

R. R. CHIEFS ARE UNABLE TO SEE THE WAY CLEAR

Leaders Declare It Will Be Impossible to Reach Conclusions in Less Than 48 Hours on 8-Hour Question.

BROTHERHOODS RESUME TALK OF CALLING STRIKE

President Wilson Confers With Commerce Committee Chairman.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—The three cornered effort under way here to avert a nation-wide railroad strike appeared this afternoon to have run into a jam.

Leaders among the railroad presidents said they could not see how any conditions could be reached in less than 48 hours. At the same time, in another part of the city, leaders of the railroad brotherhoods representatives were planning ways of trying to check an uprising on the part of the brotherhood representatives. A unanimous strike demand might come then, they said.

President Wilson, in a conference with Chairman Newlands and a member of the senate and house interstate commerce committees, urged the taking of a step that obviously contemplated final agreement by the railway presidents with his plan. This was the message by the senate of the bill already passed by the house to increase the Interstate Commerce commission from seven to nine members.

Increase Regarded Necessary.

The increase will be necessary to provide rapid hearings on the railroads' certain demand for rate increases following any agreement to the eight-hour day demanded by the brotherhoods and the president.

The railroad presidents, for their part, are working now to find a way to accept the eight hour day and at the same time "preserve the principle of arbitration" for the future.

Fighting to the last against abandoning their term the "final arbiter" against labor aggression, they have asked President Wilson for some concrete proposition for avoiding recurring labor disturbances.

Apparently convinced that settle-

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GERMANS PENETRATE FRENCH LINES AFTER SHOWER OF SHELLS

Fierce Bombardment Maintained for Several Hours on the Whole Front.

Paris, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—German troops made a powerful attack last night on trenches south of the Somme, south of East and west of Soyecourt, which were captured by the French in Tuesday's fighting, and succeeded in penetrating the French line at several points, it was officially admitted today.

The attack was preceded by an intense bombardment lasting several hours, in which the whole French front south of the Somme was under steady fire.

North of the Somme the Germans maintained a fierce bombardment of the French first line and communicating trenches both north and south of Maricourt, but there were no infantry attacks.

In the Vosges, French grenade parties repulsed an attempted surprise attack on Hartmannswillerkopf.

The French flyer, Dorn, downed his fifth German aeroplane yesterday. Northeast of Peronne, French flyers with machine guns attacked four German planes, which lagged behind their own lines seriously damaged.

British Trenches Captured.

London, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—The Germans made two determined attempts last night to wrest from the British newly captured positions south of Thiepval, which menace the German stronghold.

General Haig reported this afternoon that both attacks were repulsed, though in one attempt the Germans gained a temporary footing in the British trenches. The German losses were described as heavy.

PROMINENT RAILROAD MEN IN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE: (From top, left to right) W. W. Atterbury, Pennsylvania System; R. S. Lovett, Union Pacific; Samuel Ray, Pennsylvania System; George Randolph, Baltimore & Ohio; S. M. Felton, Chicago Great Western; W. J. Harahan, Seaboard Air Line.



ENSGIN GREEN IS SAFE IN DENMARK AFTER ARCTIC EXPEDITION

Effort to Find Crockerland Is Futile; Controversy May Be Revived.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Ensign Fitzhugh Green, who represented the United States navy on the Crockerland Arctic expedition of 1915, and who had been given up for lost, has notified the navy department of his arrival at Copenhagen.

How many other members of the party have reached safety with him is not known here. The American legation will take immediate steps to assist Green and others of the ill-fated expedition.

Incidentally, the so-called Crockerland which Peary believed he had discovered is not referred to as existing in Ensign Green's report. This may start a revival of the Cook-Peary controversy.

The expedition was sent out under the joint auspices of the American Museum of Natural History, the American Geographical society and the University of Illinois. Before it left New York on the steamship Diana, fitted out for the purpose, Ensign Green was assigned to represent the government, together with Jerome Lee Allen, a young electrician of the navy department. It now develops that Green declined to give up the search for the elusive Crockerland, even when almost insurmountable difficulties broke up the party and threatened it with starvation. He felt that he was under orders to find it if possible, and kept up the perilous sledge journey, even when conditions were most unfavorable.

