

MEDIATION FAILS TO AVERT STRIKE OF RAILROADERS

New Form of Arbitration Offered Men—Reply Expected Sunday—President Wilson Asks to Meet Both Sides if Deadlock is Reached—Unable to Offer Compromise

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Wilson sent word today to the mediators attempting to settle the threatened railroad strike that he would like to consult with representatives of both sides before there is a break.

The president informed the mediators that a strike must be avoided and that if a deadlock were reached, he would like an opportunity to talk to the representatives of the railroad managers and employees.

Mediation Fails.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The final effort of the United States board of mediation and conciliation to settle the differences between the railroads and their 400,000 employes through mediation has failed, but the mediators today proposed to the brotherhoods a new form of arbitration, which shortly after 11 o'clock began and which ends at 1 o'clock tomorrow in executive session.

No decision was reached today by the representatives of the brotherhoods of railroad employes on the question of accepting a proposal of arbitration. They will give their answer to the United States board of mediation and conciliation tomorrow morning.

Upon the decision of the employes as to whether this form of arbitration will be accepted, depends the question of calling a nation-wide railroad strike. If the proposal is refused, the only chance of preventing a strike lies in an appeal to President Wilson to use his good offices in a last effort to bring the disputants together.

New Arbitration Proposed.

Announcement of the failure of mediation was made by Martin A. Knapp, a member of the mediation board, after a conference of the mediators with the brotherhood chiefs and delegates, which lasted more than an hour. The precise terms of the new arbitration proposal were not made public, but the proposal is understood to involve an enlargement of the arbitration board provided for under the Newlands act to 12 members. This scheme is understood to be agreeable to the railroad managers.

SUFFRAGETTES TO FIGHT DEMOCRATS IN NOVEMBER

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 12.—A plan to enter campaign activities in the twelve suffrage states and address appeals to the four million women voters of these states for support of the cause of national equal suffrage was adopted today at the closing conference of the national women's party. Party workers, assigned to the various states, were instructed to oppose the re-election of all democratic nominees, although, in keeping with the election policy adopted yesterday, active support will not be officially given the nominees of other parties.

Reports from party managers stated that organization work was well advanced. In Arizona and Wyoming it had been completed down to counties and precincts, it was announced, and most of Colorado was organized. Instructions to complete this work in other states by September 15 were given the party organizers when the speaking campaign will begin. The closing part of the campaign, officers announced, would be "spectacular."

GERMANS STRIVE DESPERATELY TO CHECK ALLIES

Heavy Attacks Delivered on British and French Lines on Somme All Repulsed—Russians Keeping Up Impressive Drive Towards Lemberg—Italians Advancing.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Persistent efforts are being made by the allies to stop the allied offensive on the Somme by counter attacking both the French and British. Heavy attacks were delivered last night on the French-British lines, but neither were successful, according to the allied war offices.

The French were attacked both north of the Somme, near Hem wood, and south of the river at La Maisonette, the artillery stopping both assaults. The attack on the British took place north of Pozieres. London declares it was nowhere successful in penetrating the British positions and resulted in heavy losses to the Germans.

In Galicia the Russians are keeping up their impressive drive towards Lemberg from the southeast. After taking Stanislaw General Letchitzky is pushing onward Halicz, the important railway junction to the north on the Dnieper and key position in the Lemberg defenses.

Petrograd reports the crossing of the Koropie river by the Russians in the region north of Buczcz.

Italians Advancing

ROME, Aug. 12.—Italian troops are advancing on the Carso plateau, the war office announced today. The Austrians are still holding out in the hills east of Gorizia.

The Italians have occupied the town of Oppacchiasella on the Carso plateau.

The town of Oppacchiasella is one mile east of the Vallone line which the Austrians were reported by the Italians yesterday to have taken up after the capture of the Dohersio plateau by the Italians. This indicates that the Italians have succeeded in pushing back the Austrians a substantial distance further after clearing the Dohersio plateau. Oppacchiasella is six miles southwest of Gorizia.

Russians Make Progress

PETROGRAD, Aug. 12.—Russian troops in Galicia have crossed the river Koropie and captured two villages, it was announced today by the war office.

The statement follows: "In the region of the middle Sereth our troops, pursuing the enemy as he retreats from his fortified positions, continue to advance on Weern. In the vicinity of Buczcz, to the north of this town, our troops are continuing their advance. They have crossed the river Ropopie at some places by the middle stream and captured the villages of Slobudakurga and Folyarki. In the direction of Monasterzy-ska we captured the railway line running between Monasterzy-ska and Czorkoff and the ground between the Iota Lipa and the Norovanka from the village of Bystriza-Scoltvina to the south. Before evening Stanjlan the enemy blew up railroad junctions and switches. Otherwise the town was quite undamaged and in perfect order."

