

PASSAGE OF 8-HOUR LAW WOULD AVERT BIG STRIKE

LAW WOULD HALT STRIKE

Head of Trainmen Declares Enactment of 8-Hour Law Would Have Effect of Delaying Strike

PRESIDENT SEES HOPE IN CONGRESS

Wants Congress to Rush 8-Hour Law; 18,000 Shopmen on Western Roads May Join Big Strike

By United Press. Washington, August 31.—President Wilson appeared at his office in the capitol today to tell members of congress that he has information that the impending railroad strike can be prevented by immediate action on the eight hour proposal.

The president looked worn and haggard when he arrived at the capitol. His wife accompanied him as far as the building and she waved her hand encouragingly as he left his limousine.

A. B. Garretson, one of the brotherhood leaders, told the senate interstate commerce committee that a legislative settlement of the controversy, even if it did not include all the demands of the brotherhoods, would be acceptable to the employees.

Garretson was the first speaker at the hearing today to consider the testimony of all parties involved before legislative action is taken. Senator Newlands opened the hearing by outlining the six measures desired by President Wilson.

The committee room was crowded when President Campers of the American Federation of Labor arrived with the heads of the railroad brotherhoods.

Mail Rests With Workers.

By United Press. Washington, August 31.—Postmaster General Burleson said today that it rested entirely with the workers when mail will move in the event of a strike. He says if any train moves it will carry mail and if none moves no effort will be made to force the movement of mails.

Would Stop Strike.

By United Press. Washington, August 31.—The strike situation changed over night from pessimism to a hope that at least it may be postponed. The biggest factor in the sudden turn was the statement of W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen, that the enactment of the eight-hour law proposed by President Wilson would prevent the scheduled strike.

35,000 Shopmen to Strike.

By United Press. Chicago, August 31.—The spread of the threatened strike of the four railroad brotherhoods to 35,000 shopmen on nineteen western railroads loomed today as the executives of a dozen Chicago roads gathered to discuss plans to fight the brotherhoods. The shopmen have already begun negotiations with road officials asking for an increase of five cents an hour, amounting to \$4,200,000 a year.

Katy Embargo Saturday.

By United Press. Dallas, Tex., Aug. 31.—The Katy railroad has placed an embargo on all freight effective Saturday morning at 5 o'clock.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Russell, 623 South Fourth street, this afternoon, a boy.

OUT OF PRISON, GOES TO WORK ON FARM.

By United Press. Chicago, Aug. 31.—Peter Van Vliessen, after eight years in the state penitentiary at Joliet prison for gigantic frauds in real estate securities transactions committed by forgeries which shook Chicago's business circles, is working as a farmhand near Chicago, unknown to those around him. Van Vliessen does not propose to go back to the financial and business mart of Chicago or any other city. He plans to become a social service worker. "I will never handle other people's money again," he said today. "I have learned that transgressions entangle a person in tolls of his conscience as the spider web entangles a fly."

ZAPATISTAS DEFEATED.

By United Press. Galveston, Tex., Aug. 31.—According to advices received here today the Carranzistas defeated the Zapatistas yesterday at Acatlan, killing several hundred of them. The news came in a cablegram to the Mexican consulate here.

CITY IN DARKNESS

The residents of Chickasha for an hour or more last night were given a sample of what being deprived of light would mean. For two hours a large part of the city was plunged into darkness and candles and oil lamps were sought into service. Prayer meetings at churches were conducted with the aid of lamps, candles, and in one instance a torchlight.

The trouble last night was occasioned by drawing oil from near the bottom of the tank at the power house. The oil was heated to a degree that the pumps lost their priming. Chickasha avenue was operated continuously. The residence circuits were off from 7:30 till 9:30 o'clock, after which time the usual service was resumed.

ALWAYS THE FIRST TRUNK

For the third time in three consecutive years the trunk of Miss Ollie Robertson has been the first baggage belonging to O. C. W. pupils to arrive on the ground for the new term. For the third time it has been delivered to room 302 by Lee McReynolds.

Miss Robertson is the daughter of Judge J. B. A. Robertson of Oklahoma City, unsuccessful candidate for governor in the last campaign. She has never failed to land her favorite apartment at the college and she takes no chances.

COUNTY EXCISE BOARD.

