RAILROAD STRIKE TO DIVERT CHARTERED STEAMERS TO RIVER

Local Shippers Expect Grain Fleet Here If Threatened Trouble Goes Through.

COASTWISE SERVICE CUT

Parr-McCormick May Be Forced to Suspend Temporarily; Lack of Steamers Cause.

Members of Portland's waterfront fraternity are deeply interested in the progress of the threatened railroad strike.

Feelers are said to have been put out by leading grain shippers to determine what the pleasure of shipowners would be towards sending their vessels to this coast.

As yet there has been no disposition on the part of the shipowners to make any promises. A general stiffening of rates has been felt it is said as a result of the threatening outlook and should this stiffening continue Europe is going to pay dearly for this season's wheat and barley.

The charter of the Norwegian steamer Davanger to load barley at San Francisco for Strauss & Co., was closed at 150 shillings. The Davanger is the new steamer sold and resold by T. B. Wilcox and James Rolph Jr., and was only recently completed, hence her immediate charter.

Present Rate Very High.

The present rate on chartered ships, said to be anywhere between 150 and 200 shillings for European delivery out of these ports, is said to be prohibitive by exporters, but they expect to have to resort to sending their grain out at those prices if the transcontinental railroads prove unable to handle goods.

In the face of this high charter condition, the Panama-Pacific line, a subsidiary of the International Mercantile Marine, announced at San Francisco that on November 1 the steamers Finland and Kroonland would be returned to the canal service.

This is the first announcement of any canal traffic since the general exodus from this trade took place last fall when the canal was closed on account of slides.

The local freight situation may also be further complicated, as it has been rumored that the Parr-McCormick Steamship Co. will discontinue service between this city and San Francisco. They have been unable to secure vessels in sufficient number to insure any regular service and have been embarrassed also by the longshoremen's strike. Fred D. Parr is expected here within a few days to make a decision. Couch street dock, where the vessels landed, has been given up by the company.

Sales and Charters.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The following vessels are reported chartered: Schooner Blakeley to carry lumber from Puget sound to west coast, South America, $31, by Comyn, Mackall & Co. (October-November); schooner R. C. Slade, lumber from north Pacific to west coast, South America, or Australia, p. t., by Comyn, Mackall & Co.; a motorship, of 2000 capacity, lumber from north Pacific to Port Pirie, at 140s., by American Trading company (May, 1917).

The Grace Steamship company has bought the steamer John A. Hooper from the John A. Hooper company.

Barge Salvage Success.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The City of Panama, recently salved by Melville Taylor of Oakland, is now on the mud flats in Mission bay, practically will the water out of her and ready for survey. Taylor, whose bid for moving the incumbrance from the bay was the lowest, also gets all the salvage and so the former Pacific Mail liner belongs to him. He has not yet decided what he will do with it. Previous to the southeast gale that sank her in Mission bay, the City of Pannia was a coal barge for the Rolph Navigation and Coal company.

NEWS OF THE PORT

Departures August 5.

Rose City, str., Capt. Rankin, pass. and frt. for S. F., S. F. & P. S. S. Co.

Northern Pacific, Am. str., Capt. Ahman, pass. and frt. for S. F., G. N. P. S. S. Co.

Marine Almanac.

Weather at River's Mouth.

North Head, Aug. 5.—Condition of the mouth of the river at noon, smooth; wind, northwest, 6 miles; weather, cloudy.

Suns and Tides August 6.

Sun rises 4:59 a. m. Sun sets 7:34 p. m.

Tides at Astoria.

High water—	Low water—
5:52 a. m. ..... 5.6 feet	10:54 a. m. ... 2.7 feet
5:32 p. m. ..... 8.3 feet	

The time ball on the U. S. hydrographic office was dropped at noon.

Daily River Readings.

8:00 a. m., 120th Meridian Time.

STATIONS	Flood Stage	Height (in feet)	Changes in last 24 hours	Rainfall last 24 hours
Lewiston	24	2.7	—0.2	0.00
Umatilla	25	13.3	—0.4	0.00
Albany	20	2.2		0.00
Salem	20	0.9	—0.1	0.00
Oregon City	12	1.8	—0.4	0.00
Portland	15	12.2	—0.5	0.00

(—) Falling.

River Forecast.

The Willamette river at Portland will fall steadily during the next few days.

Steamers Due to Arrive.

PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT.

Name.	From.	Date.
Northern Pacific	S. R.	Aug. 9
Beaver	S. F.	Aug. 10
Rose City	S. F. & L. A.	Aug. 16
Great Northern	S. F. & L. A.	Aug. 19

Steamers Due to Depart.

Name.	For.	Date.
Rose City	S. F. & L. A.	Aug. 5
Northern Pacific	S. F.	Aug. 5
Great Northern	S. F.	Aug. 7
Beaver	L. A. & S. F.	Aug. 11

Steamers leaving Portland for San Francisco only connect with the steamers Yale and Harvard, leaving San Francisco Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, for Los Angeles and San Diego.

Vessels in Port.