A relief ship, the George B. Cluett, found Green in 1914, and when the vessel became frozen in the ice, he started a dangerous sledge journey across Melville bay, with the object of reaching Edgedesmeide, in southern Greenland.

By this time it was evident that only quick action could bring relief, either to the main party of the expedition or the first relief party which had gone to succor it. The Crockerland committee had the steamer Denmark in southern Greenland to meet the expected emergency.

GREEK BORDER BATTLEGROUND OF TEN NATIONS

Turkey Is Sending Reinforcements Into Bulgaria in an Effort to Check the Advance of the Allied Troops.

AUSTRIA WILL BE ASKED TO SEND DETACHMENTS

Allies Take the Offensive in Valley of the River Vardar.

London, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—A great battle of nations, with the troops of nearly every belligerent involved, is gradually developing in the Balkans as the fighting along the 150 mile front increases in fury.

Turkey is sending reinforcements into Bulgaria, according to an Athens dispatch today. At least one division of Turkish soldiers is en route to join the Bulgarians in the attack on the allied lines, while another division will be placed to threaten Roumania should that country decide to enter the war on the side of the allies.

Austria will be asked to send a few detachments to the Greek border to join the Bulgarians, Germans and Turks in resisting the combined attacks of French, English, Russians, Italians, Serbians and Montenegrins. In no endeavor have so many nations been in clash along one battlefield.

Forced to yield advanced positions under the first Bulgarian attacks, the allies have reformed their lines and are strongly on the offensive in the Vardar valley, northwest of Saloniki. On the wings, the Bulgarians have made further night advances by reason of their numerical superiority, but Anglo-French artillery and the stubborn resistance of the Serbs has considerably checked the momentum of the advancing enemy forces.

All press dispatches from Roumania bear evidence of close censorship, but from a direct source it was reported that fighting in the Balkans has caused a profound impression in Bucharest.

But despite warlike reports brought to London in a roundabout way, many persons well informed on the Balkan situation do not believe that Roumania will enter the war, at least until the allies have advanced up the Vardar valley and have scored decisive gains against the Bulgarians. It has been known here for several weeks that the third Roumanian army was mobilized and in readiness for instant service, but there has been no other positive evidence of military movements to warrant the belief that Roumania is about to declare war.

Greece Refuses to Enter.

Athens, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—It is stated here that General Sarrailh does not intend to precipitate an offensive upon the initiation of the Bulgarian raiders. It seems impossible that the electoral campaign can open earlier than September, the date originally fixed.

Kavalla, Drama, and Seres returned 45 members, but the Greek population is fleeing in masses from those parts. It is said that as many as 2,000 refugees are hurrying towards the French and British lines.

The German and Bulgarian governments have given orders to their troops not to enter Kavalla, Drama or Seres, it is said.

Albanians Join Allies.

Saloniki, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—A contingent of Albanians landed here today to reinforce the allied forces.

Mercury in N. Y. Passes Century Mark

Weather on Street Mocks Forecaster's Official Assertion Temperature Only 90; Shower Not Yet Arrived.

New York, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—Street thermometers registered 100 in the shade in New York today and as high as 118 in the sun, in mockery of the assertion of the weather man, high on top of the Whitehall building, that the official temperature at 2 o'clock was 90.

The prognosticator's welcome promise of thunder showers had not come true at that hour, although there was water to spare in the air, humidity ranging above 80. Three deaths and many prostrations were reported.

Indications Are Mercury Will Go to Higher Mark

Yesterday's temperature set a high mark for the year with 92.1 degrees and at noon today the mercury stood one degree higher than at noon yesterday indicating the probability that the record will be surpassed before the afternoon closes. Previous to yesterday the highest mark reached was on June 15, when the thermometer indicated 91.7 degrees. Hourly temperatures today are:

5 a. m.	83
6 a. m.	85
7 a. m.	87
8 a. m.	89
9 a. m.	90
10 a. m.	92
11 a. m.	95
12 noon	97
1 p. m.	98
2 p. m.	99
3 p. m.	91

Trade Commission to Meet Lumbermen

Final Hearing to Be Held on Conditions of Industry With View of Recommending Aid.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—The federal trade commission today announced that a final conference would be held with leading lumbermen shortly, preliminary to drafting a report on the disturbed conditions of the lumber industry and recommendations for a federal policy.

