

WILSON, IN PLAN TO AVERT STRIKE, ASKS EACH TO YIELD

OIL PROSPECTORS RUSH TO CEMENT; HOPE IT'S FIELD

Oklahoma City Owners of the Shallow Producer Surprised by Strike.

SIDEWALKS SERVE FOR FORTUNE HUNTERS' BEDS

Geologists Tell Holders Big Pool Underlies Drill; Qwn 4,000-Acre Lease.

Possibility that the fifty-barrel oil well brought in yesterday two miles west of Cement by the Keeche Oil & Gas company of Oklahoma City may herald the discovery of a new oil field furnished the principal topic of conversation in local petroleum circles this morning. Following news of the strike, scores of local oil men left for Cement. The little town was so full of oil men last night that many were forced to sleep in the streets because hotel accommodations could not be secured.

Surprise to Drillers.

"We were as much surprised as any one when the news of the shallow strike was telephoned us yesterday. However, we are prepared to go down with the test for at least 2,500 feet. The well was located on the advice of geologists who assure us that one of the largest pools in the state is beneath our drill. We have 4,000 acres under lease in the neighborhood."

Water is flowing into the shallow well this morning and the drillers are experiencing some difficulty controlling it. They are preparing to case off the flow and proceed as soon as possible with drilling.

Near Abandoned Well.

The Cement well is three miles east of a test put down three years ago by a company organized in Chickasha. After the hole had been drilled 1,500 feet, the tools were lost and the company expended practically its entire resources fishing for the string. Shortly afterward the lease expired and the owner of the farm refused to renew. A slight showing of oil was found in the hole, and upon this fact and the advice of geologists the Keeche company was organized to drill near Cement.

Officers of Company.

Officers of the Keeche corporation, all of whom are residents of Oklahoma City, are: F. M. Bailey, president; G. C. English, vice president; O. W. Goolsbee, secretary-treasurer; E. M. Bailey, J. M. Crook, G. G. Fisher, G. C. English and O. W. Goolsbee, directors.

Chickasha Oil Men to Scene

CHICKASHA, Okla., Aug. 16.—Oil has been struck at Cement, fifteen miles

Bomb Wrecks Home Of Chicago Italian

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—A dynamite bomb partially wrecked the home of Benjamin Schoemeka, a real estate dealer in the Italian section, early today, but none of the thirty occupants of the building was injured. Schoemeka was unable to give the police any reason for the explosion.

ACTION TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN BONDS

If property listed by sureties on bonds in Oklahoma county courts is valued at an amount in excess of the amount on the tax rolls the tax rolls will be corrected, according to a new plan inaugurated by Assistant County Attorney Selby today.

Sureties on bonds often list their property at a much higher valuation than the property is taxed, said Mr. Selby. In such cases in the future, he said, the rating given by the sureties will be placed on the tax rolls.

Total of 879 Guardsmen Freed

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 16.—It was announced at department headquarters today that to date a total of 879 guardsmen have been granted releases under the dependent relative provision. Officers do not consider this number as exceptionally large in view of the fact that approximately 100,000 state troops are engaged in border duty.

Humiliation and Heart Failure Cause Old Elk To Expire When Lassoed

Humiliated and sullenly brooding through years of insult and captivity, "Old Bill," veteran elk of the Wheeler Park zoo, died this morning of heart failure while keepers were attempting to cut off his magnificent branching antlers.

During the last two summers Old Bill has been becoming more and more dangerous and vicious, keepers say. He was ten years old and ever since he was brought here seven years ago from Wichita, Kan., his captivity and confinement have been irksome. And every summer, when his horns become freed from their spring velvet, Bill has become more sullen and evil tempered.

Gores His Meek Mate.

This summer he even has turned on his meek-eyed mate repeatedly and gored her with the velvet tips of his horns until watchful keepers clubbed him into submission.

Veterinarians say these humiliations have caused organic heart trouble. It has been more than the fiercely pounding heart of the plains monarch could endure, to be constantly harassed by strong high wire fences, and by shouting, puny men with stinging clubs, whom old Bill had almost learned to

love, and yet for whom he retained an age-old fear mixed with contempt.

Bill's heart trouble and his humiliation culminated this morning, when the keepers lassoed him after deciding to separate him from his chief weapons of defense, his towering horns. Only last week he had chased a keeper to the enclosure fence, and the keeper barely escaped with his life.

