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## TO SETTLE THE 8-HOUR FIGHT

Adjustment of Railway Quarrel Irrespective of Adamson Law Decision Is Forecasted

CONFERENCE IS HELD TODAY  
Brotherhoods Say Strike Won't Be Permitted to Embarrass United States in Case of War

A conference between the heads of the railway brotherhoods and the national conference committee of the railroads is billed to take place today in New York city. According to a press report from Cleveland, Ohio, settlement of the railroad eight-hour controversy, irrespective of whether the supreme court holds the Adamson law constitutional or unconstitutional is forecast by action of a conference of brotherhood leaders.

Announcement of the four unions' compromise plan to be threshed out at a meeting with railroad officials in New York today came simultaneously with the revelation that the brotherhood chiefs had notified President Wilson that a strike would not be permitted to embarrass the government in case the United States was drawn into war.

**Plan Drafted**  
A statement was given out, signed by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers; L. E. Sheppard, acting president of the conductors; W. S. Carter, president of the firemen and enginemen, and W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen, announcing that a plan for settlement of the controversy had been drafted by the brotherhood heads and submitted to and approved by the chairmen.

While the details of the settlement plan were not divulged, it was stated that the union representatives would lay before railroad officials a compromise plan based on the employees' fight for an eight-hour day.

**Independent of Court Action**  
"It was decided to renew efforts to obtain a settlement," the official statement said, "and a meeting has been arranged with the national conference committee of the railroads, to be held in New York on Thursday, March 15."

"The settlement conference with the railroad officials will have nothing to do with whatever action the supreme court takes in the present test of the Adamson law," President Lee said.

"An effort will be made to reach an agreement that will bring peace between the railroads and the men if the law is held constitutional. An effort also will be made to work out a plan that will effectively take the place of the Adamson law in case it is held unconstitutional."

**Statement of Chiefs**  
The four chief executives issued the following statement:

"A meeting was held at Cleveland, March 10, by representatives of the four train and engine organizations, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in response to a call issued by the chief executives, for the purpose of concurring as to the situation regarding a settlement of the eight-hour proposition.

"It was decided to renew efforts to obtain a settlement, and a meeting has been arranged with the national conference committee of the railroads, to be held in New York on March 15.

"The 400 chairman of the four transportation organizations attending the meeting reported the conditions existing on their various systems as even worse than on September 2, 1916, when the Adamson eight hour law was enacted.

"They complained bitterly because the men they represent are working for the same rates of pay, and longer hours and worse conditions, than prior to the enactment of such law, and called attention to the fact that nearly all other classes of labor had been given substantial increases during the last year, which in a measure offset the increased cost of living.

"They authorized the chief executives to press the matter to an early conclusion and while the situation is grave, the chief executives feel hopeful of effecting a peaceful settlement when they meet the managers' committee.

"The men feel, and their officers support them in the opinion that the railway companies should have applied the law, as intended by congress and the president of the United States thus giving the men the benefit from January 1, instead of resorting to the courts."

### DATES FOR COMING EVENTS

- March 12-17—Annual Merchants' Market Week at Omaha.
- March 18—District Meeting of Odd Fellows at North Platte.
- March 21-22-23—D. A. R. Annual State Convention at Fremont.
- April 9-14—Annual State Bowling Tournament at Fremont.
- April 21-22—Missouri Valley Chiropractor's Association Meeting at Omaha.

### SHORTAGE OF POULTRY BREEDING STOCK

Many inquiries for breeding stock in poultry are being received by the poultry department of the state university. Owing to the high price of grain, a comparatively small number of surplus males were held over by the breeders of the state and a marked shortage is evident.

Orders for hatching eggs are being received from nearly all parts of Nebraska. Accurate records of each hen's production, and breeding methods based upon the "bred-to-lay" quality are attracting the genuine interest of farmers.

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## Shake Off That Grip

When Spring comes, with its changeable weather and your exposure, it is best to clear away all the symptoms left after an attack of grip. That evil disease leaves you weakened, and when its victim attempts to "do his bit" he exposes himself to the risk of a second attack, for which he is less prepared, and which may have graver consequences.

