

WILSON MAY QUIT STRENUOUS DUTIES

President Not Likely to Resume Career as Vigorous Leader Upon Recovery NEEDS LONG REST PERIOD

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Washington, Oct. 10.—If President Wilson continues to improve as rapidly as he has in the last few days, he will probably be doing light work again in a fortnight. In order to be safe, the physicians will probably keep him from all work as long as possible, but they will be unable to restrain him long. His progress toward recovery has exceeded their best hopes and it will be hard to keep him away from all mental activity more than a fortnight longer.

When the President will do hard work again is impossible to say. The physicians will doubtless do their utmost to keep Mr. Wilson from subjecting him to any strain during the rest of his term. And it seems almost certain that he will never again, with their consent, do that of his family, undertake such labors as he has gone through in the past year or more. If there is no turn for the worst, the President will be able to do the necessary duties of his office. And afterward he may be a philosopher, sage or historian, but it is not likely he will ever again be an active leader of public opinion.

When Mr. Wilson broke down on his trip in the West, his physicians were not so much alarmed over his actual breakdown as they were over what they thought might accompany his breakdown. It was this fear which led them to prescribe absolute physical and mental rest.

All they now know is that, with absolute rest, nothing untoward, physically, has occurred. And this uncertainty will dictate prudence on Mr. Wilson's part for many months to come. When the physicians finally consent to his working, it will be on condition of avoiding all strain and excitement.

Stricter Medical Surveillance

The President will be kept under even more constant medical observation than in the past. He has been under observation for a long time, and because he has received more than one warning in the past, his arterial condition might not be such as to withstand severe strains. The evidence with regard to his arteries has never been conclusive. It has merely suggested the necessity of constant care and watching.

And when he suddenly gave out, nervously, anxiety was felt at once whether or not the strain which had caused his nerves to give out had not also affected adversely his heart and circulatory system. Enough was known in various circles here about the reasons for the care Admiral Grayson has exercised in the past over his patient, so that the extraordinary precautions taken since the breakdown caused the guests to get abroad that the President's arteries had really failed and that he had suffered from paralysis. This story was untrue. All that has happened is that the President has received another and much sharper warning than ever in the past. The indications are favorable so far as they go, but they could not be so favorable as to warrant abandoning caution and going ahead once more at full speed.

No Cause for Public Anxiety

If Mr. Wilson is kept under rather strict medical surveillance for a long time, it will not mean that his true state is worse than the bulletins have made it appear. It will mean that his physicians are anxious, not over what has happened, but over what still may happen to him.

Washington, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson had another restless night, and his physicians are satisfied with the nourishment he is taking, said a bulletin today by Rear Admirals Grayson and Stitt and Dr. Sterling Ruffin, of this city.

Dr. Francis X. Doremus, Philadelphia neurologist, is expected to see the President tomorrow. Doctor Grayson said he intended to have Doctor Doremus come from Philadelphia about once a week until the President has recovered entirely.

A talking machine has been placed in the President's room, and he is entertained at intervals with music. Mrs. Wilson also continues to read light prose and poetry to him.

Among messages received at the White House today was the following from Marquis Saionji, chief of the Japanese delegation to the Peace Conference, who now is in Tokio: "Deeply concerned over the news of your illness at this most eventful moment and sincerely pray for your speedy and complete recovery."

GERMANS REBEL AT COSTS

Four French Soldiers Wounded in Riots at Sarrebruck

Paris, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—A French major and three soldiers were wounded in a riot at Sarrebruck, occupied Germany, on Tuesday, according to a dispatch today to the Petit Parisien. The riot is described as having grown out of labor demonstrations against the high cost of living, in which Spartacists joined.

During the disturbances the central telegraph office was fired on and stores were looted. One was finally restored by the French forces.

BEATEN AND GAGGED IN MILITARY PRISON

Hazleton Boxer Tells of Cruelties Suffered During Confinement

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 10.—Returning to his home here yesterday after serving seven months of a thirty-five-year sentence imposed by a military court-martial for striking a lieutenant during the war after it is alleged, the officer had punched him in the face, William Gibson, former Hazleton prize-fighter, related a sensational story as to alleged cruelties practiced on prisoners at Governor's Island. He asserts that he was assaulted by the lieutenant because Gibson had reported him to the colonel for misappropriation of funds, and that he was not given a chance to make any explanation. The officer got eight months in barracks.

Gibson and others secured their release as the result of a visit to the prison by President Wilson and wife. By order of the President, Gibson says all cases were reviewed and opportunity given for a full defense. Gibson was sent to jail from Chester, Pa., where he had been on guard duty at a shipbuilding plant. Arriving at Governor's Island, Gibson says he was handcuffed by six men with their arms bound to his knees and then beaten. Two of his teeth were pulled out through gagging, he charges.

