

WILL AVERT STRIKES

PLACE THEIR INTERESTS IN THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

UNIONS ARE FOR MEDIATION

Conference at White House is Expected to Develop an Impartial Tribunal to Settle the Present Wage Dispute.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has given a free hand by the railroads in his effort to avert a strike for higher wages by engineers, conductors, trainmen and brakemen, with whose representatives he will confer here.

Formal announcement by the railroads' war board that the railroads were ready, should any crisis arise, to place their interests unreservedly in the hands of the president for such disposition as he may determine is necessary in the public interest was expected to clear away misunderstandings of the four brotherhoods over the attitude of the roads, which had caused the unions to refuse to arbitrate the dispute.

Possibility of a stoppage in the steady flow of commerce, thereby paralyzing the nation's war preparations, was believed by officials to have passed. They expected that an agreement to leave the wage question to an impartial tribunal would result from the conference, and already suggestions for means to forestall any further agitation concerning wages and conditions of work during the war which at the same time would protect the workers in maintaining their standards of life in the midst of war prices, are under consideration. England's example of allowing the board of trade to regulate wages at intervals of several months and at the same time adjust rates to protect the railroads is being given close study.

Some form of continuing arbitration, it is believed, will result from the president's conference. The railroads have indicated that they may ask for some form of control of wages and rates similar to that in effect to regulate coal wages and prices.

MINERS' TROUBLE AT AN END.

Contract Penalty Clause Finally Accepted—To Increase Production.

Washington, D. C.—Fuel Administrator Garfield was notified of the final acceptance of a satisfactory wage contract penalty clause by both operators and miners in the Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri coal fields.

Acceptance of the penalty clause in the southwest extends its provisions to virtually all the country's bituminous coal fields.

"Through the efforts of the fuel administration," said Dr. Garfield, "all danger of any considerable halt in the production of bituminous coal through labor difficulties has been eliminated. The fuel administration is satisfied that the patriotic cooperation of both mine workers and operators, so thoroughly exemplified in the general acceptance of the penalty clause agreement, can be depended on to increase the bituminous coal production all along the line."

The penalty clause is designed to prevent by a system of fines the shutting down of mines either by strikes or lockouts.

Wilson Assists "Y" Drive.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson actively assisted in the Y. M. C. A. \$15,000,000 war fund campaign by passing a hat through his own box and an adjoining one at a local theater. As one of the workers approached the box occupied by the president he took the hat, passed it around among the members of his party and then carried it into the next box while the audience applauded.

Wilson Names Willard.

Washington, D. C.—Daniel Willard was appointed by President Wilson as chairman of the war industries board to succeed Frank A. Scott, who resigned recently on account of ill health. Mr. Willard, who is president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has been chairman of the advisory committee of the council of national defense.

Warren S. Young Dead.

Washington, D. C.—Warren S. Young, aged 73, for thirty-six years social clerk at the White House, died here. He was oldest in years of service at the White House, and since his appointment by President Garfield had made all arrangements for social events at the White House.

Page Meets Venizelos.

London—Ambassador Page conferred with Premier Venizelos, of Greece, with whom he discussed the visit the premier is to make to America in the spring.

Major Rothschild Killed.

London—Major Evelyn De Rothschild, son of the late Leopold De Rothschild, has been killed in Palestine.

Fire in Hold of U. S. Transport.

An Atlantic Port—Fire broke out in the hold of a United States transport tied up at a pier here. A guard of soldiers was thrown about the fire and no one permitted to pass. The fire was discovered among a quantity of footstuffs stored in the hold, and its cause has not been determined.

HELP PUT A LIGHT IN THE WINDOW



RAIL CRISIS ENDED TO END ALL STRIKES

SEEMS CERTAIN THERE WILL BE NO RAILWAY STRIKE.

President Authorized by the Brotherhoods to Offer Plan Which Men Will Accept.

Washington, Nov. 16.—That there will be no railway strike or serious differences between the railway employees and the railroads appears certain. President Wilson has been authorized, in effect, by the representatives of the brotherhoods to offer a plan of settlement as to wages, which the brotherhoods will accept.

