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## PRESIDENT MAY PREVENT STRIKE

Washington, Aug. 15.—President Wilson conferred with both parties to the threatened countrywide railway strike and it appeared that sufficient foundation had been laid to furnish a working basis for a settlement of the differences of the employees and employers.

The president will meet both sides again.

At the conclusion of the conference the president issued this statement: "I have met both sides and have gone over the case with the utmost frankness. I shall not be able to judge until later whether we have found a feasible basis for settlement."

The foremost questions are what shall be arbitrated, if arbitration is to be resorted to and what form of arbitration shall be adopted. Representatives of the employees maintain that their demand for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime is the only concrete proposition under discussion.

### Demand Counter Proposal.

They insisted to the president in their conference that the railroads make some definite counter proposal.

If the railroads submitted some proposed form of settlement, they said, they would be ready to discuss negotiations further.

The employees are understood to be ready to consent to the principle of arbitration if the contingent proposals of the managers, which the men claim involve rights they have won in thirty years' effort, are eliminated from consideration, and if arbitration is conducted by a board on which all four brotherhoods are represented.

Immediately after learning the employees' position the president summoned the committee of managers and held a long conference with them. They left the White House to confer among themselves and the general understanding is that they discussed the advisability of withdrawing their "contingency" proposals and submitting a proposition "without strings," as demanded by the men.

### May Accept Arbitration.

While representatives of the employees insisted that they had not yet agreed to arbitrate any feature of their differences there was a growing impression that arbitration, or some form of compromise, would be agreed upon.

At no time, it was said, did the representatives of the men indicate that unless their demands were granted unqualifiedly they would go on strike.

Both sides refused absolutely to discuss their meeting with the president or venture any forecast on the probable outcome of the negotiations, but leaders of the two factions were optimistic that a strike would be avoided.

The president, it was declared, made no compromise propositions to either side. He merely listened to the employees' representatives and then talked with the managers and suggested that some concrete working basis be agreed upon before proceeding further.

## CAUCUS APPROVES REVENUE MEASURE

Washington, Aug. 15.—The administration revenue bill as amended by the senate finance committee was approved by the Democratic senate caucus and will be reported in the senate by Wednesday.

The measure, leaders estimate, will yield \$205,000,000 annually, an increase of \$7,500,000 over the estimated revenue as it passed the house.

Final approval of the measure was voted after the caucus, which began sessions on the measure a week ago, had debated the various sections exhaustively and had defeated many motions to alter the provisions inserted by the committee.

The bill also provides for the creation of a nonpartisan tariff commission.

### Alleged Shortage Charged.

St. Paul, Aug. 15.—An alleged shortage of \$11,188.41 is charged to Ed F. Kelly as treasurer of the Fairbault Fire Relief association in a report to Governor Burnquist by Deputy Public Examiner J. O. Cedarberg following an examination of the organization.

### John P. St. John Vary Ill.

Olathe, Kan., Aug. 15.—John P. St. John, former governor of Kansas and at one time presidential candidate on the Prohibition ticket, is critically ill at his home here. Six weeks ago while on a speaking tour he was prostrated at Jetmore, Kan.

## BIG INCREASE IN VOTE IN MISSOULA COUNTY

The registration for the nominating primary which occurs on August 29, shows a big increase over former years. The women have registered pretty well and this is one of the causes of the increase. At the present time there will be 9,395 names on the list, but many of these are not residing in the county at the present time. Of this number there are 1,407 registered in the precincts on the Flathead, distributed among the voting places as follows:

Arlee	154
Ravalli	61
St. Ignace	397
Flathead	265
Moiese	114
Horte	100
D'Aste	109
Ronan (first ward)	34
Ronan (second ward)	43
Ronan (third ward)	80

The precinct given above as Flathead is what was heretofore Ronan precinct outside of the town of Ronan. At present there are four precincts made up of the old Ronan precinct No. 38, and the combined vote is 422.

There are a number yet to register in all the Flathead precincts and the total vote at election time in November will not fall much short of 2,000.

Voters not registered now cannot vote at the August primary, but the books are open for registration now for the general election to be held this fall.

Those not registered should not delay doing so. Those living in the wards of Ronan should go before some notary and register and those living in the other precincts should go before some notary residing in their precinct. In Horte it is Geo. R. Lavis and R. F. Johnson, and in Flathead go before D. N. Mason or D. D. Hull. The other precincts have specially appointed officers for this purpose but their names are unknown to the Pioneer at this time.

## TRIES TO AVOID DELAYING MAILS

Washington, Aug. 15.—An explanatory statement of how Great Britain's examination of mails is being conducted was presented to Secretary Lansing by the British embassy.

