

WE CALL YOUR BLUFF, HUMPHREY!

Among the other things you said in your speech at Bremerton last night, Mr. Humphrey, you stated that The Star had never had the courage to charge that you DIRECTLY INFLUENCED the selection of the postoffice site. And you said

that if The Star ever did make that assertion you would put an editor in jail within 24 hours.

We'll call that bluff right now, Humphrey! The Star has said that you did influence the purchase of the duck-pond site.

AND THE STAR, FOR EMPHASIS, SAYS IT AGAIN TODAY.

You did try to directly influence the purchase of the site when you wrote your letter of August 21, 1911, in which you said the price for the site was reasonable and in

which you said, "I want to see the matter go forward without delay."

YOU DID try to directly influence ITS purchase, but maybe you haven't ANY influence, therefore you COULD NOT use it directly or OTHERWISE.

IN THE RECORD

U. S. SENATOR MILES POINDEXTER HIMSELF INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNDERWOOD LAW, TO PLACE A TARIFF ON SHINGLES AND LUMBER. HE MADE A SPEECH FOR THAT. ANY STATEMENT THAT HE VOTED FOR FREE LUMBER IS A PLAIN, UNVARNISHED LIE.

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THO THE SUN WAS SHINING THIS MORNING, GEORGE, PURVEYOR OF PLEASANT PREDICTIONS ANENT THE WEATHER, HAD THE NERVE TO SAY: "TONIGHT AND FRIDAY, SHOWERS; MODERATE SOUTHWEST WINDS." SO GET OUT THE RAINCOATS AND UMBRELLAS.

COMMITTEE OF THREE CITIZENS NAMED TO

INVESTIGATE HUMPHREY

"NO STRIKE" IS PROMISE OF WILSON

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Official Washington refused to believe this afternoon that Monday will see the country-wide paralyzation 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.

None could say this for certain. The answer lay with four railroad workers, the chiefs of the brotherhoods. With the eight-hour law enacted before Saturday night, they say:

"We can flash the words, 'Satisfactory settlement' to our men, 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."

Here Are Proposed Laws

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

An eight-hour day for railroads engaged in interstate commerce, beginning December 1.

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

Appointment of a commission of three to investigate the effect of the eight-hour day and report to congress.

Provision that railroad officials guilty of causing an employe to work more than eight hours except in case of extreme necessity, shall be punished by fines and imprisonment, or both.

An appropriation of \$25,000 for the expenses of the investigating committee.

Continuing his driving tactics to force congressional action that will avert the threatened railroad strike, President Wilson today again swung his executive whip over house and senate leaders.

Appearing in person at the capitol, the president said:

"I have just been keeping in touch with things to see if they are moving, and they are moving. I think we are progressing satisfactorily."

He requested hearings be speeded up as much as possible and that action on his measure, together with passage of legislation covering the application of the eight-hour day to railroad operation be pushed thru by Saturday.

President Wilson looked worn and haggard as he drove to the capitol. Mrs. Wilson, who had an other engagement, insisted on accompanying him as far as the capitol building.

As he stepped from the limousine, he turned and raised his hat to her. The looking slightly worried, she waved her hand to him encouragingly.

CITY TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY

In preparation for the opening of Seattle's public schools Tuesday, Sept. 5, there will be a special institute session for city teachers in the Broadway high school Saturday.

The session will open at 8:30 and the day's program will be conducted by Frank B. Cooper, superintendent of schools.

Final instruction will be given the teachers regarding registration of students, and plans will be completed for the beginning of regular school sessions as early as possible this year.

AUSTRO GUNBOATS SHELL RUMANIANS

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—An Austrian flotilla, operating on the river Danube, shelled and destroyed Rumanian transport boats, port magazines and military establishments near Turnu, Severin and Glugevo and on the lower Danube, said an official statement from Vienna today.

The Austrians captured two Rumanian tugs near Zimnica and two motor boats.

HUGHES SENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS

ESTES PARK, Col., Aug. 31.—Republican Nominee Hughes today sent a telegram of congratulation to Gov. Johnson on his success in winning the republican nomination for U. S. senator.

PASS BILL TO MEET BLACKLIST ORDER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The senate this afternoon passed an amendment to the revenue bill, permitting the president to prohibit importation of articles from nations that will not allow American products to enter their ports.

TURKS WAR ON HUNGARIANS

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Reports that Turkey has declared war on Rumania were confirmed in Constantinople dispatches today. The Turkish counsel of ministers voted a declaration of war Tuesday.

GERMANY FIRES ON U. S. SHIP

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 Oswego some weeks ago, but said the steamer ignored the submarine's signal to halt and continued on her course, and that therefore the shots were justified.

NEW WARRIORS GAIN VICTORY

Rumanian Capture Many Cities and Towns, Is Report

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE

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 thru 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.

The Austrians are evacuating the extreme southeastern corner of Transylvania.

Pressing westward, Rumanian troops entered Hosszufala (a town of 9,990 inhabitants) and within a few hours had occupied Kronstadt (a city of 49,990 inhabitants).

AUSTRIANS FLEE

LONDON, Aug. 31.—A Central News dispatch from Rome today said the Austrians fleeing before the Rumanian "avalanche," abandoning villages and passes.

