

GOVERNMENT ACTS TO AVERT THREATENED RAILWAY STRIKE

Federal Operation of Roads Will Follow Should the Threat Become Ominous

BROTHERHOODS MAKE NEW DEMANDS; MEDIATION IS ALREADY SET IN MOTION

President Writes to Chief Mediator It Is Inconceivable There Should Be Traffic Interruption During the War

Best Thing Executive Should Wish to Contemplate, He Says, Is Resort to Unusual Methods to Operate the Railways—Labor Chiefs to Meet at the White House Next Week—They Hesitate to Commit Themselves to Arbitration Agreement.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Aroused by the plans of the Railwaymen's Brotherhood to demand wage increases, President Wilson has set the machinery of the federal government in motion to avert, if possible, the threat of a paralysis of the country's transportation systems so vital to the war. At a conference with the heads of the "Big Four" brotherhoods at the white house on Nov. 22 President Wilson will appeal to the labor leaders to defer any struggle until after the country has passed through the period where its transportation systems are so vital to the conduct of the war. With the announcement of this conference it was disclosed that President Wilson, while entertaining every hope for a complete agreement, does not intend to permit the country transportation system to be held up by a strike at this critical time in the nation's history even if it becomes necessary for the government to operate the roads.

It was disclosed today that Judge William L. Chambers, head of the federal board of mediation and conciliation, already has been holding conferences with the heads of the "Big Four" brotherhoods. The status of the proceedings so far shows a distinct leaning of the brotherhood heads to commit themselves to a plan of arbitration of the differences, and the hope of government negotiators is for an agreement which will postpone any interruption of the transportation systems until after the war.

The following letter from President Wilson to Judge Chambers expresses the president's attitude toward the situation.

President's Letter.
My Dear Judge Chambers: May I express my very deep and serious interest in your efforts to bring the railroad executives and the brotherhoods engaged in train operation to an agreement that there shall be no interruption in the relations on either side until ample opportunity shall have been afforded the United States board of mediation and conciliation to bring about if possible an amicable agreement, and that in the event of a failure to bring about such an agreement any controversy that may have arisen will be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Newlands law.

No Interference With Traffic.
I take it for granted that your efforts will succeed, because it is inconceivable to me that patriotic men should now for a moment contemplate the interruption of transportation, which is so absolutely necessary to the safety of the nation and to its success in arms, as well as to the whole industrial life; but I wanted nevertheless to express my deep personal interest in the matter and to wish you God-speed.

The last thing I should wish to contemplate would be the possibility of being obliged to take any unusual measures to operate the railways, and I have so much confidence that you men you are dealing with will appreciate the patriotic motives underlying your efforts that I shall look forward with assurance to your success.
Sincerely,
WOODROW WILSON.
Big Demands.

Chairman Chambers of the federal board of mediation and conciliation returned today from Cleveland, where

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGNERS WELCOMED EVERYWHERE

Campaign Manager Henderson Assured That Much More Than the Quota of \$20,000 Will Be Raised. Tom Davis Guest at Noonday Luncheon.

VILLA FORCES DRIVEN AWAY FROM OJINAGA

Bullets Fall on American Side of Rio Grande During the Battle.

Ojinaga, Mexico, Nov. 14.—After two hours of fighting early today Francisco Villa's troops were driven away from this town by the Mexican government forces under Gen. Juan Espinosa Cordova. This was officially announced at the military headquarters here.

Prossido, Tex., Nov. 14.—The fighting at Ojinaga began at 5:20 a. m. The attack started from the southwest and grew gradually with the approach of daylight into a constant fire of rifle shots. No artillery, machine guns or hand bombs were used in the first attack. American patrols are guarding the ford opposite Ojinaga. It is reported bullets are falling on the American side of the Rio Grande.

HEAVY DROP IN LIBERTY BOND QUOTATIONS

New York, Nov. 14.—Liberty bonds, both issues, dropped to new low records on the stock exchange today, on enlarged offerings. The 4s fell to 99.35 and the 3½s, which were more active, touched 98.10.

MR. TURNER ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON

Harry W. Turner, who was named state director for Montana in Uncle Sam's thrift campaign, is president of the Montana Electric company. Mr. Turner is on his way to Washington to take part in the conference there tomorrow and Friday to devise plans for the campaign.

HARSH CRITICISM BY LLOYD GEORGE STIRS THE BRITISH PRESS



Central Empires Openly Welcome Maximalist Coup in Petrograd in Hope of an Armistice

GOVERNMENT TO BORROW NATION'S SMALL SAVINGS FOR ITS WAR PURPOSES

Two Billions to Be Raised in a Year Through the Sale of War Savings Stamps and War Savings Certificates. All Banks, Postoffices, Stores and Schools Will Have Stamps and Certificates for Sale. Harry W. Turner of This City to Direct the Campaign in Montana.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Treasury officials today are mapping plans for the newly-announced campaign to gather for war purposes two billion dollars of small savings within a year, beginning Dec. 3, through selling thrift stamps, war savings stamps and war savings certificates. In virtually every bank, postoffice, railroad station, school and retail store in the country the stamps will be placed on sale for the double purpose of encouraging the saving habit and obtaining money in small sums not available through sales of Liberty bonds.