As the noose twisted about his neck, Bill charged madly against the strong fence behind which his captors had taken refuge. Repeatedly he thrust the velvet tips of the six-foot branches through the meshes, with nostrils distended and eyes wildly dancing. It was of no avail.

Unable to Escape. Then he sprang far out and back from the fence, striving desperately to free himself. This availed not, and his captors closed in with more ropes. With these they tied the limbs of the noble beast until he was quiet, from outside appearances. Inside, however, his heart continued to make mad riot, until it gave a final bounding leap, blindly calling for freedom, and the big elk fell to the ground limp and expired before the saw touched the base of his horns.

MERCHANTS RUSH ORDERS BECAUSE OF STRIKE FEAR

Dry Goods Wholesalers Two Months Ahead of Usual Sales Season.

The threatened railroad strike with its consequent tie-up of all freight traffic has caused much uneasiness and unrest among dry goods merchants throughout Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and other trade territory of Oklahoma City, according to managers of local wholesale dry goods houses. This unrest has caused merchants to send in unprecedented orders for goods to be shipped unusually early.

Ordinarily, the managers said, dry goods are shipped to the country merchants from August 15 to the last of September, but this year, the merchants demanded shipments to start as early as July 1. The Baker-Hanna-Blake and the Maxfield companies, wholesale dry goods merchants in Oklahoma City, have been working their forces day and night filling rush orders from the smaller towns.

Uneasiness Manifested. "The country merchants are uneasy on account of the threatened railroad strike," said M. B. Blake of Baker-Hanna-Blake today. "They are preparing themselves against any emergency that might arise in case the big strike is called.

"Ordinarily, the bulk of our shipments is sent out in September, but this year shipments were started last month. Talk of the threatened strike is heard from merchants all over the Oklahoma City trade territory. We hear it in the letters they send us. Our force is and has been worked up to 11 o'clock every night for some time in order to get the shipments out."

Early Shipments.

L. Y. Langston of the Theodore Maxfield company said the merchants were afraid they would not be able to get goods later in the fall on account of the possible strike.

"I don't feel, he said, had caused an unusual number of heavy orders from all over the trade territory. He said his firm had been sending orders out since the first of July. The shipments, he said, are usually made from August 15 to the latter part of September.

No Letup in Hot Weather; Cloudy

Local Forecast—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

State Forecast—Tonight and Thursday unsettled.

ARKANSAS—Unsettled. WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy. KANSAS—Generally fair.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE
10 p. m. 81
11 p. m. 80
12 midnight 80
1 a. m. 78
2 a. m. 77
3 a. m. 76
4 a. m. 75
5 a. m. 75
6 a. m. 74
7 a. m. 73
8 a. m. 73
9 a. m. 73
10 a. m. 73
11 a. m. 73
12 noon 73
1 p. m. 73
2 p. m. 73

DRIVERY IS NOT BEING UNPAID. IT IS BEING PAID AND DON'T THE THINK ANYWAY

"Zimmie"

GASOLINE HIGHER IN OKLAHOMA CITY THAN ELSEWHERE

KANSAS CITY dispatch says the price of gasoline was cut 1 cent there today, according to statements by dealers. The Standard Oil company was charging 17 1/2 cents a gallon, but many filling stations posted prices a cent under that.

In Chicago the price today was 16 1/2 cents a gallon.

In Oklahoma City, within walking distance of production, 21 cents that was being quoted at filling stations.

TEST AMENDMENT DEFEATED 41,830 VOTES IN STATE

Complete Returns Tabulated on All Proposed Constitutional Changes.

Complete official returns from every county in Oklahoma tabulated by the state election board this morning show that the literacy test amendment to the constitution, designed to take the place of the nullified "grandfather clause," was defeated by a majority of 41,830 votes.

The vote on the amendment was 90,184 for and 132,014 against. The amendment carried in only four or five of the seventy-seven counties. The vote on the other eight amendments was as follows:

Vote on Amendments.

Creation of State Tax Commission—Yes, 50,349; no, 145,105; majority, no, 94,756.

Limiting Right of Municipalities to Incur Indebtedness—Yes, 43,451; no, 146,882; majority, no, 103,431.

