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PRESIDENT DEMANDS ACTION ON PRICES

STRIKING SHOP MEN RETURNING TO JOBS TODAY

Employees On Many Lines Heed President's Warning Of Yesterday.

FEDERATION HEAD ASKS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER

Wilson Says Settlement Impossible Until All Strikers Go Back.

By Ralph F. Couch
(United Press staff correspondent)
Washington, Aug. 8.—Telegrams received by the American Federation of Labor today indicated that railway shop men who struck without authority have already started going back to work in response to President Wilson's letter, in which he asserted the government would not consider higher wages for them until all men were back on their jobs.

Strikers were reported to have returned to all shops on the Lackawanna and on the Norfolk and Western railroads.

B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway departments of the American Federation of Labor, has telegraphed the shop men asking them to resume work to a settlement of all the railroad employees' wage demands will not be delayed.

Answers to Jewell's appeal were looked for today in the action of the unauthorized strikers. If they go back to work negotiations between the railroad administration and the employees will proceed. Otherwise, according to Wilson's letter, the government will ignore the wage demands.

"Until the employees return to work and again recognize the authority of their organizations, the whole matter must be at a standstill," wrote the president. The letter emphasized that the rail administration will deal only with duly accredited national heads of the unions.

"You are hereby authorized," the president ordered employees, "to say to the railroad shop employees that the question of wages they have raised will be taken up and considered on its merits by the director general in conference with their duly accredited representatives."

FOREST PATROL FLYERS TREAT SPECTATORS TO THRILLING AIR STUNTS

Stunt airplane flying has become quite common in Salem since the city is headquarters not only for commercial planes, but for the government's forest patrol service. But last evening the four army flyers who came to the city from Medford without stop treated the natives of the city and others to the finest acrobatic flying ever witnessed.

Instead of keeping at an altitude of 2000 feet or more, the four patrol flyers came right into some instances barely 50 feet above the buildings. Another aviator circled the capitol dome and gave the only several real thrills.

The government planes coming to Salem to do forest patrol work, experienced no difficulty in crossing the Siskiyou mountains, although the plane of Major Smith, in command, developed some engine troubles.

With Salem now recognized as headquarters for the forestry airplane patrol service, it is thought that the state will at once begin the building of suitable hangars and arrange for establishing a service station at the state fair grounds.

TEXTBOOKS FOR NEXT SIX YEARS SELECTED

New Readers, Arithmetics And Grammars Included Among Changes.

Every chairman and every school board of school districts in Marion county have been invited copies of the latest school laws by Superintendent Smith. Also a text book circular giving a list of new textbooks that are to be used in the schools the coming six years.

According to the state law, school books for the state are selected every six years, and those for the coming six years have just been announced. One of the radical changes will be in readers. All of the old ones have been discarded. For the primary department, the state school book commission has selected the Henson method which differs from the old in phonics, wherein the child learns by the system of initial blend.

Hamilton's arithmetic will be used hereafter. It is thought that the new text book will present the subject in a more practical as well as simplified form.

Wilson Tells Congress That Present Method of Fixing Prices Are Openly Criminal

Washington, Aug. 8.—(United Press)—President Wilson today proposed to congress the following definite program of legislation to cope with the high cost of living.

- 1.—Extension of the Lever food control act to peace time, and broadening of its anti-hoarding provisions to cover foodstuffs, fuel, clothing and other indispensable necessities of life.
- 2.—Enactment of a law regulating cold storage.
- 3.—Federal licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce, with specific regulations to "prevent unconscionable profits."
- 4.—Passage of the bill now pending for control of security issues.
- 5.—Provision of adequate funds for government agencies to enable them to give full publicity to retailers' costs and selling profits.
- 6.—Definite provision for a penalty for profiteering.
- 7.—Provision for marking on the package the price paid to the producer of all goods to be shipped in interstate commerce.