The county excise board at its meeting yesterday passed on the estimates for the school districts mentioned in yesterday's issue and after approving the remainder sent two back for election. Of these No. 44 will have to vote an extra mill and No. 79 and extra 2 1/2 mills.

RESIGNS AS REFINER

Resigning to take an active part in the operations of the Fort Worth laboratory, of which concern he is vice president, R. H. Fash has resigned as chemist and refiner at the Chickasha Cotton oil mill and with Mrs. Fash left at noon today to make their home in the APliner City. Mr. Fash has been one of the partners in the Fort Worth concern for four years.

CHICKASHA PREPARED FOR STRIKE

Provisions for Nearly Thirty Days in Case of General Tieup of Railroads in This State

PLENTY OF LIGHT AND CITY WATER

Electric Light and Power Would Hold Out for Six or Eight Weeks and Water Indefinitely

That Chickasha is well prepared to hold out against the scarcity of necessities of life in case of a nation-wide strike is shown in interviews with the heads of public utilities and other corporations and officials. No apprehension need be felt on the score of city water, light or ice and the present stock of provisions would keep starvation away for several weeks.

Plenty of Light. Manager F. D. Shaffer of the Chickasha Gas & Electric Co. said: "We have eleven cars of coal beginning to arrive and expect the final delivery to be made before Monday. We have seven tank cars of oil, all of which have been shipped and on their way and the first will arrive today. This fuel and what assistance we would get from the dam will be ample for all operating purposes for six to eight weeks in the event of a big rain and more water in the dam it would last as considerable longer."

No Water Shortage. Frank Schimager, water commissioner, declared today that in case of a strike no alarm need be felt over a prospective water famine. "We are in a position to run indefinitely," he said, "and there is not the slightest uneasiness. The water works can hold out a whole lot longer than the railroad men can."

The waterworks does not depend solely upon electric power for its operation but has large boilers and separate machinery for use when the "juice" fails them. After the supply of electricity is exhausted the system can still operate a long time on its own coal.

Affects Telegraph Circles. Although E. Curtis, local manager for the Postal Telegraph company, is firmly of the opinion that there will be no strike, he believes that if it does occur the receipts of his office will be materially reduced. "Our activities depend largely upon the cotton oil and cotton business and if there should be no movement along these lines the volume of receipts would be reduced."

"But I do not believe the strike will materialize," continued the veteran telegrapher. "We still have Thursday, Friday, Saturday and, in case of emergency the clock may be set back, congress may work on Sunday in an effort to meet the situation and much can be done in that time. I think possibly congress will enforce the eight hour day and leave the other issues for arbitration."

The Ice Supply. Manager Bingham of the Chickasha Ice and Cold Storage company stated that that company has sufficient fuel on hand to operate the plant for about three weeks after the inauguration of the strike. He estimates that about one-third of the business of the plant will be cut off by not being able to ship to outside customers.

Provisions for Thirty Days. "If the strike continues for thirty days we could give a public dance in our storehouse," said Lloyd Doughty, of the Doughty-McDonald Wholesale Grocery company, who estimates that the stock of that company would not hold out for over a month at most.

The local grocers, he says, are not heavily stocked, awaiting the arrival of fresh shipments in September.

The Sheriff's Office. "As yet nothing has been said or done in connection with providing for extra guards in the case of a strike among railroad men. If they begin to shy bricks at each other and the rail-

GREEK KING FLEES TO GERMANS

Neutrality Cabinet Falls and Probable Elevation of Venizelos May Mean Declaration of War

GREEK FORCES AND ALLIES ENGAGED

Germany Admits Submarine Fired Several Shots Into American Steamer But Claims Justification

By United Press. London, August 31.—The resignation of Premier Seamus has thrown the Greek government into chaos and rumors are in circulation that King Constantine has fled, according to Athens reports. The dispatches say that Premier Seamus, who became the head of the cabinet on June 23, resigned because of Roumania's entrance into the war. He had informed the king two weeks ago that he would not attempt to direct the government affairs of Greece if the Balkan situation became more complicated by a Roumanian declaration.

Reports that King Constantine had fled and had taken refuge with a German escort of Uhlans at Larissa, are not confirmed. British press representatives with the allies at Salonika also telegraphed that the allies had landed a strong force at Piraeus, eight miles from Athens, and that they are now engaged by Greek troops. The fall of Premier Seamus' neutrality cabinet may mean the immediate elevation of former Premier Venizelos and a declaration of war against the Central Powers.