To Consolidate Appellate Courts—Yes, 42,668; no, 148,231; majority, no, 105,563.

To Abolish County Courts—Yes, 40,528; no, 156,121; majority, no, 115,593.

On Compensation Law.

Extending Compensation Law to Include Death Cases—Yes, 50,601; no, 138,532; majority, no, 87,931.

Repeal of Section 12A—Yes, 75,270; no, 126,896; majority, no, 51,626.

Change Supreme Court Clerk From Elective to Appointive Office—Yes, 57,573; no, 134,819; majority, no, 77,246.

Reducing Size of Juries—Yes, 49,673; no, 141,339; majority, no, 91,666.

Two Big U-Boats To Visit America

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Two new German submarines of very large size will depart shortly for America, according to a Central News dispatch from The Hague. It is said these submarines have made trial trips off Helgoland.

Morgan Announces Loan to England

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Formal announcement was made today by J. P. Morgan and company as syndicate managers of the new loan to Great Britain, aggregating \$250,000,000 to run for two years at 5 percent interest. Associated with Morgan and company are several of the leading banks and business houses of this city, Boston, Pittsburgh and Chicago.

RUSSIANS MAKE NEW ADVANCES IN CARPATHIANS

Capture Series of Heights and Report Austrian Retirement in This Region.

SLAV OFFENSIVE YIELDS SUM OF 358,000 CAPTIVES

Germany Takes Over Trieste Defenses; Offers Rumania Land for Neutrality.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Russians after a considerable period of inactivity in the Carpathians, are moving aggressively against the Teutonic forces there. Following the taking of Jablontza, one of the chief gateways to Hungary, reported last night they have captured a series of heights west of Vorohitza and Arzenoy. Petrograd reports an Austrian retirement to the west in this region.

Take 358,000 Prisoners. The movement is considered as tending more effectively to protect the left flank of the Russian armies moving northward in the Stanslan-Halitz region in their advance on Lemberg.

Russian capture of prisoners from June 4 when General Brusiloff inaugurated his offensive to Aug. 12, are officially reported by Petrograd to have totaled more than 358,000.

The Germans announce they have won a success in the Carpathian region, capturing Starawiporyna height, north of Capul.

German Aid at Trieste. It is reported that Germany is taking over the defenses of Trieste sending troops especially organized for that purpose, says a dispatch from Milan today.

Further advances for the Italians in their campaign against the Austrians east and southeast of Gorizia were announced today by the Italian war office. Austrian trenches along the slopes of Monte Pecinka, on the northern edge of the Carso plateau and in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco east of Gorizia have been taken, the announcement states.

Unchanged Along Somme

Along the French front in the Somme region there was no marked activity last night. The British lines in the Pozieres region, where trenches were recently taken are being reconstructed but the positions of the opposing forces have not changed.

At Verdun there was a violent artillery bombardment east of the Meuse, but no infantry activity.

There is renewed discussion of efforts to induce Rumania to play a more active part in the war. Germany is anxious to insure Rumania's neutrality and is reported by a Bucharest newspaper to have offered her territorial compensation to this end, at the expense of Austria.

PROSPERITY SHOWN IN TROLLEY TRAFFIC

Sixty more men and fifteen additional cars are employed on the city lines of the Oklahoma Railway company now as compared with a year ago. This, according to a company official, does not provide adequately for additional traffic and new cars are being constantly added.

Navy Building Program Largest Of Any Country

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Navy officers virtually had before them today the task of carrying out the largest program for building warships ever adopted with a single appropriation by any nation.

Although technically not completed, the naval bill carrying \$315,800,000 was approved Tuesday by the senate and house, by a vote of 283 to 51.

Indications today were that the conferees would reach an early agreement on the points at issue and would lay the bill before President Wilson for his approval in a few days.

Thirty-Four Die From Paralysis

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—During the twenty-four hours preceding 10 a. m. the infantile paralysis plague killed thirty-four children while 113 persons were stricken. This compares with yesterday's figures of thirty-nine deaths and 163 new cases.

Galveston Merchant a Suicide

GALVESTON, Texas, Aug. 16.—Domino Gambini, 50 years old, a merchant, shot himself through the head today while in a vacant house which he owned. He used a .38-caliber pistol. He died at a hospital a few minutes after the shooting.

