



WILSON ADDRESSES CONGRESS; ACTUAL STRIKE CALL IS SENT

Breaking Off of Negotiations Between Railroads and the Brotherhoods Through President Causes Him to Place Delicate Situation Before Joint Session of Senate and House; Outlines Laws to Prevent Strike

TIEUP DEFINITELY ORDERED TO BEGIN AT 7 O'CLOCK ON THE MORNING OF LABOR DAY

Measures Suggested Include Eight-Hour Law, Investigation of All Disputes Between Railroads and Their Employees, and Operation of Trains to Provide Guardsmen With Food; Brotherhoods Oppose Proposed Canadian Plan

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RAILROAD STRIKE SITUATION

Negotiations between the railroads and the brotherhoods through President Wilson were definitely broken off.

The brotherhood leaders definitely ordered the strike to begin at 7 a. m., Labor Day, unless the order is countermanded and declared that only a settlement favorable to the men could change it.

President Wilson appeared before Congress in joint session at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon with proposals for new laws to prevent the strike. The latest authentic outline of the proposals is as follows:

Increase of the Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to nine members.

An eight-hour law for railroad employes in actual interstate transportation.

To empower the Federal Board of Mediation to fully investigate operation of an eight-hour day on railroads.

To empower the Interstate Commerce Commission to consider the eight-hour day in connection with making rates.

A measure similar to the Canadian Industrial Disputes Act for an investigation of all disputes between railroads and their employes.

A measure empowering the President to operate trains with the primary object of providing the American troops on the Mexican border with food.

The brotherhood leaders favor the eight-hour day features but oppose the proposal to adopt the Canadian plan.

The proposal of the railroads, framed last Friday and unofficially published at the time, that pending an investigation of the controversy the Interstate Commerce Commission keep accounts of operation based on the eight-hour day and the ten-hour pay and later make an award, was formally communicated to the men this morning. They gave every evidence of rejecting it as had been expected.

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson laid the railway strike situation before Congress this afternoon in an address to both houses assembled in joint session. The president told Congress of his efforts to bring the railroad managers and the men into some sort of agreement and saying he was powerless to do more, he asked Congress to enact certain specific legislation to deal with the situation now and in the future.

Pointing out the distress and hardships which a nation-wide strike would bring upon the country, the President asked Congress to empower him to draft into the service of the United States the very managers and men who have been unable to adjust their differences so that the government may operate the railroads in case of military necessity.

(The full text of President Wilson's address before Congress will be found on Page 10.)

Washington, Aug. 29.—While President Wilson was announcing that he would lay the railway strike situation before Congress at 2.30 o'clock to-day the brotherhood leaders rejected the latest proposition of the committee of railway presidents and actually ordered the strike to begin at 7 a. m., Labor Day unless a settlement satisfactory to them is reached in the meantime.

Their previous order of the strike was tentative and required a secret signal to put it into effect. Unless a settlement satisfactory to the labor leaders is reached before that time or unless President Wilson and Congress find some way to prevent it the strike would start Labor Day without further notice.

The labor leaders admittedly took their action the first thing to-day in the belief that some means was being sought to prevent the strike actually being called. By their action they think they have anticipated any legal processes which might be brought against them.

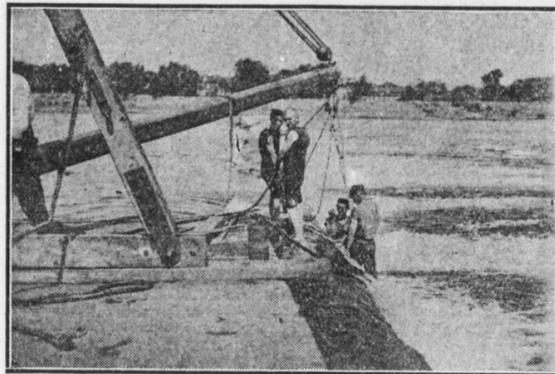
Will Fight Investigation Brotherhood leaders, it was understood to-day, will fight the compulsory investigation feature of President Wilson's legislative program, but support his eight-hour proposal.