Germans Attack

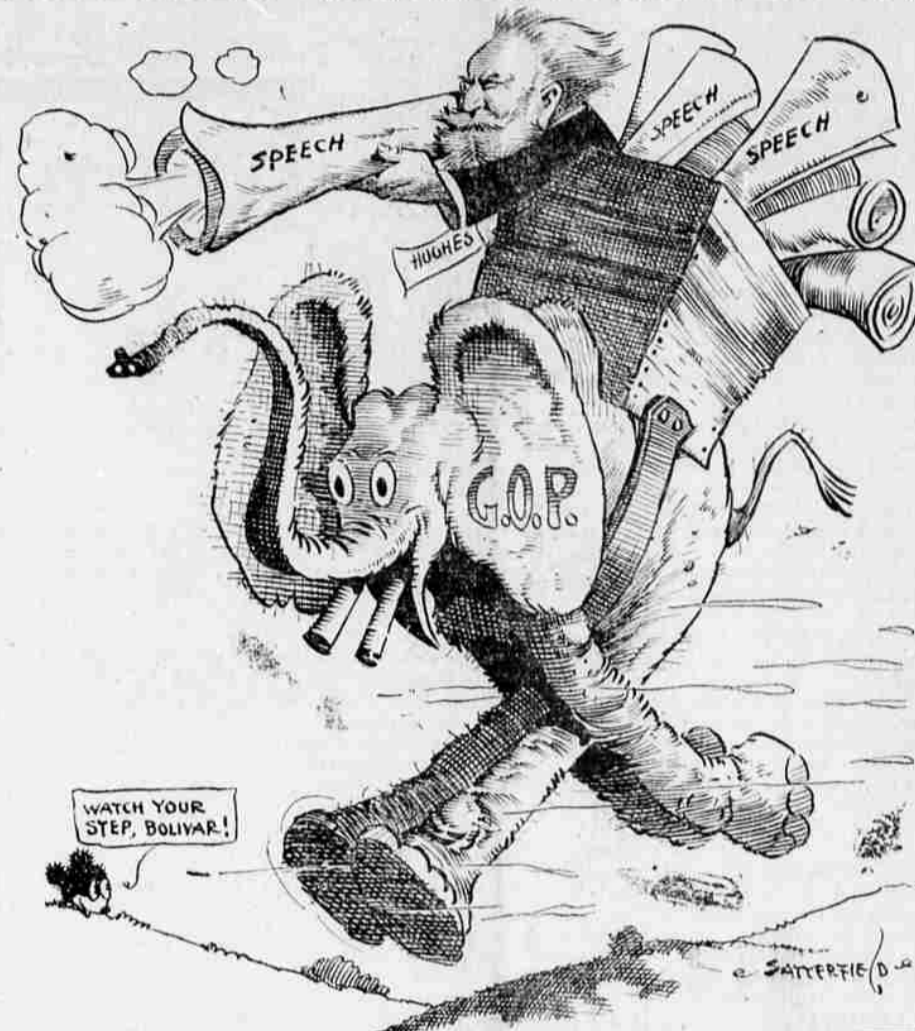
PARIS, Aug. 12.—A vigorous attack (Continued on Page Two.)

FAMOUS VENETIAN CHURCH DESTROYED

ROME, Aug. 12.—The church of Santa Formosa was destroyed in the Austrian aeroplane raid on Venice on the night of August 10. Nearly all of the works of art in the church had been removed months ago.

The church of Santa Formosa was several centuries old, its exact building date being unknown. It was remodelled in 1699. One of its altars was considered the masterpiece of Palma Vecchio. Another altar was created in 1473. The church also contained Madonnas by Savonarola and Pietro Bramassina.

ANOTHER "WESTERN DRIVE" IS ON



TURKS ADMIT REVERSE AT SUEZ BLAMING STORM

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The admission is made in a telegram received here today from Constantinople that the Turks were compelled to fall back after the recent battles with the British east of the Suez canal.

Turkish forces, which advanced for reconnaissance, made attacks on strongly consolidated positions of the enemy, the dispatch says. "They occupied the first line trenches and toward evening reached the barbed wire obstacles of the enemy's main position."

"Meanwhile a gigantic sand storm came up and impeded our left wing, preventing prosecution of the reconnaissance of this area. The enemy, assisted by detachments of troops with camels, and by reinforcements drawn from the direction of El Kantara and Duldur, took advantage of this situation. He made a surprise attack on the rear of our left wing, part of which, after long fighting, fell into his hands. We left in the position some machine guns, which we had rendered unusable."

"Owing to this incident, we withdrew our troops in the direction of Katia. On August 5 the enemy with all his forces attacked our troops encamped in the district of Katia, but was repulsed with severe loss in a counter attack. We withdrew that night to a line east of Katia."

