

WEST BROTHERHOODS LIKELY TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN 8-HOUR DAY

QUESTION BEING DISCUSSED TODAY AT CHICAGO MEET

Would Supercede Present Ten Hour Day With the Same Pay.

EAST AND SOUTH HAVE JOINED HANDS

Proposed that Firemen, Engineers, Conductors and Trainmen Stand United.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Representatives of the locomotive engineers and firemen on 98 railroads west of Chicago met here today to consider whether the brotherhoods of engineers and firemen would co-operate with the conductors and trainmen unions in demanding from the railroads an 8-hour day, with no reduction in pay.

More than a hundred labor leaders and chairmen of the engineers and firemen's organizations on several roads, including the western association, attended the meeting, as did Warren S. Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and L. E. Sheppard, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway conductors.

East Has Agreed. In the western association, covering roads east of Chicago, and north of the Ohio river, the engineers and firemen already have agreed to co-operate in the demand for shorter hours, and similar action has been taken by the engineers and firemen's unions on the southern roads.

Should the western association decide to join in the demands, brotherhoods including more than 30,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen would be ready to join together for the first time in a demand for a uniform 8-hour day, with the same pay they now receive for ten hours.

Contracts Expire Soon. The various contracts which the unions have with the railroads governing working conditions and pay expire in April. It is expected that if the plan of co-operation receives approval of the different organizations, that the demand for the 8-hour day will be sent to the railroads about March 1.

Present agreements the railroads' answer must be given within 30 days. The meeting of engineers and firemen here is behind closed doors. It sessions, the leaders said, would probably continue several days.

Warren S. Stone said he expected the co-operation plan would be approved by the western associations.

SELL LAND BY MAIL ORDER. Austin, Tex., Dec. 10.—Sale of 1,500,000 acres of Texas land by mail order will begin January 1, according to announcement yesterday by State Land Commissioner J. T. Robinson.

The land is the property of the general school fund and is situated in west Texas. Application to purchase must be made by mail to the land commissioner.

CRUISER COLUMBIA TO CANAL. Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—The cruiser Columbia after being out of commission at the Philadelphia navy yard for ten years, left yesterday for the Panama canal zone, where with other ships of the navy she will engage in maneuvers.

The Columbia, one of the speediest warships of her class a dozen years ago, has been thoroughly overhauled.

CROCKER EXPEDITION IN ARCTIC SAFE; FIRST WORD IN MONTHS IS RECEIVED

Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 10.—That the Crocker party, with headquarters at Etah, Greenland, is safe, is indicated in a letter received by Mrs. Jerome Lee Allen of Maquoketa, from her husband, wireless expert with the party.

FRENCH BOARD AMERICAN SHIP TO GET GERMANS

French Lieutenant Says He Was Given Orders to Remove All Germans.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 10.—Four blank shots and two solid shots were fired by the French cruiser Descaartes in holding up the American steamship Coamo yesterday.

The French lieutenant who boarded the Coamo said orders had been given to take all subjects of Germany and her allies from the ship and crews beginning December 8, and to take all such persons from among the passengers after December 13.

Six Shots Fired. After six shots had been fired, and the Coamo had stopped, the lieutenant proceeded to Captain Barbour's cabin and demanded that the captain produce the lists of passengers and crew.

Passengers became alarmed and ran from their staterooms in their night clothes.

Captain Barbour asked why the Descaartes had not waited until morning to stop the Coamo, to avoid alarming the passengers. The lieutenant replied he feared the steamship would all such persons from among the passengers after December 13.

PREMIER BRIAND AFTER SUPPORT

Appeals to Chamber of Deputies for Vote of Confidence.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Premier Briand yesterday appealed to the Chamber of Deputies for support, in the shape of a vote of confidence after Deputy Emile Constant and insisted upon maintaining an interpellation regarding military affairs to which the premier had refused to reply.

The premier's refusal was on the ground that to make reply would cause grave inconvenience and that he had already fully explained the matter to the army committee of the chamber. He therefore asked Mr. Constant to withdraw the interpellation. The deputy from the tribune protested against the government's attitude.

The premier replied that the day would come when all explanations would be fully given. Finally he appealed to the chamber for a vote of confidence.

The vote, however, was not put as further discussion of the interpellation was postponed by a vote of 443 to 78.