Every effort will be made, it was said, to get separate votes on the propositions in Congress and leaders were confident that could be done. A. R. Garretson, spokesman for the men, expressed himself as strongly opposed to the compulsory investigation plan, and while he did not entirely approve of the proposed eight-hour bill, he said that it would bring benefits to such numbers of nonunion men that the railroads doubtless would oppose it, and he thought the brotherhoods would be behind it.

Throttle to Labor "The Canadian compulsory investigation plan," he said, "has proved the greatest throttle to labor that ever has been devised. Invariably—and I speak from experience in dealing with railroads—the railroad heads have used this delay guaranteed to them by law to prepare for a strike."

"The eight-hour day proposal falls

WORK ON RIVER DAM RUSHED TO COMPLETION FOR FIRST KIPONA



Under what difficulties the well-known "water dogs" of the First Ward labored during the last week to finish the river dam across the Susquehanna at Dock street in time for the first annual Kipona, indicated by the accompanying etching. Many of the old slabs that had been made last year and which had been piled on the river bottom below the dam had to be raised by derrick. At least ten new concrete slabs were made for the purpose. The last slab was swung into place at 11 o'clock this morning.

LET THEM STRIKE SAYS M'CALEB

Pennsylvania Railroad Said to Be Prepared For Threatened Emergency

"Let them strike. They are doing it!" said Superintendent William B. McAlebe to-day. The head of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad was attending a discipline conference when shown the dispatch from Washington, D. C., announcing that the strike would start Monday morning at 7 o'clock.

Superintendent McAlebe would not talk further on the strike question. He said that plans to be followed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Take Long Hike in Rockies

Estes Park, Colo., Aug. 2.—With campaign matters temporarily laid aside, Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee, and Mrs. Hughes made a long tramp in the Colorado Rockies yesterday. Both are ardent devotees of this form of recreation and together have climbed some of the most difficult peaks in the Swiss Alps. They greatly enjoyed the hike.

During his brief vacation here the nominee has arranged for a complete rest before resuming his speaking tour. He will arrive at Hampton Beach, N. H., on September 7, and make his first address in that State on that date. He will wind up the tour with a night address at Rockland, Me., on September 9. He will spend Sunday, September 10, in Boston, and on September 11 will open his New York State campaign with a speech at Syracuse.

Progressive Chiefs to Stamp West For Hughes

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Speakers to be sent into the Central and Western States to campaign for Hughes and Fairbanks will be about equally divided between Republicans and Progressives. Among the well-known Progressives who will make tours of these sections are Colonel Roosevelt, James R. Garfield, Raymond Robins and Harold L. Ickes.

To Dedicate Camp Curtin Memorial Church Dec. 3

The new Camp Curtin Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, now in course of erection on the site of old Camp Curtin of Civil War fame, will be dedicated December 3, it was announced this morning by the Rev. A. S. Williams, pastor of the church. A week of interesting services will make memorable the event. Bishop William M. McDowell, of Washington, D. C., will preach and dedicate the church. Bishop William Burt, of Buffalo, N. Y., will preach December 10, and on Monday night, December 11, he will lecture on "Americanism," a subject of interest to patriotic societies. Another interesting event of the dedication week will be a patriotic entertainment in honor of the Grand Army posts of the city, together with a bean soup campfire.

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ROMPER DAY IS CALLED OFF BY DIXON'S ORDER

State Health Commissioner Fears Spread of Infantile Paralysis

DISAPPOINTS THOUSANDS

Possibility That First Annual Kipona Will Be Prohibited by State

Romper Day, the big annual gathering of Harrisburg's thousands of playground youngsters scheduled for Friday at Reservoir park, was suddenly and unexpectedly called off to-day by order of Dr. Samuel Dixon, State health commissioner.

Fear of further spread of infantile paralysis was given as the State health officer's reason.

