

EIGHT HOUR LAW BY SATURDAY

BIG STRIKE MIGHT BE POSTPONED

Enactment of Eight Hour Law by Congress, Would Prevent Trouble Set for Next Monday.

MUST BE QUICK ACTION

Hearing Today to Consider Testimony From Brotherhood Chiefs, Railway Presidents and Shippers.

[By J. P. Yoder, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The railroad strike situation has, in the opinion of administration and congressional leaders, changed over night from one of pessimism to one of hope that paralysis of the nation's business will at least be postponed.

The biggest factor in this sudden turn for the better was the statement made public today of W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen's brotherhood that enactment of the eight hour law proposed by President Wilson will of itself prevent the scheduled strike of four hundred thousand railway employees.

While the senate committee hearings are on, or no later than tomorrow, the house is likely to put through the eight hour law. This belief was based on the expressed attitude of Democratic House Leader Kitchen and Judge Adamson, chairman of the house interstate commerce committee.

While some opposition was expressed to an eight hour law in certain quarters, senate leaders declared they "will so put the case before the country that no senator will dare to attempt to prevent passage of the measure later than tomorrow afternoon, by debate."

Another over night development was generally believed to have made almost certain the passage of the eight hour proposition, or the proposal of the president's, that he be empowered to compel trainmen to operate the roads "in event of military necessity."

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JOHNSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED

Governor of California Wins Out Over Booth, in Spite of Opposition by Republicans.

CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

Hornets Nest in Politics Was Carefully Avoided by Justice Hughes When He Was There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—Gov. Hiram Johnson's majority over Willis Booth for the republican nomination for United States senator will be very close to 30,000, according to almost complete returns from all sections of the state, available today.

With the republican "old guard" leaders conceding the victory of Governor Johnson, speculation centered today on the probable effect of the primaries on the republican and progressive party conventions to be held in Sacramento September 19.

Backers of Governor Johnson declare that the governor will be able to dominate wholly the coming republican convention, dictate the platform of principles to be adopted there and name almost entirely the nominees of the new republican state committee.

There is also considerable speculation as to whether Johnson will ask the progressive convention to endorse Charles Evans Hughes for president.

Governor Johnson was overwhelmed with congratulatory telegrams today. These included a hearty one from Theodore Roosevelt.

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From now until November 5, with the exception of a rest from September 12 to September 18, Mr. Hughes will be continually campaigning.

It was not determined today whether Mr. Hughes would accompany him on his trip through the middle west and south which begins September 13, or would stay at home.

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Will Send Films by Auto In Case Railroads Quit

Moving Picture Houses Will Not Have to Close For Want of Fresh Theaters Every Night

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 31.—There will be no film famine in the east if a general railway strike is called, managers of some of the biggest producing houses here declared today.

REFUSING TO ISSUE TICKETS

Several Eastern Railroads Will Not Sell Tickets for Trips Not Completed by Monday.

EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS

Effect of Threatened Strike is Already Felt in Partial Tie-up of Some of the Roads.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The railroad strike, effective Monday, today had reached forward in partial tie-up of transportation three days in advance of the scheduled walkout of four hundred thousand trainmen.

Railroads report heavy traffic inbound, of vacationers returning to the city. Out bound passenger traffic was by no means stopped, but persons leaving the city did so warned by railroads that schedules would be subject to change next week.

John J. Dillon, state commissioner of foods and markets, today was prepared to sell milk direct from producers upstate and in nearby states direct to the consumer.

Marooned in West.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 31.—About forty thousand eastern tourists will be marooned in California and the northwest if a general railway strike is called, unless they are able to reach their homes before Monday.

The Austrians are hastily evacuating the extreme southeastern corner of Transylvania.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 31.—Fearing the railroad strike will find them away from home, hundreds of G. A. R. veterans are leaving today.

Appointment of a commission of

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KING OF GREECE REPORTED FLED

Country is in Turmoil Over the Resignation of Premier and Anxiety Over Balkan Situation.

