

STILL HOPE OF AVERTING RAIL STRIKE

President Consults Both Railroad Managers and Brotherhood Chiefs and Announces That There Is No Change, But Earnest Effort Being Made for Settlement—Railroads Said to Propose to Grant Basic Eight-Hour Day.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Wilson gave out the following statement after his conference with the employes this afternoon:

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—After the committee of railroad managers had another conference with President Wilson early today it became known that a proposal was under consideration by which the railroads would accept the proposition of an eight-hour day and leave the working out of its application to the interstate commerce commission or some body formed for the purpose.

Secretary Tumulty issued the following statement:

"The president spent an hour and a half this morning with the representatives of the railroad management. After the conference he said that it was impossible as yet to report on the results. All that he could say was that a very candid and honest discussion was in progress about a practicable basis of settlement."

Just before 3 o'clock the brotherhood leaders moved to the white house to renew their conferences with the president, who it was expected would lay the railroad managers' proposal before them.

Whether this plan can be worked out will not be known until President Wilson presents it to the brotherhood leaders. The railroads are understood to be ready to concede the principle of the eight-hour day, providing concessions be made by the employes so too heavy a burden will not be placed upon the railroads.

The men take the stand that they principally want the eight-hour day on conditions that it shall be enforced whenever possible. The railroads are said to believe it impossible to accept the eight-hour day unless a workable system of application can be built up. Members of the managers' committee said they had no plans for the future and did not know whether they would be called to the white house again.

Up to General Board. It was pointed out by the employes' representatives, however, that if such a proposition were tendered in concrete form to them, they could only refer it to the general board, committee.

QUARTER MILLION LOAN TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Official announcement of a new \$250,000,000 loan to Great Britain, negotiations for which have been in progress for some time, probably will be made within a few days, it is stated in financial circles here. The loan, according to an unofficial summary of its terms obtained from banking sources, will be in the form of two 5 per cent notes, secured by deposit of collateral.

RUSSIAN DRIVE THROUGH GALICIA STILL CONTINUES

Kaiser Returns to Eastern Front—Slav Advance Halted in Volhynia, But Unchecked to South—Halicz Menaced—French Recapture German Trenches.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Russian troops have occupied Jablotinza, in the Carpathian region about 30 miles southwest of Kolomea, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrogram tonight.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Emperor William is again on the eastern front, where the Austrian armies are struggling desperately to withstand the heavy strokes of the Russians in Galicia and Volhynia. In the latter region the opposing forces apparently are at a standstill, but in Galicia the rapid onward sweep of General Brusiloff is continuing.

Petrograd today reports the Russians crossing to the west banks of the Zlota Lipa river at some points. Farther south General Letchitzky is continuing his advance below Halicz. The British war office today reports the clearing of the Germans from nearly all the trenches in the Pozieres region in which they gained a footing Sunday. The French in the Verdun region, according to Paris, have recaptured German trenches in the Vaux-Fleury sector.

Rome announces further advances for the Italians in their campaign on the Carso plateau, southwest of Gorizia. The city of Tolmino has been captured.

The Italian navy has lost one of its big dreadnaughts, according to a Turin dispatch, which tells of the blowing up of the 22,000-ton Leonardo Davinci in Taranto harbor as the result of a fire. Of the crew 260 were drowned.

Russian Progress. PETROGRAD, Aug. 15.—The rapid Russian advance in Galicia continues. Russian troops are crossing to the western banks of the Zlota Lipa and Bystritsa-Solotvina and are advancing along the upper Stripa, the war office announced today.

"Our advance westward in the region of the upper Stripa is continuing. On the Rivers Zlota Lipa and Bystritsa-Solotvina, our troops are crossing successfully to the western banks. "Caucasian front: Our offensive in the region of Sakhtis, Persia, resulted in the capture of a very strong Turkish position in the vicinity of this town. The enemy, pursued by our cavalry, is retreating hurriedly to the south.

British Retake Trenches. LONDON, Aug. 15.—Nearly all of the remaining trenches northwest of Pozieres, on the Somme front, in which the Germans gained a footing on Sunday have been retaken, the war office announced today.

"As a result of local fighting northwest of Pozieres during these two days, we have retaken nearly the whole of the remainder of the trenches in which the enemy gained a footing early yesterday. Last night we also forced entry into the enemy's trenches near Moquet farm, returning to our lines with 11 prisoners.

"On our right flank two attempts by small hostile detachments to raid our trenches were repulsed with loss to the enemy.