According to Gibson, it was common for the officers to hit prisoners with clubs, and that James Fettingham, winner of the Distinguished Service Cross in France, came there with one ear off, due to maltreatment from a guard who he was arrested for slight infraction of rules. Retention has since been restored to his former rank and honorably discharged.

Midget Long on Languages New York, Oct. 10.—Miss Elizabeth Raza, twenty-six years old and thirty-two inches tall, proved to Judge Gibbs in the Bronx county court that although short in stature she was "long" on languages. She spoke French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish and English to him, and by way of diversion expounded the league of nations.

SENATE PROBES VISIT STEEL PLANTS

Homestead Mills First to Be Inspected—Find Pittsburgh District Quiet

DISTURBANCE AT CLAIRTON

By the Associated Press

Pittsburgh, Oct. 10.—Members of the Senate labor committee investigating the steel strike arrived here today and immediately plunged into the work of inquiring into conditions surrounding the labor struggle in the Pittsburgh district. There were four senators in the party.

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Chairman Kenyon, Phipps, McKellar and Sterling.

An early start was made, the committee leaving by automobile.

The first stop was made at the Homestead plant of the Carnegie Steel Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. Just after Senators Kenyon and McKellar went in the eighth avenue gate of the plant two shots were fired by men, said to be strikers, in the street. Senators, it was said, knew nothing of the incident.

In the plant the committee chatted with John F. Ousler, general superintendent.

It is the intention of the committee to visit city and borough authorities in the county, to go into plants and to examine any person on the spot where they feel they can get any worthwhile information. Two stenographers accompanied the party.

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Early in the day there was a fight in a boarding house in the foreign section of Clairton, in which an Italian received a flesh wound from a bullet, several were cut and a number of others were bruised. State and local police quelled the trouble and arrested three men. It was said the fight was started when several of the men declared their intention of going back to work in the Clairton Steel Company mill.

Another small riot occurred last night in Donora, where two foreign-born men, alleged to be strikers, were shot and slightly wounded yesterday morning in a clash between strike sympathizers and workers on their way from the plant of the American Steel and Wire Company. Last night's disorders occurred when a score of workers, coming from the wire plant, were attacked by a gang of men. One woman was injured slightly and many others, including several children, narrowly escaped being hurt by flying bricks, clubs and bullets.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—With the best day's output since the strike in the steel industry was called

mill operators today reported they expected a continuation of the gradual improvement in the labor situation.

During the last twenty-four hours, the entire district was calm, except a half dozen shots fired from ambush at federal soldiers at Gary, Ind. Federal activities against radical leaders progressed and militiamen continued their drive against alleged illicit saloons at Gary, Ind. Labor leaders in the Chicago district insisted that, while a number of men are returning to work in the steel mills, they mainly are unskilled laborers.

CAN'T CUT MINERS' PAY

Umpire Rules Decrease in Hours Must Not Lower Wages

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—No change can be made in the shifts of any class of labor in and about the anthracite coal mines whereby wages of the men will be reduced below the scale they were paid April 1, 1916. A decision to this effect was rendered here today by Charles P. Neill, umpire of the conciliation board.

The ruling was on the grievance of an engineer at the Archbald colliery of the Lackawanna Coal Company, at Scranton, who worked twelve hours a day when the 1916 agreement was made and was then cut to ten and finally to eight, with a loss of pay of sixty-eight cents a shift, notwithstanding the wartime increases. The umpire orders that he receive back pay from 1916 to cover his loss.

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SPEED IRISH QUESTION

Sir Edward Carson Summoned to Attend Meeting of Ministers

London, Oct. 10.—The Irish question occupied the attention of the cabinet at its meeting yesterday. Premier Lloyd George presided and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, was summoned to take part.

It was announced the cabinet committee appointed to find a solution of the Irish problem would have a session also. This, it was said, would be followed by frequent sessions in order that its work might be completed before the conclusion of the peace treaty with Turkey, as otherwise the existing home rule act, suspended for the course of the war, would then come into force.

BULGARS TO OPPOSE PACT

Sofia Reports Movement, Backed by Government, for Resistance

Vienna, Oct. 10.—The Sofia newspaper La Epacha, according to advices, reports a movement in Bulgaria, declared to be supported by the government, the purpose of which is to secure the refusal of Bulgaria to sign the peace treaty and to oppose by force if necessary the carrying out of the terms of the treaty presented to the Bulgarian plenipotentiaries at Paris by the allied powers.

The population, it is alleged, has been supplied with arms to this end.

"BOYS IN GRAY" PARADE

9000 Confederate Veterans March Through Streets of Atlanta

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 10.—(By A. P.)—More than 9000 gray clad veterans assembled here today for the parade of the United Confederate Veterans, the crowning feature of their annual reunion. Treasured old battle flags, some ragged with bullet holes, were brought from their resting places once more.

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