



## ITALY DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

### Formal Action Result of Pressure by Allies.

## MILITARY PHASE UNCHANGED

### Troops, However, Now Will Be Available for Service on Any Battle Line.

## FORMALITY LONG DELAYED

### Step Is Made Inevitable by Sending of Troops to the Macedonian Front.

ROME, Aug. 27.—Italy today declared war on Germany.

Italy and Germany have been drifting steadily toward war. The declaration became inevitable when Italy recently sent troops to Saloniki to cooperate in the campaign of the entente allies on the Macedonian front, as Germany is directing the opposing forces and has troops on this battle line.

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## 11 AUTOS PILE UP AT TURN IN TRACK

### TWO MEN KILLED, ONE MORALLY INJURED IN RACE.

### Mechanician Is Decapitated, Driver Crushed—Leading Car Skids, Ten Others Crash Into It.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 27.—Two men were killed and eight others injured, one of them probably fatally, when 11 of 14 automobiles piled up at the first turn during the 100-mile race at Recreation Park here today.

The dead: Mark Arnold, mechanic, Chicago, decapitated. Jack Peacock, driver, Brooklyn, both hips broken and head crushed; died in hospital.

F. E. Marquette, Kalamazoo, mechanic for Peacock, was probably fatally injured. The accident occurred when Peacock's car, leading in the race, skidded and struck the fence at the first turn. It was overturned and thrown across the track. Before anyone could signal the drivers, ten of the machines, going at a terrible clip, ploughed into the overturned car. Five were completely demolished.

## SUBMARINE'S LOSS DENIED

### Berlin Says All U-Boats Engaged in Battle Have Returned.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 27.—No German submarine was lost in the engagement in the North Sea last week, the German admiralty declared today. The admiralty staff states in connection with the official report of Tuesday that all submarines participating in the enterprise of August 13 have returned. The British admiralty statement concerning the destruction of one German submarine, therefore, is incorrect.

The British claim that a German submarine was rammed and that another was sunk in the North Sea fight. The German admiralty early in the week admitted that one submarine was damaged but declared it returned safely. It said that the report that one submarine was destroyed could be passed on only when all the submarines reported.

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## MYSTERY WOMAN IN DEATH CASE IS HELD

### Poisoning of Sandy Business Man Is Probed.

## TORN LETTER MAY SHED LIGHT

### Woman Taken to Oregon City for Investigation.

## SUICIDE THEORY DOUBTED

### Mrs. Maude Zabriskie, Now Prisoner, Admits Late Fred Glockner Tried to Induce Her to Go Away With Him.

Mrs. Maude Zabriskie, the "mysterious blonde" who paced the corridors of the Good Samaritan Hospital Saturday all day, seeking in vain entrance to the room in which Fred Glockner, prosperous merchant of Sandy, Or., supposedly a suicide, was dying, was detained in Portland last night and held for investigation. She was first taken to the Portland City Jail and later taken to Oregon City to be examined before the coroner's jury. A letter torn to bits, found among her effects, was patched together and held.

Her detention was brought about at the instigation of the Clackamas court officials, who yesterday called to their aid City Detectives Goltz and Howell.

Portland, Detective Goltz found Mrs. Zabriskie at 373 Taylor street. Woman Vanishes at Death. Mr. Glockner, who was 37 years old, married and well to do, was found in a dying condition on the bluff road about a mile from Sandy, at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was brought to Portland and placed in the Good Samaritan Hospital. He died at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning. During his last hours Mrs. Zabriskie, who is an attractive young woman of 33, was kept from his room. She remained until Mr. Glockner was dead, and then suddenly vanished, only to be traced to her rooming place yesterday.

Mr. Glockner's death was at first believed to have been the result of a suicidal intent. Officials of Clackamas County were not satisfied of that conclusion and yesterday began running down clues that tended to indicate murder.

Sheriff Wilson and Acting Coroner Slevens arrived in Oregon City late last night to trace that end of the affair. Sheriff Wilson took Mrs. Zabriskie in custody. Morphine Found in Hand. A bottle which once contained morphine was found in Mr. Glockner's hand, and R. E. Essen, a Sandy druggist, identified it. Mr. Essen was out of his store on an errand Tuesday night and returned to find Glockner in the back part of the store room. The day Mr. Glockner's body was found, Essen checked over his stock of poisons and found that 45 one-fourth-grain morphine tablets had been taken. The supposition was that Mr. Glockner took the tablets from the drug-store shelf, went to the secluded spot

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## AMERICAN FLAG IS ON PACIFIC AGAIN

### PACIFIC MAIL LINER SAILS FOR FAR EAST.

### Battleship Oregon Escorts Vessel to Sea—Six Large Passenger Vessels Promised Soon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—The American flag was restored today to the trans-Pacific service when the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador left for the Far East with more than 5000 tons of freight and a full complement of passengers. The significance of the occasion was recognized by the Government and the battleship Oregon and the United States quarantine steamer Argonaut accompanied the liner as far as the lights.