### There's Danger in Delay

April and May are pneumonia months. In this time a weakened system is a constant source of danger, for the pneumonia and grip infections are in the air, and after a long winter the body is so clogged with waste it cannot resist them. Fortify the health, remove the catarrh, and improve the digestion.

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## THE GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

A summary of the March crop report for the State of Nebraska and for the United States, as compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimates (and transmitted through the Weather Bureau), U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

**Wheat on Farms**  
STATE: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 15,100,000 bushels, as compared with 23,436,000 a year ago and 10,895,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.65 per bushel, compared with \$1.94 a year ago and \$1.31 two years ago.

UNITED STATES: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 101,000,000 bushels, compared with 244,448,000 a year ago and 152,903,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.64 per bushel, compared with \$1.03 a year ago and 1.34 two years ago.

**Corn on Farms**  
STATE: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 73,100,000 bushels, compared with 87,330,000 a year ago and 71,320,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 87 cents per bushel, compared with 54 cents a year ago and 64 cents two years ago.

UNITED STATES: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 789,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,116,555,000 a year ago and 910,894,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 101 cents per bushel, compared with 68.2 cents a year ago and 75.1 cents two years ago.

**Corn of Merchantable Quality**  
STATE: — The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 94 cents, compared with 64 per cent of the 1915 crop and 93 per cent of the 1914 crop.

UNITED STATES: — The percentage of the 1916 crop which was of merchantable quality is estimated at 84 per cent, compared with 71.1 per cent of the 1915 crop and 84.5 per cent of the 1914 crop.

**Oats on Farms**  
STATE: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 35,100,000 bushels, compared with 31,680,000 a year ago and 29,232,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 56 cents per bushel, compared with 55 cents a year ago and 47 cents two years ago.

UNITED STATES: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 394,000,000 bushels, compared with 598,148,000 a year ago and 397,369,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 56.9 cents per bushel, compared with 42.7 cents a year ago and 52.1 cents two years ago.

**Barley on Farms**  
STATE: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 924,000 bushels, compared with 1,107,000 a year ago and 797,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers 78 cents per bushel, compared with 44 cents a year ago and 54 cents two years ago.

UNITED STATES: — Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 32,800,000 bushels, compared with 58,301,000 a year ago and 42,889,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers, 96.9 cents per bushel, compared with 59.6 cents a year ago and 67.7 two years ago.

**General Review of Farm Grain Reserves in State, March 1**  
The farm reserve of corn is very nearly the average for this date. While it is believed there was less corn consumed than usual during the past feeding season, it happens that

our greatest surplus section, northeastern Nebraska, has fared much better in getting cars and farmers have been eager to sell for the prevailing prices. A part of the winter wheat belt will not have any surplus corn. The car shortage has been very severe over the greater part of the wheat belt and preference has been given to the shipping of wheat in the available cars. Practically all corn was merchantable except a few regions where the drought was most severe.

The per cent of wheat on farms is a little below the ten year average. As stated above, the car shortage has been very serious over the greater part of the winter wheat belt and is responsible for the large reserves in the western three-fourths of the state. The amount of wheat in the latter defined territory will range from 15 to 35 per cent. Over the remainder of the state the farm reserves of wheat are generally small. With few exceptions elevators have remained open but farmers have not lost any opportunity to sell their wheat when elevator space was available.

The per cent of oats on farms is above the average. The crop was extra large and while the greatest surplus section has had better car facilities for shipping, it still has a large per cent of oats left. Other sections have moved but few oats as farmers preferred to sell wheat or corn.

Aaron E. Anderson,  
Field Agent.

### General Review of Weather Conditions for February, 1917

The monthly mean temperature was slightly below normal. The coldest weather occurred in the first days of the month. The minimum temperature was about 20 below zero in most of the state but in some eastern and southern counties it was not quite so cold and in some northern parts was 30 or slightly below zero. The snowfall was light. In the southeastern counties it was less than 0.5 inch and was the smallest snowfall in February in the past 40 years. The snowfall was heavier in the other parts of the state but the state average is near, although not quite, the lowest of the past 40 years. In February—1880, 1896, 1904, 1915. There were no severe storms for the season of the year or exceptionally low temperatures.

G. A. Loveland,  
Meteorologist.

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