ALLIES LAND SOLDIERS

Neutrality Cabinet Has Collapsed and Declaration of War is Expected if Venizelos Becomes Leader.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Greek government has been thrown into chaos by the resignation of Premier Zaimis, while rumors are in circulation that King Constantine has fled, said an Athens dispatch today.

The report was first telegraphed to London by the official British press representative with the allied forces at Salonika, who telegraphed also a report that the allies landed a strong force at Piraeus, eight miles from Athens, which was engaged by a Greek army.

The fall of the Zaimis neutrality cabinet, may mean the immediate elevation of former Premier Venizelos to the head of the Greek government and a declaration of war on the central powers, it is believed here.

NINE TOWNS IN THREE DAYS

Rumanians Are Dashing into Hungary Without Very Much Opposition.

ROME, Aug. 31.—Nine Hungarian towns and villages including four with populations of more than 8,000 and Kronstadt, the most important commercial city of Transylvania, have been captured by the Rumanians in the first three days of a sweeping invasion through the Transylvanian Alps.

A semi-official statement issued at Vienna and received here from Berne today admits that the Rumanians are attacking with extraordinary vigor on a 375 mile front.

Pressing westward, Rumanian troops entered Hosszufalu (a town of 9,000 inhabitants) and within a few hours had occupied Kronstadt (a city of 40,000 inhabitants).

Veterans are Leaving.

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MAKING PROGRESS FOR PEACE

Official Washington Refuses to Believe That Railroad Strike Will be in Operation Monday.

WORKING ON NEW LAW

Satisfactory Settlement Expected by Saturday Night Which Will Call Off Threatened Menace.

[By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Official Washington refuses to believe this afternoon that Monday will see the country wide paralysis of a general railroad strike, announced by railroad brotherhood leaders to go into effect that day.

The opinion grew, instead, that the upshot of the terrific pressure from the railroads and the railroad workers to which the administration has been subjected for the past three weeks, will be the writing of the eight hour day for railroaders into the law of the United States.

"We can flash the word 'satisfactory settlement' to our members and that means 'no strike'."

The whole administration apparently was working toward that "satisfactory settlement" and there was reason to believe it would result by Saturday night.

"Things are moving," President Wilson said. "We are making 'satisfactory progress.'"

The statement was made following a conference with house and senate leaders. The latter told him of today's hearing before the senate interstate commerce commission in which the brotherhood heads and railroad heads have only reiterated the arguments they have been advancing since their dispute began.

The legislation drafted for introduction this afternoon and passage tomorrow by house leaders and now said to have President Wilson's approval are as follows:

An eight hour day for railroaders engaged in interstate commerce beginning December 1.

Payment for overtime at pro rata rate and not at time and a half.

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SHOPMEN MAY ALSO STRIKE

Thirty-five Thousand of Them Want an Increase in Wages of Five Cents for Every Hour.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE HELD

Freight Handlers Strike is Settled and But Few of the Men Are Now Neglecting Their Work.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 31.—Spread of the threatened strike of the four brotherhoods to 25,000 shopmen on nineteen western railroads loomed today as executives of a dozen Chicago railroads began gathering this morning at the Chicago club to discuss plans to fight the brotherhoods. The shopmen have already begun negotiations with road officials. They are asking for an increase of five cents an hour, amounting to \$4,200,000 a year. The men held their first conference with the roads yesterday in ten western cities and continued negotiations today.

Western railroads will not try to fight a strike of the brotherhoods single handedly. This was learned today as the officials were preparing to meet. They will pool their resources for the benefit of the country, which, they say, can only be saved from grave suffering, by drastic and concerted action.

Big detective agencies admitted today they have recruited about 1,000 strike breakers. Several agencies say they have unlimited orders to hire as many men as they can find.

Fear of a tie-up of freight shipments in Chicago has abated somewhat as a result of the settlement of differences between the freight handlers and several roads. There are still about 1,300 handlers on strike, but this number is not expected to be greatly increased.

