

TRYING TO AVERT THREATENED STRIKE RAILWAY TRAINMEN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Judge William L. Chambers, commissioner of the United States board of mediation and conciliation conferred with President Wilson today over the threatened strike of 400,000 railroad employees. They discussed every phase of the situation but Judge Chambers told the president he believed there was nothing formal that the federal government could do until the railroad officials and the union officials meet again next week after the counting of the strike vote has been completed.

Judge Chambers thinks that the situation is not hopeless and that there is still a chance for the employers and employees to reach an agreement. The board of mediation and conciliation expects to be called in if such a break appears inevitable.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—It is expected that the conference committee of the railroad managers will again refuse the men's demands at the meeting next Tuesday and that the managers will advocate arbitration by the interstate commerce commission or the federal board of mediation; or that the strike be settled under the Newlands act of 1914 by a commission of six men, two to be appointed from either side and two to be neutral. It is not regarded as likely that the labor leaders will consent to this.

In case of a deadlock the railway managers look to President Wilson to take a hand in the controversy by calling representatives of both sides to Washington and notifying them they must compose their differences in the public interest.

AIRSHIPS BOMBARD SUEZ CANAL SHIPS

LONDON, Aug. 4.—A bombardment of shipping on the Suez canal by hostile aeroplanes was announced today by an official statement. The attack was carried out by two machines over Lake Timsah, 45 miles south of Port Said. The town of Ismailia, on the lake border, also was bombed. No damage was done by either attack, according to the official statement, which says:

"Two enemy aeroplanes dropped a large number of bombs in an attack on shipping on Lake Timsah and the town of Ismailia on Thursday. No damage was done.

"An aviator was brought down and his machine wrecked in combat with a British machine on Wednesday, near Salmania."

MARTHA'S VINDICATION AT PAGE TONIGHT

Four Triangle players, Norma Talmadge, Tully Marshall, Ralph Lewis and Seena Owen, are featured in the new Griffith-Triangle drama, "Martha's Vindication," which will be shown today and tomorrow at the Page theater.

"Martha's Vindication" is a motion picture story of vital theme, new material, admirable structure, artistic treatment and interpreted by a cluster of stars. That is saying a great deal, but it comes over like a refreshing draught of cool water, sparkling and invigorating, in comparison with a lot of stale beer of adaptation from exhausted sources. While all the story elements are present, there is a strong undercurrent of protest against religious bigotry, particularly that of organizations which arrogate to themselves the privilege of making a superficial examination of the lives of members and bringing about social destruction where social helpfulness would be more in accord with the spirit of Christianity. This is popular motif just now, particularly in the smaller towns, hence "Martha's Vindication" will meet with warm approval among big-hearted and magnanimous American people throughout the land.

The story is far from being an easy one to tell, but its structure is without blemish, and the sparkling subtleties help every inch of the way. The author is to be congratulated for getting away from the beaten, trite into new fields without wandering or wasting time. Interest never wanes.

Fatty Arbuckle in devilish honors in a sparkling Keystone comedy that satisfies, entitled the "Other Man."

Medford Boosters Smoke The Medford and Mt. Pitt Cigars.

ATHLETIC GIRLS ROUGH ON RECORDS: NO TRACK MARK IS SAFE NOWADAY FROM THE FAIR ONES



Miss Elizabeth Faville (at left) and Miss Alice Gronauer (at right).

Girls athletes have made the season of 1915 one long to be remembered in athletics. In every college or university where meets were staged at least one record was shattered or equaled. Among the notable performances were those of girls who competed in baseball throwing events in Wisconsin.

Twice during the spring girls in the Badger state bettered former records. Miss Gladys Palmer of Oak Park, Ill., set a new world's mark in May, throwing 227 feet. This mark went by the boards when Miss Elizabeth Faville of Lake Mills, Wis., in a girls' contest at

Milwaukee-Dowder college, an exclusive school for women, broke Miss Palmer's record by a foot, throwing 228 feet. She is said to have scored 240 feet in practice.

Miss Faville was pressed by Miss Alice Gronauer of Memphis, Tenn., who smashed the college record but could not equal the mark set by Miss Faville. The latter in two other contests, the same day, broke the records of her college by throwing a basketball 71 feet 11 1/2 inches and putting the five-pound shot 34 feet and 4 1/2 inches.

Miss Helen Hewitt, a freshman coed at the University of Nebraska, also performed spectacular feats in athletics. Girls attending Vassar, Leeland Stanford, Brown Mawr, Lake Erie College and other colleges, starred in sprints, hurdles, weight throwing contests, swimming, tennis, golf and basketball.

In the majority of the coeducational institutions of the country, athletics have been made compulsory and the girls go in for all branches with keen interest.

TREATY SIGNED FOR PURCHASE DANISH WEST INDIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Acting Secretary Polk announced today that the treaty by which the United States is to purchase the Danish West Indies from Denmark for \$25,000,000 was signed at New York this morning by Secretary Lansing and Minister Constantia Brun.