State Employee Gets His Wife on the Payroll

Dr. J. N. Smith of Feeble-Minded Home, Discharges Woman for "Nothing in Particular."

Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the state institution for feeble minded, yesterday discharged the matron, Mrs. Minnie E. Root, and immediately appointed a new matron at the institution long before Dr. Smith was appointed superintendent, and so far as is known, no word of complaint has been heard against her.

Asked today for the reason for making the change, Dr. Smith replied: "Nothing in particular."

Mrs. Root has appealed to members of the state board for protection against Dr. Smith's action. Tears streamed from her eyes as she told them that she was supporting two children in school, and that the \$65 a month she received as matron meant everything to her.

Dr. Smith, as superintendent, receives \$2,500 a year and now his wife's name will go on the state payroll at \$5 a month. Mrs. Smith is quite a society leader and gives much of her time to social affairs.

Dr. Smith was appointed superintendent about a year ago, succeeding Dr. J. H. Thompson, who was discharged by the state board of health and State Treasurer Kay for apparent political reasons.

Slip of a Girl Draws Salary From County

Clerk Hennessy of District Court and Brother-in-law of Commissioner Lightner Names Daughter Deputy.

County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman wrote a letter of protest to the district judge this morning complaining against the action of Frank Hennessy, clerk of the district court, in appointing his daughter as deputy clerk of his office at a salary of \$80 a month.

Mr. Holman says that Hennessy, who is a brother-in-law of Commissioner Lightner, asked for an appointment in the clerk's office during the summer months. The request was granted and the deputy was appointed on July 20, to serve until September 1.

In a letter written to Hennessy this morning Mr. Holman said: "You asked the county commissioners for an additional deputy clerk for the summer months. Believing that the request was made in good faith, we granted it. I now find that you have appointed your daughter, a minor, as deputy clerk. I consider this an absolute breach of confidence and protest against it."

In his letter to the district judge, and whose administration is in the office is, Commissioner Holman said that he does not approve of such action. He asks that the judges take action in the matter.

"I feel sorry for the girl," Mr. Holman said this morning, "but such methods should not be permitted. The idea of a 13-year-old girl drawing a salary of \$80 a month."

Attacking Enemy's Location Unknown

Hostile Battleship Fleet Is Approaching Atlantic Coast in Greatest of Navy's War Games.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—Scouts of the defending fleet have not yet located the hostile battleship squadron bearing down on the Atlantic coast today in the navy's biggest war game.

Seventeen destroyers and seven cruisers, under command of Admiral Clegg, are scouring the Atlantic for the attacking fleet. Admiral Helm, commanding the battleship squadron of the defenders, is waiting for the radio flash from one of the scout ships to tell where the enemy is.

The only evidence the navy strategy board has of the existence of the enemy fleet is a number of code messages picked up by the scouts. The board has not yet been able to decipher any of these.

Admiral Helm is thought to be holding Admiral Grant in charge of 15 submarines in the Atlantic, and as soon as a line is obtained on the point likely to be attacked by the invaders.

Republican Nominee, Hughes Cannot Reconcile Elements, Declares Vance McCormick.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—"The re-united Republican party is a myth," Hughes cannot reconcile the elements," said Vance McCormick, chairman of the national Democratic committee, today in a speech at the east for a conference with western Democratic campaign managers.

McCormick made the statement when asked if he believed the Progressives are ever likely to be back to the old party.

He said running President Wilson's campaign for reelection was a snap in comparison to the job of running one for Hughes.

COOS BAY BIG PIVOTAL POINT FOR TOMORROW

Veritable Pacific Coast Congress of Special Trains Will Assemble in Honor of Railroad Jubilee Planned.

VISITORS ASSURED A HOSPITABLE WELCOME

The Journal Special Train Will Leave Portland at 11 o'Clock Tonight.

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The Journal Special for Coos Bay leaves the Union depot tonight at 11 o'clock sharp. The train will be ready at the Union station at 9:30 p. m., and excursionists may go aboard at that time. The train will be found close to the main gate at the depot. The Chamber of Commerce Special leaves for Coos Bay at 11:15 p. m. This train also will be ready for its passengers at 9:30 o'clock. At 9:45 there will be rehearsal on both trains of Coos Bay songs.