Traced to Larimore. The McCanna postoffice robberies aroused considerable excitement at the time. Soon after the office was looted on the morning of October 10, the alarm was given and the men were traced to Larimore. They had hired a rig in that city, the evidence showed.

Inspector R. S. Griggs, a member of the United States secret service, with the assistance of Mr. LaBine and Great Northern special agent, made a thorough investigation and found hidden in an old shack, near the building occupied by the three men, explosive material and other accoutrements of the burglar trade.

Some of the most damaging testimony was furnished by Margaret Oosterveld of Larimore, who told the court that she had received stamps from Robert Carter to pay for material she ordered for him from mail order houses.

United States Marshal S. J. Doyle of Fargo leaves tomorrow for Leavenworth with Marshall and Carter.

Farmers Are Freed. Pembina county farmers scored a victory in United States court yesterday afternoon when three cases involving the hiring of alien labor from Canada were decided in favor of the defendants.

The cases settled were those of Joseph Auger, charged with hiring two aliens from Canada; John Hillen, accused of engaging an alien from the case of Joseph Auger. About the time the jury reached a speedy verdict in the case of Joseph Auger the first to come up for trial. The Hillen and Duvel cases followed and were settled in a like manner.

Great Grain Elevators Burned At Erie, Pa.—Investigation of Fire Origin Already Under Way

Erie, Pa., Dec. 10.—Two of the three Anchor line elevators, owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, were destroyed by fire with their contents, 500,000 bushels of wheat, today. The loss is \$750,000.

The third elevator, holding 225,000 bushels of wheat, was saved by firemen. The wheat came from Canada and awaited shipment to Great Britain and here at the time the investigation into the cause of the fire is started.

CALLS ON GOVERNMENT TO BRING GREAT BRITAIN ON CARPET FOR HER TREATMENT OF NEUTRAL COMMERCE

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia in an address in the senate today called on congress to insist that Great Britain cease interfering with neutral commerce. He declared that protests by the American state department have been met by increased lawlessness and tramping upon neutral rights.

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MARSHALL AND CARTER GIVEN 10-YEAR TERM

Judge Amidon Sentences Them Today—Patrick Not Condemned Yet.

Charles Marshall and Robert Carter, who were convicted yesterday in federal court on all three counts of two indictments, were sentenced this morning to fourteen years in the United States prison at Leavenworth.

They also were fined \$4,000 each. Judge Charles F. Amidon passed sentence immediately after court convened.

Charles F. Patrick, who was convicted on two counts in the same indictments, was not sentenced. Judge Amidon took his sentence under advisement and probably will not announce it until next week.

Because of the nature of the sentence, the terms of the indictments, and by good behavior, the men can reduce this to seven and one-half years.

Each man drew a two-year sentence for each of two counts in the indictments—two years for conspiracy and two years for larceny. Each drew a five-year term for each of the McCanna postoffice robberies. The two-year terms run concurrently with each five-year term, so that the men are really sentenced to five years for each robbery.

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BUSINESS MUST DO ITS PART IF WAR BREAKS

Wilson Tells Ohio Audience of the Nation's Great Need.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Preparedness by business men to mobilize the resources of the nation as a measure of national defense was urged by President Wilson here in a ringing address before the Columbus chamber of commerce.

His words were given added significance by disputes pending between the United States and Austria and Germany.

The president's address was applauded by a non-partisan audience of 1,100 men, including many leading officials and business men of Ohio. His theme was, "The Stewardship of Industry."

President Wilson told the business men that it was impossible to separate the terms of business and war, and that the two were inseparable. The history of business in the United States, he said, was tied up with the history of the nation.

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EXPORTS TAKE GREAT JUMP

For First Ten Months of This Year they More than Doubled Last Year's.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The quantity of foodstuffs sent by the United States to feed the rest of the world during the first ten months this year was more than double that in the same period of 1914.

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OFFICER BLIVEN GAINS STRENGTH; INQUIRY DELAYED

Movements of Officer Hanson and Police Department Scrutinized.

CITY COUNCIL IS AFTER INFORMATION

Wants to Know Why All Agencies Were Not Used in the Chase.

The police committee's inquiry into details surrounding the shooting yesterday morning of J. H. Bliven, member of the police department, who was injured while chasing two housebreakers whom he intercepted while they were making their way downtown following a series of robberies in the north side city, was not resumed this morning, but probably will be taken up again tomorrow forenoon.

