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GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS TO BE NEXT MOVE

Managers Finally Include To Make No Concisions To Men

PROPOSITION AGREED UPON DISAPPOINTING

Both Sides Consider Hope of Peaceable Settlement All But Gone

By Carl D. Grant.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 26.—“We are ready.”
This statement came today from both railroad executives and employees, as a national transportation paralysis loomed up. Railroad managers contended that they could keep sufficient trains running through “loyal employees” to prevent a milk and food famine—and its consequent garnering of death and desolation.
The employees said there might be a few ready to continue laboring, but that the roads as a whole would be tied up tighter than a drum.
In the railroad camps the grimest fighters said “put white lead on the engines and lay everything off.”
The most conservative said “we must see that the babies have their milk and the nation its food.”
Down the street, the employees said the guilt for ruin or starvation would lie upon the railroad kings.
It developed today that while the railroad presidents have been wrestling with the problem of meeting President Wilson’s proposal, the managers, somewhat sidetracked from the phase of the situation, have been working out plans for handling an actual strike if it comes.
A comprehensive plan is complete, they now declare. It includes details of train operation, emergency schedules have been made and it is known that since the beginning of the negotiations, embargoes on some commodities have been considered. One railroad official said that immediately upon declaration of a strike, embargoes would be placed on war munitions and drygoods and non-perishable commodities not regarded as necessities.
The first thought of the roads will be to carry foodstuffs.
A reason for the extensive strike plans, one executive said, is the roads feeling that all the brotherhood members are not behind a strike movement.
“Our fight is with the leaders,” he said. “I know my men are loyal to me. I have worked with them and talked to them and I know they like me. But we must prepare against anything.”
One great railroad system has prepared thousands of circular letters, to be mailed to employees within an hour after a strike is declared. The letters tell the roads’ side of the case and ask support.
Significance was seen today in the fact that many of the 640 railroad brotherhood representatives were preparing to leave Washington. Several paid their hotel bills and arranged to take night trains.

VON KLUCK SAYS BIG ALLIED OFFENSIVE IS DISMAL FAILURE

The allies’ great offensive on the Somme developing into one of the greatest battles in the world’s history, began the morning of July 1, exactly eight months ago today. From General Alexander von Kluck, one of Germany’s greatest leaders in the early days of the war, who was compelled to retire because of wounds, the United Press has obtained the German view of the results of the eight weeks of fighting. Included in that part of the battle front under General Von Kluck’s command was the Somme district where the allied offensive has been under way.

GENERAL VON KLUCK’S VIEWS

By Carl W. Ackerman.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Strasbourg, Germany, Aug. 26.—In eight weeks of tremendous effort with lavish expenditure of human flesh and blood and ammunition, the allies not only have failed to break the German line on the Somme but have not even badly beat it, General Alexander von Kluck, who commanded the German right in the great advance to the gates of Paris, told the United Press today.

Gains Are Small.
“In eight weeks of fighting they have gained a few kilometers at terrible losses,” said the German war hero. “The English have accomplished practically nothing. They have only exposed themselves to our counter attacks, which will certainly come.”

“We were seated in the smoking room of Wilkendorf castle, near Strasbourg. Before us was a map of the Somme battle line. General Von Kluck first explained the position held by his army when he was in command on this front before he was wounded. The territory the allies are now trying to break through is the same ground across which Von Kluck hurried with his army during the first advance into France in the fall of 1914. After 22 months of fighting, the battle line at this front shows little change except that the Germans have been pushed back a few kilometers.”

Losses Very Severe.
“The English losses on the Somme have been terrible,” continued General Von Kluck. “They have been much greater than ours. The English had to put new men into each attack. Their losses must exceed ours by at least 100,000.”

“Is that many for the large army England is reported to have?” he was asked.
“The decisive thing is always to have plenty of men,” he replied, “but when there is a great offensive like this Anglo-French movement and little progress is made; when the losses are great and no progress is evident, the spirit of the troops weakens and that weakens the offensive.”

“It is reported abroad that Germany is facing a great military crisis now that the allies are attacking on several fronts and it is even rumored that it will not be long before she will collapse,” he was told.
No Crisis in Germany.
“You can see for yourself that there

HUGHES IS WORKING HARD ON HIS TRIP THROUGH COLORADO

Concludes First Lap of Present Campaign Trip In Good Spirits and Health

By Perry Arnold.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Denver, Colo., Aug. 26.—With three speeches in Colorado today, Nominee Hughes concluded the first lap of his campaign tour and was to leave tonight for a three day rest period at Estes Park. Up to today the republican candidate has campaigned through 13 states, being almost continuously in what have been declared by local leaders to be republican states, except possibly California and Illinois. He has made more than a hundred speeches and arrived at Denver today very tired physically although well and exceedingly anxious for a complete rest in the seclusion of the mountains. But he was very sanguine of success when the ballots are cast by the people whom he has addressed.