It is understood that the president will insist that the men shall compose their difficulties through mediation and that he is inclined to favor the enactment of a law for compulsory arbitration of railroad disputes during the war period.

The attitude of the brotherhoods is entirely satisfactory to the administration, although President Wilson had hoped that the officials of the brotherhoods would go as far as the railroad presidents in agreeing to mediation and arbitration.

SAYS FOE WILL RUE WAR

President Sends Telegram to Loyalty Meetings—"Time Has Come When Home Must Be Protected."

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Wilson addressed a telegram of patriotic felicitations to the citizens of the six states embraced in the Northwest loyalty meetings in St. Paul, saying the nation is looking to the Northwest in its great fight "to make the world safe for democracy."

President Wilson told the masters of Germany will rue the day they challenged the American republic, and added:

"The time has come when the home must be protected and that faith affirmed in deeds. Sacrifice and service must come from every class, every profession, every party, every race, every creed, every section.

"This is not a bankers' war, nor a farmers' war, or a manufacturers' war, or a laboring man's war—it is a war for every straight-out American, whether our flag be his by birth or by adoption."

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK; 5 DIE

Five Members of Crew of Luckenbach Steamer Killed—Vessel Torpedoed in Bay of Biscay.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 15.—News of the destruction of a German submarine of the American steamer D. N. Luckenbach on December 27 was brought here by 29 survivors of the crew. Five of the crew were killed.

The vessel was sunk in the Bay of Biscay about 100 miles from the French coast by an unseen torpedo, whose explosion killed the five men, the survivor said. They were picked up by a Danish ship two days after the sinking.

John W. Foster Is Dead.

Washington, Nov. 16.—John W. Foster, former minister to China, secretary of state under President Harrison, father-in-law of Secretary Lansing, died here.

Norwegians Boycott Germany.

Christiania, Nov. 19.—The Tidens Tegh says the Norwegian Water association has adopted a resolution proclaiming a complete boycott of Germany, German shipping, German trade and German citizens in Norway.

Two Dead in Oil Explosion.

Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 19.—Two employees were burned to death as a result of an explosion and fire which destroyed the Standard Oil company's plant at Norfolk, Okla. The dead are W. Campbell and J. Ryan.

BUILDING TRADES SECTION OF A. F. OF L. ACTS.

Employees of Shipyards and Munition Plants Ordered to Begin Operations at Once.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 15.—All strikes affecting government work in shipbuilding, munitions and other war enterprises have been called off by the building trades section of the American Federation of Labor, it was announced by Secretary Morrison. A conference of representatives of building trades heads and government representatives will be held in Washington within a few days, to go over the situation. Pending the result of this meeting orders have been sent to the presidents of locals to put their men back to work.

TO REGISTER ALIEN ENEMIES

Drastring Action Planned by Government Following Fires in Munition Plants and Grain Elevators.

Washington, Nov. 15.—President Wilson is expected to issue a proclamation soon requiring every alien enemy within the United States to register as a step toward ridding the country of spies and saboteurs.

The government has virtually decided that this procedure is the only way open for sifting from the million Germans in the United States the few who are believed to be causing fires in munition plants, grain elevators and warehouses and promoting propaganda injurious to America's prosecution of the war.

Attorney General Gregory took to the cabinet meeting on Tuesday for President Wilson's consideration a draft of regulations under which the registration might be carried out, following the program adopted by England and France for keeping a close watch over the activities of enemy subjects.

TAKE 63 I. W. W.'S IN RAID

U. S. Agents Believe They Have Captured Leaders of Organization in Middle West.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 15.—Sixty-three Industrial Workers of the World were arrested here on Tuesday in a raid conducted by federal agents. The men were attending a convention of the I. W. W. from Nebraska, Minnesota, the Dakotas and several other states. When booked at the police station the I. W. W. gave addresses from every principal western city and many Eastern cities.

"The literature is the same stuff that was recently barred from the mails," said U. S. Marshal Elynn. "We think the delegates intended taking it back home with them. We believe we have the king pins of the order."

TWO SOLDIERS DIE IN CAVE-IN

Artillerymen Lose Lives While Working in Pit at Camp Bowie, Tex.—Two Are Injured.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 15.—Two artillerymen were killed and two more seriously injured at Camp Bowie when a pit in which they were working caved in.