NO DEFINITE NEWS OF FATE OF PETROGRAD

Swedish Reports Insist That Kerensky Has Overcome the Bolsheviki.

BITTER FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS ON NEW ITALIAN DEFENSIVE LINE

Teutons Still Making Progress, But More Slowly, is the Report.

SEVERAL POSITIONS OF THE DEFENDERS TAKEN

Sanguinary Battle as Teutons Seek Crossing of the Piave.

TEUTON DETACHMENTS CROSS PIAVE BUT ARE RUSHED BY DEFENDER

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 14.—(By the Associated Press)—There was severe fighting when the enemy crossed the Piave on pontoons near Zenson with a number of machine guns. The Italians rushed him to a cluster of houses near the west bank of the river, where he was being held at last accounts.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

Progress is being made by the Austro-German armies pushing southeast in the Trentino in their effort to penetrate the Italian defensive front in the hill region and outflank the Piave river line. The advance has been materially slowed up, however, under the determined Italian resistance. Berlin today in reporting the capture of additional positions east of Asiago, indicates fighting is going on amid snow-covered hills—conditions which work to the advantage of the defenders. The most important progress claimed for the Austro-German forces appears to have been in the Sugana valley, almost due north of Bassano, where the occupation of Primolano and the capture of a fortified position on Monte Lissar are announced in the German statement.

FINANCIERS CALLED IN RAILROAD RATE HEARING

Frank A. Vanderlip and Paul Warburg Summoned by Commerce Board.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The interstate commerce commission announced today it had called as witnesses in the 15 per cent advance freight rate case Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker and chairman of the government war savings committee, and Paul Warburg, member of the federal reserve board, to testify Friday on credit available to railroads, industrial organizations and other money market competitors. The commission acted on its own motion without suggestion from either railroads or shippers.

BUTTE CLUBS WILL HONOR VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL

Distinguished Visitor to Arrive Here Nov. 22. Military Escort, Luncheon and Entertainment Being Arranged.

Vice President Thomas R. Marshall will arrive in Butte the morning of Nov. 22 and will be entertained as honored guest at a joint meeting of the Butte Rotary club and the Butte Ad Club at the Butte Grill at noon. He will be escorted from the depot to the Thornton hotel by a military escort and following certain entertainments in the afternoon, which are now being arranged, will speak at the Butte high school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock on the Butte Lyceum course. His talk will deal with the war. Gov. Sam Y. Stewart will introduce the vice president.

TALKS OF THE "INCREDIBLE BLUNDERS" OF WAR LEADERS

London Journals Hint at Friction Between Premier and Army.

LLOYD GEORGE WANTS ONE COMMAND FOR ALL

He Would Have One Committee Control All Armies in the Field.

SENSATIONAL ADDRESS WAS MADE IN PARIS

Discussion of Situation Will Be Taken Up in House of Commons.

London, Nov. 14.—Premier Lloyd George will be asked in the house of commons today by former Premier Asquith for a statement in regard to his Paris speech in which he spoke of the new inter-allied committee and the blunders which he said had been made by the allies in the past in the conduct of the war. The premier is expected to be present to reply but will defer a full statement until later, when an opportunity will be given to the house to discuss it.

EXCITED COMMENT OVER THE NEW PLAN

London, Nov. 14.—The speech by Premier Lloyd George in Paris yesterday has stirred the local press. His allusions to the allies' "incredible blunders" are printed under sensational headlines. Comment is mixed up with criticism of the new allied war council, as announced here yesterday by Chancellor Bonar Law. Several newspapers endorse the speech in the main or are non-committal. Others criticize adversely the new military plan and accuse the premier of wishing to

GOAL SHORTAGE FOR 1917 IS 50,000,000 TONS

Plans Are Laid to Curtail Non-essential Industries to Meet Shortage.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Revised estimates by the federal administration place the coal shortage of 1917 at 50,000,000 tons bituminous and anthracite. Production has decreased 50 per cent and consumption has increased 100 per cent. Plans for curtailment of non-essential industries are being rushed to meet the situation.

A. F. OF L. DELEGATES CHEER WILSON MESSAGE

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 14.—The telegrams to and from President Wilson in regard to the calling off of the strikes at plants being constructed for government use in connection with the war were read by President Samuel Compers to the delegates at today's session of the American Federation of Labor. President Wilson's message expressing appreciation for the patriotic action of the federation was greeted with cheers.