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PROPOSAL FOR U. S. RAILROAD PURCHASE NOT TO BE FORCED

Leaders of Fifteen Organizations Give Assurance That Nationalization Under Tripartite Control Will Not Be Backed by Violence

LIVING PROBLEM IS ANOTHER QUESTION

Labor Heads Say if Wilson and Congress Could Not Meet Request For Higher Wages or Cheaper Food the Men Would 'Have to Find Another Solution'

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Leaders of the fifteen organizations of the railroad employees united today in a "definite assertion" that they had no desire and had no intention to impress upon the public by violence or by threat their proposal that the railroads be nationalized under tripartite control.

Declaring that the requests of the men that living costs be reduced or their wages increased, was aside from the question of the future disposition of the railroad problem, the labor leaders said that if President Wilson and Congress could not meet this request, they would "have to try to find another solution."

Result of Warning

While the labor leaders did not mention the President's address to Congress yesterday it was the general belief that their statement resulted from his warning to the labor world that strikes would only make present conditions worse and that those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction."

"To prevent any misunderstanding as to the policy of the organized railroad employees," said the statement, "we unite in a definite assertion that we have no desire and had none to impress upon the public by violence or by threat our proposal that the railroads be nationalized, under tripartite control. This distinctly separates considerations now confronting the people, the wage requirements of the railroad employees, and the Sims bill (embodying the railway employees' plan for reorganization of the railroads.)"

"In the matter of wages we have submitted an eminently just proposition."

Wreckage of 26 Coal Cars Blocks All Tracks of Middle Division

Huntingdon, Pa., August 9.—Traffic on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania railroad was completely blocked early today by the wrecking of 26 coal cars. The wreckage, scattered over a four-mile stretch, is believed to be the breaking of a car axle. Long lines of passenger trains from the East waited here for the clearing of the tracks. Passengers were taken to Petersburg for transference around the wreck.

FAIR WEEK WITH COOL TEMPERATURES IS COMING

Washington, Aug. 9.—Weather predictions for the week beginning August 11 are: North and Middle Atlantic States. Generally fair, moderate temperature; cool at beginning of week, normal temperature thereafter.

HE DID, AND HE DIDN'T

He didn't want it, anyhow! At least, the Steellon owner thought he didn't when his automobile wouldn't start, but he thought better of it later. He is reported to have driven his automobile to the vicinity of the Elliott-Fisher plant, jacked it up and made attempts to make slight repairs. He jacked it up, but his efforts apparently were unsuccessful. Picking up the jack, he is reported to have smashed the radiator, walked away and left the automobile standing. After thirty-six hours, he came back last evening and drove it away when his temper had cooled.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday. Not much change in temperature. Lowest eastern Pennsylvania! Fair tonight and Sunday. Gentle variable winds, mostly north. River: The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A slight rise of about 40 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning. General Conditions: The high pressure area from the Northwest has overlapped the greater part of the eastern half of the country causing a general fall of 2 to 22 degrees in temperature in practically all districts east of the Mississippi river in the last 24 hours. The most decided falls in temperature, 20 to 22 degrees, occurred in the upper Susquehanna Valley.

WILSON MAY TAKE UP HIGH COST OF LIVING PROBLEM DIRECTLY WITH PEOPLE DURING HIS TREATY TOUR

U. S. Agents Are Seeking Evidence of Profiteering

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Domestic problems now facing the country may be taken up directly with the people by President Wilson during his forthcoming trip in the interest of the peace treaty. This was indicated today at the White House where it also was said that plans for the President's tour were going forward.

Seeking Profiteers

All special agents of the Department of Justice over the country have been ordered to assist District Attorneys in uncovering evidence of profiteering in foodstuffs and other necessities.

Attorney General Palmer's instructions were that the special agents should drop everything but the most pressing cases now pending and devote their entire attention to assisting in the campaign to reduce the cost of living. The result will be to put hundreds of trained investigators in the search for men who have inflated prices exorbitantly.

While it was not so stated, the impression was gained that nothing but the investigation of radical propaganda which resulted in recent bomb outrages would be allowed to interfere with the efforts to punish profiteers.

Numerous reports received at the department from District Attorneys indicated that much evidence against profiteers was being accumulated. Prosecutions are expected to result soon in a number of districts.

(A digest of President Wilson's address to Congress and its possible effect will be found on page 10.)

Determined to Uncover Whole Story of Mexican Infringement on Patents

Washington, August 9.—Determined to uncover the whole story of the relations between the United States and Mexico, including facts of Mexican infringements on American rights during recent years, the three members of the sub-committee named yesterday by Chairman Lodge, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were preparing preliminary plans for their work. The committee, consisting of Senators Paul, New Mexico, and Brandegee, Connecticut, Republican, and Smith, Arizona, Democrat, was appointed under authority granted by a resolution adopted in the Senate and of which Senator King, of Utah, was the author.