Officer Resting Well. Mr. Bliven who is in St. Michael's hospital, showed remarkable improvement this morning, and there now are brighter hopes for his recovery. He rested well during the night.

The appointment of an immediate danger, the outcome of the affair depending upon developments during the next few days, the danger of peritonitis being the governing element. If peritonitis does not set in, then Mr. Bliven is practically assured of recovery.

This morning Mr. Bliven talked with members of his family and with his nurse and physician, and seemed in good spirits.

No Clues to Men. There have been no tangible clues developed as to the whereabouts of the men who shot Bliven. They seemingly took advantage of the opportunity that was afforded them for getting out of this district, and the only possible hope of capturing them now lies in the recovery of articles stolen by them.

Inquiry Covers Two Points. The inquiry that was commenced at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the city council, through the commission inquiring attention to two points in particular.

These are the movements of Officer Theodore Hanson just after he accosted the robbers, and prior to the shooting of Bliven, and the steps taken by the police department for rounding up the criminals.

It was brought out during the course of the day that the sheriff's office had not been notified until nearly 9 o'clock, or over four hours after the shooting occurred.

All Agencies Not Employed. This failure to promptly notify the county officials resulted in the sheriff's department being materially handicapped, as the county's machinery for chasing fugitives was not placed in motion promptly.

During the early morning, between the hours of 4:10 o'clock, which is now quite well established as the time of the shooting, efforts at finding the men were not prosecuted vigorously, as the various agencies that were available for such search were not put in motion.

The movements of Officer Hanson between the time he accosted the robbers and the shooting of Bliven, were confined to an attempt to notify officers further down town and in East Grand Forks, to head off the men.

Relatives Come. Relatives of Officer Bliven, including a daughter, Mrs. R. H. Blair of Duluth, and Dr. I. Lemieux and Dennis Lemieux of Red Lake Falls, have come to the city since his injury. The Red Lake Falls men returned home this morning.

WHEAT ENTERS SPAIN FREE

Washington, Dec. 10.—Permission for 200,000 tons of wheat to enter Spain free of duty and transportation tax has been granted by King Alfonso. The American consul-general notified the state department that in addition to granting free entry, the Spanish government had offered to advance money to millers for purchase of the grain.

HOLD MERCHANT MARINE BILL OUT

Washington, Dec. 10.—The administration merchant marine bill probably will not be introduced in either branch of congress before the first of the year. This became known last night after a long conference between Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield, Senator Fletcher and Simmons, Representative Alexander, chairman of the house merchant marine committee, and Solicitor Thurman of the department of commerce who drew the bill.

SERBIAN TERRITORY CLEARED OF ALLIES SAYS BERLIN REPORT

FATHER AND CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH WHEN FARMSTEAD IS DESTROYED

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 10.—C. W. Mitchell, age 48, and three children, Lenora, 16; Lucy, 4, and Lloyd 6, were burned to death on their farm a few miles south of Plenty, Sask., early today. Mitchell lost his life in an attempt to save the children.

BETTER FARMING WORK DISCUSSED AT MEETING HERE

Important Gathering of the County Association Held in City.

OLSON TALKS TO THE DIRECTORS

Clement Discusses Club Work—McVey to Speak at Banquet.

Directors of the Grand Forks County Better Farming association met at luncheon at the W. C. A. this noon to discuss plans for a more comprehensive program of work during the winter months.

Following this meeting, the first session of the "booster gathering," called by the directors, was held at the court house. There are a large number of farmers and members of their families in the city for the meeting.

At the directors' meeting this noon, Edgar Olson, field agent for the county, read an interesting paper, in which he made several suggestions for future work. Grand Forks county grown seed corn and native alfalfa are two of the things Mr. Olson suggested for crop betterment. He also urged more united action in farm club work and in the work of the county association.

Following the presentation of his paper, the directors discussed the work of the association.

Clement at General Meeting. P. E. Clement of the United States department of agriculture, who is stationed in Clay county, Minnesota, was the principal speaker at the general meeting this afternoon. Mr. Clement talked on "The Relation of the Farmers' clubs to the Better Farming Movement."