CLOSE MOUTH OF ROGUE TO FISHING

MASHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 12.—As a result of the investigation into the salmon fishermen's war on the Rogue river, begun this week by Governor James Withycombe and the fish and game commission, it was announced today that the mouth of the stream will be closed to fishing.

A hearing will be held at Gold Beach next Friday to fix the area that will be closed to seining operations. The best seining grounds on the river will be closed but officers of the fish and game commission here stated that this would be the most effective means of ending the trouble between independent gill net fishermen and employees of the Macleay Salmon Packing company and that it would also allow more fish to reach the upper reaches of the river.

NEW CAMPAIGN OF DESTRUCTION BY SUBMARINES

Five Ships Held Up at Once and Sunk Within Sight of Each Other—Submersibles Active in Mediterranean—Japanese Steamer Destroyed—Italians and Danes Suffer.

HAVRE, Aug. 12.—Five ships were held up at once by a German submarine on Thursday morning. The commander of the submarine ordered the crew of the French steamer Marie to get into the boats and then sank the vessel with bombs in view of the crews of five other ships.

The Norwegian steamers Credo and Soro were next sent to the bottom. The other three ships were allowed to continue their voyages after being searched and their papers examined. The crews of the three sunken ships were picked up by the Danish steamer Robert and landed at Havre on Friday morning.

STEAMER ANTELOPE SUNK
MADRID, Aug. 12.—The British steamer Antelope, 1908 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. The crew took refuge in two boats one of which was picked up by the Greek steamer Nicholas Anthanassoulis. The other boat is missing.

MARSEILLES, Aug. 12.—The patrol boat 8-10 landed here tonight the crew of 46 men of the Japanese steamer Temmei Maru which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine which showed no flag. Members of the crew state the vessel was shelled without warning and that the submarine fired on boats in which they took refuge.

THE TEMMEI MARU, 3060 tons gross, was 340 feet long. She arrived at Vladivostok May 16 from New York.

ITALIAN SHIP DESTROYED
LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Italian steamship St. Sebastian has been sunk.
COPENHAGEN, Aug. 12.—The Danish steamer Storöb, bound from New Castle with 1700 casks of butter, 2000 barrels of pork and a large quantity of eggs, has been captured by the Germans and taken into Swinemunde, according to the Politikon.
A dispatch from Malmo says that a submarine sank one of a number of German steamers which were being convoyed by German armed trawlers and torpedo boats.

NEW LOAN FOR BRITISH FLOATED AT NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12. Hope was expressed in financial circles today that within a fortnight official announcement would be made that negotiations had been completed for a new loan, reported to be \$250,000,000 to Great Britain. This loan would run for two years, according to a summary published here today, with interest at 5 per cent and to be offered at 99, would be obligations of the American Foreign Securities company, which advanced \$100,000,000 to France recently or of a new corporation with which the same interests would be identified.

Securities for this loan, it is reported, will include deposits of about \$300,000,000 of Canadian, Argentine and Swiss government bonds and stocks and bonds of American railroad and industrial corporations; and principal and interest will be payable in gold in New York. As in the case of the French loan, the proposed one to Great Britain would be distributed among banks and the public by debenture notes.

The main purpose of such a loan is said to be to provide funds for payment for munitions purchased in the United States.

LITTLE CHANCE TO FEED POLAND

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The uncompromising attitude of European belligerents in the negotiations through which the United States had hoped to extend relief work in the war zones is causing keen disappointment among officials here. Three new notes on the subject were before the state department today, but none of them appeared to open any new avenue for continuation of efforts to aid the starving and homeless of the war swept areas.
Great Britain and Austria again have declared in vigorous terms their unwillingness to recede from the regulations which have operated to exclude American relief supplies from Poland and Serbia. Turkey, in a note refusing to permit a neutral commission to undertake to feed and clothe the war sufferers in Syria, apparently has endeavored to forestall any further humanitarian efforts in that quarter.

HUGHES STATES CLERK REMOVED FOR POLITICIAN

Candidate Finds New Campaign Issue in Montana—Customs House Employee Demoted—Administration Assailed as a Southern One—Foreign Policy Criticized as Weak.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 12.—Charles E. Hughes, continuing his attacks on the present administration for its appointments, today charged Secretary McAdoo "upon reliable information" with having replaced Henry N. Clapp, formerly confidential secretary to John G. Carlisle, with Daniel E. Finn, son of "Battery Dan" Finn, a Tammany leader, as assistant appraiser of merchandise at New York.

"Some months after Clapp was put out of the service," Mr. Hughes said, "through fear of criticism on the part of the department, he was made an examiner in the customs service, a much lower position than that held before and at a much lower compensation."

