

ROAD CHIEFS REFUSE WILSON'S PROPOSALS

Leave Conference Determined to Stand Firm Against Arbitrating Part of Men's Demands--Strike Possibility Looms Large

Washington, Aug. 18.—Possibilities of a nationwide strike that would tie up all the railroads of the country again loomed up this afternoon when the thirty-one railroad presidents left the White House determined, they said, not to accept the proposals of the president intended to avert such a national calamity.

Fifteen minutes later the 640 members of the trainmen's general committee announced that they had accepted the president's proposals.

Reach No Agreement.
Washington, Aug. 18.—No settlement of the dispute between the 400,000 railway trainmen and practically all the railroads of the country was reached at a conference between President Wilson and presidents of the affected railroads today.

After a forty minute session the thirty-one railroad presidents emerged from the White House and stated that the president would meet them again tomorrow with the railroad managers for what they said the president promised would be the last session on the matter.

President Holden of the Burlington railroad, spokesman for the executives, stated that the road presidents will confer at once with the managers and attempt to arrive at some conclusion on the president's proposals which would be submitted to the president at the conference to be held tomorrow.

The road heads indicated that the condition had reached the most dangerous stage since negotiations were begun and none of them had apparently changed their minds as far as being against President Wilson's proposals was concerned but that they will stand firm on their first contention of arbitration of the entire demands or nothing.

Though the president's proposals have not been made public, it is understood that it provides for a trial of the eight hour day condition and arbitration of other difficulties. This the managers will not consent to, they maintaining that if arbitration is to be used at all that all of the demands should be dealt with in that manner.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson has been asked by the heads of the four big brotherhoods of railway trainmen to modify the proposals submitted by him to the 640 members of the trainmen's general committee in his attempt to settle the difficulties which have arisen and threaten to tie up transportation facilities throughout the country.

It is understood that the president in his proposal so arranged matters that there could be no excessive charge for overtime under the eight hour day schedule, and it is said to be this that the men object to.

Heads of the trainmen's subcommittee could not complete the tabulation of the general committee's ballot on the president's proposal by noon today and so adjourned for lunch to 2:30 o'clock.

Talk Compulsory Arbitration.
Washington, Aug. 18.—Talk of compulsory arbitration as the last means of settling the controversy between the 400,000 trainmen and practically every railroad in the United States, was heard in congress today.

In the event the president's efforts to bring a settlement fail some senators, among them staunch supporters of the present administration, are said to have expressed the opinion that congress should enact a compulsory arbitration measure to be made effective before the men could call a strike.

Ten days notice is usually given by labor unions before a general walkout is called and this would give congress sufficient time to make such a measure a law before the trainmen could leave their

work.

Prepares Statement.
Washington, Aug. 18.—During the day President Wilson prepared a statement to the people of the country outlining the course he has pursued in attempting to settle the controversy between the railroad employees and railroad managers and it is understood that he plans to make this public immediately after his conference with the presidents of the railroads this afternoon.

The railroad presidents began arriving in Washington last night and all are expected to be here by not later than 4 o'clock this afternoon.

VETOES ARMY APPROPRIATION

President Knocks Out Army Bill Because of Exemption for Retired Officers in Measure

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson this morning vetoed the army appropriation bill. This action resulted from the presence in the bill of a provision exempting retired army officers from liability to serve in case of necessity and discipline under the articles of war. The exemption clause grew out of the objection of several men to serve either actively or as officers in charge of recruiting stations during the recent Mexican trouble. The provision was fathered by Chairman Hay and he succeeded in getting it through both houses despite the desperate fight made upon it by Secretary Baker.

President Wilson in his veto message to congress suggested a constitutional objection to the provision. "So long as retired army officers are continued as members of the United States army, they cannot be relieved from their liability to respond to the call of the president," he said.

Immediately after news of the veto had reached congress Chairman Hay introduced a new bill which did not include the exemption clause.

Wheat Raisers To Organize For Higher Prices

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 18.—Spring wheat growers through both the Dakotas and Minnesota tomorrow will confer here on a plan to combine and demand what they consider legitimate prices for their grain.

O. S. Morris of the editorial department of the Non Partisan Leader, Fargo, will be one of the speakers. The Leader is the organ of the Farmers Party that recently swept North Dakota in a political primary victory.