Claims Justification.

By United Press. Washington, August 31.—Germany, in a note to the state department, admits that a submarine fired a number of shots into the American steamer Oswego several weeks ago but declares that the steamer ignored the submarine's signal to halt and therefore the shots were justified.

FIRST PRAIRIE HAY.

The first prairie hay of the season is beginning to come into Chickasha from the Washita valley farms. Hitherto this hay has been supplied to local consumers largely by Middleburg. Eight wagon loads were brought in and weighed yesterday.

Alfalfa hay is becoming scarce in this section and is bringing \$10 and \$11 per ton.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

An examination for the position of first grade will be held at the post office in this city on Oct. 7, 1916.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, etc., address Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners, Post-Office, City.

UNVEILING POSTPONED

On account of the rain it is announced that the unveiling of the Masonic monument which was scheduled for this evening has been postponed till Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The picnic arranged for will be held at the Masonic hall this evening.

Watches for Strike Breakers. E. W. Lubman, local jeweler, watch inspector for the Santa Fe, has received a letter from Santa Fe headquarters asking him to be prepared to sell new watches to workmen who might be placed in service in place of striking brotherhood men. As yet no applications for such watches have been received.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma. Tonight and Friday, unsettled. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Maximum, 94; minimum, 68.

CHICKASHA GOLFERS AGAIN WIN

Defeat El Reno in Tournament by 18 to 11 Score; Play for Champ Cup Next Week

In the contest on the golf course of the Chickasha Country club yesterday, Chickasha was again winner over El Reno, the score being 18 to 11. The local players met the visitors at the train and escorted them to the grounds. Luncheon was served to them at the noon hour and at 5 o'clock victors and vanquished sat down together at a sumptuous dinner. The teams scored as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. El Reno: Shartel (3), Libby (6), Higgin (0), Ashbrook (0), Finch (1), Bradford (6), Rice (3), Penner (1), Humphrey (1), Randall (1), March (1), Total (11). Chickasha: Blackburne (0), Ford Witherspoon (2), Stopper Witherspoon (2), Frey (3), Johnson (1), Reford Bond (2), Harwell (0), Alger Melton (1), Ludlow (2), Richburg (2), Smith (2), Total (18).

The tournament committee announces that the open championship cup will be played for next week, starting Monday afternoon.

The low eight qualifying scores will constitute class A from which the winner will be chosen by elimination in match play.

TO THE PUBLIC

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30, 1916.

In view of the announcement of certain employees of this company to organize in a strike to become effective at 7 a. m. Monday, Sept. 4th, agents are hereby instructed: first, to notify intending travelers that the company will not be responsible for any delays that may occur after the time above mentioned; second, to notify all shippers that property except perishable property, live stock and explosives will be received after seven a. m. Monday, Sept. 4th for transportation, subject to indefinite delay and shipping receipts or bills of lading so endorsed; perishable property, live stock and explosives will not be received for transportation until further advised.

Third, it will be the purpose of the company so far as it may be in its power to do so to provide transportation necessary for the health and subsistence of the communities dependent upon it. Fourth, to move at least one train each way daily for the transportation of passengers, mail and express. Fifth, to gradually expand these activities so far as may be practicable. Agents have been advised to notify all parties interested in accordance with the foregoing program and will notify officers of municipalities that the ability to carry out our present intentions will be largely dependent upon their willingness and ability to afford protection to the company and its property in so doing.

E. P. RIPLEY, President.

COTTON GOES UP \$3 BALE ON REPORTS

Condition of Crop Given as 61.2 Percent as Against 72.3 in July Causes Rise in Market

CONDITION IN OKLAHOMA 56

Agricultural Department Estimates Crop at 11,800,000 Bales as Against 11,191,820 Bales Last Year

Cotton Up \$3. By United Press. New York, August 31.—Cotton advanced \$3 a bale today, following the publication of the cotton report.

Condition of Cotton Crop. Washington, August 31.—The department of agriculture estimates the cotton crop at 11,800,000 bales against 11,191,820 bales last year. The condition of the crop on August 25 was 61.2 compared with 72.3 on July 25. Yield, 158.5 pounds to the acre.