“We have had a remarkable trip across the continent,” was the way Hughes described his journey so far. “Everywhere there has been evidence of a very deep interest in the issues of this campaign. I do not attribute this to my personal relation to the campaign, but to the deep interest that is taken by the American people in the great question involved. As I go through the country I am constantly impressed with the extraordinary resources that we have for our development and for our permanent prosperity.”

French Change Tune.
“A change has taken place in the former victorious tone of the French press of a few weeks ago. The French newspapers now exhort their readers to be patient and not ask too much. The German front on the Somme stands unshaken, despite the hardest forward and backward fighting, where the opposing armies are locked in a struggle like two tugs.”

Peace Will Come Suddenly.
“It can last years or days,” was his reply. “The end of the war will come suddenly as an accident. A Swiss newspaper sized up the situation correctly recently when it said: ‘Europe lacks courage for peace.’”

General Von Kluck is now 70 years old. But despite the fact that he has been wounded seven times, and still carries a bullet in his right arm, he is ready to go back to the front if necessary, he said.

CHEERIANS WAKE UP COOS BAY CITIES WITH NOVEL STUNTS

Capital City Business Signs Make Marshfield Seem Like Home

SALEM MONEY NO GOOD WHEN BADGE IS SEEN

Excursion Trip to Coast Full of Fun and Exciting Incidents

CHEERIANS WIN PRIZE
Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 26.—The Salem Cheerians were awarded first prize, the Portland Rosarians second prize, and the Eugene Radiators third prize in the parade here.

By Col. J. H. Cradclough.
Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 26.—Marshfield was ablaze with light and fire enthusiasm when the Cheerians’ special arrived at eight last night, with a reception royal and unique for the Cheerians.

Immediately as the train arrived about a dozen of the leaders of the Cheerians were seized by some of the Radiators and local Elks and hastened to the convict ship Success which is on exhibition here. They were put in cells. The stunt made a lot of fun. Following a procession of the visitors about the city, the Cheerians attended the reception, and were given the freedom of the bay cities.

Today everybody is being royally entertained, and sightseeing trips around the bay are occupying much attention. There was a lull in the celebration from 4 to 7 o’clock this morning, when it began again. It is Coos Bay day and it is all here. Twenty-six blocks of the line of parade was jammed, and a crowd not of less than twenty-five thousand with six bands, with the Eugene Radiators, with sixty boy drum corps, Portland Rosarians, Salem Cheerians and locals. The parade was nearly three miles long. Logging railroad ran ten blocks in line of parade; feature was logging train of forty cars, loaded with perfect logs from four to ten feet in diameter. Floats beautiful and hundreds decorated autos and fine comic features, showing with it an immense bull moose that kicked at everyone.

The Cheerians painted the town red last night, posting signs with red letters a foot long, “Stockton’s,” “Patton’s Book Store,” etc., on store windows and street corners, the signs reading “Capital of State,” etc., made it seem like home.

“There will be something doing every minute until Sunday arrives, probably later. The program shows high dives, log rolling contests, auto and motor races, greased pole contests, horse racing, tug of war between mills, dancing, band concert of one hundred pieces, and innumerable other things, concluding with an illuminated launch parade beginning at 8:30.

Then Coos Bay will rest after the grandest celebration ever held in the state and greatest crowd ever assembled in it, outside of Portland, and it will need the rest. The sign of the Cherry or badge of Salem is our introduction to all and means “Salem money is no good on Coos Bay.”

NATION-WIDE STRIKE MAY COME TOMORROW

Washington, Aug. 26.—Call for a nation-wide strike was averted until tomorrow at least when the railroad employees tonight adjourned their third session of the day until 10 o’clock tomorrow.

Many of the brotherhood district presidents who had planned to leave the city tonight changed their arrangements after the first meeting adjourned at 1 o’clock.

The fighting spirit had grown tremendously among the men this afternoon when they held their second session of the day. One of the prominent members said:
“We have nothing to concede. There will be a strike unless there is governmental interference or concessions by the railroads.”

BRITISH ADVANCE AGAINST POSITIONS AROUND THIEPVAL

General Haig’s Left Wing Takes 400 Yards of German Trenches

COUNTER ATTACKS ARE COMPLETELY CRUSHED

French Official Reports Declare Heavy German Assaults Repulsed

Theatrical Naval Battle of New York Harbor Victory For Invaders
Washington, Aug. 26.—Admiral Helm’s defending fleet was destroyed by the “enemy” and troops are now believed to be landing on Long Island (theoretically) in the big naval game of the Atlantic squadron.