Southern Administration
Mr. Hughes assailed the administration as a "southern administration" and read a list of the house and senate committees which had southern men as chairmen.

"I have no criticism to make," he said, "of the honor, the respectability or the agreeable character of any of these men, but I say that an administration under which so many southerners are represented is blameworthy."

"It is not an American administration in a broad and conclusive sense."
"I want to see the south built up, it needs building up. It will never be built up, however, without republican policies being applied. I think many of the southern men are beginning to realize that. You can no more build up the south by historic democratic doctrine than you can fly through the air with the old flying machines they experimented with thirty years ago."

Pork Barrel Rules
The situation in the senate, Mr. Hughes said, was much similar to that in the house, especially with reference to the "pork barrel committees." The administration tariff policy also was assailed.

"Look what they did to the sugar industry," Mr. Hughes said. "They went ahead to wreck a great industry in many sections of the country. Later they thought better of their own action. They repented to a degree. I tell you we don't want legislation of which we will have to repent. We want some foresight in dealing with American industries."

Mr. Hughes again assailed the administration's foreign policy.
"It has led some nations to believe that what it said was not entirely ready to stand for," Mr. Hughes said. "We seriously impaired our prestige from the very beginning because of the organization of our state department."

TURKS DEFEAT RUSSIAN FORCES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 12.—The Russian forces in the Bitlis-Mush sector of Turkish Armenia have been driven back further by the Turks, the war office announced today in the following statement:
"The Russian force which owing to bad roads and the difficulties created for us by the weather, established itself on the Bitlis-Mush line has been compelled gradually to retreat, leaving guns, rifles and prisoners in our hands. The Russian retreat was caused by our heavy attacks and the pressure of our right wing on the steep chasms and heights. Our advance continues toward the passes north of Bitlis and Mush.
"In Persia our troops are continuing the pursuit of the enemy in the vicinity of Hamadan."

BALTIMORE, Aug. 12.—The danger that thousands of printers may be thrown out of work because of the high cost of white paper was said to be a question seriously concerning the delegates to the Sixty-Second annual convention of the International Typographical Union, which begins here next Monday.

DANISH SENATE OPPOSES SALE OF WEST INDIES

Rejection by Landsting Seems Assured—Probable Result Will be Dissolution of Parliament and New Election—Sale is Opposed on Political Grounds—Radicals in Favor.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 12.—The Danish landsting, or senate, on motion of its president, today decided to resolve itself into a committee to consider the bill for the ratification of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. There are apparently the best grounds for the prediction that the folketing, which today resumed its deliberations on the bill, will approve the sale. The landsting, however, seems to have a safe majority against the proceeding. The result, according to the best opinion here, will be that the rigsdag will be dissolved and a new election held under the new constitution while its going into effect was to have been postponed until after the war in the event of need be put into force immediately. The radicals and socialists who are in the majority in the lower house, favor confirmation. In the landsting, however, the conservative and left opposition appears certain to prevail.

Purely Political
Much of the opposition to confirmation of the sale is not based on economic or broader grounds, but is purely political. It is due mainly to a feeling of resentment at the attitude of the government which the objectors accuse of conducting negotiations with the United States in secrecy and of having denied that such negotiations were under way until the very moment the announcement was made that a bargain had been struck.

J. C. Christensen, former prime minister and now leader of the left in the folketing, has declared his belief that the existing rigsdag is not competent to decide the West Indies question. In the event of new elections, however, he would support confirmation. The former premier was a member of the government of 1902 which laid the proposal to sell the islands before the rigsdag. Then, as now, the upper house opposed the government proposal, and defeated confirmation.

Suffrage for Servants.
The new constitution confers the suffrage upon women and domestic servants and also reduces the age of eligibility from thirty to twenty-nine for the first general election. The total number of voters will therefore be more than doubled. Hence nobody is brave enough to attempt to forecast the probable complexion of the new rigsdag if one has to be chosen.

DEATHS INCREASE FROM PARALYSIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—An increase in both deaths and new cases in the epidemic of infantile paralysis is shown in today's bulletin of the health department. Forty-two children died of the disease during the twenty-four hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning and 167 new cases were reported as against 31 deaths and 165 new cases yesterday. Since the epidemic started in June the plague has attacked 6,145 children and there have been 1371 deaths.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Four new cases of infantile paralysis were reported here today which brings the total in Chicago up to 48.

SHORTAGE OF CARS IN OREGON SERIOUS

SALEM, Aug. 12.—Apprehension was expressed today by the Oregon public service commission that the car shortage situation would be acute within the next few days. The Southern Pacific railroad reports a shortage of 507 cars on the eve of heavy demands for cars to move the wheat crop in Oregon and the beet crop in California. Members of the commission said every effort was being made to forestall the situation.