"Each raiser of spring wheat will get a chance to tell of the cost of production of spring wheat," said Morris today. "We shall then add a reasonable profit and arrive at a reasonable price per bushel. When that price isn't paid, farmers will be equipped to store the wheat a sufficient length of time to command the proper price. Discrimination must be stopped."

* **WEATHER FORECAST.** *
* Fair and continued warm *
* tonight; probably followed *
* by showers and cooler Sat- *
* urday afternoon or night. *
* Temperature at 8 o'clock 81. *
* Temperature at 3 o'clock 91 *

Would Issue Bonds to Pay Militia Bills

Washington, Aug. 17.—A bond issue of \$130,000,000 to meet extraordinary government expenditures due to the Mexican situation was unexpectedly recommended to congress tonight by majority members of the senate finance committee with the concurrence of the treasury department. The issue is urged in the report of the finance committee, filed in the senate today on the \$205,000,000 revenue bill. In addition to the proposed issue

and the revenue bill, the finance committee asserts that further appropriations of \$86,000,000 will be necessary to defray the expense of operations in the Mexican emergency if conditions on the border continue as they are now after December 31, 1916. The \$130,000,000 to be provided by the proposed bond issue, the report says, will meet Mexican expenditures only until the end of this calendar year.

Accompanying the finance committee majority's report submitted by Senator Simmons was a general statement from the treasury department, estimating disbursements for the fiscal year 1917, at \$1,126,243,000, and receipts, \$762,000,000.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE WEEK OF AUGUST 28

Gage County Teachers to Prepare for Opening Of School---Excellent Corps of Instructors Secured

The annual Gage county teachers' institute will be held in the auditorium of the Beatrice high school the week commencing Monday, August 28.

Superintendent Trauernicht has just completed arrangements for the institute, securing a corps of instructors which is certain to make the institute a success.

Among the instructors are Prof. W. H. Morton of Fairbury, well known over the state as an institute worker; Miss Lillian M. Beach of University Place, who will have charge of the primary training department; Miss Madge Maloy of Omaha, a domestic science teacher who will give daily demonstrations as to the preparation of hot lunches in rural schools; and our own O. H. Liebers, Gage county agent, who will

have charge of the agricultural department.

Special lectures will be delivered from day to day during the institute. Dr. F. W. Buckley of this city will give an address on "Rural Sanitation and the Control of Diseases" on Tuesday morning, and State Superintendent A. O. Thomas will be present on Wednesday morning and will also give an address.

The social feature of the institute will not be lost sight of, entertainment being provided for during the evenings. On Tuesday, August 29 arrangements have been made for the teachers to inspect the U. S. government "safety first" exhibit will be shown on that date on the Union Pacific tracks.

Every Gage county teacher is expected to attend this institute and a large attendance is anticipated.

SLAVS THREATEN NEW INVASION

Take Entrance to Important Mountain Pass in Apparent Move Against Hungary

Petrograd, Aug. 18.—Threatening an early invasion of Hungary the Russian forces are pressing forward in the Jablonitz pass region and have captured the summits of several mountains in the region of Kornezo.

The village of Kornezo lies at south end of the Jablonitz pass and is an important gateway leading into the plains of Hungary. The capture of the village Jablonitz at the north end of the Jablonitz pass is also an important factor in the Russian advance into Hungary, not only because it is the opening wedge to the pass but it is on the railroad leading into Hungary.

The war office, however, admits that the Austro-Germans have wrested the initiative from the slavs southeast of Lemberg and states that the enemy has resumed its attacks southeast of Stanislaw though these are said to have been repulsed, resulting in heavy losses to the enemy.

Claim Austrian Successes
Berlin, Aug. 18.—Austrian forces have continued their advances southwest of Bukovina and have repulsed six separate attacks northeast of Stanislaw according to a delayed official dispatch from Vienna dated August 15.

The dispatch also claims the repulse of attacks on the Italian front.

Turks On Galician Front
London, Aug. 18.—Turkish troops that have shunted into Galicia on a roundabout railroad trip through Serbia from Constantinople have stiffened the Austrian line temporarily.

CHARGE BOOTH AND YOUNG WITH ARSON

Men Arraigned on Complaint Growing Out Of Rinaker Fire--Booth Pleads Guilty--Young Asserts Innocence

Complaints charging Harry Young and George Booth of this city with arson, were filed in justice court before Judge Ellis this morning, the complaints being sworn out by County Attorney Fred Messmore, Chief of Police Henry Hayden appearing as the complaining witness.