The treaty provides for the transfer to the United States of three islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John, which have been the subject of negotiations between the United States and Denmark for many years.

It is understood that the administration will ask for ratification by the senate before the end of the present session and while there may be some objection to the price, no really serious opposition is expected.

Secretary Lansing, who has been spending his vacation at Watertown, N. Y., went to New York to meet Minister Brun.

TWO SUBMARINES LOST BY ITALIANS

ROME, Aug. 4.—The loss of two Italian submarines is officially announced. The statement says that the under-sea craft "left with orders on a mission to the enemy coast a long time ago. As they have failed to return to their base, they are considered lost."

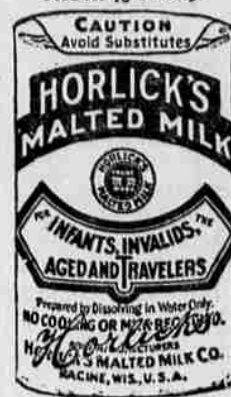
A Vienna dispatch of August 3, reported the capture of the Italian submarine Giacinto Pullino by the Austrians in the North Adriatic. It was stated the submarine, which was one of the largest owned by Italy, was almost undamaged and her crew had been taken prisoner.

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WENATCHEE WINESAPS BELGIAN PROGRESS IN EAST AFRICA

The announcement made from New York by telegraph and appearing as a dispatch dated July 21, in Commercial and Trade newspapers of apple-world interest, that Steinhart & Kelly had realized a wholesale figure of \$3.75 to \$4 per box for Wenatchee Winesaps, has caused lively interest among fruit men. While the dispatch did not mention that this important sale was of Skookum apples, it is definitely established that these record-price apples were Skookum brand apples, sold by the Northwestern Fruit Exchange to Steinhart & Kelly. This New York concern has been a heavy buyer of Skookum apples from the Northwestern Fruit Exchange for two years, and this latter concern was promptly advised by its New York representatives of the sale and the fact that the apples were Skookums.

MEXICO TO ACT SOON

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say to your excellency that the first chief of the constitutionalist army in charge of the executive power of the Mexican republic, congratulates himself upon the laudable efforts of the American government to arrive at a solution of existing difficulties between the two countries and to that effect, considering it of the greatest importance that a prompt decision be reached of the points, which have caused the existing differences between the United States and Mexico, referred to in the note of the Mexican government, dated July 4, last, has seen fit to appoint at once a commission of three persons constituted by Licenciado Luis Cabrera, Engineer Ignacio Bonillas and Engineer Alberto Pani, to whom instructions have been given to devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note of this department.

FAIRBANKS PLANS CAMPAIGN TOUR

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The Republican National Campaign leaders announced today that Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, vice-presidential nominee on the Republican ticket will make a campaign tour of the country, similar to that now planned for Charles E. Hughes. It was said at the headquarters that Mr. Fairbanks will follow Mr. Hughes over virtually the same ground later in the campaign.

The work of installing streamer lamps on Main street has been delayed, pending the arrival of a quantity of material, including the 500 5-watt lamps specified in the contract with the California-Oregon Power Co.

OBITUARY.

Died—William Payne, aged 88 years, died at the home of his son, Frank Payne at Sams Valley Thursday, August 3, from old age. The deceased, who is one of the pioneers of the Rogue River Valley, leaves four sons. Mr. Payne and his cabin figured prominently in the pioneer section of the Medford movies, staged a year ago. Burial will be in the Sams Valley cemetery today.

Died—Lucinda Iowa Peart, died at her home in Central Point, after an illness of a year Thursday, August 3, aged 62 years, 10 months. Mrs. Peart who was a native of Iowa, had been a resident of Central Point for the past 17 years and of the county for 32 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star Nevia, Chapter No. 93. She leaves her husband, B. F. Peart and eight children, L. B. Peart of Grafton, Cal., J. W. Peart of Phoenix, B. G. Peart of Medford, George C. Peart of Central Point, Mrs. E. C. Bennett of Central Point, Homer R. Peart of Chico, Cal., Luke L. Peart of Chico, and Lela Peart of Central Point. She was a devoted wife and mother and leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her demise. The funeral will be held at the family residence in Central Point. Burial will be in the Jacksonville cemetery Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The funeral will be in charge of the Eastern Star.

assurance of my highest consideration. "C. AUGLAR, Secretary of Foreign relations: "I avail myself of this few occasion to renew to your excellency the assurance of my highest consideration. E. ORREDONDO."

To Learn Soon. MEXICO CITY, Aug. 4.—The departure from Mexico City for the United States of Luis Cabrera and Alberto Pani, who with Ynacio Bonillas, have been selected to reach a settlement with the United States commissioners of the questions at issue between the two countries, will not be long delayed, according to the general belief here. It is possible that the commissioners may travel north on one of the vessels of the Mexican navy, the Bravo or the Zaragoza, which are now at Vera Cruz. If it appears that their departure would be delayed by the infrequent sailing of merchant vessels.

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