The condition in Texas is 56 percent and in Oklahoma 56.

DROUGHT IS PUNCTURED

Following the mobilization of clouds in the west throughout the morning, rain began falling about noon and for a time there was a lively downpour. At 12:30 about one-tenth of an inch of water had fallen and there were indications that the quantity would be increased during the afternoon.

Reports from a number of points in southwestern Oklahoma where the drought has persisted for months said rain began falling at a nearly hour today and continued the greater part of the morning. At Altus it started at 1 o'clock a. m.

Cotton men say it is possible that a good rain at this time may be of great benefit to the crop, especially if frost holds off till late. Moisture is greatly needed to put the ground in shape for fall plowing.

SWEARS OFF ON BOOZE

Penitent and stiff suffering from the effects of a scare given him by Deputy U. S. Marshal Jim Dillon, Truman Doerman, a farmer who came to Chickasha seeking a location, made a solemn vow in the sheriff's office this morning in the presence of Undersheriff Rucker, Jailer Dryden, the deputy marshal and a representative of the Chickasha Express that he would never touch another drink of whiskey as long as he lived. He had been arrested by the federal officer last night on a charge of drunkenness, having with him what the officer believed to be a quart of alcohol which the bearer facetiously said was asafetida which he had bought for his heart.

Had the spirits been alcohol, a term in the federal prison might have resulted. The federal officer, after securing the opinion of other officers to confirm his own, concluded that the liquor was corn whiskey, the first he had captured during his long term of office. Daylight revealed a slight yellowish tint.

The man stranger, believing that he had at last secured a permanent "location," was fearful of the consequences and rejoiced when he was released by the officer without trial and sent to his wife and baby to whom he was enjoined to reveal all that had happened.

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BITTERLY ARRAIGNS IRISH PLOT

Charges Irishmen With Having Shot Down Innocent Men and Women and With Other Atrocious Deeds

CALLS SIR ROGER DEGENERATE BEING

Diary of Irish Leader Wreaks With Filthy Confessions that Would Make True Son of Erin Clash

(By Alfred Noyes, written for the United Press. Note—Believing the American people have a wrong impression of the Irish rebellion and the British government's attitude thereto, Mr. Noyes, after a personal investigation and a perusal of Sir Roger Casement's personal diary, offers this message to all Americans. Mr. Noyes holds the chair of English literature at Princeton and has broken in more than 200 American cities as a poet and publicist.—London Bureau, United Press.)

Certain features of the Irish rebellion have been overlooked by many friends of the Allied cause in the United States. In this particular matter—whatever the blunders of England may have been in the past—it is possible that her moderate estimate of her own case in the Irish rebellion may eventually rebound to her credit as did her first moderate estimate of the Jutland battle.

Neither Ireland nor Irish-Americans desire to make martyrs of men who, by the sudden publication of certain records—quite unconnected with politics—may make every Irishman ashamed of the day on which he helped to canonize them.

The cry "God help Ireland," will take on a new significance if Irishmen begin to think that any political injustice done to them in the past allows them—for instance—to murder their own countrymen indiscriminately. And these rebels, beyond the shadow of a doubt, did murder, ruthlessly, deliberately and indiscriminately, men, women and children, their own kindred, without even the slightest attempt to discover whether their victims were in political agreement with them or not.

This new method, devised by Irishmen of the lowest and most vicious personal character, was a criminal tyranny of a kind that has been unknown anywhere in civilized Europe, even in Germany, probably even in Turkey, for over two hundred years.

Even the Germans do not exercise their "rightfulness" indiscriminately against their own people. They do not shoot Herr Dernberg in cold blood, because they see him posting a letter in Berlin. Nor do they massacre their own wounded soldiers for riding on the top of a bus. Nor do they shoot their own women and children for the mere fact that they happened to be alive. Nor do they fire on ambulances, carrying their own wounded; and every one of these things the Irish rebels were convicted of doing, over and over again.

I ask these persons in America who accuse England of "ruthlessness" what steps she should have taken, under existing machinery of law, to deal with certain cold blooded murders that had no relation of any kind either to politics or to nationality? "God help Ireland!" indeed if my friends can look through a mist of romance at the spectacle of Irish criminals deliberately firing on the women who were attending wounded.

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