While the investigation by the sub-committee goes into every phase of the Mexican situation and will take many months to complete, it was expected that only preliminary features would be dealt with pending disposition of the treaty with Germany. Tentative plans include hearings to be held at points along the border, as members of the committee desire to get first hand information concerning "any and all acts of the governments of Mexico and its citizens in derogation of the rights of the U. S. and its citizens."

Shoes to Remain at \$8 and \$12 a Pair

Philadelphia, Aug. 9.—Charges that shoe retailers are profiteers as made in their report to the General Trade Commission were denied today in a statement by A. H. Geuting, president of the National Shoe Retailers' Association. The bulk of next fall's shoes will be sold at from \$8 to \$12 a pair instead of higher prices, he said. The statement further said that it is unfair to hold up one line of merchandise as a "horrible example" when in reality the profit is not more than six per cent.

Cobweb Prophets Predict 10 Feet of Snow in Winter

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 9.—Do your winter snow shovel shopping early? Weather prophets to-day predicted that the snow next winter will reach to the clotheslines and the lower branches of the trees. They based their conclusions on the fact that cobwebs were seen all over town this morning, many of them six to ten feet from the ground. There is an old tradition that cobweb prophets are infallible. The position how high the snow will reach the subsequent winter.

Dies of Injury When Run Over by Auto

Frank Valle was fatally injured this morning when a heavy automobile truck of the Atlantic Refining Company passed over his stomach. He died at the Harrisburg Hospital, this afternoon. Valle attempted to "hop" on the truck and slipped. He fell under the rear wheel and was injured internally. His home was in Leopolis.

17 DIE IN EXPLOSION

Mexico City, Friday, Aug. 8.—Seventeen deaths were caused by a dynamite explosion in the Rosario mine, Pachuca, according to latest reports. Two miners, one carrying 3,000 pounds of explosives, crashed near the main entrance to the mine. It was at first feared that more than a thousand miners were entombed.

Hasn't Anyone an Electric Fan They Can Spare?



MOB ATTACKS CARMEN; DRIVEN BACK BY POLICE

Crews Have Narrow Escape in New York Strike Riots

By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 9.—Several cars of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, leaving the Greenwood depot, had proceeded only two blocks late last night when they were attacked by a mob of 500 who attempted to drag them from the tracks. Police reserves, with drawn clubs and revolvers, charged the mob and rescued the crews.

Alarmed by disorders in their neighborhood, members of the Flatbush Chamber of Commerce called upon Mayor Hylan to call out enough police reserves to maintain order and upon Receiver Garrison to obtain a court order "enjoining strikers from participating in acts of violence."

Public Service Commissioner Lewis Nixon announced Lindley M. Garrison, receiver of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, had accepted his services as mediator in the strike which for three days has paralyzed traffic on the surface, subway and elevated lines operated by the company. Mr. Garrison, according to Mr. Nixon, also has agreed to meet a committee of his employees.

"As soon as a representative committee of employees can be selected, this commission will use all its effort as a mediator to bring about an early and amicable settlement," declared Mr. Nixon.

Mr. Garrison, however, has stated he will not meet any committee, including in his membership officials of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees not employed by the B. R. T.

As these officials are conducting the strike, the strikers announced last night that "the only committee that will be sent to meet Mr. Garrison will be one that represents the union." The men added that the only settlement to which they would agree would be union recognition.

BACON TO SELL AT 25 CENTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The War Department to-day announced that army bacon will be sold through postmasters for 25 cents a pound, baked beans at 5 cents a pound, flour at \$6 a hundredweight and other commodities at correspondingly low prices. To the prices will be added parcel post charges from the nearest Army depot. The sale through post offices will begin August 18.

ALL SHOPMEN WILL RETURN TO JOBS IS BELIEF

Negotiations With Director-General Hines May Begin on Tuesday

By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Union headquarters were confident to-day that the shopmen would make it almost a one hundred per cent. return. "It's a little too early to get a mass of reports from locals, but we have already been notified by number of union officials that their men intended to go back at once," said Acting President Jewell, of the railway section of the American Federation of Labor. "We should be able to commence negotiations next Tuesday with Director-General Hines under terms of the President's letter, with the men back at work."

40,000 of the estimated 50,000 men in the shop crafts have walked out. Kansas City and Cincinnati officials expressed belief that normal conditions would prevail to-day. At all places where men are out, local officials of the railroad administration are co-operating with union chemen in explaining the necessity for going back to the job at once, which President Wilson made a pre-requisite to the opening of negotiations.