This was the first time in the history of the port that a commercial liner has had a Navy escort to sea.

The Ecuador is one of three vessels bought by the Pacific Mail Company for this service, and to these three it was indicated today by officials of the company there will be added before long at least three more large passenger liners. Since the old Pacific Mail Company retired from the trans-Pacific service nearly two years ago the trade between this coast and the Far East has been practically monopolized by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, a subsidized Japanese line.

## MR. HUGHES TAKES REST

### Nominee to Remain at Estes Park, Colo., Until Thursday.

ESTES PARK, Colo., Aug. 27.—Charles E. Hughes today arrived here, where he plans to remain until Thursday, resting before resuming his speaking tour. Mr. Hughes was admittedly tired.

The nominee and Mrs. Hughes motored here from Lyons, Colo., where a company of Boy Scouts and most of the population of the place greeted them on their arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes went for a brief walk today and later took a short automobile ride. The nominee's favorite recreation is mountain climbing and he plans to take several hikes in the mountains about here during his brief vacation.

## NURSES SENT TO BORDER

### Red Cross Responds Promptly to War Department Request.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The American Red Cross announced tonight that 55 of its most expert nurses had been sent to the border for duty with the troops, and that additional groups had been organized and were ready to go as soon as the War Department designates places for them.

The department recently asked the organization to choose 100 nurses for border service.

## BOY BATHER IS RESCUED

### Captain Lurline Gray Saves Life of Elmer Scott at Woodland.

WOODLAND, Wash., Aug. 27.—(Special)—Elmer Scott, 12, son of W. T. Scott, was rescued and resuscitated by Captain Lurline Gray, of the steamer Etna, after the lad had been drawn by the current under a launch in the Columbia River yesterday, near the Municipal Dock.

The boy, with a number of friends, had been swimming.

## CANOEIST DROWNS IN CELILO RAPIDS

### George Roos, Portland Youth, Lost in Swirl.

## BROTHER SWIMS TO SHORE

### Desperate Battle Fought With Savage Waters.

## POSTED WARNING IGNORED

### Boys Paddling From Lewiston, Idaho, to Portland as Vacation Outing When Disaster Occurs. Body Is Not Found.

THE DALLES, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special)—While attempting to make the rapids at Celilo at 3 o'clock this afternoon, George Roos, of 321 Sixth street, Portland, was drowned. His brother, Walter Roos, succeeded in swimming a whirlpool in safety.

The Roos brother had shipped their canoe to Lewiston, Idaho, two weeks ago and followed it there to spend their vacation on a trip down the Columbia River. They took their time and camped along the river and had no accidents until they reached the Celilo Canal.

### Warning Is Displayed.

When they arrived at the canal they found signs warning them off, but could find no one to give them information. They took the first lap of the canal until they came to the first gate, where they lifted the canoe over and started down the second gate. Before they reached the second gate they met an Indian, who informed them that there were six more gates to pass over and as they had already damaged their canoe making the first gate, they decided to go back into the river, which they managed after considerable labor.

Then they attempted to make the rapids and by hugging the Washington side they managed to get close to the big eddy. Here they misinterpreted the river and hearing what they thought to be falls, turned in closer to the river edge. The canoe turned around completely twice and then a swell hit it and turned it over, throwing them into the water.

### Survivor Barely Escapes.

Walter, the youngest boy, grabbed their pack and told his brother to let the canoe go and started to swim ashore. He was drawn under twice and in attempting to secure a hold on the rocks was torn from them. He landed on a rock and recovered his breath and strength, called loudly for help but as there was nobody in sight he again attempted to make shore and gained the bank among the rocks.

He did not see his brother from the time that he told him to let the canoe go and a long search was fruitless. He attempted to get the Indians to help him, but they declined.

### Officers Join Search.

Young Roos walked into Grand Dalles and ferried across to The Dalles (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2.)

