

RAIL STRIKE PARALYZES CALIFORNIA

OFFER SCHEME
TO SUPERSEDE
"PLUMB PLAN"

Sen. Lenroot, Representing
'Liberal' Element, Would Have
Wholesale Reorganization.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Wholesale reorganization of the railroads is proposed in a bill introduced today by Sen. Lenroot, Wisconsin.

Lenroot's plan is to organize a corporation which would own and operate the roads, this corporation to be controlled by a board of 11 directors chosen by the president from various economic groups.

Out of earnings, present railroad stock would be gradually retired. Existing bonds would not be disturbed.

Other principal features of the Lenroot plan are:

The board of 11 directors would be selected by the president and confirmed by the senate out of names proposed to the president by various classes—two from employees, two from commerce, industry and shippers, two from farmers, three from security holders, one from the interstate commerce commission and one from railway commissions. Chose Director.

A director general would be chosen by this board to operate the roads under regional divisions. An efficiency and economy board is provided for, to consist of technical engineers to advise improvements and suggest inventions.

Property interests would be safeguarded in financing the plan, it was explained. New stock with maximum dividends of six percent would be exchanged for existing stock as valued by the interstate commerce commission.

Earnings in excess of six percent would go, 40 percent to labor, 30 percent to public for improvements and retiring outstanding stock and 30 percent to shareholders.

Provide Guarantee.

Government guarantee of four percent on all stock issued by the corporation would be provided and use of political influence to obtain promotion made a crime.

Labor would have equal voice in suggesting improvements of service, working conditions and wages and rights of collective bargaining would be guaranteed.

Sen. Lenroot said that his bill is supposed to represent the opinion of a liberal element in congress on the railway question.

GOMPERS IS HEARD
AT ACTORS' MEETING

By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The American Federation of Labor will support the striking actors of the Actors' Equity association.

At the Lexington theater, where the strikers are giving a benefit performance, Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation, appeared last night and assured the actors that he would use his influence to bring about a settlement of the differences with the producing managers' association.

Producers would make no comment on Gompers' attitude.

The Actors' Fidelity league, an organization opposed to the Equity association, has announced a membership of 1,619.

ASSERTS JAPAN SUFFERS
FROM STRIKE EPIDEMIC

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Japan is suffering from an epidemic of strike terms which have finally worked their way into the labor system, according to K. Uchida, vice minister of the state department of communication in Japan, a Chicago visitor.

Speaking of the Shantung problem, he said:

"The chief idea of Japan is to keep in the orient. I believe my country already has relinquished its claims to Shantung."

FIRST DIVISION DOCKS
AT NEW YORK SATURDAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The first troops of the first division will arrive Saturday on the transport Pastores. It was announced today at the port of embarkation, Hoboken, nineteen officers and 300 enlisted men will comprise the unit.

The Pastores, which left Brest Aug. 21, is bringing 1,473 officers and men, including a number of naval companies.

The Lighter Side
In the Day's News

CHICAGO—Autoists from the city will drive around Evanston, a suburb, from now on. Police said complaints had been filed thaturchin-pelt drivers with over-ripe tomatoes.

WAUKESHA, Ill.—Harry Kelly is suspicious of policemen now. When he complained that somebody had stolen his car, the chief said, "We hauled it in. Thought it was abandoned."

COLUMBIA, Mo.—John J. Shy got here too late for his own funeral. He was on his way from France when ceremonies were held after the war department reported him dead.

BROOKLYN—Hunger broke the nurses' hunger strike in Kings County hospital. "The nurses got hungry and ate," the superintendent said.

CONEY ISLAND—"Hot dogs" are strike with Coney Island gas fitters who refuse to furnish heat for stands. Mustard fails to make cold dogs sizzle, hence the strike.

BELOIT, Wis.—Attracted by sounds of plop, plop, neighbors summoned the police to stop a dice game. The police discovered that the "plopping" was the "dropping" of watermelon seeds at a watermelon feast.

LACROSSE, Wis.—No wonder pork is high. Smooth King, a hog valued at \$2,000, died and had an obituary printed in the home paper. Veterinarians even diagnosed the cause as fatty degeneration of the heart.

HELLTOWN, Mich.—Boy, page Billy Sunday. Helltown's on the rampage again. This town, populated chiefly by lumberjacks, is having a wild spree, citizens aver, and an unusually great number of convictions for drunkenness have been secured recently. Appeals for outside assistance in enforcing prohibition have been sent out.

POSTPONE RESUMPTION
OF TROLLEY SERVICE

By United Press
PIATTBURG, Pa., Aug. 27.—Resumption of trolley service in this district was again postponed owing to the inability of police to provide proper protection today. Receivers announced an attempt to operate would be made tomorrow—the 13th day of the strike of motormen and conductors of the Pittsburgh Railways Co.

LEAVES ANSWER
UP TO SHOPMEN

By United Press
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Stone took the positive stand that increased wages will not solve the economic question. He advised immediate steps to lower the cost of living as a means of solving the problem of strikes for higher wages.

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HUNT WYATT
GANG AFTER
NEW ROBBERY

Yeggs Fail in Attempt at Shipshewana—Think Two Cases are Connected.

Special to The News-Times:

ELKHART, Ind., Aug. 27.—Men who, it is believed, are connected with the attempted robbery of the Farmers' bank at Wyatt, Ind., on Aug. 22, forced the front door of the Farmers' State bank at Shipshewana, Ind., near here, early this morning, but failed in an attempt to blow off the door of the cash box in the vault, whose combination lock they had worked without trouble.