Explorers Back, Leaving Stefansson Behind on New Greenland by Frozen Sea

Members of Expedition Reach Nome, Enjoying Experience Despite Hardship.

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 16.—Six members of the Vilhjalmur Stefansson Arctic expedition who arrived here yesterday on the power schooner Alaska today related their experiences in the polar region during the last three years. They said Stefansson, who remained in the Arctic region to continue exploring newly discovered land north of Prince Patrick land, probably will not return to civilization during the present season. The party aboard the Alaska was under Dr. Rudolph Anderson, Stefansson's chief subordinate, who had been exploring and charting the coastline bordering Union and Dolphin straits and the Coronation gulf region, far east of the mouth of the Mackenzie river.

All the party which left here on the Alaska in July, 1913, returned with the exception of Daniel Blue, engineer, who died at Bailey Island in May, 1915. The members of the crew here are Dr. Anderson, J. J. O'Neill, geologist, John R. Cox, surveyor, Dr. Jenness, anthropologist, J. Johnson, oceanographer and entomologist, and George Wilkins, photographer. The schooner

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Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

WILL YOU PLEASE PASS GILBERT AND SULLIVAN? HAVE SOME SAXOPHONE

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Music should be tasted as well as heard, felt and smelled, according to Robert Evans, director of music at the University of Chicago, in a lecture before a group of his students. Mr. Stevens' food "equivalents" and bill of fare are:

- Oboe—Acidity.
- Piano—Fool water.
- Cello—After dinner smoke.
- Chopin—Fresh trout.
- Gilbert and Sullivan—Prunes.
- Flute—Sugar sweet.
- Violin—Intoxicating; claret or champagne.
- Saxophone—Buttermilk.
- Beethoven—Tenderloin steak.
- Victor Herbert—Dessert.
- Irrving Berlin—All-day sucker; should be prohibited by the health department.
- Bach—Oatmeal.

"If we have 'sweet melodies,' why not sour melodies?" the director asked. "Everyone knows that an oboe sounds exactly as a lemon tastes. Then we may say that certain instruments sound agreeably bitter."

"The chief trouble with the ordinary public, lacking in appreciation of classical music is that they are children, caring only for sweets. Cheap music, objected to by the trained musician, is merely an overdose of sugar and water."

Scores See Woman Slay Another

MARYVILLE, Mo., Aug. 16.—While scores of travelers at the Burlington station looked on today, Mrs. Q. A. Gilmore, 45 years old, wife of a local lawyer, fired four shots at Mrs. Ella Shipp, also of Maryville. All the bullets took effect. Mrs. Shipp died a few minutes later. Mrs. Gilmore handed her revolver to a bystander, walked to the sheriff's office and surrendered.

Mrs. Shipp was 43 years old and divorced. Mrs. Gilmore recently filed suit for divorce. Jealousy is said to have prompted the shooting.

Poison Fed Horses Bound for Allies

FORT MADISON, Iowa, Aug. 16.—Investigation of an alleged plot to poison horses consigned to agents of the entente allies was begun here today by officials of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway. Shipments of horses from Kansas City to Fort Madison, recently led to the investigation. Officers assert they found evidence which tended to show the horses had been given poi-

Earl of Cottenham Weds American Girl

LONDON, Aug. 16.—The Earl of Cottenham was married in St. George's church, Hanover square, today to Miss Patricia Burke, daughter of the late J. H. Burke of California. Walter Winans gave the bride away. Viscount Crowhurst, eldest son of the earl, acted as best man.

The Earl of Cottenham's first wife was Lady Rose Nevill. She died in 1913.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY AND COMMISSION IS HIS PROPOSAL

Suggests Regular Pay for Overtime While Situation Is Discussed.

UNION CHAIRMEN TO VISIT WHITE HOUSE

President Decides to Postpone Conferences Until Delegates Arrive.

Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Wilson completed late today a definite plan for settlement of the threatened railroad strike which he will submit Thursday to the general committee of the 640 representatives of the employes and to the manager's committee. The plan involves the acceptance of a basic eight-hour day with regular pay for overtime and an investigation by an impartial commission.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Wilson decided today to postpone further conferences with the representatives of the railroads and employes on the threatened railroad strike till Thursday when he will receive the general committee of 640 workmen in the east room of the White House.