American Wounded.

Paris, Nov. 17.—J. C. McDonald of the American ambulance service, who was wounded while near Verdun, has just been brought to Neuilly, where it is reported his injuries are not serious. He was struck by a shell splinter.

Saves Coal by Sunday Work.

Copenhagen, Nov. 17.—The Bavarian government, in order to save coal, has decided to transfer the Sunday holiday to another day of the week. The Catholic clergy have protested and are supported by Protestants.

LATINS OPEN DYKES

VAST AREA IS FLOODED TO HALT TEUTON ADVANCE ON VENICE.

BIG REGION UNDER WATER

Flood Loosed at Point Where Enemy Succeeded in Crossing the Piave River—140,000 Flee From City.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 19.—The floodgates of the Piave and Sile, or Old Piave, rivers have been opened by Italian military engineers and the enemy is now faced by another Yser of inundation.

The flood was loosed at the point where the enemy succeeded in crossing the Piave near Grisiera (four miles from the coast), and the whole region where he gained lodgment is now under water. The inundated territory forms a huge triangle about twelve miles on each side, with the apex at Dona Di Piave. The enemy had been driven back, but still held on within this triangle until the dykes from both rivers released the water over the low-lying plain.

The chief menace at that point was that the enemy might be able to approach Venice through the lagoon or bombard the city from his position between the rivers. The inundation interposes a barrier of water twelve miles across and several feet deep.

Reports which have reached headquarters from other points on the front are also favorable.

Venice, Nov. 19.—Venice is now almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000.

The city may not be defended in case of an attack, in order to spare the monuments and art treasures. The mayor of Venice, who is a descendant of the doges and a chamberlain to the Queen of Italy, announced that he would remain at his post.

The outward appearance of the city is very desolate, much like when the Austrians made their last descent upon it, more than fifty years ago. All the main hotels, cafes and factories and the jewelry and glass shops patronized by tourists are closed.

The city authorities are furnishing trains and ships to take away any of the remaining population who wish to go. The best known centers, such as the Rialto bridge, St. Mark's square and the square where the gondolas are hired are now deserted except by a few stragglers.

There are five shops open and they are selling goods at any price to save them from passing into the hands of the enemy.

All the government offices have been removed outside the city, but the government prefect, Count Ciola, remains at his post.

Rome, Nov. 17.—All along the mountain front from Asago to the Piave river the attacks of the Austro-German forces seeking to crush in the Italian line have been repulsed, it was announced officially on Friday. All the positions attacked remained in the hands of the Italians.

Berlin, Nov. 19.—The town of Cismone, on the northern Italian front, has been captured, the war office announced on Friday. Near the Adriatic, on the western bank of the Piave, Hungarian troops advanced and captured 1,000 Italians.

U. S. ACTS TO CURB SPIES

Enemy Aliens Will Be Required to Register—President Will Issue Proclamation on New Rules.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Plans for further guarding the country's war activities against enemy aliens were approved at the cabinet meeting held on Friday.

President Wilson will issue a proclamation embodying the regulations formulated by the department of justice.

Enemy aliens may be required to register and the barred zones will be much extended.

Renewed warnings against spies have been posted at all navy yards and stations. Placards headed "Beware of Spies," have been posted.

FOE OF U. S. KILLS THREE

Residents of Virginia, Minn., Slain With Ax—Slayer Warns Buyers of Liberty Bonds.

Virginia, Minn., Nov. 19.—Three persons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alar and a boarder, Peter Treppch, were killed on Friday by an ax murderer. Their bodies were found in their home here with a note of warning to all other Austrian families in Virginia who bought Liberty bonds or subscribed to the Red Cross. The police believe that robbery was the motive. Mrs. Alar had \$2,000 in her home.

Wilson Aids Recreation Fund.

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Wilson sent his check for \$100 to the Young Men's Christian association war camp recreation fund. It was received by the local committee, which has about \$54,000 of its \$150,000 allotment.