"Northwest of Halluch the enemy exploded a small mine. We occupied the crater. Last night a feint raid

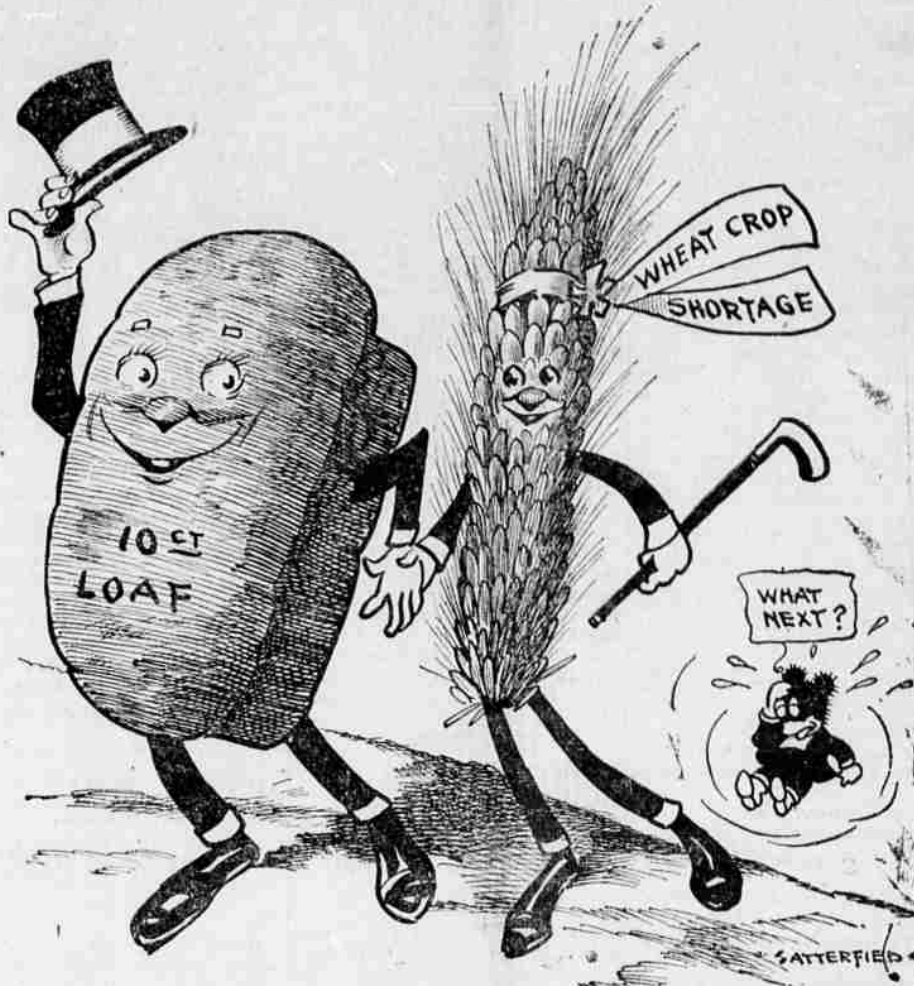
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Kaiser Again Off FOR EASTERN FRONT

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—Having returned from the Somme region, Emperor William has gone to the eastern front.

"The emperor has again left for the eastern front," says an official statement issued here today, "after having visited, toward the end of his stay of several days on the western front, the army of the crown prince and accompanied by the commander in chief, various units behind the battle front."

HAND IN HAND AND SIDE BY EACH



\$10,800 STOLEN FROM CITY VAULTS AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 15.—The theft of \$10,800 in currency and negotiable bonds from the city treasurer's office of North Vancouver was discovered when the treasurer opened the vault today.

Six thousand dollars' worth of bonds and \$4800 in currency were taken, City Treasurer Humphrey announced. The thieves either had obtained the combination to the vault or were sufficiently skillful to manipulate the lock, for there was no indication that the vault had been tampered with until Mr. Humphrey opened it and found that the bonds and currency were missing. There was no indication of damage to the safe and the lock worked perfectly today, Mr. Humphrey said.

The treasurer's vault is within five yards of the North Vancouver Police station and in plain view of passers-by. The police have been unable to find any clue to the robbers. They said the theft apparently was planned and executed by someone thoroughly conversant with the place.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the 2500-ton Italian steamship Teti in the Mediterranean. Part of the crew was landed at Genoa.

BERLIN REPORTS ENEMY ATTACKS MEET REPULSE

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—After attacks of the greatest violence on the Somme front continuing until late last night, the British obtained a footing on the first line German trenches on the Thierval-Pozieres front, the war office announced today.

The announcement says: "Yesterday afternoon the British repulsed their attacks from the Ouilers-Bas-sautin-le-Petit line and continued them with the greatest violence far into the night. They again attained a foothold in the place of our first line trenches near Thierval front, from which they were repulsed yesterday morning. Otherwise all their numerous assaults which followed each other at short intervals, broke down completely with very sanguinary losses in front of our positions.

"The French twice repeated their fruitless efforts between Maurepas and Hen."

Austro-German troops under General Count Von Bothmer are offering determined resistance to the Russian advance along the upper Stripa in northern Galicia. They have completely repulsed strong attacks in the Zborow-Konimichy sector, according to the official statement of the war office today.

HUGHES TO MAKE THREE ADDRESSES IN TACOMA TODAY

TACOMA, WASH., Aug. 15.—Chas. E. Hughes reached Tacoma shortly before noon today with three addresses on his program before leaving here at 4:40 p. m. for Seattle, where he will address a night meeting.

The three addresses here were to be made to the republican editors of the state, the Tacoma chapter of the Red Cross, and an open air meeting in the stadium at three o'clock. On arrival, the nominee and his wife were taken for an automobile ride through the city.