Washington, Aug. 26.—A great naval “battle” has been raging off New York harbor for six hours. The main battle fleet of Admiral Helm defending the coast engaged the attacking fleet of Admiral Mayo at 5 o’clock off Scotland lightship, at the entrance to New York harbor. Helm’s fleet opened fire with 12 inch guns.

Eight war vessels, two battleships, one scout cruiser and five destroyers have already been “sunk” in the naval game. The defending fleet sank the “enemy” battleships Texas and Nevada and the “enemy” destroyers Wadsworth and Cooper. Admiral Helm has so far “lost” the scout cruiser Birmingham and the destroyers Fanning, Drayton and Balch.

It is believed here that the “enemy” battleships were “destroyed” early in the fight by torpedoes from the destroyers of the defending fleet.
The sunken ships, under the rules of the game, have to be put into Atlantic ports. Large bodies of theatrical wounded have been rushed to naval hospitals and the hospital wards of both fleets at sea are rapidly filling.

German Attacks Repelled.
Paris, Aug. 23.—A strong German reconnaissance south of Maurepas and Hill 121 was dispersed by French last night, said an official statement from the war office today reporting a most violent artillery struggle on the Somme front.

German Steamers Sunk.
London, Aug. 26.—The armed British boarding steamer Duke of Albany was sunk Thursday in the North sea by a submarine with the loss of 24 lives, the admiralty announced this afternoon. Eighty-seven of her crew were saved.

Russians Resume Advance.
Petrograd, Aug. 25.—The Russians have resumed their advance in the region of Stanislaw after nearly a week’s lull in the fighting, capturing the village of Guta and reaching the sources of the Bistrizza and Bistrizza-Nadorna rivers, it was officially announced.

SOUTHERN CHIVALRY AND UNWRITTEN LAW

These Are Relied Upon By Defense in Mrs. Adams’ Murder Trial

Macon, Ga., Aug. 26.—Southern chivalry and the “unwritten law” are relied upon by Mrs. H. C. Adams to free her of the charge of murder in the case of Captain Edgar J. Sprattling, one of the most prominent physicians in Atlanta, whom she shot and killed at the state mobilization camp here.

“He was my family physician and he took advantage of me,” said Mrs. Adams, who arose in the Bibb county jail refreshed by a good night’s sleep. “I made but one mistake, that was that I did not tell my husband before of what the doctor had done to me. I had gone to Dr. Sprattling for treatment for nervous trouble. He made improper advances to me and seemed to hypnotize me. After it was over I could not sleep at night because the thing was on my mind.”
“I told my husband last Friday. He walked the floor like a crazy man. There was only one thing for me to do and that was to kill this man who had ruined my life. I don’t believe any jury will convict me of murder.”
The woman’s husband, an Atlanta laundryman, is en route to Macon to make arrangements for her defense. He had no idea that his wife had come to Macon on such a mission, though she had threatened to kill Sprattling.

MRS. W. K. VANDERBILT SEES REAL WARFARE

German Shell Sent American Woman Fleeing in Scanty Night Attire

Paris, Aug. 26.—How a German shell sent Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt fleeing in her night gown with her hair down her back and a pair of loose slippers flapping over her bare feet, was related today by officers of the American ambulance who accompanied her on a tour of the French front.

Mrs. Vanderbilt told French officers escorting the party that she “hoped to hear the cannon.” She got her wish. One night while the party was sleeping at Pont-a-Mausson, the Germans opened a heavy bombardment that wrecked several nearby houses and sent the party rushing into a reinforced cave. Mrs. Vanderbilt had time only to throw a loose wrapper over her night gown as she ran downstairs.
At another place she approached so near the trenches that a French soldier warned her that one of his comrades had been killed near the spot where she was standing only five minutes before.

INCIDENTS OF THE TRIP

On Board Wedding Special, Aug. 25.—Someone has been counting noses since we passed Eugene and makes the statement that there are 168 aboard counting Doc Epley as only one. At Junction City a stop of ten minutes was made, the band played and despite the sun above and the granite sand below, there was a repetition of the dancing. One must like the pastime, if it can be called that under such circumstances, for I fancy Herod’s daughter would have given up the job of dancing that head off John the Baptist under like conditions. This might be called the second “heat” of the dancing program.

Eugene is all right and gave the Cheerians and band hearty applause as they marched down through the business district. The city was handicapped in the way of giving the boys a reception as 600 of her citizens went over to Coos Bay yesterday and are still there. Of course they are really more interested in this big celebration than Salem, as it is their own wedding and their presence be as an absolute under like conditions. This might be called the second “heat” of the dancing program.

Abe Martin



Some folks are like a sky rocket. They make a noisy get away, but then they fall by the wayside. Prosperity knockers are th’ latest.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday probably fair, not so warm interior west portion; winds mostly westerly.

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