It is preparatory to the more comprehensive reply to American representations now being prepared jointly by the London and Paris foreign office.

Figures given in the statement show the average time for examination of intercepted mail is from one to three days.

The minimum delay to mail between the United States and Holland is given at two days and the maximum at seven. Danish mails have been delayed from seven to ten days when it has been necessary to remove them from a ship; otherwise, only four days.

"It is admitted," says the statement, "that at the outset, neutral correspondence in which enemy interests were in no way concerned was subjected to a delay which is greatly regretted and which has been reduced to a minimum since. It must not be imagined that the mails were removed from neutral ships for examination without careful consideration of the arrangements which would be required to deal with them as quickly as possible. All preparations which seemed necessary were with this object, but, unfortunately, those responsible for them were not aware of some of the difficulties which would be encountered."

## DEATH TRAIN PILOT IS KILLED BY WORRY

Toledo, O., Aug. 15.—Dennis W. Leonard, engineer on the Twentieth Century limited, New York Central train, which was wrecked at Amherst, O., March 28, last, was found dead in bed at his home here.

Heart disease superinduced by worry over the wreck is given by physicians as the cause of death. He was absolved from blame in the catastrophe, but has been unable to keep out of his mind the sight of the wreckage and the cries of the mangled passengers.

Engineer Leonard was fifty-two years old.

Mrs. J. E. Fuhrer and Mrs. J. A. Lemire were visitors in Missoula Tuesday of this week.

## N. P. RAILWAY OFFICIALS MAKE VISIT TO RONAN

Thos. Cooper, assistant to President Hannaford, Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Major Fred C. Morgan and Dan Ross were in Ronan Monday on business connected with the right-of-way from Dixon to Polson. Senator Dixon and Major Morgan were along to get first hand information regarding the matter of alleged exorbitant demands being made by some of those who own the land which the proposed railroad will cross when built, and Mr. Cooper and Mr. Ross to endeavor to effect a basis for the acquisition of the right-of-way.

There was a rumor afloat during the latter part of last week that the Northern Pacific had called in the right of way agent, Mr. Ross, and would not build the proposed extension for the reason they were being held up for right of way. Some believed this was merely an excuse for not going ahead with the construction as only a very few were disposed to quibble about the amount they would ask for damages. The meeting held in Ronan on Monday was for the purpose of dispelling any doubt as to the intentions of the company and to secure the co-operation of everybody concerned in having the right of way matter disposed of to the satisfaction of all. Several of the Ronan business men met with the railroad men and the matter was discussed at length.

S. Roberts and son, Henry, returned this week from Missoula to look after the harvesting of their crop southwest of Ronan.

Robert A. O'Hara of Hamilton, one of the candidates for the republican nomination for district judge, was in Ronan yesterday getting acquainted with republican voters.

Mrs. Nellie Smith is in Spokane this week taking her vacation as assistant in the Ronan postoffice. Miss Thelma Brown is filling the position during Mrs. Smith's absence.

Nick Dellwo bought a new Ford car last week and George Farrell a new Reo. The Flathead farmers will all be riding in autos should the price of wheat continue high.

Mrs. Alph LaGranduer of Miles City, and Rene LaGranduer of Missoula, niece and nephew of Mrs. Fred Potvin, are visiting the latter this week. They made a trip to the lake yesterday on a sightseeing expedition.

John S. McVey and Miss Nellie Alexander of Horte were married in Kalispell Tuesday by Father O'Farrell. The bride is a sister of Mrs. W. M. Kinney of Horte and is well known in that neighborhood, and everybody on the Flathead almost knows John. The Pioneer joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

Cards were received by friends during the week announcing the marriage of Miss Phoebe Finley and Mr. Carl Gillin, which will take place in Missoula on August 29. Miss Finley was the very efficient principal of the Leonard school the past year and under her supervision the school enjoyed the highest standards of excellence.

The Pioneer does not believe that anybody will be arbitrary in the matter, nor that an effort will be made by very many to exact more than actual damages for their signatures to deeds permitting the company to build. There may be isolated cases where the demand seems exorbitant but a few should not be allowed to stand in the way of the company going ahead with the work. There is a law which permits the company to condemn any portion of the right of way which they are not able to secure by private negotiations, and the courts rarely fail to give exact justice to both parties in such controversies. It would be far better for all concerned to keep out of the courts and make right of way settlements privately and this advice should be followed wherever it is possible.

At the meeting held in Ronan it was announced by Mr. Cooper that the effort would be continued to secure the right of way as before and that the company was anxious to build at least six miles of the road in time to move the 1916 crop. This would be of great advantage to many of our farmers and it is to be hoped will be consummated.