In the meantime the committee of the employes here and the general committee of the employes will meet to discuss tentative plans now before them.

Urges Concession.

In the meantime the president, through Judge William L. Chambers of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, will keep in close touch with the representatives of both sides. No engagement has been made for the manager's committee but it is probable the president will see them Thursday.

The point on which the president is working is to put in effect the eight-hour day and have a federal commission investigating collateral issues. Details of the plan have not been worked out but it was said to be possible today that if the railroads concede an eight-hour day the employes will be urged to give up their demand for time and a half overtime.

Power Only to Recommend.

The proposed commission investigation would not have power to enforce any decision but would have power to make recommendations.

The halt in the negotiations has been caused primarily by the fact that the brotherhood leaders who have been meeting with the president have no plenary powers and have to refer all important questions back to their general committee in New York.

President Wilson decided today would be saved and better results achieved if the 640 members of the general committee were brought to Washington and met him directly. Therefore, it was decided to hold a general meeting at the White House Thursday.

Managers in Session.

The committee of managers remained in session almost continuously today discussing the conferences with the president and the tentative suggestions outlined. It was stated that the negotiations are now in such form that definite decisions may be made before the end of the week.

Officials would not discuss the situation because everything depends on the decision of the employes and managers. It was stated, however, that the situation is at a deadlock but hope for peaceful settlement has not been abandoned.

Commission Proposed.

Among the railroad managers today there was discussion of a proposal for some sort of a permanent commission to consider all railway wage disputes in the future and that it should begin with the present one. Whether it should be semi-private tribunal organized by agreement between the railroads and the men was not made clear, but there

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Prague Man Shoots Three and Himself

PRAGUE, Okla., Aug. 16.—(Special)—Wiley Honeycutt shot and killed S. Wadcock and seriously wounded Mrs. Wadcock and their 10-year-old son and then killed himself Tuesday on his farm near here. He is believed to have become suddenly demented.

The two families were neighbors. Wadcock had walked over to view the work. Honeycutt walked over and seated himself on the curb, joining in the conversation. Suddenly, without warning, he drew a revolver and shot all three, then turning the gun on himself.

Honeycutt was 25 years old. He had been in an insane asylum, but was thought to have recovered his mental balance.

PETITIONS ASK RECALL OF TWO END OFFICIALS

Elections Demanded to Pass on Mayor Clover and Commissioner McClane.

ENID, Okla., Aug. 16.—(Special)—Petitions demanding that an election be called by the city commissioners and the question of the recall from office of Mayor John R. Clover and Commissioner Fred M. McClane be submitted to the voters were filed today in the office of W. C. Rogers, city clerk. The petitions allege that the two officials have failed to enforce the prohibitory law, have permitted confiscated liquor to be drunk, and have committed other acts constituting malfeasance in office.

A count of the names of signers on each petition showed more than 600, which is a greater number than is required under the recall provision of the city charter.

The petitions are required to contain 30 percent of the number of votes cast in the preceding municipal election. In the last election 1984 votes were cast. The petitions, therefore, must have 596 legal signatures.

It has not been definitely stated what steps will be taken by the accused city commissioners with reference to the recall, but an effort may be made to attack the constitutionality of the recall provision of the charter. On the side of the recall movement, it is hinted that any effort to block the path of the petitions to the city commission, or refusal of the city commission to call the election will immediately lead to mandamus proceedings.

Third Member Not Affected.

The third member of the city commission, who is not mentioned in the recall movement, is Ed Myers, commissioner of waterworks.

Enid adopted the charter form of government in 1909 and today has a board of three commissioners. The mayor has supervision of the police department and as executive head is held, by the recall advocates, responsible for the handling of the boozing situation here.

GIRL WANDERS AWAY HUNTING HER LOST DOG

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Irene Wiesner lost her father's dog. He sent her out to look for the pup, and now Irene is missing. In the meantime the dog has come home.

WHAT NEWSPAPER HAVE YOU BOUGHT TO GET THE LATEST AND RELIABLE NEWS OF THE RAIL STRIKE? ONLY ONE NEWSPAPER PRINTED AFTERNOONS IN OKLAHOMA CITY HAS ITS FINGERS ON THE SITUATION.

That's the Times