

K. OF P. COMES OUT
AGAINST PROFITEERING.

Denver, Aug. 5.—The Knights of Pythias Tuesday threw itself on the side of those who are fighting profiteering in America, when its supreme chancellor, Charles S. Davis of Denver, on behalf of the order, and "in the interests of humanity," telegraphed to President Wilson asking him to start immediate investigation of high prices to bring those engaged in exploiting the people to account.

"We are confronted by a national crisis unless the government acts promptly," read a sentence in the message.

70-YEAR-OLD WOMAN
DRIVES CAR 5,000 MILES.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Having traveled more than 5,000 miles, Mrs. William Upton completed her transcontinental motor trip, San Francisco to Washington, Sunday.

Mrs. Upton, who is 70, said that her trip east was replete with interesting incidents. She followed the historic Santa Fe trail from Barstow, Cal., to New York City.

She negotiated the desert of alkali in California, the California desert, the desert of waves, a most perilous stretch, mountains, and at times, seas of mud. Twice the axle on her car collapsed and she had to be pulled out of the mud times without number. Four times she was prostrated by the heat, but in retrospect she claims the entire trip was most enjoyable.

FORMER BASE BALL STAR
SIGNS UP SECOND TIME.

New York, Aug. 5.—William A. Lange, who was known all over the country 15 years ago as "Bill" Lange, star base ball pitcher, and who is now a San Francisco banker, has taken as his bride Miss Mona Virum, also of San Francisco. The marriage was performed by the Rev. Charles W. Norman of the Church of the Ascension.

Lange, who during the war performed valuable work for the Y. M. C. A. among the American soldiers in France, gave his age as 48 when taking out the marriage license and said he had been divorced. His bride is 24. The couple will spend a fortnight at an Atlantic coast resort, then visit Chicago, where Lange formerly lived, and round out a six weeks' honeymoon when they arrive in San Francisco, where they will reside.

FARMERS REFUSING
TO SELL THEIR GRAIN.

Ogden, Utah, Aug. 5.—Farmers of the Inter-mountain states are refusing to sell their wheat at the government guaranteed price and several mills in this district are now idle because of inability to get grain, according to authorized state officials.

CHORUS GIRLS WANT
MORE PAY IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—A strike of actors and chorus girls, members of the Actors' Equity association, is threatened for Wednesday. They are demanding extra pay for Sunday performances, pay for rehearsals and that the managers employ only members of the association. A strike would affect the majority of the downtown theaters.

The management has declined to grant the demands, according to Harry J. Riddings, president of the Chicago Theater Managers' association. He asserts the actor folks are getting three or four times what they formerly received.

400 BOXES DYNAMITE
CAPTURED BY VILLISTAS.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 5.—Four hundred boxes of dynamite were captured by a Villa band commanded by Jesus Moreno July 28, cached in the hills near Parral and later delivered to a Parral mining company in return for money, an American, who arrived from El Paso, reported. The dynamite was being hauled in wagons from Jimenez to Parral for the mines there when Moreno's band made the wagon drivers prisoner.

RELEASED GOB BADLY
BAYONETED BY YANK.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—George Fleming, a youth recently released from the navy, was probably fatally bayoneted Tuesday night by Private Edgar Mohan, E. company, of Fourth Illinois reserve militia.

Fleming was in the "riot zone" and was ordered to "move on." This he failed to do and in the argument he was thrust in the abdomen with the soldier's bayonet. Fleming was taken to a hospital, where his condition was said to be critical.

Private Mohan is continuing his guard duty, although investigators from the state's attorney's office have started an inquiry.

PUT EMBARGO ON ALL
BUT CARLOAD LOTS.

Okmulgee, Okla., Aug. 5.—An embargo order sent out from the St. Louis and San Francisco offices at Sapulpa to all agents in that division, was received here advising that the railroad would not accept any freight carload lots or less, except perishable goods or live stock in carload amounts. These two commodities, the order said, will only be accepted "subject to delay in transportation due to labor trouble."