Chicago's 150,000 commuters were today trying to figure just where they come in in case of a strike. Railroad officials have not, as yet, taken steps to prepare to continue to run suburban trains if there is trouble Monday.

Hotels and rooming houses hope to do a capacity business in case of a strike.

Shot Was Justified.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The German government, in a note to the state department today, admitted that a German submarine fired a number of shots at the American steamer Owego some weeks ago, but said the steamer ignored the submarine's signal to halt and continued on her course, and that therefore the shot was justified.

DOZEN POSSES OF FARMERS ARE LOOKING FOR NEGRO

One Sheriff Badly Handled by Mob Which is Determined on Lynching Bee.

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LIMA, Ohio, Aug. 31.—A dozen posses of enraged farmers continued a search of the countryside here today, bent on securing and lynching Charles Daniels, a negro, who brutally attacked Mrs. John Baber, twenty-four, a white woman, when she refused him food.

The negro has been jailed "somewhere in northwestern Ohio," but at an early hour today the frenzied mob had not discovered his location.

Quiet settled over the countryside after Ottawa authorities informed Mayor Simpson of Lima, that Sheriff Miller of Putnam county is speeding toward Toledo with the negro in a fast automobile and that it was less for the farmers to continue their search.

RAILROADS READY FOR THE STRIKE

Santa Fe Has Forty-six Train Crews at Division Points to Take up Work Monday.

NO FREIGHT TRAINS RUN

Embargoes on Perishable Freight, Live Stock, Gasoline and Explosives, Issued by Many Roads.

TOPEKA, Kansas, Aug. 31.—Forty-six train crews were stationed at Santa Fe division points today ready to man passenger, mail and express trains in case the four brotherhoods go on strike Monday morning. This announcement was made here today at the general offices of the Santa Fe. Two crews were stationed at each of the twenty-three division points on the Santa Fe system to operate a train each way. No attempt will be made to handle any freight by the Santa Fe, Monday.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—As the central west railroad presidents gathered today for their conference to arrange for the operation of their lines in case of a strike, President Hale Holden of the Burlington, issued a statement announcing that the railways of the middle west would be able to maintain service if given protection.

As Holden has been acting as spokesman for the railroad presidents, both here and in Washington, his statement was regarded as the expression of the entire body of Chicago railroad presidents. Holden's statement follows:

"The situation is undoubtedly very critical, but the railroads unitedly feel they have done everything possible to find a solution and that the country supports them in the position taken. The issue now appears to be between congress and the leaders of the brotherhoods with public opinion universal that transportation must not be interrupted without an opportunity by congress to consider the president's program of legislation and time enough for that purpose.

"If under the circumstances, the strike occurs on Monday, the responsibility for the consequences will be placed by the public where it belongs. The situation is the logical result of the past, and the present apparent helplessness of congress is not surprising as one of the results.

"If the strike occurs, the railways of this territory, at least in my opinion, will be able to maintain sufficient service to relieve the public wants, although there will be undoubtedly much public inconvenience.

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CANDIDATE'S VACATION ENDED AFTER CLIMB UP MOUNTAINS

Mr. Hughes Will be on the Go Now Until a Few Hours Before Election.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

ESTES PARK, Colo., Aug. 31.—Charles E. Hughes regretfully ended his four days' vacation in the fastnesses of the Rocky mountains today and again took up the burden of his campaign for the presidency.

With Mrs. Hughes, he was up bright and early, fresh and vigorous, following yesterday afternoon's tramp which led them far from the common trails to Bear lake. There they came upon a group of campers wrapped in blankets and lying about a roaring fire, while their garments,

soaked by a mountain storm, were drying.

They recognized the republican nominee and his wife and their apologies for not rising were greeted with laughter by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, who wiped the damp garments fluttering near the fire.

"Don't mind us," the nominee called, "we're the intruders."

He and Mrs. Hughes chatted for a while with the blanket-swathed campers and then started down the trail to a point where an automobile was awaiting them.