Price Methods Denounced

The president presented this concrete program before a joint session of congress late today.

Denouncing some of the methods by which present high prices are produced as "illogical" and "criminal," the president asserted congress and the country that swift prosecution and punishment will fall upon the guilty.

He indirectly appealed for early ratification of the peace treaty by pointing out that economic disturbances growing out of the war cannot be calmed until there is peace.

But whatever can be done to meet the immediate situation should be done, and done quickly, the president said.

The president issued also a warning and appeal to the country's workers not to strike or resort to violent contest to settle the situation.

The president finished speaking at 4:37 p. m. The text of his address is as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Congress: I have sought this opportunity to address you because it is clearly my duty to call your attention to the present cost of living and to urge upon you with all the persuasive force of which I am capable the legislative measure which would be most effective in controlling it and bringing it down. The prices the people of this country are paying for everything that it is necessary for them to use in order to live are not justified by a shortage in supply, either present or prospective, and in many cases artificially and deliberately created by vicious practices which ought immediately to be checked by law. They constitute a burden upon us which is the more unbearable because we know that it is willfully imposed by those who have the power, and that it can be vigorously public action be greatly lightened and made to square with the actual conditions of supply and demand. Some of the methods by which these prices are produced are already illegal, some of them criminal, and those

Particulars Not Necessary

"I need not recite the particulars of this critical matter; the prices demanded and paid at the resources of supply, at the factory, in the food markets, at the shops, in the restaurants and hotels, in the city and in the village. They are familiar to you. They are the talk of every home circle and of every group of casual acquaintances even. It is a matter of familiar knowledge, also, that a process has set in which is likely, unless something is done, to push prices and rents and the whole cost of living higher and yet higher, in a vicious cycle to which there is no logical or natural end. With the increase in the prices of the necessities of life come demands for increases in wages—demands which are justified if there be no other means of enabling men to live. Upon the increase of wages there follows closely an increase in the price of the products whose producers have been accorded the increase—not a proportionate increase, for the manufacturer does not content himself with that, but an increase considerably greater than the added wage cost and for which the added cost is often times hardly more than an excuse. The laborers who do not get an increase in pay when they demand it are likely to strike and the strike only makes matters worse. It checks production, if it affects the railways it pre-

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Methods by which some of the present high prices are produced are criminal. Existing laws are inadequate. There will be no real peace until there is peace. The world is on the operating table without anesthetic. All that can be done to restrain profiteering until peace comes must be makeshift. Wheat shipments will be controlled and limited as to lower flour prices in America. Surplus stocks of food and clothing in government hands will be sold without profit. Surplus stocks in private hands will be put on the market. Hoarding will be halted. Food supplies are greater and prices higher this year than last. Profiteers will be prosecuted. Retailers are partly responsible for exorbitant prices. Congress must appropriate funds to fight profiteering. America must hold the world steady by its example.

vents distribution and strips the markets, so that there is presently nothing to buy, and there is another excessive addition to prices resulting from the scarcity.

Full Relief Impossible

"There are facts and forces with which we have become only too familiar; but we are not justified in our familiarity with them or because of our hasty and shallow conclusion that they are 'natural' and inevitable in sitting idly by and letting them work their fatal results if there is anything that we can do to check, correct or remedy them. I have sought this opportunity to inform the congress what the executive is doing by way of remedy and control, and to suggest where effective legal remedies are lacking and may be supplied.

"We must, I think, frankly admit that there is no complete immediate remedy to be had from legislation and executive action. The free processes of supply and demand will not operate of themselves and no legislative or executive action can force them into full and natural operation until there is peace.

There is now neither peace nor war. All the world is waiting—with what unerving fears and haunting doubts who can adequately say—waiting to know when it shall have peace and what kind of peace it will be when it comes—a peace in which each nation shall make shift for itself as it can, or a peace buttressed and supported by the will and consent of the nations that have the purpose and the power to do and to enforce what is right.