SELLING WAR FOOD
BY PARCEL POST.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Postmaster Carlisle, since it was announced at Washington that surplus army foodstuffs would be sold to the public by parcel post, has received scores of letters daily from individuals and small storekeepers. Many letters contained checks and money orders.

Lieut. Col. G. F. Unmacht, in charge of the quartermaster's depot, said \$100,000,000 worth of foodstuffs was in the army warehouse here.

Mr. Ure on Vacation

City Commissioner Ure left yesterday in his automobile with his family for Sylvan Lake, Minn., where he will spend a vacation of three weeks. Commissioner Zimmerman will take charge of the department of accounts and finance while Mr. Ure is away.

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THE WEATHER:

Generally fair and continued warm Wednesday, followed by local thunder showers and cooler at night or on Thursday.

Hourly temperatures:
5 a. m. 72 1 p. m. 82
6 a. m. 72 2 p. m. 82
7 a. m. 72 3 p. m. 83
8 a. m. 76 4 p. m. 83
9 a. m. 76 5 p. m. 84
10 a. m. 76 6 p. m. 84
11 a. m. 76 7 p. m. 83
12 noon 81 8 p. m. 81

ROOT OUT PROFITEERS, ORDER

RAILROAD PROBLEM UP TODAY

Representatives of Brotherhoods and Organized Labor Will Air Grievances Before Interstate Committee.

EMPLOYEES REITERATE THREATS OF WALKOUT

Executive Council of Shop Crafts Unable to Cope With Situation; C. of C. Against Public Ownership.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The railroad problem which is engrossing the attention of both the executive and legislative branches of the government will be brought before congress tomorrow with the appearance before the house interstate commerce committee of representatives of the railroad brotherhoods and of organized labor in general in support of their plan for tripartite control of the railroads.

Meanwhile threats of hundreds of thousands of railroad employees to go on strike to force higher wages to meet the high cost of living were reiterated. From many parts of the country today came reports that striking shopmen refused to return to work, despite the fact that their action was denounced as illegal by the executive council of the six shop crafts.

Strike ballots were mailed from the American Federation of Labor for taking an official vote as to whether the 500,000 shopmen shall walk out to obtain their demands and express their disapproval of President Wilson's reference of the railroad wage question to congress.

Director Hines was to have discussed their problems today with J. J. Forrester, grand president of the union, but other business interfered and the conference will be held tomorrow.

C. of C. Announcement.

Based on a referendum of the chamber's 670,000 members, this announcement was made tonight following publication of the demands of organized labor for elimination of private control of railroad ownership and operation.

Announcement of the vote of 99 per cent of the businessmen against government ownership was accompanied by the following explanation of the reasons actuating the decision:

"1.—Under government ownership the development of railroad facilities would depend upon congressional appropriations which would prevent the anticipation of the transportation needs of the country. Appropriations would not be made in the amount and at the time needed to insure adequate development of the railroads. Political considerations might also control the amount of appropriations and the objects for which they were made.

"2.—To acquire the railroads the government would have to pledge its credit for \$18,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 at a time when other large financing must be done. It would be difficult for the government to dispose of the securities required to purchase the railroads, and it would be necessary for the government to secure from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 of new capital each year. If the government were to assume the (Continued on Page Two, Column Seven.)

Pork and Grain Go Tumbling on Board of Trade

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Efforts to anticipate the results of any quick switch in the policy as to the disposal of the 1919 domestic crop of wheat knocked the bottom out of values today on the Board of Trade. Downward plunges in the price of the chief trading commodity, corn, did not stop until the market was 32c a bushel lower than when the campaign against the high cost of living began a week ago.

The most spectacular tumble today was in the December delivery of corn which under furious selling dropped 10 1/2c to \$1.42 1/2c. At the close at \$1.42 1/2c, it rebounded and closed at \$1.44 1/2c a barrel for September delivery and unlike corn displayed no power whatever to rise again from the bottom price reached.