BREMERTON MEN PEEVE HUMPHREY

When Congressman Humphrey reached the navy yard gate at Bremerton Wednesday afternoon, various men in the crowd threw some pointed questions at him.

One man asked something about his being interested in a private ship building concern, naming a Seattle company. Other men asked about the duck pond.

Humphrey grew white with rage, and denied that he had any interest in any private ship yard, and told the men he would talk about the duck pond at the "meeting" that night. This clash resulted in bringing out a big crowd for Humphrey's night meeting.

Humphrey went into the duck pond matter, made his usual denials about having had anything to do with the postoffice site, called The Star a lot of names, and challenged The Star to prove that he ever recommended the postoffice site.

After dropping the duck pond issue he reverted into his usual talk about the tariff.

HOW ABOUT THIS?

October 12, 1910, Humphrey WROTE to the treasury department about "ugly rumors that were afloat" concerning the postoffice site, and asked that "the matter be held in abeyance" until he could personally talk it over with the assistant secretary of the treasury, as he had "some things to say" which he didn't want to put on paper.

July 19, 1911, Humphrey transmitted to the department a letter from the secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, withdrawing a protest against the postoffice site.

August 21, 1911, Humphrey wrote to the treasury department, urging that "THE PRICE DESIRED WAS REASONABLE."

"I want to see the matter go forward without delay, as I told you in our conversation."

On December 6, 1915, Humphrey introduced a bill in the house to put up a \$1,250,000 building on the "duck pond" site, altho all experts agreed the location was unsuited for a federal building.

GREEK KING FLEES TO GERMAN TROOPS



King Constantine of Greece

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.

Zaimis, who became head of the Greek cabinet on June 23, resigned because of Rumania's entrance into the war, the dispatch said. He informed King Constantine two weeks ago that he would not attempt to direct the affairs of government if the Balkan situation was made more complicated by a declaration of war from Rumania.

Reports that King Constantine has fled his capital and taken refuge with a German escort of Ulians at Larrissa, 150 miles north of Athens, have not been confirmed.

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. Several Greek princes have fallen, the dispatch said.

Earlier dispatches from Athens said that the French and British ministers had made several unsuccessful attempts to obtain an audience with King Constantine since the Rumanian declaration of war. 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 in the central powers, it is believed here.

STATE GUARD WILL RETURN BECAUSE OF STRIKE THREAT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The Washington and Oregon infantry regiments, U. S. militia, now in service on the Mexican border, will be returned to their mobilization stations, to be held in reserve because of the threatened railroad strike, as soon as equipment can be provided, it was announced today from Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell's headquarters.

The Oregon cavalry, Oregon battery of artillery and Washington cavalry will remain on the border. This order will remove most of the troops from these two states now in service. One regiment of infantry from Oregon and one regiment of infantry from Washington are affected.

The Washington troops left for the border July 5.

HIS CHALLENGE TO QUIT RACE ACCEPTED

Former Sen. Samuel H. Piles, a republican, George F. Russell, a republican, who was postmaster when the duck-pond site was purchased, and Edgar Battle, democrat and present postmaster, are proposed to act as an investigating committee to probe Humphrey's connection with the purchase of the postoffice site, thru which treasury department officials say the government was stung to the extent of nearly \$100,000.

HUMPHREY FOR IT

Humphrey in his meeting at Bremerton last night, in making another denial of his connection with the duck-pond deal, declared that he would forfeit a thousand dollars to charity and withdraw from the race if it could be proven that he ever recommended the site.

Humphrey further said that he would be willing to have J. W. Bryan, who is one of his political opponents, serve on this committee.

PILES, RUSSELL AND BATTLE

Political opponents of Humphrey have no business on the investigating committee, and for that reason Piles, who is a friend of his; Russell, who was republican postmaster, and Battle, who is present postmaster, are entirely competent to make the proposed probe. All three of these men already know of the inside deal by which the duck-pond was settled onto the government. They all have access to the records in the case. They know of the various letters that Humphrey wrote to the treasury department concerning the site.

Seattle citizens are entitled to a thoro and an honest investigation of this matter, and The Star is more than willing to leave the investigation to the three men named. In addition to Humphrey's connection with the postoffice deal, the reason for the action of the Chamber of Commerce in the matter, first in protesting against the purchase of the site, then afterwards withdrawing its protest, would be brought to light.

WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY

The ownership of the postoffice site before it was sold to the government could also be easily determined by this committee, and the report that Humphrey's former campaign manager owned a large part of the ground could be definitely established as a fact or definitely disproved.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Star makes only one proviso regarding the matter. That is that the investigation be open to the public and that the committee expedite its work so that the voters generally may receive the result of the probe before the primary election.

GIRL REPORTER RUNS N.P. ENGINE ON EVE OF STRIKE TO SEE WHAT HEART OF RAIL SYSTEM IS LIKE

By Cornelia Glass.

I understand that there is likely to be a railway strike—that conductors and firemen and engineers and trainmen want an eight-hour working day like other men have, and that they are just going to quit conducting and firing and engineering and braking until they get it.

I decided to find out yesterday as nearly as I could what the strikers would be leaving and their successors coming into. I didn't want to apply as a strike breaker myself—I merely want-

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