The men, failing to get at the cash, ransacked the furnishings, which were badly wrecked by the explosion. The bank officials said that nothing of value had been taken, although damage amounting to about \$200 was caused by the explosion.

The burglars escaped.

Although the holdup on which the Wyatt bank robbers made their escape was located at Lakeville, which is in the opposite direction from Wyatt with regard to Shipshewana, detectives working on the case are inclined to think that the two attempts were committed by the same gang. The use of railway tools, and the use of explosive in attempting to gain entrance to the cash box are pointed to as similarities of method which lead to this conclusion. Shipshewana is about 45 miles from Wyatt.

The Wyatt bank robbery was attempted on the night of Aug. 21, or early the following morning. Like this bank, the institution at Shipshewana is a small one, at some distance from any large city, where adequate police protection is furnished, and while it carries a considerable amount of cash and securities, is not equipped with all the safety devices which larger banks utilize.

Efforts to trace the robbers who worked at Wyatt have so far been unsuccessful. Detectives today asserted, however, that new clews which might be found at Shipshewana would no doubt aid in the capture of this gang, which is likely to turn out to be the same as that which worked at Wyatt.

DETERMINE VALIDITY
OF SEIZURE MEASURE

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Constitutionality of the Illinois search and seizure law will be attacked in the federal courts by the liquor interests, as the outcome of liquor seizures and saloon raids in Chicago and northern Illinois during the past few days.

This was seen today when a petition for an injunction was filed in the United States district court asking that Zion City officials, including Overseer Wilbur Glenn Volva, be restrained from interfering with the removal of 19 trucks seized when carrying beer from Milwaukee and Kenosha to Chicago. The state seizure law permits officials to destroy vehicles used to bring liquor into the state.

Atty. George Remus, who filed the petition, admitted it was his intention to test the seizure law.

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SELECT UMPIRE FOR
CONSTRUCTION STRIKE

By United Press
WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 27.—An umpire was to be selected today in the controversy between contractors and building workers which has tied up construction work in the Chicago district for nearly two months. At a meeting last night officials of the building trades council decided to propose to the contractors that an arbiter be appointed. More than 100,000 workers have been idle during the controversy, precipitated by their demand for \$1 an hour.

WIDOWS GET ADVANCE.

By United Press
WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 27.—An advance of 20 percent to Canada's war widows and privates will go into effect on Sept. 1. They will get \$48 a month.

Home of Millionaire Draft Dodgers

Find Husband of
Trustful Little
French Woman

By United Press
COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 27.—Clinton Carpenter has been found. His French bride who landed at Newport News, Va., is expected to join him at Dunkirk. The Newport News Red Cross informed the Columbus chapter that the girl's husband had told her in France he lived in Columbus. Carpenter could not be found until the Red Cross received the following letter from him:

"I am in Dunkirk and only here for a short while. Tell her to write me a letter a rate away for a want to hear from her. Yours esp. Clinton Carpenter, Dunkirk, Ind. Answer soon."

BANKERS APPROVE
WILSON'S STAND

Almost Unanimous in Commendation of President's Answer to Shopmen.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—New York bankers approve Pres't Wilson's stand on the wage demands of the railroad shopmen, according to a statement issued today by Dow, Jones and Co., Wall st. news bureau. It is declared that opinions in financial circles agree upon the soundness of the president's argument, "which stands out in sharp contrast to the more or less socialist reasoning from the labor element."

"If the president had taken his stand some months ago an effective readjustment in price and wage conditions might have been realized before this," according to the interpretation of the bankers' attitude.

"But there is no certainty in financial circles," says the Dow, Jones statement, "that the railroad shopmen, nor indeed other branches of labor, will acquiesce in Mr. Wilson's counsel. The remarkable success of traction employees lately, it is expected, will have a tremendous influence on labor dissatisfied with existing conditions."

Daniels, in his letter, says:

"I shall be satisfied if the measure of relief is limited to that proposed by Sen. Swanson."

Swanson's amendment, limiting the relief to be granted to operators who entered upon naval reserve oil lands in good faith, has been defeated, however. A paragraph of the letter said:

"This department has always maintained that those who entered upon the public land after its withdrawal did so in violation of a valid order, on the chance that the order would be invalid; and that to grant such men legislative relief would be to reward their disregard of the law at the expense of the persons who respected the order, the navy and the whole nation."

WILSON TO START
LONG TOUR SOON

President Has Not Changed
Regarding Treaty Reservations, According to Hitchcock

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Pres't Wilson will start his speaking tour as soon as arrangements can be made. It was stated at the white house today.

Sen. Hitchcock, who called at the white house late yesterday, indicated that the president has not changed his position on amendments or reservations.

"We are satisfied that the Shantung amendment will be voted down with a comfortable margin," Hitchcock said. "Democrats in the senate, who favor adoption of the treaty without amendments will be joined by the 20 odd republicans. Sen. McCormick drove the last nail in the coffin of the Shantung amendment in his speech.

The action of the foreign relations committee has determined that the republican majority's starting point, at least, is to go the limit in amendments to the treaty.

Expect Treaty Soon.

"The treaty should leave the committee the later part of this week of the first of next. Its adoption should follow during the month of September."

This will be in 10 days or two weeks, it was said, since plans cannot be completed in a shorter time. A corps of assistants are working on the itinerary today.

The president does not feel that it will be necessary for him to wait until the peace treaty is reported out of the senate foreign relations committee.

The trip will occupy 45 days, if

the president can stand the strain of continuous speaking, it was said.

It is considered possible that the president will be in San Francisco in time to review the fleet.

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