Plans for the biggest gathering of its kind ever held on Reservoir slopes had practically been completed and the youngsters had been looking forward to a big time.

Playground celebrations to mark the close of the season for 1916 will not be tabooed according to the instructions received from the State health department by the city park authorities and J. K. Staples, playground supervisor, has arranged for the individual playground programs.

A meeting of the playground instructors has been called by Supervisor Staples for to-morrow morning when the unexpected development will be explained.

The notice from the State department was received with little less than

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John M. Major, Veteran of Two Wars, Is Dead

John M. Major, a veteran of the Civil and Spanish-American wars, and a life-long resident of Harrisburg, died this morning at the Masonic Home, Elizabethtown. He celebrated his eightieth birthday anniversary last Sunday. Major had been in failing health for a year, but was not seriously ill until yesterday when he took to his bed.

The survivor is his wife, Mrs. Susan Major, daughter of the late Major David Mumma, a well known Harrisburg lawyer of the early days, and one son, Edgar M. Major, a traveling salesman, 223 South Thirtieth street. Funeral arrangements will be announced to-morrow on the return of the son to this city. The body will be brought to the son's home at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

John M. Major was for a number of years a notary public in the office of Major Mumma. Subsequently he was secretary for the East Harrisburg Cemetery Association, and was in the Civil war, serving in the First Pennsylvania Emergency regiment, and was first lieutenant of the Governor's Troop, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

One of the organizers of this organization in 1891, he served as second lieutenant until his retirement in 1904. He did field service in the Governor's Troop, National Guard of Pennsylvania, Homestead in 1892; Hazelton, 1897, and in the Schuylkill and Lackawanna district in 1901 and 1902. Lieutenant Major was a member of Post 58, G. A. R., and was senior vice commander and sergeant major of the Post at intervals. He was a member of the Association of the Veterans of Foreign Service, and was a prominent member of the Overseasers' Lodge of Masons. He was born at the Masonic Home, Elizabethtown, nearly two years.

SIX ROBBERS BLOW SAFES OF TWO BANKS AT SAME TIME AND GET \$13,000

Danville, Ill., Aug. 29.—Six robbers blew the safes of two banks at the same time before entering. The explosion at the two banks were simultaneous, and were so muffled that only a few people in the town were awakened. Eighty-five hundred was taken from the Raynor and Rabb bank and \$4,500 from the Citizens bank. There was some delay in spreading the alarm as the gang cut all wires into town except one before entering. The banks could not open this morning until money had been shipped to them from Danville.

Pennypacker Improved but His Illness Is Still Reported Critical

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—Former Governor Pennypacker, who has been critically ill at his home in Schwenksville since Sunday, was reported improved to-day. Members of his immediate family are in constant attendance at his bedside, however, as he is not beyond the critical stage of his illness.

Dr. Allen issued a statement to-day in which he said the patient had passed a comfortable night and was able to take some nourishment. Mr. Pennypacker is conscious at all times and his mind is alert. While in the first stage of his illness, due to uremic poisoning, his death seemed a matter of hours, the former Governor had rallied sufficiently to-day to give the attending physician hope for recovery. Mr. Pennypacker is 73 years old.

INCONSPICUOUS MR. TAFT

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Former President William H. Taft, here to attend the convention of the American Bar Association, which opens Wednesday, told reporters that Chicago convinced him he was out of politics.

I walked four blocks through the downtown streets and made one purchase in a store without anyone apparently recognizing me," the former President said.

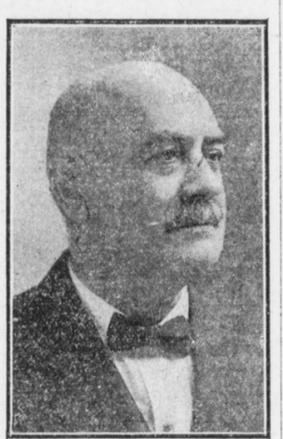
TEXAS QUARANTINED

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 29.—The Texas health board has declared a state quarantine to arrest the spread of infantile paralysis. Children under 15 years of age entering the state must show certificates of good health.