Plane Kills Electrician.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 5.—Returning from a flight to the Pacific fleet, a seaplane piloted by Lieut. O. E. Kilmer of the North Island naval air station, crashed in San Diego harbor Tuesday night. S. E. Deves, radio electrician, was killed.

SHANTUNG AND LEAGUE PACT ON SENATE GRIDDLE

Both Come in for Bitter Criticism in Consideration of Treaty With Germany.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The league of nations and the Shantung settlement both came in for bitter criticism in the senate's consideration of the treaty with Germany.

At a public hearing of the foreign relations committee issues of the league controversy started a dispute which bordered on an uproar, and in the senate chamber an attack on the Shantung provision by Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, developed a series of sharp exchanges.

Crash Follows Examination. The committee's clash over the league grew out of the examination of Norman Davis, a financial adviser to the Versailles peace conference, and centered in a heated discussion of the attitude of President Wilson toward supplying the committee with adequate information.

Chairman Lodge, replying to a suggestion that the president be asked to come before the committee, declared Mr. Wilson never had offered to do so and had failed to send important information repeatedly asked for, Senator Pittman, democrat, Nevada, replied that in his address to congress such an offer had been made, but the committee majority had ignored it.

Running Fire of Questions.

Once the subject of the league had been raised, league opponents gave a foretaste of what may develop when Secretary Lansing appears before the committee by keeping the witness under a running fire of questions relating to provisions of the covenant. It was when Mr. Davis declined to pose as an expert on the subject and, in reply to a question, suggested that the president be consulted that Mr. Wilson's course in the matter.

Under present plans the questioning of the secretary of state will be in open session and it is expected he will be asked to disclose many features of the Versailles negotiations with the league covenant and the Shantung agreement occupying a prominent place in the discussions. The senate adjourned tonight until Thursday so tomorrow's committee session may be uninterrupted.

WINNIPEG STRIKE BAND READY TO RESORT TO ARMS

Detective Tells of Plans Formulated in Recent Labor Controversy.

Winnipeg, Aug. 5.—R. E. Bray, a returned soldier and Winnipeg strike leader, on trial here for conspiracy, declared that he had a fully organized band of 3,000 to 4,000 men ready to take up arms at a given signal June 10, last, according to testimony offered in court today by Detective W. H. McLaughlin of the Northwest Mounted Police.

McLaughlin has a plain clothes man assigned to follow the strike and was in the confidence of several labor leaders. His testimony in part, follows:

"In the course of my conversation with Bray, he stated this affair was going to end in a fight and when I lamented the fact that we had no guns, Bray said: 'Don't worry about guns; we'll have them. We got between 3,000 and 4,000 men ready and instructed to be in certain places, when the alarm is sounded and they will get into citizens' cars which are to carry the militia to Minto barracks, pass themselves off as militiamen until they get inside the barracks, get possession of the rifles, turn upon the real soldiers and seize the barracks.'"

Allied Forces Driven Back in Omega Attack

London, Aug. 5.—Allied forces that landed at Omega, on the north Russian front, attempting to recapture it, were driven out after 16 hours' fierce fighting in the streets, according to a bolshevik official report received Tuesday.

The bolshevik statement said the allied troops re-embarked under a hurricane of fire from their ships and that the warships steamed northward. One of the allied vessels, it was reported, was set on fire by the bolshevik artillery.

Ukrainian red troops have occupied Aleshyk, the message adds. The dispatch also announces that the congress of soviets held at Nizhni Novgorod decided to close all the monasteries and send the monks to work in the rear of the army.

Man Overcome by Heat; Highest Temperature, 96

William R. Meyers, Tekamah, Neb., was a victim of the heat yesterday afternoon. Meyers staggered into the William G. Pfeiffer garage at Twenty-fifth and Leavenworth streets and said he was sick. Dr. A. J. Edstrom attended him and had him removed to the doctor's office at Central police station until he recovered.