FIRE CHIEF RUNS DOWN SMALL BOY

Calvin Swain, five years old, 1320 North Fourth street, was slightly injured and bruised this morning when struck and knocked down by an automobile driven by Fire Chief Kindler. The lad was playing about the sidewalk and ran directly in front of the machine. His injuries are very minor in their nature.

ALL MEATS TO BE SHIPPED TO OTHER CITIES

Mayor's Committee Is Getting Ready to Act Before It Is Too Late

Arrangements were made to-day by the special committee named by Mayor Keister to purchase one and probably two car loads of cured meats and canned vegetables from the reserve depot at New Cumberland. Residents of the city await with considerable interest the action of the food committee which has been held up until Monday despite the need of haste.

The foodstuffs will be placed on sale at fire houses and other centers where volunteer workers will sell it direct to consumers at big savings over the regular retail prices. Lieutenant Boyle who is in charge of the shipments at New Cumberland to-day advised haste if any quantity is to be purchased. Lieutenant Boyle was advised by telegraph to-day to clean out all supplies from the depot as rapidly as possible so that they can be distributed to the public.

The following shipments were ordered: Corned beef, New Orleans, 486,000 cans; St. Louis, 821,000; Omaha, 143,000; San Francisco, 1,075,000. Number two cans, Atlanta, 871,000 cans. Hash, Washington, 37,500 cans.

Roast beef, six pound cans, Boston, 6,000 cans; New York, 107,000 cans. Two pound cans, Philadelphia, 323,000 cans; San Francisco, 134,000 cans. One pound cans, Washington, 58,000 cans; New Orleans, 267,000; St. Louis, 1,057 cans; San Antonio, 300,000 cans.

Carefully Sweep For Bergs in Path of Prince's Ship

By Associated Press.

St. John's, N. F., Aug. 9.—Special precautions against the possible presence of ice floes and bergs in the path of the battleship Renown, bringing the Prince of Wales to Canada, were taken to-day. It was announced that the cruiser Dauntless, which preceded the escorting fleet to arrange for the Prince's reception here, would cruise about the grand banks to locate ice and would then proceed to sea to escort the Renown to her anchorage in Conception bay. Several unusually large bergs have been reported in vicinity of shipping lanes during the week.

MEMORIAL FOR CITY VETERANS IS ENDORSED

Businessmen View With Favor Proposal to Honor Soldiers

GENERAL ENDORSEMENT

Utilitarian Form of Project Pleases Many in Harrisburg

Sentiment in favor of the plans for the soldiers' and sailors' memorial, recently announced by the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, is growing daily, as Harrisburgers continue to give their consideration to the project. It is evident that comments expressed by prominent citizens this morning, that the feasibility of the Chamber's proposition, and the permanent way in which it will give expression to the city's interest in its service men, has met with widespread approval.

The memorial is to be a flag shaft to be set in a great granite base at Thirteenth and State streets.

The utilitarian as well as ornamental value of the project, and its perfect assimilation to the Capitol Park and Memorial Bridge plans of the State, afford much satisfaction to those whose interest in the veterans of the great war actuates them in their desire to erect a fitting memorial as a tribute from the community to the veterans.

To Name Committees

The committees which will carry the project to completion, will be appointed from among the ranks of the welfare organizations and other interests whose activities are devoted to the civic welfare. These committees will be appointed as soon as the cessation of the summer vacation season warrants the beginning of work upon the memorial project, it was announced at the Chamber offices.

That the memorial plans meet with the whole-hearted support of Mayor Daniel Keister was shown by his comment this morning. The Mayor and City Council already have given the project their approval in a resolution. Following is the Mayor's statement of to-day:

"I am very well pleased with the entire project, and know of nothing else that could be more suitable. I am especially pleased with the plan to make the city's memorial fit in so well with the elaborate Capitol Park and memorial bridge plans of the State."

Rotarian Endorsement

Gus M. Steinmetz, president of the Rotary Club, of Harrisburg, was enthusiastic in his comments on the plans, and has this to say of them: "Members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, so far as I have talked with them, have expressed themselves as heartily in accord with the Harrisburg Memorial Liberty Loan project, as announced by the Chamber of Commerce committee. The fact that it is to be a part of the great State development here, connected in a way with the Memorial Bridge, is a big point in its favor. Besides, it will show to the people of Pennsylvania as a whole, that the city is doing what the Commonwealth is doing and is willing to do its part. The Chamber is right in deciding that the memorial be erected by popular subscription. Every man, woman and child in the city ought to have some part in it. The Rotary Club, I am sure, will do whatever it can to advance the project."