Mrs. Wiley Goes to Jail.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Harvey Wiley, wife of the pure food advocate, will serve fifteen days in jail for picketing the White House with suffrage banners. Mrs. Wiley was sentenced when she refused to pay a \$25 fine.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Pertaining to the Affairs of Nebraska.

Dun V. Stephens, Nebraska congressman, and Ross Hammond, editor of the Fremont Tribune, were members of the American congressional party visiting the battle fronts in France. The party just completed a thousand-mile tour of the British front, following which they expressed themselves as certain of an allied victory.

R. S. McMullen of Lyons pulled off one of the most novel hog marketing deals ever known in Lyons when he took his Ford truck and hauled sixty-one head of hogs, weighing 19,000 pounds, from his farm, eight miles northeast of town, making a round trip every hour from 6 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon.

Federal officers and city police broke up the industrial workers of the world convention at Omaha, and arrested sixty-two men and one woman. A truckload of literature was seized. Records of the convention proceedings, circulars printed in many languages and other papers were among the litera are taken.

Reports for recruiting all over the United States in the month of September have just come to the army headquarters at Omaha. Great jubilation is the result, for the Omaha district stood fourth in the United States for that month.

A number of business men of Stella closed up their establishments for a few days and helped harvest the monster apple crop near Slubert. Shortage of labor prompted this action.

A community box social held at Tekamah to provide funds for the Christmas boxes for soldiers resulted in a fine social gathering and a revenue of \$382.50.

Reports from Washington are that Omaha will probably be selected for one of the reconstruction hospitals, to be erected by the government for the "making over" of wounded Summies.

Members of the three Lincoln exemption boards and five assisting doctors have declined to accept pay from the government for their services during the draft.

A home drill company is a new military organization for Weeping Water. It is composed of men of all ages, some as old as forty-five and older having joined.

Complete tabulations on the registration of women in Lancaster county for Herbert Hoover's food campaign show that over 12,000 women signed the cards.

A farmers Non-Partisan league is being organized in Gage county, a number of farmers having already signed up to become members.

Hotel keepers and restaurant men of Fremont have entered into an agreement to observe meatless and wheatless days.

No clue has been found to the person or persons who set fire to \$5,000 worth of beans belonging to M. S. Swartzendruber, near Aurora.

Fire destroyed the Gordon public school building, causing a loss of \$35,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Knights of Columbus of Nebraska are carrying on a two weeks' campaign to raise a \$150,000 war fund.

Cuming and Jefferson counties have greatly exceeded their quotas for the Young Men's Christian association war fund campaign.

At Brock in Nemaha county ten women bought Liberty bonds aggregating \$3,500 or one-sixth of the total amount subscribed at Brock.

The Fremont city council voted to hold a special election for the purpose of voting bonds for the installation of a sewage disposal plant.

A movement is on foot at Lexington for the purpose of organizing a Community club.

Managers of the Nebraska Association of Fairs will hold their annual session in Omaha December 18-20.

By a vote of 990 for to 135 against, Lincoln adopted a home rule charter at its recent election.

A chapter of the Sons of Veterans has been organized at Seward with a charter membership of fifty-five.

Six hundred dollars was raised in six minutes for the Y. M. C. A. war fund at Dunbar.

The Olsen quarry at Weeping Water is shipping two carloads of stone a day to Omaha for war work.

Senator Hitchcock told a delegation of land owners at Scottsbluff that he intends to make a special effort to induce the government to execute the contract which authorizes the government to take over and operate the tri-state canal.

Lewellen claims the record of all towns in the state in its campaign for Y. M. C. A. war work. Out of a total of \$1,800 raised in Garden county during one day, Lewellen, a town of only 250 people, and its immediate vicinity, raised over \$1,400.

The government has been asked to dredge the Missouri river at two points between Omaha and Decatur in order that an adequate channel for navigation might be assured at all periods of the navigation season.

Movement of potatoes from northern Nebraska continues and the remainder of the crop in the hands of the farmers and in cellars is estimated between 300 and 400 cars.

Mayor W. I. Farley, Aurora, resigned, insists he will not reconsider his actions. R. B. Chapman was become city executive.