The highest temperature mark yesterday was 96, compared with 104 on the same day last year.

UNION MEN HOLD OFF ON STRIKE

Street Cars Will Operate Today, Say Members of Executive Committee After Conference With Officials.

COMMISSIONERS FAVOR INCREASE IN CAR FARES

Will Withdraw Opposition to 6-Cent Fares if Company's Books Show Loss and Wage Increases Granted Employees.

Out of the maze of conflicting developments, declarations and conferences resulting from the street railway strike controversy, one fact stood out prominently last night. No street car strike will be called in this city today.

This announcement, made officially by both Ben Short, president of the street railway men's union, and Allen H. Burt, national committeeman, here in the interest of the street railway employees, served for a time at least to allay the fears of residents who believed that the refusal of the demands submitted to the company by the men would make a strike inevitable. Officials of the company denied practically every demand of their men yesterday. Only in the matter of increased wages are the men accorded a compromise offer conditional upon higher fares.

Will Withdraw Opposition.

Action was postponed by the men following a conference late yesterday between the executive committee of the union and Commissioners Zimman, Towl, Falconer and Mayor Smith. At this conference the commissioners declared their willingness to withdraw opposition to an increased fare if the scale of wages was also raised. Before consenting to a higher fare, the mayor declared, the company must place its books before the council for examination to determine whether the company is entitled to the increased fare. Assistant General Manager Leussler expressed his readiness to submit the company books for examination.

The men and the company are also to arrive at some understanding on the matter of wages before the city council will agree to a fare increase. This is to insure a sufficient wage increase to the men, the mayor stated.

Immediately after this meeting it was announced by officials of the union that they were willing to waive the demand for a "closed shop" as well as for a signed agreement between the company and the union. It was also intimated that many of the other demands would either be wholly waived or greatly limited.

"The primary issue now is the question of wages," Mayor Smith declared following the meeting. "I believe the men are entitled to more money and the company to a higher fare if its revenues are insufficient at the present time," he declared.

Disagree on Increase.

An attempt to comply with the suggestion of the councilmen that a wage agreement be reached ended in failure last night when employees refused to consent to a 5-cent increase per hour in the event that a 6-cent fare is granted. This proposition was put forth by the company. Upon concession of a 7-cent fare by (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Three Killed and Millions Damage in Storms in Ohio

Cleveland, Aug. 5.—Damage estimated at nearly \$2,000,000 to crops and property resulted from rain and electrical storms which almost reached deluge proportions, that swept northern Ohio Tuesday afternoon and night. Small streams reached the 1915 flood mark and telephone service was crippled.

Ashland county suffered most the damage being estimated at \$1,000,000.

The rainfall here was the heaviest in 18 years. During a 28 minute period, 1.60 inches fell.

Youngstown, O., Aug. 5.—Three persons were killed and thousands of dollars property damage caused by an electrical storm here Tuesday. Two of the victims were struck by lightning and the third was electrocuted when he picked up a live wire.

The International Copper



NEW YORK CITY STREET CARMEN ON STRIKE TODAY

Walkout Voted Unanimously; Predict Complete Tieup of Surface, Subway and Elevated Lines.

New York, Aug. 5.—A strike of Brooklyn Rapid Transit company employees, affiliated with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employees, effective at 5 a. m. Wednesday, was voted unanimously at a meeting of about 3,000 members of the union Tuesday night.

Union officials declared that the strike order would be obeyed by 8,000 of the company's 13,000 employees.

The order affects all classes of employees except subway and elevated motormen, and it was predicted that the strike would result in a complete tieup of surface, subway and elevated lines.

Japanese Troops in Shantung to Leave Soon, Says Viscount

Tokio, Aug. 5.—(Via London.)—Viscount Uchida, the Japanese foreign minister, in a statement issued today, declares that Japan does not intend to claim any rights affecting the territorial sovereignty of China in Shantung. He promises that the Japanese troops will be withdrawn immediately after an agreement is concluded with China.