A veritable Pacific coast congress of special trains will assemble at Coos Bay tomorrow.

Oregon and California will join at Coos Bay tomorrow in celebrating the completion of the \$12,000,000 Willamette-Pacific railroad.

Representative business men of Portland, Salem, Eugene, Albany, Roseburg and Sun Prairie, who join with Marshfield, North Bend and other Coos Bay communities in jubilation over the fact that the new railroad has shortened the time of travel to Coos Bay from days to hours.

From Portland will go twin specials carrying a delegation of about 300. The Journal special leaves at 11 o'clock tonight. The Chamber of Commerce special leaves 15 minutes later.

To Visit Main Points.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be spent at Coos Bay—Thursday at North Bend, Friday in visiting Coos county points, and Saturday at Marshfield. The train will be parked at Coos Bay.

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Men on Border Will Be Paid Immediately

Delay Due to Effort of Quartermaster to Economize in Estimates, Senator Chamberlain Ascertains.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Chamberlain a few days ago started an inquiry as to why Oregon soldiers on the border are not paid. He is now informed by General Sharpe that the delay is due to failure of the quartermaster at Fort Rosecrans to submit estimates for the general fund.

The commanding general of the western department states that instructions have been given to pay the men immediately. The quartermaster is reported to have been economizing in his estimates because he was forced to stretch the funds under the emergency extension acts up to the time the regular appropriation bill recently becomes law. The order now given will enable payment of the men for the months of July and August.

Meat Packers Said to Influence Bakers

Representative Rainey Announces He Will Place Data Before Federal Trade Commission.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—Representative Rainey of Illinois announced this afternoon that he will lay before the federal trade commission data which will show Chicago's meat packing interests are behind the agitation for higher bread prices.

Rainey declared the packers, having fixed meat prices, recently got control of one of the largest bakeries in the world, and will replace the 5 cent loaf with a 6 cent loaf.

Bandits Over Border, Fire Upon Americans

Report That Mexicans Fired into Barn Housing Seven Men to Be Probed—None Was Injured by Fire.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—A rigid investigation of reports that five Mexican bandits crossed the Rio Grande river and fired 20 shots into a barn 10 miles west of El Paso last Sunday night was ordered today by General George Bell Jr., commanding here.

In the barn at the time of the reported attack were five Americans and two Mexicans. Bullet holes were found in the building.

No reason for the reported attack was given by the men in the building, none of whom was injured.

Refuses to Use the City Water to Spite Law

Man Who Preferred Jail Sentence to Paying Fine Insists He Is Right.

P. Stein, pawnbroker of 26 North Sixth street, served four days in jail because he refused to pay a \$15 fine assessed by Municipal Judge Langguth for refusing to allow a water bureau inspector to go on his premises.

Still contending that he was right even though he had spent four days in thinking the matter over, Stein appeared before the city council today. "Am I right or wrong?" asked Stein. "You're wrong," said the council. "Just wanted to know," said Stein, still contending that he was right.

Stein said that he had been getting no water through the store services for six months and did not believe that the city had the right to inspect his premises.

"I wouldn't use city water for the next 20 years, if I live that long," said Stein.

"I can get along without water, I can drink beer or whiskey. I've been a vegetarian for 18 years. When I was in jail I didn't eat meat. I traded it with another man for his bread. I ought to get a rebate."

MEN TO TREAT WITH MEXICO CHOSEN BY SECRETARY LANSING

Arrangements for Meeting Are Now Being Made at Washington.

Washington, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—General Villa is now hiding in the mountains of Durango with only a small force, General Pershing reported to the war department today.

Pershing's message said: "My last report regarding Villa reported advancing on Durango, but now reported incorrect. Villa had only small following. He avoided Parral and places occupied by Carranza troops. He was making his way down into Durango. Probably now hiding in the mountains. Until recently Villa had been hiding since being driven to mountains of southern Chihuahua by our troops last April. His attempt to obtain following reported as total failure. Opinion seems general that Villa prestige is gone and that he can never again become serious factor in Mexican affairs."

Washington, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Mexican Ambassador-Designate Arredondo and Secretary of State Lansing held a conference here today to perfect arrangements for the meeting of the joint commission which will consider the various matters in dispute between the two governments.