Complete organization of the ninety-three counties of the state with a federal food administrator in each will be effected by Food Administrator Wattles soon. Each county administrator will be held responsible for his county and will be empowered to effect a county organization, either by precincts or towns, as he deems advisable. The county official will have placed upon him, the charge of seeing that the national regulations are carried out to the letter.

An organization has been perfected in Greeley county, under the auspices of the county council of defense, for the purpose of promoting a greater production of wheat, rye and other foodstuffs and all kinds of live stock. A. C. Thompson of Spalding, originator of the idea, was made chairman.

Members of the Fremont home-guard announced that they intended to visit all Fremonters who are not supporting the war in a whole-hearted manner. The first home to be visited was that of Henry Breners, after which the guard nailed an American flag on his residence and warned him not to take it down.

Investigations have proven that salt brine and not poison was responsible for the death of 100 hogs on the Carson brothers farm near Elm Creek. An autopsy proved that the animals had drunk freely of the brine and their death is attributed to that cause.

From a patch of three-quarters of an acre C. S. Ellis of Rocca, Lancaster county, has threshed out thirty-four bushels of beans. He also secured a fine crop from the beans planted in the corn fields. So successful has his crop been that next year he plans on twenty acres.

The first premium, a silver trophy cup, was awarded at the Nebraska Potato Improvement association show at Alliance, to Kimball county for its splendid exhibit of potatoes. Box Butte county took second. Daves county took third.

Not over 200 families of the over 200,000 in Nebraska asked to sign the pledge cards to save food, have refused on the score that they "are not in sympathy with the war." Their names and reasons are being sent to the state council of defense.

Battery A of Omaha and Companies B of Nebraska City, C of Beatrice, D of Auburn, E of North Platte, I of Ord and K of Bluehill are under quarantine at Deming, N. M., for measles.

Fred Bruer, who says he was a sailor of the "Vaterland," Germany's largest merchant ship interned in the United States, and five other Germans, were arrested at Lincoln by federal authorities.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston at Washington has ruled that federal good roads funds for Nebraska cannot be used on the Lincoln Highway where it runs on Union Pacific right-of-way.

The Hastings High school football schedule has been cancelled because of the death of Roscoe Batten, a member of the team, who died from injuries received in the Kearney-Hastings game.

R. H. Enley of Wisner has brought suit against the Columbia Stock Powder company for \$2,500 damages, charging that medicine bought from the firm caused the death of a number of his choice hogs.

Farmers in the vicinity of Avoca are finding much of the newly picked corn molding in the cribs. Husking has virtually ceased in the district because of the moisture in the corn.

The Auburn Canning company at Auburn, labeled and packed two carloads of sweet corn last week, which the government has requisitioned from them to help feed the soldiers.

The Bloomfield Home Guard company has been organized with over fifty members. Uniforms and equipment will be ordered at once and active drilling will start immediately.

Dewey Kern of Collins, Minn., now an American soldier in France, reported captured by Germans a few days ago, is safe, according to reports. Kern enlisted at Omaha.

Herman trebled its "Y" war fund, raising over \$1,000, while its quota was only \$350. Unstinted devotion of their time by business men there made the campaign such a success.

Craig has answered every war call with an oversubscription, the latest being the raising of a substantial sum for Y. M. C. A. war work.

Forty-two registered hogs, of different breeds, sold for \$2,400 at a combination sale near Beatrice. They averaged \$58 a head.

The Dodge County Council of Defense is investigating the daubing with yellow paint of the store of C. H. Jones at Uehling. The act is believed to have been committed because Mr. Jones' son was exempted from draft service.

According to government crop estimates for November, Nebraska's corn crop is valued at \$390,000,000, compared with a valuation of \$115,000,000 last year. The potato crop is placed at 13,900,000 bushels, over 5,000,000 bushels more than last year's crop.

Roscoe Batten, center for the Hastings High school team, died on the field at Hastings as the result of an injury sustained in the football game between the Hastings and Kearney teams.

The Tenth federal reserve district, of which Nebraska is a part, subscribed \$150,500,750 to the second Liberty bond issue, the reserve bank at Kansas City has announced.

One hundred and eighty-four men have enlisted in the new Lincoln Home Guards organized two weeks ago.