Japan, moreover, the foreign minister's statement adds, is considering the establishment at Tsingtau of a general foreign settlement instead of a purely Japanese settlement.

Osaka, Japan, Aug. 5.—Viscount Kato, leader of the Kenseikai, or opposition party in Japan, declared in a speech before that party recently that "the Shantung question was settled as it should have been settled," in the Paris peace conference.

"Japan will certainly maintain her position by every effort," he said. "At the same time Japan will not object to other countries developing their power in China within proper limits."

Constable Killed in County Clare, Ireland

Dublin, Aug. 5.—Sergeant Riordan and Constable Murphy were shot Monday at Ennisimmon, County Clare. Murphy was killed and Riordan dangerously wounded.

James Ian Macpherson, chief secretary for Ireland, has wired "the deepest sympathy of the Irish government with the relatives of Murphy, brutally murdered in his duty and courageous discharge of his duty."

TWO MEN FOUND GARROTED IN FIELD; DOG ON GUARD

Belts Drawn in Tight Knot Around Their Necks; Blame Robbers for Deed.

Brawley, Cal., Aug. 5.—With their own belts drawn in a tight knot around their necks, the bodies of William Bailey, a storekeeper of Rockwood, a settlement near here, and James C. McIlhenny, a rancher of the locality, were found Tuesday in a field about one mile north of Bailey's store. Keeping guard over the bodies was Bailey's little black dog.

Investigation revealed that Bailey's store had been robbed. Neighboring farmers declared both men were in the store at 9 o'clock Monday night. Officers believe two men entered the store, robbed it and marched Bailey and McIlhenny to the point where the bodies were found and there garroted them. Four sets of foot prints were found entering the field and two sets leading away.

King Bids Prince God-Speed as He Leaves for Canada

Portsmouth, England, Aug. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The prince of Wales sailed for Canada at 6 o'clock this evening on board the cruiser Renown. There was no ceremony attending the departure of the cruiser.

King George and Queen Mary accompanied the prince aboard the Renown, where a farewell luncheon was served. There was no speech making, but the king raised his glass and wished the prince a prosperous voyage and a safe return.

The royal party then returned ashore, the prince accompanying them to the railway station, where there was an affectionate leave-taking.

The prince stepped out and stood at salute with tightly drawn lips as the train pulled out for London. Then he reboarded the Renown, which sailed immediately.

(Editor's Note: Governor and Mrs. McKelvie have invited the prince of Wales to visit Nebraska during his stay in the United States. Similar invitations will be sent to Great Britain's crown prince by Mayor Smith and the Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his sailing for the United States, the prince has repeatedly expressed his desire to visit America's great west.)

Is Reticent About Blowup

Raritan, N. J., Aug. 5.—Lieutenant Jefford, adjutant of the Raritan arsenal, said today he did not believe "more than seven" were killed in the explosion of a magazine filled with low-grade explosives here yesterday.

"Several" bodies already have been recovered, he said. The search for victims continued among the debris all last night.

MAY CONTINUE WEDDING TRIP ONCE DELAYED

First Wife of Salesman May Withdraw Charges of Failure to Pay Alimony.

Police crossed the honeymoon trail of Ralph Devereaux, Hastings, Neb. salesman, Monday night and jailed him from his bride of five days, jailed him for failing to pay alimony to a former wife.

Tuesday afternoon the two Mrs. Devereaux discussed the alimony, the interrupted honeymoon and "Ralph."

Mrs. Devereaux, the divorcee, agreed to drop the charges against her former husband.

Devereaux was arrested at the Hotel Castle, where he brought his new wife from Hastings, Neb. last Friday just a few hours after the wedding ceremony.

Tuesday morning he was arraigned in police court on the charge of nonpayment of alimony and was bound over to the district court.

Mrs. Devereaux broke down when she watched a policeman "mug" her former husband and take his fingerprints.