Name.	Berth.
Amy Turner, Br. sch.	Astoria
Atlas, Am. ss.	Linnton
Breakwater, Am. ss.	Columbia
Georgians, Am. bkt.	Knappton
Kenkon Maru, Jap. ss.	drydock
Klamath, Am. ss.	Couch
Mayochi Maru, Jap. ss.	Municipal
Taisho Maru, Jap. str.	Westport

At Neighboring Ports.

Astoria, Aug. 5.—Sailed at 10 a. m.: Breakwater, for San Diego, via way ports.

Seattle, Aug. 5.—Arrived at 10 a. m.: U. S. cruiser New Orleans, from Portland, via Port Angeles.

Astoria, Aug. 4.—Left up at noon: J. R. Stetson; at 1:30 p. m., Japanese steamer Mayachi Maru, Grays Harbor; at 3:30 p. m., Atlas. Arrived at 1:30 p. m.: Northern Pacific, from San Francisco.

San Pedro, Aug. 4.—Arrived: Beaver, from Portland, via San Francisco.

San Farncisco, Aug. 4.—Arrived: Cleone, from Albion at 11:50 a. m.; North Fork, from Eureka, at 12:30 p. m.; Congress, from Los Angeles, at 2:50 p. m.; Great Northern, from Astoria, at 2 p. m.; barge Erskine M. Phelps, in tow of tug Sea King, from Port San Luis, at 4:20 p. m.; Svea, from Los Angeles, at 9:40 p. m.; Multnomah, from Grays Harbor, at 10:20 p. m. Sailed—Quinault, for Willapa Harbor, at 10:50 a. m.; Richmond, for Seattle, with Barge 95 in tow, at 12:40 p. m.; Coronado, for Grays Harbor, at 2:50 p. m.; schooner Lottie Bennett, for Eureka, at 3:50 p. m.; President, for Los Angeles, at 4:10 p. m.; Yale, for Los Angeles, 4:10 p. m.; Hardy, for Coos Bay, at 5:20 p. m.; Newburg, for Stewarts Point, at 6:40 p. m.; San Gabriel, for Umpqua river at 7:15 p. m.; Stanley Dollar, for Los Angeles, at 9:50 p. m.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 4.—Arrived: Queen, from San Francisco, at 4 a. m.; Morning Star, from Vancouver, at 6:30 a. m.; Cheloshin, Prince Rupert, B. C., at 7:45 p. m. Sailed—Humboldt, for southeast Alaska, at 1:40 a. m.; Manila Maru, for Hongkong, via ports, at 10:30 a. m.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 3.—Sailed: Juneau, for St. Michaels, at 7 p. m.; Curacao, for southeast Alaska, at 3:30 p. m.

Juneau, Aug. 2.—Sailed: Spokane, southbound, at midnight; Jefferson, southbound, at 10 p. m.

Shanghai, Aug. 2.—Sailed: Mexico Maru, for Seattle, via Yokohama.

Vancouver, Aug. 3.—Arrived: Grace Dollar, from San Francisco; Johan Poulsen, from San Francisco, yesterday.

Nanaimo, B. C., Aug. 4.—Arrived: Norwegian steamer Thor, from San Francisco.

Port Angeles, Aug. 3.—Sailed: Bee, from San Francisco, at 4:30 p. m.

Everett, Aug. 3.—Arrived: J. A. Chanslor, from San Francisco.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 3.—Arrived: Eastholm, from British Columbia ports.

Balboa, Aug. 1.—Sailed: Arboreen, New York, for Valparaiso.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—Arrived: Yacht Mermaid, Pigeon Point, 6 a. m.; Katherine, Los Angeles, 8:30 a. m.; City of Topeka, Eureka, 10 a. m.; Harvard, Los Angeles, 10 a. m.; Mukiteo, Los Angeles, 10:45 a. m. Sailed—Adeline Smith, Coos Bay, 7:30 a. m.; Captain A. F. Lucas, Vancouver, 10:10 a. m.

Big International Steamers Resume Canal Run Nov. 1

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The big passenger steamers Finland and Kroonland, taken off the New York-San Francisco run for many months now and in service on the western ocean, will resume the old run in November. There is a possibility that the steamers will begin the run here from New York, via the canal, earlier. It all depends on cargo rates between New York and Liverpool.

CAPTAIN RORVICK OF STEAMER KLAMATH IS SEVERELY INJURED

Is Knocked Off North Pacific Lumber Dock by Falling Load of Lumber.

Captain C. P. Rorvick, master of the steamer Klamath, loading lumber at the North Pacific Lumber company's mill, was knocked off the dock by a falling load of lumber this morning and seriously injured. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital by the Ambulance Service company. It is believed his back is broken.

Captain Rorvick was standing on the edge of the dock when a turning truck overturned a pile of lumber against him, knocking him against the rail of the vessel down into the water between the Klamath and the dock on a float of logs.

He is completely paralyzed and received a severe scalp wound in addition to the injury to his back.

