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PRESIDENT TO START SPEAKING IN TWO WEEKS OR SOONER

Jaunt To Start As Soon As Arrangements Completed, Announcement Today.

WILL BE ABSENT FROM CAPITAL ABOUT 45 DAYS

Plans To Meet Pershing In New York May Have To Be Altered, Report.

Washington, Aug. 27.—President Wilson will start his speaking tour as soon as arrangements can be made, it was stated at the White House today.

This will be in ten days or two weeks, it was said, since plans cannot be completed in a shorter time. A corps of assistants are working on the itinerary today.

The president does not feel that it will be necessary for him to wait until the peace treaty is reported out of the senate foreign relations committee.

The trip will occupy 45 days, if the president can stand the strain of continuous speaking, it was said. It is considered possible that the president will be in San Francisco in time to review the fleet.

The plans for meeting General Pershing in New York on September 8 or 9, as well as those for the review of the first division by the president here September 16, may have to be changed, it was said.

Developments of the past few days have convinced the president it will be possible for him to begin his speaking tour in behalf of the treaty in a short time.

The Mexican situation has cleared, with the withdrawal of American soldiers following the punishment of bandits.

The campaign to reduce living costs is showing results in a way gratifying to the president. The threatened strike of railroad shopmen has been averted, at least for the present.

Administration leaders have expressed themselves as well satisfied with the treaty situation in the senate.

These facts have again forced consideration of the speaking trip to the front, and advisers of the president are urging that the time for it is opportune.

The itinerary has been completed and needs only to be filled with dates. It calls for a journey to the Pacific coast through the more northern border states, occupying about 12 days and a return through the southern states by way of Texas.

It was possible, it was learned that the trip will be undertaken before the arrival of General Pershing and the vanguard of the first division, which would prevent their review by the president in New York as suggested. Pershing is expected to reach America about September 8 or 9.

Senator Hitchcock, who called at the White House late yesterday, indicated that the president has not changed his position on amendments or reservations.

"We are satisfied that the Shantung amendment will be voted down with a comfortable margin," Hitchcock said.

"Democrats in the senate, who favor adoption of the treaty without amendments will be joined by twenty odd republicans. Senator McComber drove the last nail in the coffin of the Shantung amendment in his speech.

"The treaty should leave the committee the latter part of this week or the first of next. Its adoption should follow during the month of September."

Strike Not Expected To Extend To Oregon Lines

Portland, Or., Aug. 27.—The railroad strike which has paralyzed transportation in California, Arizona and Nevada is not likely to spread into Oregon.

This is the opinion which was given to the United Press this afternoon by J. T. Clow, representative of the trainmen's brotherhood in this district.

Clow said there is no inclination among the members of any of the railroad brotherhood members here to strike unless ordered to walk out by their national officers.

Ohio Workers Expected To Refuse President's Plan

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 27.—The estimated 25,000 organized railroad workers in Ohio will reject by an overwhelming vote President Wilson's offer of four cents an hour increase, according to reports here today from railroad shops throughout the state.

PHONE WORKERS VOTE TO REJECT PAY AGREEMENT

Compromise Scale Turned Down By Big Majority

Grasser Announces.

VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE CAST REFERENDUM VOTES

Prospect Of Renewed Strike Declared "Ridiculous" On Face Of Returns.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—(United Press.)—Telephone operators and electrical workers on the Pacific coast, in their referendum vote, rejected by a large majority the compromise agreement under which they recently returned to work.

This statement was made to the United Press today by L. C. Grasser, international vice-president of the electrical workers union. The official count was completed last night at his home in Oakland. This is the first statement Grasser has made since the count was completed.

Grasser refused to state how large a percentage of the operators and electrical workers voted. "It might handicap me in my further negotiations," he said.

It was learned from another source, very close to Grasser, however, that "only a very small" percentage of the operators voted, and that some of those who made the count said a strike would be "ridiculous" under the circumstances.

Grasser said his next step would be to open negotiations with the Pacific Telephone company—the only company with which the operators are now negotiating.

Grasser represents the international and the operators by their vote are rejecting the wage compromise which the international signed.

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SERVICE ON LINES OUT OF BAY DISTRICT DEAD

Yardmasters, Switchmen, Firemen, Engineers And Shopmen Out.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 27.—California, Nevada and Arizona are almost entirely isolated from the remainder of the nation today as the result of the railroad tieup. The Southern Pacific railroad admitted that it is not moving trains in any of the three states.

The tieup of the Salt Lake road extends as far east as San Bernardino. Santa Fe service is cut off west of Needles.

On both the Salt Lake and Santa Fe the danger of the spread of the strike further eastward is imminent. No Santa Fe trains enter Nevada.

No trains are leaving or entering Los Angeles today, according to the United States railroad administration.

Railroad trainmen will not go back to work today. Notwithstanding orders from W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, instructing brotherhood members now on strike to return to their places, there will be no immediate movement back to the job, so far as could be learned at the labor temple today.

L. L. Sanford, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the Southern Pacific for the Pacific division, was unable to state how soon brotherhood members would again man steam line trains.

Sanford denied statement attributed to him in morning newspapers regarding the resumption of railroad service.