"It's horrible!" she declared. "It's hell," said Devereaux. And the newest Mrs. Devereaux hung up the telephone when asked about it.

Later Mrs. Lura Devereaux, the first wife, begged Chief of Detectives John Dunn for permission to see her former husband.

Both wept. Then Mrs. Devereaux decided to drop the charges. They were married in Lincoln ten years ago and have three children.

A divorce was granted Mrs. Lura Devereaux last November on grounds of non-support. She said Devereaux paid her the alimony granted by the court until last May. She said since that time she had not seen him until last Friday evening when she saw him on the street with his newest spouse. She swore out a warrant for his arrest Saturday.

Neither Mrs. Devereaux would say what was said at the conference yesterday afternoon at the Castle hotel. The county attorney will probably order the release of Devereaux today. He is held in the county jail.

Investigate Profiteering Landlords in Chicago

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The city council authorized an investigation of "profiteering landlords," including hotel and boarding house keepers, and ordered an ordinance drawn to compel retail merchants to mark their foodstuffs plainly with the prices.

TO PUNISH HOARDERS OF FOODS

Attorney General Palmer's Announcement First Indication of Government's Plan in Fight on High Prices.

STANDARD WHEAT PRICE TO REMAIN \$2.26 BUSHEL

All Existing Law to Be Utilized and Additional Measures May Be Enacted—Wilson to Send Message on Subject.

Washington, Aug. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The decision of Director Julius H. Barnes of the grain corporation to maintain the government's guarantee on wheat at \$2.26 a bushel as a "reserve protection against a higher price later" was one of the moves today by government agencies working to reduce the cost of living and allay the country's unrest.

Two other decisions were reached today.

President Wilson decided to address a message to congress recommending legislation to aid in reducing the cost of living.

Agents of the Department of Justice were ordered to ferret out all hoarders of necessities and profiteers throughout the country. They are to be prosecuted under the food control act.

At the conclusion of a day's activity by the president the substitute committee of the cabinet appointed by Attorney General Palmer and by the attorney general himself announced steps were made on these immediate steps to be taken, and of the government's wheat policy.

Promises New Flour Prices.

In a statement showing why the price of wheat would rise but for the government guarantee, Director Barnes promised a readjustment of flour prices at the expense of the national treasury. This price, he added, is lower by \$1 a barrel than any price ruling during the last four months.

Using figures described as coming from the grain corporation's own private sources, Mr. Barnes predicted a shrinkage of probably 400,000,000 bushels in the wheat production for North America, 250,000,000 bushels of which is in the United States, from the June forecast, and a further shrinkage in European wheat and rye production of 300,000,000 bushels outside Russia.

Not Discussed by Cabinet.

The high cost of living was not discussed at today's cabinet meeting, but Attorney General Palmer remained after the meeting to confer with the president and presented a statement stating what the government was doing and what it proposed doing under existing laws, and possible additional laws to cope with the situation.

The Department of Justice agents throughout the country, the attorney (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

Dozen Locomotives Stalled on Sioux City Division C. M. & S. P.

Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 5.—A dozen locomotives pulling freight trains are stalled on the Sioux City division of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway. They can move neither forward nor backward. In the phraseology of the railroad shop, they are "dead."

"Owing to minerals held in solution in the Sioux City water supply it is necessary to clean the boilers of all engines after each trip," said Superintendent C. H. Bufford. "The trains were sidetracked by fresh engines. As soon as motive power is available the cars will be delivered to their destination and the locomotives hauled to Sioux City."

"There has been no tampering with the engines" by the shop strikers, it is stated.

Austrians Hope to Submit Peace Answer This Evening

Paris, Aug. 5.—The Austrian delegation formally notified the peace conference Tuesday that it would submit its complete observations on the treaty to the conference at 6 p. m. Wednesday, the first day allowed the Austrians for their reply.

Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor, and head of the peace delegation, will leave for Vienna Wednesday night, he said, returning about August 12.