Captain Rorvick is well known in Pacific coast shipping circles, having been with the Charles R. McCormick company, owners of the Klamath, for the past ten years. He has been on the Klamath for the past three trips. He was formerly on the Nehalem and the Ceilo, and at one time was marine superintendent for the McCormick company at San Francisco.

Captain Rorvick's home is in Alameda, Cal. He is married but has no children.

His wife is a sister of C. H. Wheeler, 395 East Twelfth street, of the Wheeler Lumber Co. Mrs. Rorvick was notified of the accident to her husband and asked to come to Portland at once by Mr. Wheeler this morning.

Captain Rorvick is a native of Norway and has a brother, who is also a steamboat captain, navigating on Puget Sound. X Ray pictures were taken at St. Vincent's hospital shortly before noon to determine the extent of his injuries.

Visiting Pastor Pays Tribute to Climate

Rev. M. P. Fikes of Los Angeles Will Preach in First Baptist Church; Stock Sermons Tabooed.

"Your climate braces me up wonderfully," said Dr. M. P. Fikes upon his arrival in Portland last night. He comes here from Los Angeles to occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church during the month of August.

"My method of attack must always be vigorous, and I am drawing the vigor right out of your air," Dr. Fikes continued. "I am glad to see that the people of Portland possess an inexhaustible supply."

Dr. Fikes maintains a course of bodily and mental discipline. He thinks that a man's usefulness depends to a large extent upon his physical condition.

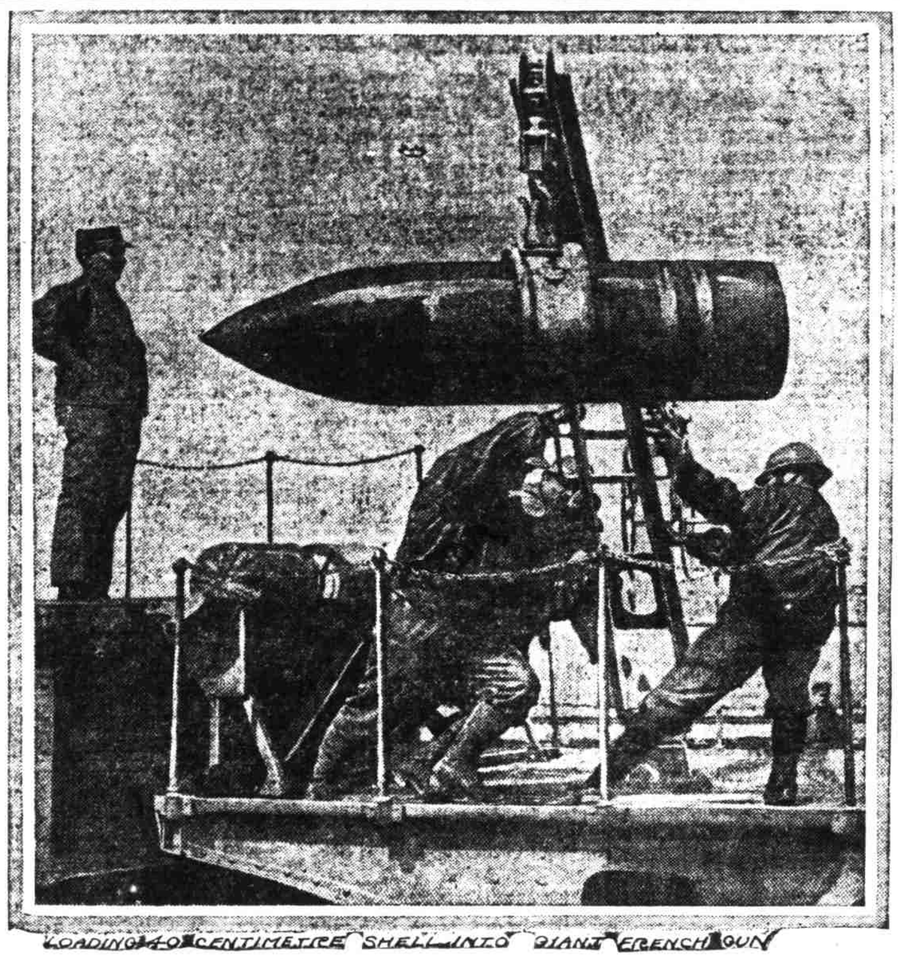
There will be no series of stock sermons delivered by Dr. Fikes at the White Temple. "I believe in having something to say," he said, "and that involves saying a particular thing to particular people. To preach a stock sermon implies that a man has nothing else but his sermon to deliver."

Forest Fires in Malheur Forests

John Day, Or., Aug. 5.—The continued hot weather has resulted in a number of small forest fires in this vicinity. Seven unimportant fires have been reported in the Malheur forest, and two large ones have occurred in the Whitman forest along the right of way of the Sumpter Valley railroad. The two Whitman fires covered a combined area of about 500 acres. They are now under control.

Lookouts have been stationed at the high peaks, and every precaution is being taken by forest officers to keep the situation under control.