The joint Mexican-American commission will begin its meetings the first week in September, it was announced today. The exact date will be settled after conferences between the commissioners.

The American members of the commission are Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior; Judge George Gray of Delaware, and John A. Mott of New York. All three have accepted.

Judge Gray is a personal friend of the president and served on the peace commission after the Spanish-American war. He was also a member of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

John R. Mott is said to be a personal friend of both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. Both Judge Gray and Mr. Mott were educated at Princeton.

It is believed that the commission will select as a place to carry on the deliberations one of the seashore resorts not far removed from Shadow Lawn, N. J., which will be the summer capital after the adjournment of congress.

The administration, it is claimed, is ready to concede promptly the demand that General Pershing's forces be brought back to the border.

Hungary Referred to as Friend of England

Emphasis Placed on Former Friendship by London Papers Regarded as Pointing to Separate Peace.

London, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Several editorials appeared in the London papers today emphasizing the former friendship between England and Hungary and stating that Hungary is an enemy only because she is allied with Germany.

These may have significance, but any movement toward a separate peace with Budapest is dependent entirely upon Roumania's course in the next month.

INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY AT OREGON PRISON

Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay Get Busy Following the Governor's Call for Help.

WARDEN MINTO MAY BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE

Official Jealousies and Bickerings Held to Be Partly Responsible

By Will T. Kirk.
Salem, Or., Aug. 23.—Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay today began a personal investigation of conditions in the state penitentiary. They have spent most of the day at the prison.

Governor Withycombe, who departed Monday at a meeting of the state board that the convicts were on the verge of mutiny and conditions were so bad at the prison that he wanted authority to appoint a commission to investigate and report, is out of the city and is not expected back until the last of the week.

While it is not expected any official action will be taken until the Governor returns, the secretary of state and state treasurer have rolled up their sleeves with the evident purpose of pitching into the house-keeping themselves without waiting for the advice of anyone else.

Here is about what may be expected.

Will Give Minto Chance.

Warden John Minto will be given a fair chance to make good. Some believe he has not had a fair chance, if he fails in putting the institution in better condition and keeping it there he might as well hand in his resignation.

One of the first things Minto probably will do will be to attempt to discharge Joe Keller, parole officer, and leader of the faction which is fighting Minto. A legal question may be involved here, as it is understood the governor contends he alone has authority to appoint and remove the parole officer. The question undoubtedly will have to go to the attorney general for an opinion.

Joe Keller, whose fame was not of

RUSSIANS CLAIM TWO HEIGHTS ON HUNGARIAN FRONTIER ARE TAKEN

Petrograd Says That Victories at Many Points Are Won Over the Turks.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Capture by the Russians of two heights on the Hungarian frontier, one north and the other south of the Koverla mountains, was claimed in an official announcement made from the war office here today. The Koverla mountains lie south of Jablonitz pass.

"South of Krevo enemy gas attacks were repelled. "Hostile aeroplanes dropped 100 bombs on the railway station at Manevitch."

"The enemy offensive on the Sereth river south of Broday has been repulsed. "Southwest of Ardjeus our forces captured two heights, one north and the other south of the Koverla mountains."

Announcement was also made that the Turkish offensive in southern Armenia has been checked. It was declared the Russians had gained victories at many points in the Turkish fighting.

Two Geologists Held as American Spies

Eagle Pass, Texas, Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—Charged with being American spies, Dr. Walter Staub, a Swiss, and Malcolm Muir, an Englishman, were arrested by the Mexican authorities at Piedras Blancas today. They were held for 48 hours on a bread and water diet.

R. W. A. Marshall, British consul, wired to Ambassador Spring-Rice today and also sent a telegram to General Carranza, asking the immediate release of Muir. W. P. Blocker, United States consul, has taken the matter up with the state department. The two men were examining geologists for the Corona Oil company at Tampico. Both had passports from the Mexican military commander at Tampico.

German Battleship Damaged.

London, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Semi-official announcement was made in Berlin today that the German battleship Westfalen was slightly damaged on Saturday by a British submarine's torpedo, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

Appointment Is Confirmed.

Peking, Aug. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Premier Li Yuan-hung today confirmed President Li Yuan-hung's appointment of Tuan Chi Jui as premier.