

GIGANTIC RAILROAD STRIKE IS AVERTED

MEDIATION
ACCEPTED BY
TRAINMEN

Threatened strike of 400,000 Railroad Employees Averted When Railroad Brotherhoods Accept Proffer of United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation to Mediate Their Differences With Railroads—Managers Also Accept Proffer.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The threatened strike of the 400,000 railroad employes of the United States was averted today when the railroad brotherhoods accepted a proffer of the United States board of mediation and conciliation to mediate their differences with the railroads.

The national conference of railroad managers today rejected the men's demands and proposed that they be mediated by the federal tribunal. The brotherhoods refusing to join in an appeal to the tribunal, the railroads made an individual appeal. The federal board, which is in session here, then offered its services to the brotherhoods.

Offer Is Accepted
Announcement of the acceptance of the offer was made by A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, after it had been delivered by G. W. W. Hanger, a member of the board, following an appeal to that body to intervene made today by the national conference of railroad managers.

Mr. Garretson said he had informed the board that the offer was accepted on the condition that "its good offices are promptly exercised." The federal board, which is composed of Mr. Hanger, Martin A. Knapp and Judge W. L. Chambers, was prepared to begin conferences with the respective sides of the controversy before night. It was understood although at the time of Mr. Garretson's announcement the board had not been officially informed of the acceptance.

Garretson's Statement.
"The federal board of mediation and conciliation has notified us," read Mr. Garretson's statement, "that it has received the request of the managers' conference committee to exercise its friendly offices in an effort to bring about an amicable settlement of the questions that exist between the conference committee of the managers and ourselves. Our answer was to the effect that we would accept the mediators' proffer of their friendly offices provided it was promptly exercised."

"The procedure of the federal board is to meet each side separately, learn their attitude and attempt to obtain concessions from each as a basis on which a settlement can be reached when they are again brought together."

After the delivery of the brotherhoods' acceptance of the offer, the federal board made arrangements to confer with the railroad managers this afternoon.

PRICE OF FLOUR
AGAIN ADVANCED

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 9.—Millers announced here today that the price of flour in the northwest will be advanced tomorrow at least 20 cents a barrel and probably as high as 40 cents, as a result of the jump in wheat quotations. Last week a 40 cent advance in flour was recorded.

DAKOTA POSTMASTER
DROPS DEAD IN OFFICE

MITCHELL, S. D., Aug. 9.—Thos. J. Hall, postmaster of Mitchell, dropped dead today in the postoffice. He was a pioneer resident and was well known in South Dakota.

ALLIED DRIVES
SUCCESSFUL IN
EAST AND WEST

Russians Closing in on Lemberg, Occupy Tysmenitsa-Letchitzky Takes 7400 Prisoners—French and British Gain Along Somme Front—Attacks Continue Upon Verdun.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—South of the Dniester river the forces of the central powers have been withdrawn behind the Niznioff-Tysmenitsa-Otynia line. This retirement by the Austro-Germans was announced officially today by the German army headquarters staff.

Tysmenitsa Captured.
PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—Announcement was made today by the war office that the Russians have occupied Tysmenitsa, in Galicia on the river Vorone.

On August 7 General Letchitzky's army took 7400 prisoners, including 3500 Germans and 63 machine guns. Tysmenitsa is about eight miles east of the important Galician town of Stanislan, which is on the railroad between Lemberg and Kolomca. It is over this ground that the Russians achieved their recent important victory, announcement of which was made yesterday, breaking through the Austrian lines on a front of 15 miles.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—A further advance by the British on the Somme front north of Pozieres was announced by the war office today.

On Somme Front.
PARIS, Aug. 9.—General Joffre's methodical offensive continues relentlessly its slow pressure in both theaters of the western front.

On the right bank of the Meuse General Neville has extended his offensive to the Vaux-Chapitre-Le Chenois region, where he has gained a local success. In the Fleury-Thiaumont zone he is more than holding his own. In the latter district the Germans are concentrating all their efforts and exceptionally strenuous fighting continued there throughout the night and day. The Germans succeeded in once more getting a footing in the Thiaumont works, but all their efforts to capture the French trenches on the commanding positions to the northwest and south proved in vain. In consequence their position became untenable and a well directed counter attack forced them back, leaving the French again in possession of the work.

North of the Somme, from the river to where the French line joins the British, General Joffre acting in close relation with General Haig, has made systematic progress. In the last three days the French have won trench after trench along a four mile line in length and have now pushed forward their whole line for a distance of half a mile.

Berlin Claims Repulse.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—Attacks by the British and French north of the Somme have been checked with heavy losses to the assaulting forces, the war office announced today. Nearly 400 British were taken prisoner and six of their machine guns captured.

HERRICK OPPOSES
POMERENE IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 9.—Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, former ambassador to France, for United States senator, and Frank B. Willis, incumbent for governor on the republican ticket, Alice Pomerene, incumbent for senator, and former Governor James M. Cox, for governor on the democratic ticket will be the rival party standard bearers in the Ohio campaign as a result of the state-wide primaries yesterday. All four were nominated by majorities so decisive as to leave no doubt.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE NOW TOURING THE WEST



Charles E. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes are here shown on the lawn of their summer home on the eve of the departure of the republican presidential candidate on a speaking tour that probably will equal, if not surpass, in the amount of territory covered, any stumping trip ever made by a presidential candidate.