LOADING A SHELL INTO A GIANT FRENCH GUN ON THE WESTERN FRONT



LOADING 40 CENTIMETRE SHELL INTO GIANT FRENCH GUN

The matter of loading a giant shell into the breech of a big French gun is indeed a task. The photograph shows four men actively engaged in the work, while another directs their operations. Each shell is carefully enclosed in a steel band in which there is a large "eye." Then by means of a traveling crane the big projectile is brought up to the breech of the gun.

HUGHES BOOM FELL INTO BAD SLUMP TWO WEEKS AFTER START

So Says Commissioner of Immigration Caminetti; Labor Bureaus Extended.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—(P. N. S.)—Commissioner General of Immigration Anthony Caminetti, arrived unannounced at the customs house today from Washington.

"No politics, no shake-ups," he said, to relieve the fears of the local federal staff.

Extension of the federal free labor bureaus to include employment offices for young men and boys between the ages of 15 and 21 years is the purpose of Caminetti's trip.

In the 28 states in which the government has established labor bureaus, the work is highly successful, said Caminetti.

To the bureaus for men and women will be added bureaus for youths to supply work for orphans and boys dependent on their own means.

Caminetti echoed the sentiments of other Democrats with the assertion that:

"There is no doubt about the reelection of President Wilson. The Hughes boom slumped two weeks after his nomination and has been in a slump ever since. There is no enthusiasm for Hughes in the east."

Caminetti has been visiting federal offices throughout the country.

Pioneer Resident Of Portland Dies

Mrs. J. A. Strowbridge Succumbs to Illness That Has Lasted Over 13 Months.

Following an illness of over 13 months, Mrs. Mary B. Strowbridge died at her home, 365 Fifth street, yesterday. Mrs. Strowbridge came to Oregon from Ohio in 1864 via the Panama Isthmus route, and resided in Portland continuously since.

She was the widow of Joseph A. Strowbridge, an early pioneer of Oregon, and the mother of Harry J. Strowbridge, Mary H. Strowbridge, Alfred E. Strowbridge and Joseph A. Strowbridge Jr. Dr. George H. Strowbridge was a son who died in this city about two years ago.

Mrs. Strowbridge was a woman of a retiring disposition and was known to a wide circle of friends in this city. Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Skewes Undertaking company and will be announced later.

Three Schooners Sunk.

London, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Sinking of the three British schooners presumably by submarines, was reported Lloyds today. The boats sent to the bottom were the Demarin, Ermanlloa and Fortina.

Patronal Feast to Take Place Sunday

St. Ignatius' parish will celebrate its annual patronal feast tomorrow. High mass will be celebrated at 10:30 and a parish dinner and festivities on the grounds will follow. Rev. John J. Laherty of Gonzaga University, will deliver the panegyric of the patron saint. James F. Twohy will speak in the afternoon.

Leaves and Loses Ring.

A diamond ring valued at $100, left Wednesday night on the ledge of a washstand in the offices of Fearey Bros., Dekum building, by Miss Marie Levan, stenographer, was missing when Miss Levan made search for it the next morning.

STATE FLAX GROWERS DEMAND THAT THEIR CROPS BE ACCEPTED

Farmers Seek to Hold Oregon to Contract, Notwithstanding Weeds in Fields.

Salem, Or., Aug. 5.—Formal demand that the state comply with its contract and accept flax grown for the state prison plant, whether it contained weeds or not, was made today on the board of control by McNary & McNary, attorneys representing the Middle Grove Flax Growers association of Marion county. A number of fields have been rejected on the ground that they contain too many weeds.

The attorneys point out in their demand that rejection of the flax is a serious proposition for the growers, inasmuch as the contract with the state provides that "the title to the seed and to the flax from the time it begins to grow shall remain in the state," and "the state agrees at the proper time to pull the flax, tie in substantial sheaves for handling and shock it."

Insist on Contract.

The growers have been notified that certain acreage will not be pulled and shocked as provided in the contract, the demand says. The situation is unfortunate and unusual, contend the attorneys, for the state has title to the flax by virtue of its contract which precludes the grower from disposing of the crop, and at the same time the state refuses to harvest it.

It is insisted that the contract be carried out and if the flax shows the presence of foreign growth, segregation shall be made by the state and the grower paid for the actual flax grown and harvested at the rate specified in the contract.

All Were Accepted.

Last year all fields were accepted, the pullers leaving only patches which consisted wholly of weeds. The board decided on its new policy on a trip taken to flax fields with Robert Crawford, the new superintendent, recently.

The farmers contend that if the board carries out its policy of rejecting flax, it will be difficult to get anyone to grow flax for the state next year.

Can't Fill Vacancy.

Salem, Or., Aug. 5.—The vacancy caused by the resignation of George McBride as senator from the Fourteenth district cannot be filled by the assembly or petition method, Attorney General Brown holds.

The candidate selected cannot go on the ballot as a Republican, but must be designated as an independent or non-partisan.

The Republican committee can do nothing further than indorse the candidate, says Brown.

