

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.

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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.



ENSIGN GREEN IS SAFE IN DENMARK AFTER ARCTIC EXPEDITION

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Trade Commission to Meet Lumbermen

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GREEK BORDER BARRELS ON 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.

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PROGRESSIVE LEADER TAKES UP CUDGEL IN WILSON'S BEHALF

John P. Rusk of La Grande, Or., Rebels at the Political Company of Hughes.

La Grande, Or., Aug. 23.—(U. P.)—Colonel William Hanley, Woodrow Wilson League Banquet, Portland, Or.

Mercury in N. Y. Passes Century Mark

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, Hugh Hughes, that the mercury would reach the century mark at noon today.

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.

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.

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 in his office at 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.

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.

Re-united Party Is Declared a Myth

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, as he spoke at a luncheon today from the east for a conference with western Democratic campaign managers.

GOOS 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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Men on Border Will Be Paid Immediately

Delays 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.

Bandits Over Border, Fire Upon Americans

Report That Mexicans Fired into Barn Kissing 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.

Sharpest Temblor Since 1906 Is Felt

Eureka Experiences Earthquake at 6:55 This Morning, but So Far No Damage Reported.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 23.—(P. N. S.)—Eureka was visited by the sharpest earthquake today felt there since 1906. The first tremors came at 6:55 o'clock this morning, but so far no damage has been reported.

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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.

MEN TO TREAT WITH MEXICO CHOSEN BY SECRETARY LANSING

Arrangements for Meeting Are Now Being Made at Washington.

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

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

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INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY 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

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.

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.

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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 Hong's appointment of Tuan Chi Jui as premier.

Measure Includes Original Revision of Articles of War in Place of That of Representative Hayes.

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