There is every reason to believe that the entire matter is just a misunderstanding and that everything will be adjusted satisfactorily.

## MANY ARE AFTER COUNTY OFFICES

The following is a full list of the various candidates who have filed for legislative and county offices in Missoula county. Some of them filed at the last moment but every office will have plenty of seekers.

CLERK AND RECORDER  
Democrat, W. J. Babington; Republican, W. F. Robinson; Socialist, Carl J. Foss.

SHERIFF  
Democrats, A. E. Higgins, Albert Marion, J. T. Green, H. M. Small; Republicans, Tyler Worden, H. C. Pasley, Davis Graham; Socialist, Earl R. Rowan; Prohibitionist, J. W. Jones.

COUNTY AUDITOR  
Democrats, Horace A. Roberts, Adeline C. Abbey, H. T. Gardner; Republican, John Tatley, Ethel Evenson, LeBaron Beard, W. F. Dodge; Socialist, John Kack.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
Democrats, J. C. DeJarnette, C. R. Prescott, I. H. Crain, John W. Kennedy, Albert Sutherland; Republicans, Dr. A. K. Resner, F. H. Lee, Chas. H. Marsh, Harrison Danforth, George Pringle, Charles McCauley, Andy Houston; Socialist, W. D. Parks.

COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Democrats, Fred R. Angevine, A. J. Violette; Republicans, Charles A. Hills, W. E. Moore, Richard H. Smith.

COUNTY SURVEYOR  
Democrat, S. H. Ketcham; Republican, F. T. Stoddard.

REPRESENTATIVE IN LEGISLATURE  
Democrats, Frank H. Cooney, Chas. G. Adams, Dwight N. Mason, Dan J. Heyford, Joseph D. Buckhouse; Republicans, Henry M. Buell, Nellie A. Thompson, Melvin A. Bouck, H. M. Dengler, A. K. Luak, Dave Van Blaricom, Coker F. Rathbone, W. H. Smead, Dan McQuarrie, Ronald Higgins; Socialist, Alex. Benson, Chester K. Claus, E. F. Wibur, George P. Stone, A. J. Newton.

COUNTY TREASURER  
Democrats, J. W. Buford; Republicans, G. J. Deschamps, N. P. Kroone, Mabel Kinney Hall, O. G. England, A. D. Price; Socialist, Robert V. Jameson.

Republicans, Abbon M. Lacy, Dr. S. H. McCall.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR  
Democrats, Ralph L. Arnold, Dan Longpre; Republicans, Charles C. Sorrenson, S. J. Bischoff, W. P. Hoppes.

CLERK OF COURT  
Democrats, Thomas P. Conlon; Republicans, Henry M. Rawn; Socialist, Emil F. Waterstrat.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT  
Democrats, Mabel M. Lindstrat; Republican, Mary P. Shull.

COUNTY ASSESSOR  
Democrats, D. B. Currie; Republican, Wilham H. Hunt; Socialist, Fred Proebstel.  
Of these candidates Dr. Resner, F. H. Lee and Andy Houston who aspire to be a county commissioner, are republicans, and A. Sutherland for the same office is a democrat; D. N. Mason, a democrat, seeks re-nomination for the legislature, and so also does Addison K. Luak on the republican ticket; Coker F. Rathbone for the legislature on the republican ticket, are all from the Flathead.

### Poison Bran for Hoppers

Some localities on the reservation are menaced by thousands of grasshoppers and while no particular damage has been done so far, it is feared for the future. In order to prevent injury to crops in the future, County Agriculturist Campbell has decided to use poisoned bran in an effort to destroy the pests and has already started a campaign of destruction. It is said that poisoned bran distributed over the affected areas will destroy the hoppers.

### Prohibition Rally

A prohibition rally will be held at the M. E. church Sunday, Aug. 20, at 8 p. m.

Mr. A. Besancon, the well known attorney of Missoula, will be present and deliver an address. The choir will also render prohibition songs. Everybody invited.—Committee.

### Advertised Letters

The following letters remain uncalled for in the postoffice at Ronan, Montana. When calling for same please say "advertised."

Mr. Howard McVey, Mr. Lawrence Sandboe, Mr. Anna Lavalley, Mr. Herman Butt, Chief Kentels, Mrs. L. E. Emerson, Mr. T. Norbye  
J. A. LEMIRE, P. M.  
Aug. 17, 1916.

### IN EVENT OF RAIL STRIKE

St. Paul Would Be Out of Coal Within Ten Days.

St. Paul, Aug. 15.—The supply of coal in St. Paul will not last more than ten days if a railroad strike is called.