Miss Howatson on Board.

Salem, Or., Aug. 5.—Miss Margaret E. Howatson of Portland, was appointed Saturday by Governor Withycombe as a member of the State Industrial Welfare commission to succeed Miss Bertha E. Moores of Portland, resigned. The appointment becomes effective at once and continues until January 1, 1919.

Convicts Are Seen.

Salem, Or., Aug. 5.—Three of the six convicts who escaped Tuesday night from the prison flax camp were seen at Sweet Home Thursday, according to word received by Prison officials. They were traveling afoot. Guards from the prison are on their trail.

Russian Steamer Sunk.

London, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—The sinking of the Russian steamship Eugenia, registering 2079 tons, was reported in a dispatch received here today by Lloyds.

WELL KNOWN BUILDER DIES AT HOME HERE AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

Thorwald P. Swennes Was Associated With Men Who Erected Old Bridge.

Thorwald P. Swennes, one of the older generation of building contractors in the city and an associate of the builders of the old Steel bridge, died at his home, 664 East Twentieth street, at 9:45 last night. The cause of his death was cancer. Mr. Swennes was 64 years old.

Born in Norway, Mr. Swennes came to the United States when he was 18 years old, and reached Portland 32 years ago. He at once took up his residence at 664 East Twentieth street, and lived there the balance of his life.

Many of the older buildings still standing in the city were constructed under his supervision.

He had been ill since last November. A widow and two sons, Dr. Alf Swennes of Sellwood and City Detective T. P. Swennes, survive.

Mr. Swennes was a member of the Woodmen of the World. The body was removed to the Holman undertaking establishment, and the funeral will be held from there at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, with burial in the family plot. Rev. T. L. Eliot of the Unitarian church will conduct the services.

Eskimo Girl's Eyes Are to Be Treated

Youngster Found Deserted and Left to Starve in Lonely Hut to Have New York Specialists Operate.

Little Melba's eyes are to be treated. Melba is a 7-year-old fullblooded Eskimo girl who has not seen the light of day for four years. She is now in Portland and will go from here to Seattle, thence to New York to have the best specialists in the metropolis care for her eyes.

Melba is from Chogiung, on the Nushagak river, which flows into Bering Sea. She has been an orphan for five years, and was found in a lonely hut, deserted, by Dr. French, the government physician. She had been left there to starve to death. She is now in charge of Mrs. Corinne Call, the government teacher at Chogiung.

There is an eruption on the cornea of one of the little girl's eyes, and a cataract has grown over the other. The cornea of a rabbit will be grafted to one eye, and the cataract will be removed from the other. Both operations are possible.

Hunt for Negro Who Shot Oil Operator

Oklahoma Man Caught in His Automobile, Throat Cut and He Is Robbed; Suspect Spirited Out of Town.

Okmulgee, Okla., Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Hundreds of armed men in automobiles are scouring the country around here today in search of Cecil Lowery, a negro, charged with the murder of C. S. Vaughn, a wealthy oil operator. Lowery was spirited out of town by the police last night after a mob attempted to take him away from Sheriff Thompson. His whereabouts is unknown.

Vaughn was found dead in the tonneau of his automobile near Hoffman last night. His throat had been cut and his pockets were turned inside out. Lowery, his clothes covered with blood, was found in a nearby cornfield.

Several posses with bloodhounds are also searching for Bill Lowery, brother of Cecil, said to be an accomplice.

VON HINDENBURG TO LEAD GREAT ATTACK ON RUSSIAN FORCES

Assisted by Von Mackensen, He Will Attempt to Stem Advance of Enemy.

TROOPS MASSED ON FRONT

Troop Trains Have Been Leaving Berlin Daily for Several Days Carrying Reserves to Stop the Russians.

London, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—The Germans are massing both troops and guns on the eastern front for a great counter-offensive under Von Hindenburg designed to stem the Russian advance against Kovel and Lemberg.

This news was received here from several neutral points today and was partly confirmed in dispatches from Berlin. For several days troop trains have been leaving Berlin daily, carrying reserves to the eastern front. Berlin believes the crisis of the war is approaching on the eastern front, and for this reason great crowds are gathering daily to bid the departing troops farewell.

Field Marshal von Mackensen, who inaugurated the great German offensive against the Russians a year ago, has joined Von Hindenburg on the eastern front. The Austrian crown prince, recently on the Italian front, has assumed charge of operations in Galicia.

Reports from Amsterdam today said the first blow probably would be struck in the southeast, where the Russians have achieved the greatest successes, Hindenburg aiming to throw back of the whole Russian line by driving in the left bank and at the same time silencing the Roumanian leaders who have been urging King Ferdinand to join the allies. The battle, it is believed, will be gradually spread until the whole eastern front is involved in a gigantic struggle comparable to that of early last summer.

It is too early to determine whether the strong German counter-attacks in the region east of Kovel form the beginning of the expected Austro-German offensive. The Russian war office admits the evacuation of Rudka-Mirinskaia under heavy Austro-German attacks, but the fighting at this point continues.