World on Operating Table

Politically, economically, socially the world is on the operating table, and it has not been possible to administer any anesthetic. It is conscious. It even watches the capital operation upon which it knows that it hopes of healthful life depends.

It cannot think its business out or make plans or give intelligent and provident application to its affairs while in such a case. Where there is no peace of mind there can be no energy in endeavor. There can be no confidence in industry, no estimable basis for credits, no confident buying or systematic selling, no certain prospect of employment, no normal restoration of the dislocated elements of enterprise until peace has been established and so far as may be, guaranteed.

Our national life has no doubt been less radically disturbed and dismembered than the national life of other peoples whom the war more directly affected, with all its terrible ravaging and destructive force, but it has been, nevertheless, profoundly affected and disarranged and our industries, our credits, our productive capacity, our economic resources are inextricably interwoven

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO PROBE MEXICAN MATTER

Washington, Aug. 8.—The senate foreign relations committee today decided on an investigation of the Mexican problem.

It ordered a favorable report on the King resolution, empowering the committee to investigate the "matter of damages and outrages suffered by American citizens in Mexico."

The resolution gives the committee broad powers to go into the killing of Americans, the destruction and confiscation of property and the collection of claims since the retirement of President Diaz. A report of findings with any recommendations thought necessary, is to be laid before the senate if the resolution is adopted.

Without debate and with no opposing votes, the senate passed a resolution by Senator King, Utah, reported today by the foreign relations committee.

The investigation is to be conducted by the foreign relations committee, which has been given power to summon any witnesses needed. An amendment adopted provides that "any matter in derogation of American rights" may be inquired into by the committee.

EDITORS OF NATION GUESTS IN PORTLAND

Three Hundred Members Of N. E. A. Arrive On Jaunt Over Country Today.

Portland, Or., Aug. 8.—(United Press)—Three hundred members of the National Editorial Association arrived here today on a special train, and during the next two days Portland will be the scene of the association's annual convention.

The "convention on wheels" as it has been called, left Chicago July 29, proceeding through Canada and stopping at Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The editors will go to Oregon City, Oregon, tomorrow, where the officers of the association will affiliate at the unveiling of a monument commemorating the establishment of the first newspaper on the Pacific coast.

Returning to Portland, the newspaper men will journey on their special train to Tacoma Wednesday and visit Rainier National Park. A business session will be held in Tacoma the following day. Seattle will be the scene of another business meeting Friday. Victoria, B. C., will be reached Sunday and the final business session of the convention will be held there the next day. The train trip to Chicago is to be started from Vancouver B. C., August 19.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company Is Strike Bound

New York, Aug. 7.—The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company again attempted to resume service this morning, following another night of complete paralysis resulting from the strike of union employees.

Officials admitted today that service on the surface, elevated and subway lines was even more meager than yesterday morning, when less than 20 per cent of the cars and trains were in operation.

Mayor Hylan sought to force Lindley M. Garrison, receiver, to submit to arbitration. The former secretary of war, however, said he would resign first.

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BETTER HARBOR FACILITIES FOR COAST FORSEEN

Creation Of Pacific Fleet Means Improvement Of Waterways, Belief.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 8.—(United Press)—As a first result of the Pacific fleet's dramatic arrival here yesterday and in consequence of the unwillingness of Admiral Rodman to bring his six dreadnaughts into the inner harbor, a determined movement is under way to inaugurate harbor improvements which will make it possible for San Diego to furnish a haven for the entire fleet should occasion demand.

In a statement to local newspaper men today Admiral Rodman declared that he had no fear of the bar at San Diego's harbor; that his biggest ship would have cleared it with ease, but that a mud flat at one of the turnings in the entrance had encroached so far into the fairway that he had deemed it undivulgable to bring in the big ships so long as there was no pressing demand.