FRENCH SHELLING
CITY OF PERONNE
SETTING IT AFLAME

GERMAN GREAT HEADQUARTERS, via Berlin, Aug. 8, and London Aug. 9.—Since yesterday the famous old French city of Peronne has been under French artillery fire, resulting in a great conflagration which threatens to wipe it out. Already the fine collection of paintings of Italian and Flemish masters has been destroyed by shells which landed squarely on the city hall, where the most valuable are objects from the museum had been housed for protection.

In addition to the paintings which were torn to shreds, the shells destroyed unreplaceable collections of medieval German silver and semi-precious stone work, Celtic coins dating from the time of the Roman invasion and medallions. Houses in some streets were reduced to ashes. It is considered doubtful whether Peronne's celebrated wood houses in the late Gothic style and the Cathedral of St. John can be saved from the flames.

GERARD ASKS TO
SEE THE KAISER

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Berlin telegrams state that the American ambassador, James W. Gerard, asked an audience of Emperor William in order to hand him an autograph letter from President Wilson, in which the president outlines his wishes concerning the feeding of the population of Poland," the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company wired today.

The letter is believed to be of high political importance, though no mention is made of an offer of peace mediation.

Ambassador Gerard will probably join the emperor at the western headquarters.

INFANT PARALYSIS
BREAKS DEATH RECORDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis broke all previous death records here today. The plague killed 57 children during the 24-hour period ending at 10 a. m. One hundred and eighty-three new cases were reported to the health department.

SHIPPING BILL
UNDER DEBATE
IN U. S. SENATE

Second Attempt of Administration to Rehabilitate American Merchant Marine Begun—Passage of Measure Assured—Apathy Governs Debate—Early Adjournment Sought

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The second attempt of the administration to create a government shipping board to undertake rehabilitation of the American merchant marine began in the senate today under conditions in marked contrast to those which characterized the hotly fought losing struggle in the last congress.

When Senator Simmons called up the measure there was no quorum present and the sergeant at arms had to seek absentees. Before a quorum developed Senator Penrose moved that the senate adjourn and it was more than half an hour before sufficient votes could be mustered to defeat the motion.

With democrats united on the amended bill and no party revolt in prospect such an accomplished defeat of the bill before, interest in the issue was apathetic. Senator Simmons notified his colleagues that he had little to say that had not been said before and that he would not regard it as a discourtesy in senators left the chamber to attend to other business.

Informal conferences of republicans and democrats early in the day regarding the prospect to adjournment of congress disclosed that republicans were anxious to dispose of the shipping bill and other pending legislation as rapidly as possible. Senator Harding of Ohio, who will direct opposition to the shipping bill for the minority, said he thought the measure could be disposed of in less than a week.

Senator Kern informed him that sincere effort would be made to dispose of all pending business so that Congress may adjourn by September 1. Senator Harding explained that the republicans hoped that adjournment might be reached as early as Saturday, August 26.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OFFICIALS
VOTE TO SUSTAIN UMPIRES

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—National league club owners who gathered here today at a special conference which lasted for more than four hours went on record strongly supporting the league's umpires. Stringent action was taken in defense of arbiters.

HUGHES' VOICE
SHOWS STRAIN OF
MUCH SPEAKING

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 9.—The strain of unaccustomed campaigning had told somewhat upon Charles E. Hughes when he reached here today. He was fatigued and his voice was hoarse. The throat specialist accompanying him urged him to save his voice for the two meetings here and at Minneapolis and Mr. Hughes consequently refrained except in one instance from making platform speeches at five scheduled stops in Minnesota before reaching this city.

At Winona, Minn., Mr. Hughes expressed gratification in the interest of the crowd which had brought them so early to the station.

Crowds greeted the nominee also at Wabasha, Lake City, Red Wing and Hastings, where brief stops were made.

Mr. Hughes declined today to comment on the telegram sent him yesterday by Acting Secretary Sweet of the department of commerce denying charges made in the nominee's Detroit speech with reference to the retirement of E. Dana Durand of the census bureau and "an eminent scientist" of the coast and geodetic survey, who Mr. Hughes asserted, had been displaced by "an excellent stock breeder and veterinary surgeon."

BREMEN EXPECTED
AT NEW LONDON

NEW LONDON, Aug. 9.—The German submarine Bremen is expected to arrive in this port at any time, according to the New London Bay this afternoon. The Eastern Forwarding company which is the American corporation for handling the traffic of the German submarine line, is leased, has leased for one year space on the new state pier for a large warehouse, and this city will be the principal American terminal of that company.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—The report published in the United States yesterday that the German submarine had been sunk while on her way to an American port did not appear in the Berliner Tagblatt, as the dispatch in question stated, but in the Berne, Switzerland, Tagblatt. This newspaper merely stated it was "probable" the Bremen had been sunk owing to an accident to her machinery. Nothing is known of this report in London, Amsterdam or The Hague.