Austrians Take Initiative.

Petrograd, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—The Austrians took the initiative both in Galicia and on the Bukowina frontier yesterday and launched heavy counter-attacks against the Russians, it was officially announced today.

In Bukowina an Austrian force estimated at nearly a division attacked small Russian detachments occupying the mountain passes southwest of Kuty, in the region of the River Tcheromoch. The Russians were compelled to withdraw a little to the northeast before superior enemy forces.

South of Brody, obstinate fighting has developed along the River Sereth. Austrian forces attacked Russian detachments which had crossed the river in the region of Peniaki and Schistopady, but were repulsed.

On the Caucasus front, Russian detachments advanced several kilometers in the region west of Kialkit. A Turkish attack near Kygi was repulsed.

Russians Repulsed on Dvina.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Repulse of Russian attempts to cross the Dvina river near Dweten, was announced by the war office this afternoon. Northwest of Zalosze, repeated Russian attacks were repulsed.

Excepting on the Stochod river and Brody fronts, the Russians have abandoned their continued attacks probably because of heavy losses, said an official Austrian statement received here today.

In the Russian war theatre, a hostile detachment entered a small section of our trenches but was completely ejected, it was stated. "Southwest of Brody Russian attacks were repulsed. Russian advances on the Sarny-Kovel railway failed. Otherwise the enemy has been considerably more quiet, ascribable to his heavy losses."

Another official statement issued at Vienna yesterday follows:

"On the front of General Tersztyanszkys' army our cavalry in a bayonet combat, repulsed a Russian attack. An Austrian flyer Wednesday shot down a Farman biplane.

"The situation on the Italian front is unchanged. On the Isonzo front there was lively enemy artillery fire."

Pershing to Decide Fate of Reporter

Holyoke, Mass., Militiaman Arrested for Sending Out False Information Will Probably Be Courtmartialed.

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Decision in the disposition of the case against Private Hugh Clarke, Holyoke, Mass., militiaman arrested under General Funston's order directed against inaccurate newspaper men, has been placed in the hands of General Pershing. His recommendations were awaited today. After the local investigation of Clarke's printed charges of bad food and mishandled company funds, a courier was sent to General Pershing's field headquarters with a summary of the case against Clarke. It is still believed that he will be tried by court martial.

Twenty-eight members of Clarke's company who signed a petition protesting against the food, are on the anxious seat. At the investigation of their complaint the 28 men admitted they had no specific complaint except that at times their favorite dishes were inadequate and they could not get second helpings.

Officers today stated that Captain Slate was exonorated of Clarke's intimations that the company's funds were mishandled. Clarke is still held incommunicado in the stockade here today, but the 28 militiamen have not been taken into custody.

Military men believe the latter probably will be subjected only to a reprimand.

Captain Dentler Now Colonel.

Colonel Clarence E. Dentler, inspector-instructor of the O. N. G. in 1911, has been promoted from lieutenant colonel of the Twenty-third United States Infantry to colonel of the newly created Thirty-fourth United States infantry.

Mrs. Dentler resides in this city at 1544 East Yamhill street. Colonel Dentler has been stationed at El Paso with his regiment.

Police Search For Girl Who Has Gone Away With Italian

The police today are searching for 14-year-old Opal Davis, whose home is at Fairview, and who was reported by J. O. Davis, her uncle, to have left that village at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon on an O-W. R. & N. train bound for Portland. The little girl was taken away by a smarthy Italian, 25 years old, employed on a railroad section gang with the supposed name of Mike Debilscha. The girl was apparently accompanying him willingly, Mr. Davis told Detective Sergeant Joe Day last night.

She is described as being very slight, light complexion, with slightly crossed eyes. The defective vision is corrected with glasses. She was dressed in a pink corduroy jacket, white sailor hat and white oxfords.

The girl had never been away from home before, Mr. Davis reported, and is not of a runaway disposition. Detectives were detailed to continue the investigation by Chief of Police Clark today.

Widow of Soldier Says Babe Kidnaped

Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Anna Schneider, widow of a soldier in the German army, who was killed early in the European war, today sent a personal letter to President Wilson asking him to detail secret service men to locate her baby daughter, who disappeared from San Francisco last May. She believes that the child was kidnaped by a woman. She says the woman was last heard from in San Diego.

Army-Navy Orders

Washington, Aug. 5.—(I. N. S.)—Army orders:

The following officers of the medical reserve corps ordered to active duty: First Lieutenant Rhoderic W. Browne, Fort Monroe, Va.; Willis B. Jones, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Brigadier General Henry A. Greene, relieved from further duty as commandant army service school, Fort Leavenworth, and assigned to command the first brigade.

Colonel William W. Gibson, ordnance department, will visit Sandy Hook proving grounds, and also pay a visit to Washington, D. C.

Major Bertram T. Clayton, quartermaster corps, will assume charge of all construction work pertaining to quartermaster in the canal zone in addition to his other duties.