ZEIL FUNERAL ON THURSDAY AT CATHEDRAL

Police Chief Zeil Dies in Harrisburg Hospital From Appendicitis Attack

ILL ONLY TWO DAYS



J. THOMAS ZEIL, Chief of Police.

Impressive funeral services for Chief of Police J. Thomas Zeil, who died last night in the Harrisburg Hospital, will be held on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Prior to the services a double guard of honor, composed of members of the city police force, will be stationed in the Cathedral.

To-morrow from noon until 9 o'clock in the evening the body may be viewed at the home, 257 Briggs street. A 9 o'clock funeral service will be held on Thursday during these hours.

Complete arrangements for the funeral have not been made. There will be ten active pallbearers, including a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, officers of the police force and intimate friends of the official. Burial

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RUMANIANS JOIN FORCES WITH RUSS IN TRANSYLVANIA

Troops of Czar Came From Bukovina to Meet Them; Fervent Battle in Mountains

KING TO LEAD ARMY

Bulgaria Will Not Declare War; French Advance on Verdun Front

By Associated Press

Zurich, Aug. 29.—Rumanian troops which have been concentrated at Jassy, near the Russian frontier, entered Transylvania at a point to the west of Piatra, and, according to information received here, are reported to have joined forces with Russian troops coming from Bukovina.

London, Aug. 29.—Desperate fighting on the border between Rumania and Hungary is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berne, Switzerland. The Rumanians, the message says, are making furious efforts to capture the important mountain passes. This information, the dispatch says, is contained in a telegram from Austrian headquarters published in the Bund, of Berne.

Bucharest, Aug. 29.—King Ferdinand has ordered the general mobilization of the Rumanian army.

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Great-Granddaughter of Governor Findlay Dies

Special to the Telegraph

Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 29.—Mrs. Mary Van Lear Wright, wife of Robert B. Wright and a great-granddaughter of William Findlay, former Governor of Pennsylvania, died yesterday at her home near Williamsport, this county, after an illness of a year. Mrs. Wright was born at Cornwall Furnace, Pa., and was a daughter of Casper Shunk, who was a descendant of a former Governor of Pennsylvania. Her mother was Mary Irwin Van Lear, daughter of Matthew Van Lear. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Alexander Breckenridge, of Summersville, Ky., and a son, Robert V. L. Wright.

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U. S. TROOPS KILL SEVEN MEXICAN RAIDERS

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 29.—A band of armed Mexicans raided the Big Bend mine near Terlingua, Texas, yesterday and destroyed the mine and machinery. A troop of the Sixth United States Cavalry attacked the raiders, killed seven and chased the remainder over the border.

WITHDRAWS RECEIVERSHIP

Boston, Aug. 29.—United States Circuit Judge William L. Putnam to-day withdrew from the Boston and Maine railroad receivership proceedings because of a bill filed by counsel for minority stockholders, which, according to Judge Putnam, attacked the integrity of the court.

MAY POSTPONE KIPONA TOO?

Harrisburg.—Until a late hour this afternoon the State Health authorities had taken no action relative to calling off the Kipona celebration on the Susquehanna, Labor Day, but Dr. B. F. Royer, chief medical inspector said he thought the same conditions which applied to the Romper Day celebration should apply to the river regatta and that the celebration should at least be postponed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ira Rebeck, Klingerstown, and Lizzie Knorr, Rough-and-Ready, Schuylkill county. Ira Merrill Hemminger, city, and Ida Iona Tschopps, Penbrook.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer to-night and Wednesday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and warmer to-night and Wednesday; light, variable winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 2.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning. Temperature: 8 a. m., 55. Sun: Rises, 5:29 a. m.; sets, 6:42 p. m. Moon: First quarter, September 4, 11:26 p. m. River Stage: 3.5 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 68. Lowest temperature, 58. Mean temperature, 62. Normal temperature, 70.