Needed Tribute

Local citizens who took prominent parts in war campaigns, have also given the project their approval. Said Andrew S. Patterson, president of the Union Trust Company, who was chairman of the Liberty Loan committee of Harrisburg during the five campaigns, this morning: "The memorial will be a permanent tribute to the youth of Harrisburg, who gave their time and freedom to fight for Democracy. It is fitting that the memorial should take the most attractive form imaginable, and give the youth of Harrisburg the opportunity of putting up an old tablet some place. I particularly like its assimilation in the general Capitol Park plans."

Others who gave their approval of the memorial their attention, likewise united in their approval of the plans.

Boy Who Tries to Hit Airplane With Stone Is Run Down by Autoist

Running across Front street "to stone the airplane which circled above the city, hundreds of feet in the air yesterday, Carl McPadden, fifteen years old, of 1319 Susquehanna street, suffered a badly fractured right ankle when struck by an automobile.

With his eyes turned toward the skies, the youth failed to notice the automobile as it approached and ran directly in front of it. The automobile was driven by W. S. Haupt, of Shamokin. The lad was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital where the fracture was reduced.

FOOD PRICES DROP IN LOCAL MARKETS AS LAW IS OBEYED

No Trouble Experienced in Enforcement of Anti-forestalling Ordinance; Consumers Pleased With Act

POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS MEN IN MARKET HOUSES

Harrisburg's first market day with the forestalling and price-fixing ordinance in effect saw prices of many food supplies take a drop of 15 to 40 per cent., and late in the morning there was even a larger decrease for some of the perishable produce.

Dealers said the prices were due partly to the big supply of provisions brought to the markets and partly to the ordinance which kept forestallers out of business. At one market three persons known to have been forestalling for months were not at their usual stands to-day. Another woman who had been buying up chickens and reselling them, did not have a chicken to sell to-day.

Ready to Enforce Law

Storekeepers in nearby towns who had been coming to the market early in the morning to buy up a supply of produce which they took to their stores and resold, were not on hand either, police officials reported.

All the markets were under close police supervision and a number of times farmers were standing in little groups talking a few minutes with a member of the city police force standing close by.

At the Allison Hill market, Fourteenth and Market streets, prices of practically everything on sale were higher than at either of the other markets. During the early hours and until after 7 o'clock the farmers and truckers were charging practically the same or higher prices than prevailed on Wednesday.

Late Hour Drops

At the Chestnut street markets prices were slightly lower at the start, and by 8 o'clock took a decided drop, some dealers cutting their figures almost 50 per cent. This market had a larger supply of produce and more dealers at the stands to-day than during the last four or

five months. The late hour drops have not occurred for many months.

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CONGRESS READY TO ACT

Washington—Republican Leader Mondell declared in the House to-day that Congress was ready to act promptly on such legislation as was needed to carry out the suggestions made yesterday by President Wilson for reducing the high cost of living.

YANKEES TASTE DEFEAT

Newport, R. I.—Gerald Patterson and Normal E. Brookes, the Australian players, to-day defeated R. Norris Williams, II, and Watson M. Washburn 6-3, 6-4 in the semi-final round of doubles for the Newport cup, at the Casino. The steady, machine-like playing of the Australians was too much for the American stars, who were forced into making many errors.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

Boston—The Boston and Maine Railroad to-day declared an embargo against all freight from connecting points, except milk and perishable foodstuffs. Officials announced, however, that they would continue to handle local freight for the present.

STEEL BUSINESS BETTER

New York — Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation on July 31 were 5,578,661 tons, according to the corporation's monthly statement issued to-day. This is an increase of 685,506 tons compared with the orders on June 30.

200,000 BUSHELS OF GRAIN BURN

Philadelphia—More than 200,000 bushels of grain, mostly oats, valued at about \$170,000, was destroyed by fire to-day at the plant of the Keystone Elevator and Warehouse Company in this city.

BANK PRESIDENT ARRESTED

Philadelphia—William T. Gabell, dual director and clerk in the North Penn Bank, closed three weeks ago with an apparent shortage of more than \$2,000,000 was to-day held in \$10,000 bail for a further hearing on a charge of conspiracy to receive deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert A. Newsam, Hartington, Neb., and Elsie L. Hill, Harrisburg; George Cadler, Philadelphia, and Maude S. Conrad, Harrisburg; Charles O. Milner and Marie S. Zarger, Harrisburg; Wilmer L. Reed and Mary E. Mummah, Harrisburg; Harry D. Behney and Sadie H. Schreffler, Elizabethtown.