## PICNIC ON RIVER ENDS IN DROWNING

### WIFE SEES ARTHUR CLARK GO BEYOND HIS DEPTH.

### Failure of Body to Rise After Sinking Once Foils Efforts at Rescue—Pulmotor of No Avail.

Arthur Clark, 24 years old, of 638 North Ivanhoe street, St. Johns, was drowned in the Willamette River, 20 feet off the north shore of Swan Island, at 5 P. M. yesterday. His wife witnessed the drowning from the beach, and his brother-in-law, Ed. L. Eaton, 1469 Maryland avenue, dived twice to drag him out, but Mr. Clark did not rise after once sinking.

Mr. Clark and Mrs. Clark, with a party of friends, went to Swan Island on a picnic at 10 o'clock yesterday. Mr. Clark was not a good swimmer. The party had dinner about 2 o'clock, and swimming was resumed later. It is thought that Mr. Clark was stricken by heart disease while in the water.

Mr. Clark had waded out into the river to recover a rowboat which had floated off shore after two members of the party had dinner about 2 o'clock. Mr. Eaton was watching him, but turned up the beach to change his bathing suit when he saw that Mr. Clark had apparently reached the boat in safety. Mr. Eaton looked back to see Mr. Clark's cap, which he had been wearing, floating in the water. Mr. Clark had disappeared.

Mr. Clark had stepped off a ledge into 18 feet of water. Mr. Eaton was unable to reach bottom. He called for help. Members of the party telephoned for the harbor patrol and the police. Engineer Jasceli went out in the patrol boat and recovered the body by grappling. An effort made to resuscitate him with a lungmotor failed.

Mr. Clark was the son of Mrs. Leonard F. Clark, 632 North Ivanhoe street, St. Johns. He also is survived by a sister who is now at Seaside with her parents. He had no children.

Mr. Clark was employed in the credit department at the Meier & Frank store.

## ABDUCTION PLOT FAILS

### Three Held for Conspiracy to Carry Off Mrs. E. H. Harriman's Son.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 27.—Mark A. Lufkin, Davis McLeay and Ralph Cuscut were landed in jail at St. Anthony, Idaho, tonight and are held on a charge of plotting to abduct Roland Harriman, the 16-year-old son of Mrs. E. H. Harriman, widow of the great financier. Some weeks ago a foreman on the Harriman summer ranch, on the upper Snake River, received a letter signed by two of the men, in which they broached the project of abducting the boy and holding him in the fastnesses of Idaho mountains until a big ransom was paid.

The foreman led the plotters on, he declares, until evidence enough to justify the arrest was obtained.

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## MEN FIX SEPT. 4 AS STRIKE DATE

### Order Effective Then if Roads Do Not Yield.

## ACTION BY CONGRESS URGED

### President Goes to Capitol in Search of Solution in Railroad Controversy.

## MEN WEARY OF WAITING

### Legislative Programme Suggested and Adjournment May Be Long Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—It is reliably reported that the strike order which the 640 chairman struck in sealed envelopes when they left Washington today is to enter into effect on September 4, unless an agreement should be reached prior to that date.

It is further reported that the railroad presidents may not present their rejection of the President's programme, but will await developments of Mr. Wilson's legislative activities.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Tentative plans for a joint session of the Senate and House to hear President Wilson ask for legislation to prevent the threatened Nation-wide railroad strike were discussed by the President with Senator Kern, the Democratic leader, tonight when it seemed virtually certain that a break between the railroads and their employes must follow final conference at the White House.

Possibilities of legislation were talked over by the President with Senator Newlands, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Secretary Lane and tonight the President made a quiet trip to the Senate office buildings to find Senator Kern attending a meeting of the Finance Commission.

### Prospect of Deadlock Grows.

The belief that negotiations between the railroad executives and representatives of the men would end without an agreement has been growing. This feeling was strengthened when the members of the brotherhood committee of 640, tired of their long wait, departed for home after delegating their powers to effect a settlement or call a strike to a committee of 24, instructed under no circumstances to agree to arbitration of the demand for an eight-hour day at the present rate of pay for ten hours.

Whether the plans considered by President Wilson and his advisers at the Capitol will be carried out depends upon tomorrow's developments, but it is understood that if all efforts fail to bring the employers and their men together, the President will go before Congress and ask that it deal with the situation, even if that necessitates indefinitely prolonging the session.

### Strike Possible Within Ten Days.

Unless the railroad heads recede from their demand for arbitration of the eight-hour day proposal, one brotherhood official said tonight, a strike affecting about 400,000 men will be called within the next 10 days.