Mr. Clement spoke of the work the farmers' clubs do in advancing the theories of advanced agriculture and in arousing the farmers to a full understanding of their problems and paving the way for the solution of the same.

Farm Club Work. The farm club movement was discussed at the conclusion of Mr. Clement's address. Don V. Moore, secretary of the fair associations for Grand Forks county and of the Better Farming association, led the discussion.

Entertained at Banquet. This evening the visitors will be entertained at a banquet at the Elks club rooms. President F. L. McVey of the state university will be the principal speaker. He will discuss "Rural Credits." Mr. McVey recently returned from Chicago, where he presided at the national farm credits conference. Miss Julia Newton, of the agricultural extension department, will discuss "The Better Farming Movement and its Relation to the Women of the Farm."

There will be several informal addresses and entertainment numbers.

WEATHER FORECAST

North Dakota: Unsettled weather and much colder tonight; Saturday fair and colder in east portion.

UNIVERSITY READINGS. 7 a. m. 25; maximum 30; minimum 24; barometer 30.09; wind, southwest, 12 miles.

FORCE BRITISH AND FRENCH TO KEEP UP RETREAT

Fate of the Expedition That Came Too Late is Uncertain.

LONDON HOLDS GLOOMY VIEWS

Confronted by Superior Forces, Conditions are Critical.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—According to information received in military quarters here, the Anglo-French expedition in the Balkans has continued its retreat, and has now entirely evacuated Serbian territory.

London, Dec. 10.—What seems to be an intimation that troops of the entente allies contemplate the evacuation of Serbian territory, if they have not already done so, is contained in a statement declared in a Reuter dispatch from Saloniki to have been issued by the French general staff on the Balkan front.

London, Dec. 10.—Bulgarians, heavily and well supported by artillery, are renewing violently their attack upon the Franco-British forces in Macedonia. Their assault has gone through all the preliminary stages and now is approaching the climax of intensity.

Although pursuit of the Serbians continues, it is apparent from the reports which the Macedonian conflict is assuming, that the major part of the Bulgarian army has diverted its attention to the allies. The outcome of the battle now in progress is awaited with great anxiety in England, as it will determine in a great measure the immediate future of the entente powers in the Balkans.

Bulgars Superior. Numerical superiority of the Bulgarians has been demonstrated in initial encounters with the British. Grave doubts are voiced here as to the ability of the British forces to repel the incoming Bulgarian attack.

There is no indication, however, that the British or French have yet found it necessary to withdraw further than positions mentioned in recent official communications.

Wedge is Threatened. With the Bulgarians in their positions at Demir-Kapu advancing west of Vardar in the neighborhood of Petrovo, and south of Strumitza station, the French wedge in Macedonia is threatened from the side.

The allied retreat toward the Greek border thus far has been achieved in good order and without sacrifice. The resistance of the Montenegrins has lost nothing of its stubbornness, and the plight of the Serbians fleeing into Albania is said to be growing less serious.

But military affairs in these sections become of comparatively small importance and have little bearing on the main situation. Bulgarian attack. Serbian retreat, have shifted southward.

Hard fighting continues on the western front where the Germans have been compelled to relinquish but a small part of the advanced trench captured by them east of Butte de Souain.

EXPLAINS ORIGIN OF PEACE MOVE

Is Organized by Representatives of International Body at The Hague.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 10.—A. R. Trosch, secretary of the congress for the study of a durable peace, which is to meet in the spring, explained yesterday the origin and purpose of the movement. He said the congress was being organized by representatives of the international body at The Hague, which forms the remainder of several international associations which have been paralyzed by the war. Representatives of the international union also are identified with the movement.

The American representative in the international central organization is Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews of Boston.

UNITED STATES IN DANGER OF BREAKING AUSTRO RELATIONS

Washington, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary are in danger of being broken off by the United States unless the urgent demands of the American note to Vienna for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and reparation is complied with. Furthermore, it is stated upon high authority that the United States expects a prompt reply to its communication.

The Man's Christmas Gift. It is not such a hard matter for a woman to choose a suitable gift for a man as some imagine. Men's tastes run pretty much in grooves—men's goods are well standardized. Certain brands carry their hallmark of character and quality to the masculine mind, because made familiar by advertising. The advertising in The Herald will be particularly helpful in guiding your steps in the right direction. It is a good time to reach a settlement of this little holiday problem is NOW.