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BANKERS OF NEW YORK APPROVE WAGE STAND

President's Answer To Increase Plea Endorsed By Financiers.

New York, Aug. 27.—(United Press.)—New York bankers approve President Wilson's stand on the wage demands of the railroad shopmen, according to a statement issued today by Dow Jones & company, Wall street news bureau. It is declared that opinions in financial circles agree upon the soundness of the president's argument, "which stands out in sharp contrast to the more or less socialistic reasoning from the labor element."

"If the president had taken his present stand some months ago an effective readjustment in price and wage conditions might have been realized before this, according to the interpretation of the bankers attitude.

"But there is no certainty in financial circles," says the statement, "that the railroad shopmen, nor indeed other branches of labor, will acquiesce in Mr. Wilson's counsel. The remarkable success of traction employees lately, it is expected, will have a tremendous influence with labor dissatisfied with existing conditions.

"It is also believed that Mr. Wilson's remarks as to high prices have reached their peak will increase rather than abate discontent. Judging from the present temper of the union, it is believed this will be accepted as the last opportunity to obtain wage increases before the recession in the cost of living."

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Seattle, Wash., Aug. 27.—That certain shipbuilders in this district are facing criminal prosecution as a result of their lax methods during war time was brought out at the hearing before the congressional shipyards probe committee which resumed its sessions here today.

The committee, composed of Congressmen James J. Walsh of Massachusetts, I. M. Foster of Ohio, P. H. Kelley of Michigan and L. H. Hadley of Washington, called Captain Sverre Rustad, the emergency fleet corporation's acting assistant in charge of wood ship construction for this district, as its chief witness today.

Captain Rustad testified that he had occasion to make adverse reports to the fleet corporation about the construction of certain ships built at Grays Harbor. One of these ships, he said, had to be docked twice for repairs shortly after its completion.

Howard G. Crossgrove, counsel for the fleet corporation here, was questioned by the committee concerning the legal department and how it functioned.

Crossgrove told the committee that criminal action involving certain shipbuilders is contemplated but he would not give names.

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Present Is Time To Settle With Japan and Establish Chinese Friendships--Tooze

"Now is the time to settle with Japan and to tell that country precisely where she stands," declared Lieutenant Lamar Tooze in his address last evening at the army. "Japan is the greatest menace to the world. She is the Germany of the Orient. If Japan gets Shantung, she will get a firm hold on China. For Shantung is the gateway to Peking. If Japan is allowed to develop China and secure control of its great industries, the two countries in time will be a menace to the white race."

"In case of a war with Japan, it would be of great benefit to us to have the friendship of China. But we have lost this friendship," said Lieutenant

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Courtesy pays, but it don't seem 'nough to attract most folks. Natkin' in th' mornin' filled with downtown in th' mornin' filled with life an' hope, only 't find that your favorite nickel cigar has jumped another cent.

Three States Completely Isolated As Result Of Strike Activities.

S. P. OPERATING NO TRAINS IN SOUTHWEST

Striking Workers Show No Inclination To Return As Ordered By Union.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.—(United Press.)—Striking in defiance of the brotherhood chiefs, employees of the railroads in California, Nevada and Arizona had almost entirely isolated those states from the rest of the nation today.

"Some trains are moving in these states," declared William Brooks, district director for the railroad. He admitted, however, that the tieup was almost complete.

The strike spread to San Francisco following a mass meeting which was organized by men opposing the brotherhood organization.

Approximately 7500 men are out in and about Los Angeles. The number includes streetcar men and employees of the Pacific Electric. About 35 men are out at San Diego. Like numbers are out at Bakersfield and Fresno. In San Francisco about 300 men are out.

"The men are not striking," Sproule told the United Press. "They are resigning as individuals. It is hard to ascertain why they are doing this. They say they are quitting in sympathy with employees of the Pacific Electric, but that strike is over. I have every confidence the men are going out through a misapprehension and that when they take counsel with their advisers they will return. There is no adequate reason for their action. So far as the government is concerned it is universally conceded its attitude unwarrants anything but reliable service by the men."

Reports from Los Angeles today were that service on the P. E. was "almost normal."

W. R. Scott, federal manager of the Southern Pacific, said no men had been discharged because they had refused to move freight to and from the P. E. in Los Angeles.

Self-Styled War Hero To Be Returned To Washington

Austin, Texas, Aug. 27.—Governor Hobby today honored the application of the governor of Washington for the return of A. McCowan, alias D. M. Delmas, self-styled former lieutenant colonel in the British army and veteran of the world war.

McCowan was recently pardoned by the Texas governor. He had escaped from the Texas prison where he was serving a term for forgery and was re-arrested in Seattle and returned to Texas. Dallas newspapers took up the case, reported McCowan's story of how as Colonel Delmas he had won the Victoria cross for gallantry in the eastern campaign against the Turks, and eventually secured his pardon.

"I went through the ordeal of fire and have come back purged," Delmas as he was known here, said.

Then came news of the additional alleged forgeries on the west coast and hearing on the Washington extradition request. Now Delmas is to go back to Washington—with his Victoria cross and British army citations—to begin a new fight for right to freedom he claims he won on Turkish battlefields.

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There is scarcely a commodity that is not shipped or handled in a wood container of some sort. To say nothing of