The representatives of both the railroads and the brotherhoods will confer with the President tomorrow. The executives of the lines will present the plan, the outstanding feature of which is a demand for arbitration of wages, under the eight-hour day or any day. When they have departed, the brotherhood heads will go to the White House and apprise President Wilson that they cannot accept arbitration of this feature of their demands and that in general they stand on his proposal to concede the eight-hour principle and arbitrate the other issues.

### President May Ask Delay.

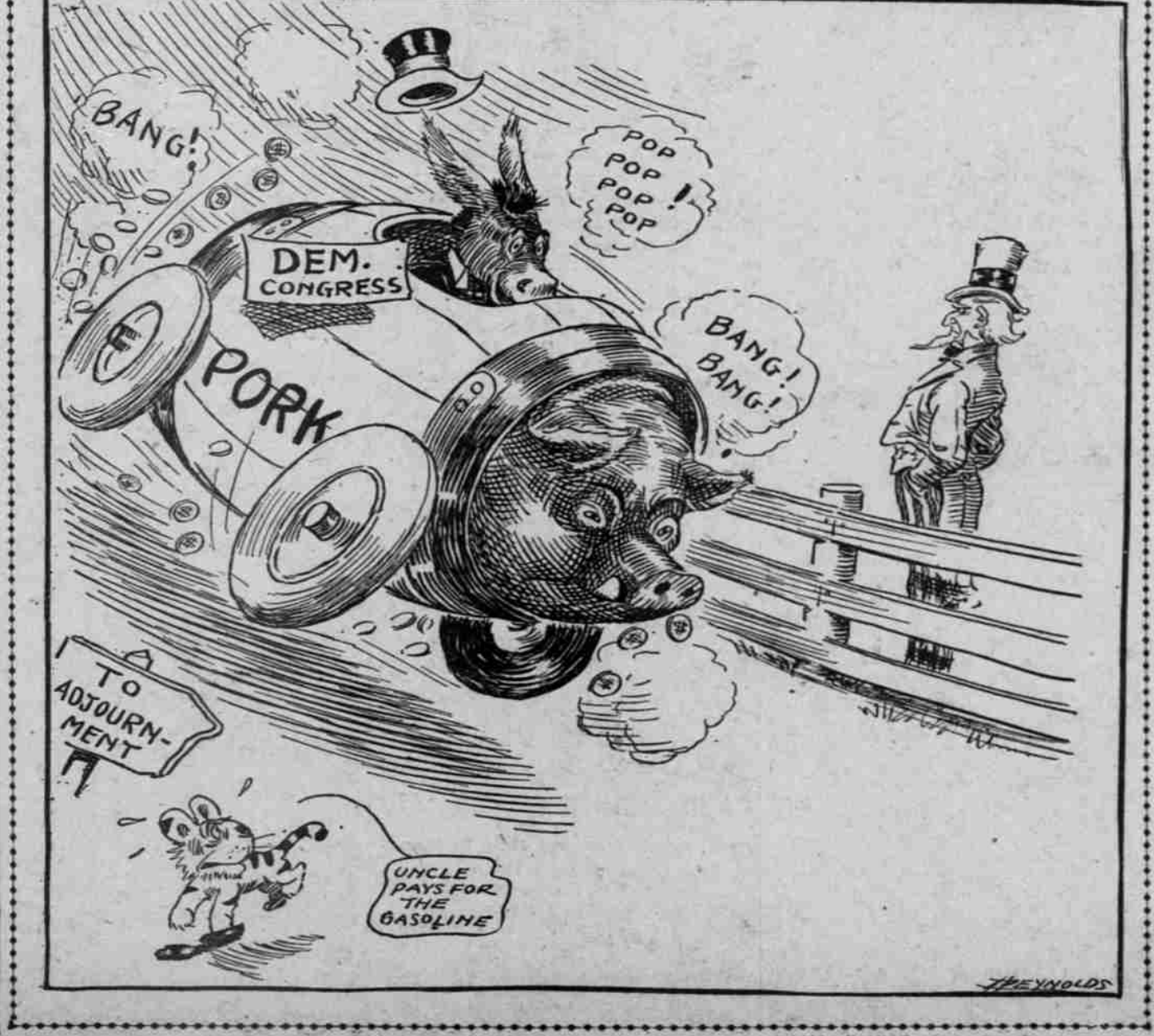
There was a report tonight that the President might ask the men to postpone action for a period, in order that he might seek legislation which would force and provide for a settlement without tying up the country's transportation system.

Secretary Lane and Senator Newlands worked until late tonight framing bills for presentation to Congress.

The measure receiving most serious

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## COMING INTO THE HOME STRETCH AND GOING STRONG.



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