Local newspapers are today starting an agitation for an immediate campaign to induce congress to make extensive harbor improvements. That this campaign stands a good chance of early success was indicated by a personal today of Secretary Daniels' speech acknowledging the appreciation of the navy department of San Diego's warm welcome to the fleet.

"The navy now here means," the secretary said, "that a study of all harbors from San Diego to Washington will be made. So where the need of dredging, of enlarging channels, is found, our congress will be asked for money to do this work. The benefit will be not only for the navy, but for the shipping people. The day of the small ships for commerce is passed.

"We are going to construct larger ships for our merchant marine. Never again shall we depend on foreign bottoms to carry American goods to all corners of the world. Naval authorities say that a strong merchant marine and a strong navy go hand in hand. To have a strong navy we must have a strong merchant marine; otherwise we should be dependent on foreign ships."

While it has been impossible to secure any definite statement from either Secretary Daniels or Admiral Rodman relative to definite future plans for the fleet, San Diego newspapers claimed to have obtained information from junior officers justifying the belief that the milder climate and the lesser amount of fog will cause the southern ports of San Diego and San Pedro to see more of the fleet.

GIRLS, HUNDRED STRONG, TO GREET EDITORS HERE

One hundred or more attractive girls, all carrying roses and such, may be expected Sunday evening about 9:30 o'clock, to take part in welcoming the 350 editors, members of the National Editorial Association, who will spend a few hours in Salem, on their way to Crater Lake.

A telegram was received at the Commercial club from San Francisco stating that such a welcome would be greatly appreciated by the editors, in addition to the luncheon to be served at Wilson park.

The matter will probably be taken up with Mrs. Z. J. Riggs, president of the Woman's club, and working in cooperation with the Commercial club, an effort made to prove to the national editors that in addition to prizes and loganberries, this part of the valley and especially Salem, produces the loveliest young ladies on the coast.

VALUATION OF KLINGER ESTATE IS PROTESTED

Objections to the valuations placed on the Maurice Klinger estate have been filed with the county court by O. P. Hoff, state treasurer.

They are based on the grounds that the inventory and appraisement do not contain the true and full value of the estate and that the amount of inheritance tax purported to be determined by the order of the county court approving the appraisement is not the full amount due the state of Oregon.

Based on these objections, Treasurer Hoff asks the county court for an order setting aside its former order of July 10, 1919, and for a re-appraisal of the estate and a determining of the inheritance tax as provided by law.

Maurice Klinger died April 23, 1916. In his will, John H. McNary was named as executor. The county court appointed as appraisers Eugene Eckerlin, Christopher Paulsen and T. K. Ford.

In their appraisement, the value of the estate was placed at \$75,092.93. Part of this appraisement which Treasurer Hoff objects to is the value placed on valuable business blocks in Salem, as follows:

Fractions of lots 5 and 4, of block 21, city of Salem, known as the Klinger building on 5th street, just west of the Masonic Temple. This two story block the appraiser valued at \$35,000. By the terms of the will, the Klinger

BOLSHEVIK CONTROL SOUTHWEST HUNGARY

Secret Murders Committed By Soviet Troops Come To Light Today.

Budapest, Aug. 6.—(United Press)—While allied troops are maintaining order in Budapest the bolsheviks are reported to have seized control in southwestern Hungary and are said to be slaughtering the bourgeoisie population. Secret murders of hundreds of victims during the bolshevik regime were just becoming known. The victims include General Fory, who was lynched and thrown in the Danube, and Colonel Borhy, who was shot and thrown in the Danube.

The terrorist, Abraham Kobo, who was arrested today, boasted in an interview that he had committed eighty murders under the orders of Tiber Samuczy, one of the bolshevik leaders.

The murders of Count Tusa, who was killed under order from Joseph Pogany, a soviet commissary, also are known today.

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ABE MARTIN



Motorcycles would make dandy alarm clocks if we knew what time it was when they pass by house. "Well, we still have women an' soap, but who wants a sing?" asked fell binaley, yesterday.

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