Following officers resigned and their resignations accepted: Captain Jesse O. Parker, 33d infantry, Michigan National guard; Captain Jesse Tucker, 5th infantry, Georgia National guard; Second Lieutenant Walter H. Bartlett, 1st infantry, Wyoming National guard; Second Lieutenant Sydney H. Foster, 24th infantry.

These officers granted leave of absence: Captain J. Bayard Schindel, general staff, 15 days; Colonel William F. Brown, cavalry, 15 days.

Colonel Charles B. Wheeler, ordnance department, will visit Washington, D. C., on official business.

First Lieutenant Charles Stearns, medical reserve corps, assigned to permanent duty at Fort Casey.

Second Lieutenant George W. Krapf, 26th infantry, ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for examination to determine fitness for detail to aviation section.

Captain George F. Connolly, coast artillery corps, ordered to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to command bakery company.

Captain Henry J. Nichols, medical corps, ordered to Fort Bliss for temporary duty.

Board to convene at Fort Riley for examination of officers who have applied for transfer to cavalry: Lieutenant Colonel Tyree R. Rivers, 13th cavalry; Major Charles B. Rhodes, cavalry; Captain Henry R. Richmond, 8th cavalry; Captain Frederick J. Herman, quartermaster corps (cavalry); Captain Ben Lear Jr., 8th cavalry.

First Lieutenant Asa L. Singleton and Second Lieutenant Harry Herman, infantry, have been ordered before board.

Second Lieutenant John K. Tausig, 7th infantry, transferred to 34th infantry.

Lieutenant Colonel Leon S. Roudiez, infantry, will report to eastern department for temporary duty in charge of militia affairs.

Ordered before examining boards to determine fitness for transfer to field artillery: At Washington — Second Lieutenant Sidney Herkness, infantry; Second Lieutenant William A. Copthorne, coast artillery corps; Second Lieutenant Arthur M. Ellis, infantry. At Eagle Pass—First Lieutenant John C. Pegram, 10th cavalry; Captain Chalmers G. Hall, 10th cavalry. At Corozal, Canal zone—Second Lieutenant Craigie Krayenbuhl, coast artillery corps.

Ordered before examining boards to determine fitness for transfer to cavalry arm: At Fort Myer—Second Lieutenant Douglas J. Paige, infantry. At Douglas—Second Lieutenant Martin F. Scanlon, 18th infantry. At Washington—Second Lieutenant Elon A. Abernathy. At Columbus, N. M.—Second Lieutenant William H. Simpson, sixth infantry.

First Lieutenant David McCoach Jr., corps of engineers, to Panama for duty.

Captain Julian L. Dodge, quartermaster corps, to southern department for assignment.

Commanding officer, Watertown arsenal, Mass., or commissioned assistant, will visit Sandy Hook proving ground during August on official business.

Major John F. Stephens, field artillery, to fill vacancy in inspector general's department in southern department.

Captain Ernest J. Scott, field artillery, from office of inspector general to duty as recorder of board, appointed July 31, to submit new plan for supply of National Guard and Volunteers when mustered into service and mobilized.

Captain Charles N. Murphy, 12th infantry, placed on detached list. Captain Wm. A. Castle, infantry, removed therefrom, effective August 3.

Captain Joseph E. Cusack, 11th cavalry, detailed for general recruiting service, Toledo.

First Lieutenant Harry L. King, 12th cavalry, to Fort Sam Houston on official business.

Captain Lawrence M. Purcell, infantry, detailed to fill vacancy in quartermaster's corps, August 24, vice Captain Arthur P. Watts, relieved.

Board of medical officers, appointed to meet Monday, August 14, to conduct preliminary examinations of applicants for appointment as medical corps: At Washington, Fort Jay, N. Y., Fort Logan, Colo., Fort Monroe, Va., Ancon, canal zone, Fort McPherson, Ga., Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Columbus Barracks, Ohio, Fort Bayard, N. M., Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Flagler, Washington, and Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.

The board, consisting of Captain William L. Sneddegrass Jr., 20 cavalry; Major Gilbert H. Stockton, ordnance department, and First Lieutenant Thomas W. Brown, 17th infantry, appointed April 11, will reassemble at Springfield armory, August 10, to conduct test firings with various types of automatic rifles from the Colt Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing company and Savage Arms company.

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Johnson, infantry, relieved from duty with organized militia August 11, and assigned to 36th infantry.

Captain Norman R. Ramsey, infantry, detailed as major, ordnance department.

Captain Robert S. Thomas, corps of engineers, to El Paso to assist in carrying on engineer work in that district and give instructions to engineer companies of organized militia.

First Lieutenant E. J. Elliott, medical reserve corps, from southern department to Lome and telegraph adjutant general.

First Lieutenant Ronald D. Johnson, 12th cavalry, attached to signal corps, Columbus, N. M.

Captain John J. Miller, infantry, relieved from Toledo and further recruiting service and assigned to 19th infantry.

Captain Albert C. Thompson, coast artillery corps, inspector-instructor to Roanoke, Va., thence to Fort Monroe, Va., on official business pertaining to participation of coast artillery company of Virginia in joint coast defense exercises.

