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# RAILROAD STRIKE IS POSTPONED, TRAINMEN WILL WAIT 48 HOURS

## DELAY GIVES TIME FOR A POSSIBLE DECISION OF THE ADAMSON LAW

Action is Taken at Request of Administration and Out of Appreciation of National Situation; Secretary Lane Announces at Expiration of Time Men Will Strike on Authority Already Given Unless Settlement Comes.

**FEDERAL PROTECTION ASKED.**  
NEW YORK, March 17.—Secretary Lane announced late this afternoon the railroad strike had been postponed forty-eight hours. He said, "At our request and out of appreciation for the national situation, the brotherhoods and railway managers have resumed negotiations, and in the hope of an adjustment that will avoid the necessity for strike, the brotherhoods have wired or telephoned the general chairmen asking postponement of all action for forty-eight hours. Unless advised of settlement before then, the men will leave service, under the authority already given."

The postponement allows time for possible decision of the Adamson law now before the strike comes.

## LOYAL TRAINMEN ARE GRANTED PRIVILEGES

O. W. R. & N. S. Will Give All Employees Who Refuse to Strike Certain Advantages.

Anticipating the general trainmen's strike, the O. W. R. & N. Co. and N. P. are issuing notices to all their employees of the consequences following their participation in a walkout. A bulletin from J. P. O'Brien, vice-president and general manager, was received this afternoon by Local Agent T. F. O'Brien and the N. P. issued a similar bulletin. The O. W. R. & N. Co. bulletin reads as follows:

This company hereby gives notice to its employees, in train, engine and yard service, and to others, that all men who remain loyal to the company, continuing in the performance of their regular duties will not only retain all seniority, and other such rights as they have heretofore enjoyed, but will be given the further advantage of such seniority rights as may come to them on account of others leaving the service. New men entering the service will be given rights over employees who leave and may afterwards wish to return. Employees who leave even temporarily will forfeit all rights. It is not the intention to demand of any man in our employ other than his usual class of service.

The company issued a bulletin yesterday relative to the acceptance of freight. All freight that will not reach its destination by 8 o'clock tomorrow is taken subject to delay.

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### BUYS OLD FRAZER HOUSE.

R. W. Fletcher has purchased of Lowell Rogers the house on North Main street formerly owned by L. G. Frazer and is preparing to move it to his lot on Riley street. He will make considerable improvement to it. His permit calls for the expenditure of \$1200. As soon as the house is moved Mr. Rogers will start work on his beautiful new residence which will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

### SKIPS THE SKIDOO DOG.

Skips, the mascot of the Phelps plowing shop, is now the official "skidoo dog" of the city. His new license tag taken out this morning was No. 22.

### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DECREASE \$190,000,000 MONTH OF FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, March 17.—American exports and imports decreased almost a hundred and ninety million dollars during February, the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare. The department of commerce reported that this is the largest loss in exports and import trade in a single month ever reported.

REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF U-BOAT TORPEDO



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The photograph shows a torpedo fired from a German submarine which has just missed its quarry. The picture was taken from the stern of a vessel which succeeded in turning just in time for the deadly "sea shark" to pass harmlessly by. It is one of the most unusual pictures made during the war.

## UNION COUNTY SENTIMENT IS SWINGING TO THE SUPPORT OF ROAD BONDS SAYS THOMPSON

Sentiment in Union county is rapidly swinging round to the support of the six million bonding measure, according to W. L. Thompson of the highway commission who arrived home this morning from La Grande where he addressed a large audience at the auto show last evening. The sentiment among the farmers was at first opposed to the measure by states, but as they are beginning to understand it they are falling into line.

Mr. Thompson met the business men of La Grande during the day yesterday, spoke at the auto show last evening and ended the day with a conference with the county court. He also, during the day, met a strong delegation of Baker business men who secured from him a promise to attend a meeting in their city next Tuesday.

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## BAPAUME FALLS BEFORE BRITISH

LONDON, March 17.—Bapaume, key to the western German defenses, against which Haig has been hammering, has been captured. It is believed it will force an early German retirement from the Bapaume-Arras line. Hindenburg recently dubbed Bapaume "the Gibraltar of the Western Front."

## WHEAT GOES UP TWO CENTS TODAY

CHICAGO, March 17.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Rains of wheat prices today:

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	\$1.82	\$1.85	\$1.82	\$1.84
July	\$1.65	\$1.65	\$1.62	\$1.65

Portland

PORLAND, Ore., March 17.—(Special) Club \$1.66; flotation \$1.75; practice off Fort Stevens, Boston, 18

If the bonding measure passes, the post roads as now planned will be built with the assistance of the federal government, but if the measure fails, the commission will be forced to declare the trunk roads post roads and spend the state and federal appropriations on those roads. Such a course would naturally eliminate the possibility of state aid for roads leading off from the main roads such as the John Day road, the La Grande-Joseph road and the road into Eagle Valley in Baker county.

### PROVISIONAL DUMA REGARDED AS A DE FACTO GOVERNMENT

LONDON, March 17.—The British government is dealing with the provisional Duma committee as a de facto Russian government. It is announced.

## MINE FIELDS MAY PROTECT AMERICAN COASTS



LOADING A MINE

Men of the Engineering Corps, U.S. Coast Artillery, filling a floating mine during mine-laying

in the event of war with Germany mine fields may be used to protect American harbors from attack by submarine.

The present war that it is quite as dangerous for a submarine to operate in a mine field as it is for vessels compelled to travel exclusively on

SAFETY MEETING LOG

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