LANE TO HEAD
COMMISSION ON
BORDER DISPUTE

Secretary of Interior and Justice Brandies to Represent United States, With One Unnamed on Board for Settlement of Mexican Problem—Time to be Decided.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Formal announcement was made today by Acting Secretary Polk of the acceptance of General Carranza's proposal for a joint international commission to seek a solution of border disputes and to discuss other matters which may help clarify relations between the United States and Mexico. Only the time and place for the conference remain to be decided.

Lane Heads Board.
Secretary Lane of the interior department will head the American commission, supported by associate Justice Louis D. Brandies of the supreme court and a third commissioner whose name will be announced later. A telegram asking the third man to serve was sent today by President Wilson and his name will not be disclosed until his acceptance is received.

The Mexican commissioners were named some days ago, Luis Cabrera, minister of finance in the Carranza government, heading the delegation. This made necessary the appointment of the member of President Wilson's cabinet in the American membership.

Today's announcement followed a brief conference between Mr. Polk and Eliseo Arrendondo, Carranza's ambassador designate. Final assurance was given by Mr. Arrendondo that General Carranza was in complete accord with suggestions of the Washington government that the discussions of the commissioners be given the broadest possible scope. The ambassador said that his government regarded its recent note as a full answer and acceptance of Secretary Polk's suggestion that the scope be broadened.

Work of Commission.
As it begins its task the commission will be required to first report some conclusion on the specific points outlined by General Carranza in his original proposal. The first subject treated under this view would be the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, to be followed by negotiations of a portocol covering future military operations along the border. Since these two points are closely interwoven it is believed the commission will compile them together in whatever recommendations it has to make.

BRITISH PURSUE
DEFEATED TURKS

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Pressing the advantage won by the defeat of the Turks who attacked the British forces near the Suez canal, the British have driven back the Turks to a line of 15 miles east of Katia. The following official statement, with regard to these operations, was issued here today:

"Telegraphing at 8:45 o'clock last evening, the commander in chief in Egypt reports that our pursuit of the enemy in the Katia district continues. North and west the Turkish rear guard have been pressed back, while south the imperial camel corps, by a dashing attack, drove them from their entrenchments. We captured more prisoners and the enemy rear guard has now retired to about a line running north and south through Birahat, 13 miles east of Katia."

POPULATION INCREASES
161,061 BY IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Increase in population by immigration amounted to 169,061 during the fiscal year of 1916. Statistics announced today by the immigration bureau show the influx of aliens was lower than it had been for eighteen years.

ITALIAN TROOPS
ENTER AUSTRIAN
CITY OF GORIZIA

Ten Thousand Prisoners Taken by Victorious Italians—Pursued Austrians Abandon Nearly All Principal Positions on Isonzo and Carso Fronts—Beginning of Offensive.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—A Havas dispatch from Rome says the Italian flag now flies over the defenses of Gorizia. After three days of violent fighting in which the cavalry was finally brought up to reinforce the infantry, all of the defensive works of the city which had resisted the advance of the Italians fell into their hands.

Reports show, the correspondent says, that the retreating Austrians are now being pursued by Italian cavalry. The success of the Italians throughout the country, Rome, Florence, Bologna and Milan are decked with flags and demonstrations are being held by great throngs.

Offensive Just Begun.
The offensive against Gorizia had been planned for the spring, but was delayed by the Austrian attack on the Trentino front. Its prosecution now is part of the steady pressure which the entente allies are exerting on various fronts and the taking of the defenses of Gorizia is regarded in Rome as merely preliminary to an extensive movement against the Austrian eastern wing, which some observers think may eventually prove a serious menace to Vienna.

The Rome dispatch says the artillery dislodged the Austrians after which the Italian infantry rushed to successive lines of Austrian defenses. Italian reinforcements were poured in from an underground trench, which had been dug to within 50 feet of the Austrian first line.

New Bomb Hurler.
One of the surprises of the attack was the use made by the Italians of a new instrument by which large bombs were hurled with fearful effect. Some of these bombs tore wire entanglements and pulverized trenches, opening breaches through which infantry and cavalry were able to pass freely.

ROME, Aug. 9.—Italian troops have crossed the Isonzo in the vicinity of Gorizia and consolidated the further bank, the war office announced today. Occupation of the heights west of Gorizia has been completed. Italian cavalry is pursuing the Austrians beyond the river.

FRENCH BLACKLIST
AMERICAN FIRMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—A cabled report, summarizing the recent "black list" order of the French government supplementing and practically duplicating Great Britain's commercial embargo against American and other firms under the "trading with the enemy decree," has been received at the state department from Ambassador Sharp at Paris. The list of American firms affected by the order was not forwarded by the ambassador, but press reports from abroad stated it does not greatly enlarge the British "black list."

Ambassador Sharp is sending the full French black list order by mail, and officials stated today that action by this government would await its receipt with a protest similar to that made to Great Britain in prospect.

ARMY BILL NOW READY
FOR WILSON'S SIGNATURE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The army appropriation bill carrying a total of \$267,597,000 now is ready for President Wilson's signature. The house today adopted the conference report on the measure, previously adopted by the senate, without roll call.