Second Lieutenant Sumner Waite, 15th infantry, will report to Brigadier General Chas. G. Morton for appointment as aide de camp. Lieutenant Waite will accompany Brigadier General Morton to Douglas.

Navy Orders.

Paymaster G. P. Dyer, detached Hancock to naval station, Hawaii, as pay and accounting officer, via September 5 transport.

R. B. Westlake placed on retired list from August 1.

TRI-STATE LEAGUE OF EDITORS IS PROPOSED BY WASHINGTON MAN

Plan Meets With Favor at Annual Session of Oregon Association at Medford.

ENTERTAINMENT VARIED

Automobile Rides, Refreshments and Addresses on Program; Women Remembered and Well Cared For.

Medford, Or., Aug. 5.—With unqualified expressions of delight and good cheer, 140 newspaper people and friends returned last night at various hours from speeding automobile experiences in excursions into the heights of the Siskiyou mountains on the Pacific highway, without untoward incident. Stopping at Ashland on invitation of that city, the party was entertained by an excellent luncheon in Lithia park and a band concert.

This morning the business session was resumed in Library hall. Many addresses on appropriate subjects were delivered by Oregon editors and speakers from the Washington State Press association and from Oregon Agricultural college and the University of Oregon.

At noon the gentlemen were entertained at luncheon by the University club; and the women by the Greater Medford club at a luncheon at the leading refreshment parlors.

Tri-State Plan Favored.

The proposition of Major H. W. Patton, Hoquiam, Wash., for a tri-state editorial association, including Oregon, Washington and Idaho, was received with much favor.

Standing committees on resolutions and necrology were appointed as follows:

Resolutions—A. E. Voorhies, Grants Pass; A. E. Aldrich, Pendleton; W. E. DeFew, Lebanon; C. E. Thorp, Richland; C. L. Ireland, Moro. Necrology: George H. Himes, Portland; L. Wimberly, Roseburg; L. C. McShane, Hubbard.

Women Are Entertained.

The local College Women's club entertained the women visitors this afternoon with an auto ride through attractive orchard districts in the central part of the valley starting at 3 o'clock.

The close of the session will be marked by a banquet at the Hotel Medford at 8 o'clock this evening. An elaborate program has been prepared for that event. The editors will take a trip to Crater lake tomorrow, returning Monday.

Ashland Does Honors.

Ashland, Or., Aug. 5.—A picnic luncheon served in the shade of Ashland's Lithia park by the young women of the city, music during and after the luncheon by the Oakland Boys Club band and a dance in the evening with music by the band, were features of the entertainment provided for the state editorial association members in Ashland last night.

The editors and their wives, 125 in all, were brought up from Medford in automobiles yesterday afternoon and taken over the scenic drives which circle above Ashland. They were then carried over the wonderful Siskiyou highway to the summit and returned to Ashland to lunch in Lithia park as the guests of the Ashland Commercial club and city council.

The Oakland Boys Club band, an organization of 34 pieces, which is encamped in Lithia park, made a hit with their playing and furnished inspiration for some of the staidest of the editors to trip the light fantastic at the informal dance which followed the inspection of the night beauties of Lithia park.

Fourth of July to Be Celebrated Next Year

Citizens Committee Holds Final Meeting and Decides to Assure Annual Celebrations of National Holiday.

First plans for a general celebration of July 4, 1917, were discussed yesterday at the final meeting of the big committee that handled the successful Independence day celebration last month.

To the people of Portland and to members of civic and fraternal orders notice is given at this time that the Fourth of July will be auspiciously celebrated next year and all are requested to make plans to participate.

At yesterday's meeting O. C. Leiter, chairman of the committee, presided and Henry E. Reed, treasurer of the committee, made his report. This showed cash receipts to the amount of $2745.50 and disbursements amounting to $2316.67, leaving a balance of $428.83. Three subscriptions totaling $40 are as yet to be collected and bills amounting to $79 are to be paid.

With the business of the committee cleaned up there will be a balance of about $400. It was decided to deposit this amount in a bank as a nucleus for next year's celebration fund.

In order to assure annual celebrations of the Fourth steps to incorporate the committee will be taken. Officers chosen are: O. C. Leiter, president; Dr. Katherin Manion, vice-president; Joseph M. Rieg, secretary, and Henry E. Reed, treasurer. Trustees chosen are O. C. Leiter, Dr. Katherine Manion, David M. Dunne, Charles F. Beebe, Fire Chief B. F. Dowell, Joseph M. Rieg and Henry E. Reed.

Votes of thanks were tendered the chairman, the Press club, the fire department, the Multnomah club and those who contributed to the Fourth of July fund.

Tacoma Merchant Dies.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 5.—(U. P.)—Edmund T. Durgin, for more than a quarter of a century a leading merchant of Tacoma is dead at his home here today after a brief illness. Durgin came to the coast from Minneapolis, where he had been engaged in business in the early days. He was a native of Burlington, Wis.

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