This was the consensus of opinion of wholesale coal dealers, who have tried in vain recently to increase their stores. There is no immediate prospect for the supply being increased.

Sufficient coal is on hand for householders to last until cold weather unless they suddenly order unusual amounts. The big deficiency would be in soft coal, used for power purposes. The supply of soft coal on hand is small, many small manufacturing plants having only several days' supply.

### ROCKEFELLER PLAN FAILED

Miners in Colorado Return to Union Organization.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 15.—Delegates from the Rockefeller mines in Colorado were prominent at the opening of the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor here.

The miners of the Colorado Fuel and Iron (Rockefeller's) company are flocking back to the United Mine Workers' union.

Recent organization meetings in the Colorado coal fields have been attended by representatives of the Rockefeller company as well as the miners, whose union affiliations were condemned in the historic strike of 1913-1914.

### WOMEN ROOKIES IN PRACTICE

Three Hundred Go Into Tent Quarters at Lake Geneva.

Lake Geneva, Wis., Aug. 15.—Women rookies of the West, numbering about 300, have assembled at the women's military training camp established here—the Chevy Chase of the West.

The women will do everything about the camp except cook. Cocks have been hired to get the meals, but the rookies will be given instruction in dietetics. Besides this they will be taught how to make surgical dressings, perform military drills and do ambulance driving and telegraphy.

## AUSTRIANS ARE STILL RETIRING

London, Aug. 15.—The Austrians and Germans in Galicia are still falling back before the advance of the Russians, who, according to Petrograd, have made additional gains along the Sereth and Zlota Lipa rivers and have captured the strongly fortified town of Tustobaby, northwest of the Dniester.

On the upper Sereth, however, the Teutonic allies at some points on their newly chosen line are holding back the Russians with a vigorous artillery fire.

Berlin says that south of Brody, on the Lub and Graberka sector, Russians who had penetrated Teutonic positions on the Serebor-Konpuccay line northeast of Tarnopol were driven off and 300 of them taken prisoner.

According to Vienna a Russian attack southwest of Podkamin, near Brody, ended with the field before the Austro-German positions covered with Russian dead.

No change took place along either the British or French lines in France, bad weather hindering the operations, which were confined almost exclusively to artillery duels.

According to Berlin the British have been expelled from trenches over a front of 700 yards southwest of the Thiepval-Pozieres sector which they occupied Sunday.

On the Isonzo front, according to Rome, the Italians have made still further advances against the Austrians along the Carso plateau and east of Hill 212.

In the later sector another line of trenches was penetrated and more men were taken prisoner.

## GERMAN MILITARY CRITICS CAUTIOUS

London, Aug. 15.—A special cable to the Daily News from Rotterdam says Major Morant once more rebukes the easy optimism in Germany, which refuses to recognize the danger of the Russian offensive. Commenting in the Berliner Tageblatt, with particular frankness on the latest Russian victories he writes:

"Brusiloff's attacks in the region of the Dniester are of strategic significance. His idea seems to be that he cannot push directly through the armies in front of Lemberg he can force them into retreat by pushing back the neighboring armies. North of Lemberg this plan has thus far been unsuccessful, while south of the Dniester, we are told, regrouping of armies had not been completed when the Russians obtained their success."

"It is quite wrong to ignore the Russian attacks and say after every new event in a tone of superiority that this attack will, of course, be beaten off. Also it has an injurious effect on our own prospects when people assume they can perceive the plans of the most silent of all army leaders and assure each other that these obstinate Russian attacks will not have the slightest influence on Hindenburg's operations."

"That we shall finally be able to bring this Russian offensive to a standstill and perhaps even throw it back, we all hope, but we have a very difficult task in meeting the clever leadership of Brusiloff with his studious material in men and help of artillery from Japan and America."

### HUGHES TALKS AT SPOKANE

Ridicules Plan to Keep Out Foreign Made Goods.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 15.—Charles Evans Hughes told an audience in Spokane's stadium the proposed Democratic legislation against the dumping of foreign made goods in this country after the war is not worth the paper on which it was written.

"This piece of legislation," Mr. Hughes said, "would be as available as the piece of paper I hold in my hand, in effect, in protecting the American people in the economic war that will come when peace comes to Europe."

### Gunnery Trophy is Awarded.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The gunnery trophy for the cruiser class has been awarded for the third consecutive year to the Galveston, attached to the Atlantic fleet.

### Political Riot Fatal.

Havana, Aug. 15.—Two men were killed in a fight at a picnic of workmen on a plantation near Hauguito, Matanzas province. The trouble grew out of political enmities.