution is to oust the pro-German officials who have been hindering Russia's participation in the war.

The revolutionists are strongly democratic and pro-ally, which means the abolition of Russian absolutism and greater co-operation in the war.

Late dispatches from Petrograd declare that the revolution was not directed against the ruling dynasty, but represents the determination of the army and the duma to end the impediments which have stood in the way of Russian military success. It is said the people blamed pro-German officials.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—An official cablegram to the state department confirms the Russian revolution, but gives no details.

The Russian ambassador has not been advised concerning it, and will make no comment.

Leaves for Dinuba Mrs. E. A. Cross and family have left for Dinuba, Calif., where they will join Mr. Cross, who is there for his health, and is dangerously ill. Mr. Cross was formerly a member of the law firm of Stone, Cole & Stone of this city, which has been dissolved. Mr. Stone is practicing law in Dinuba, Mr. Cole is practicing in California, also.