The charges followed developments resulting from the burning of a barn on the Samuel Rinaker property, Fifth and Washington streets, shortly before midnight last night. The barn was practically destroyed together with an electric car and other contents. Mr. Rinaker places his loss at \$1,200, partly covered by insurance.

Acting on a tip given him, Chief of Police Hayden had been watching for developments last evening, and during the fire at the Rinaker home placed Booth and Young under arrest.

Several fires have occurred of late on the nights when Chief Ed Otto was off duty, recent fires in Glenover being cases in point. Last night also being the chief's night off, a watch was set, and according to the story of the chief of police, Booth and Young were seen to enter the alley back of the Rinaker barn shortly before the fire alarm was turned in. Later Young and Booth returned to the fire department headquarters and were in hand when the fire alarm was turned in, accompanying the firemen to the fire and assisting the department in extinguishing the flames.

Booth was the first to be placed under arrest by Chief Hayden, and when taken into custody remarked to the chief, "Why don't you arrest Young?" The latter was arrested shortly after and both were placed in separate cells at the city jail.

Booth Confesses.
When questioned this morning by Officer E. M. Dillow, Booth confessed to the charge that he was implicated in the Rinaker fire. He stoutly denied, however, that he had anything to do with other fires which have occurred in Glenover. He stated that he and Young had secured coal oil at the Booth home last night, that he himself had thrown the oil on the Rinaker barn and that Young had struck a match and started the blaze. He stated further that Young and himself had ridden on Young's bicycle to department headquarters and had then accompanied the firemen on the motor truck to the burning building.

W. M. Buffum, deputy state fire inspector, arrived in the city this morning, and after investigating the matter, charges were filed in justice court before Judge Ellis. Young was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty. His preliminary hearing was set for Monday, August 28, at 9 o'clock. Bond was fixed at \$500, which was furnished by S. S. Young and S. W. Young. The defendant was represented by Attorneys Alfred Hazlett and E. O. Kretzinger.

Booth was later arraigned and pleaded guilty. He was bound over to the district court, his bond also being fixed at \$500. He was not represented by an attorney.

Young is twenty-three years of age and has a wife and two small children. Booth is but eighteen years of age. He has been employed by a local grocer and has always borne an excellent reputation. The parents of both young men are also held in high esteem in this city.

No motive for setting the fire was given by Booth. Young stoutly maintains his innocence.

Commissioners Discuss Garbage Proposition

The city commissioners met this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the incinerator proposition. It is understood that the proposition of the Harrington company to install the incinerator in the old water plant building on North Fifth street, will be accepted, the Harrington company to run the plant for one year and the city to have the option of purchasing it after that time. A city scavenger is to be appointed who will have charge of gathering up of garbage in the city.

French Recapture Village of Fleury From Germans

Paris, Aug. 18.—By powerful attacks on the northeast front of Verdun the French have recaptured the village of Fleury and have driven the Germans from that part of the village which they still held.

Phillipine Bill Passes House By Vote 34-27

Washington, Aug. 18.—The Phillipine bill granting an increased measure of independence passed in the house today by a vote of 34 to 27.

Mrs. W. Y. York of Havelock, Neb., spent the day in the city with friends en route to her home from Liberty where she has been visiting with relatives.

TEXANS FLEE TO HIGHLANDS

Rising Tide at Galveston Wall and Gathering Hurricanes on Gulf Cause Residents to Flee

Houston, Texas, Aug. 18.—Railroads and interurbans are running special trains today carrying people to the highlands because of the rise in the tide at the Galveston sea wall. The rise is thought to be the result of the hurricane now reported by weather observers to be raging on the coast of Mexico and which is headed northward.

Weather observers say the wind will not reach a velocity of more than fifty miles an hour. It is now blowing thirty miles an hour.

Predicts Hot Weather
Chicago, Aug. 18.—Three more scorching days are predicted for the plain states according to reports from government observatories here. A temperature of 95 degrees is expected here today.

Reports have been received of a hurricane now said to be gathering in the Gulf of Mexico and which is heading toward Brownsville, Texas.

Commission To Sue the Rock Island

Lincoln, Aug. 18.—The State Railway commission today instructed the attorney general to start immediately against the Rock Island railroad company for charging higher baggage rates than the law permits.