Mr. Hughes was up before six o'clock and out on the observation platform to view the Cascade mountains. At Orting, the nominee shook hands with a number of the inmates of the soldiers' home and at Puyallup, where a one-minute stop was made, met women employes of canning factories, who came to the station in their working clothes of white with white caps.

PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Wilson today conferred with the democratic campaign committee at luncheon. He will see the associate committee of progressive later.

AUSTRIAN FLEET QUILTS TRIEST AS ITALIANS NEAR

Rapid Strides by Romans in Drive in Austrian Territory—Tolmino Is Reached, Set Afire and Evacuated by Austrians—Invaders Now Within Thirteen Miles of Trieste.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The Italians are making rapid strides in their drive on Austrian territory. They have reached the suburbs of Tolmino, 18 miles northeast of Gorizia, according to unofficial messages, which report the city on fire and in process of evacuation by the Austrians. Southeast of Gorizia special dispatches assert, the Italian advance guard is within 13 miles of Trieste.

Fleet Leaving Triest. The greater part of the Austrian fleet is reported to have left the harbor for an unknown destination. The Austrian naval base of Pola lies on the Adriatic, 55 miles southwest of Trieste. Tolmino, a place of only some 2,000 inhabitants before the war, has been of chief importance during the period of hostilities because of the strong bridgehead position established there by the Austrians. This bridgehead, considered generally next in importance to that of Gorizia, has persistently resisted the Italian attacks.

ROME, Aug. 15.—On the Carso plateau and to the east of Gorizia along the Isonzo front, the Austrians have suffered further reverses at the hands of the Italians, today's official statement says. Austrian entrenchments in both these regions were captured.

Official Statement.

The statement says: "On the Carso during the night of August 14, the gallant troops of the 11th army corps repulsed several counter attacks and attacked the enemy's lines to the west of Sante Grado and Monte Peliccia. Several sections of the enemy trenches were captured and 1,419 prisoners, including 31 officers, were taken.

"In the hilly tract east of Gorizia, after heavy fighting, we carried other hostile entrenchments, taking 220 prisoners of whom five were officers. "On the remainder of the front the enemy made the usual demonstrations against our positions. He was unsuccessful everywhere.

"Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Monfalcone, Ronci, Saint Caziano and Piersi. No casualties or damage resulted."

VILLA MASSING FORCES IN DURANGO

EL PASO, TEX., Aug. 15.—Private dispatches here today said Villa is massing his command close to the Durango border near the line of the Mexican National railway. While the dispatches did not state the object of the move, it was believed here that the bandit leader may attempt to seize a train and make a dash on Torreon or some of the other large communities of the state.

General Francisco Gonzalez, commanding the Mexican forces in northern Chihuahua, issued a statement in Juarez today in which he gave emphatic denial to reports received by American military authorities that General Jose Luis Salazar, a notorious revolutionist, had been executed. The statement said Salazar is being held for trial in the penitentiary at Chihuahua.

TWO MORE CONVICTS ESCAPE AT SALEM

SALEM, OR., Aug. 15.—Under a hail of bullets, Leopold Werten and Charles Brown leaped into a truck and escaped early today from a gang of convicts harvesting flax on a farm eight miles from here. They make a total of eight convicts who have escaped from the flax gang within the last two weeks. None have been captured so far.

MILITIA KEPT AT HOME PENDING RAILROAD STRIKE

Suspension of Orders Moving 25,000 Men to Border Is Measure of Caution—Difficulties of Transportation and Food Supply Bring Recommendation From Funston.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Orders for the remaining mobilized units of the national guard to proceed to the border have been suspended by the war department. No official explanation has been made, but it is known that the delicacy of the railroad strike situation has been the moving consideration.

The suspension of the orders to the 25,000 men to the border should not be taken as an indication of the president's negotiations with the railroad brotherhoods and the managers have taken an unfavorable turn, but it is a measure of caution. It was considered highly undesirable that all the remaining guardsmen should be moved to the border while there was a possibility of a railroad strike in which they might be called upon to preserve order throughout some of the states.

Keep Troops in Camp.

The suspension of the orders prevents the immediate movement of the troops from Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont and all other mobilized units which were to have gone forward as soon as they were equipped.

It is clear that the suspension is not a revocation of the orders and that if the railroad strike situation eases up the troops will be moved to the border line.

The official explanation of the change at the war department is that the difficulties of transportation and equipment suddenly developed have made a delay necessary.

A telegram from Major General Funston disclosed that the general recommended the suspension of the orders. His telegram follows:

Funston's Recommendations.

"In view of possibility of a general railroad strike, I desire to call attention of the war department to the difficulties that will follow in maintaining food supplies not only of troops in this department, but of the civilian population as well. These border states produce but little food-stuff except cattle.

"In view of foregoing, I recommend that the national guard organizations which are about to start for border stations be retained in their mobilization until such time as the question of a general strike shall have been determined."

TELEGRAPHERS VOTE TO STRIKE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 15.—Telegraphers of the Northern Pacific railroad are taking a strike vote, it was learned here today, relative to their demands for increased wages and changes in working rules. Efforts to reach an agreement in conferences between representatives of the men and railway officials have failed.

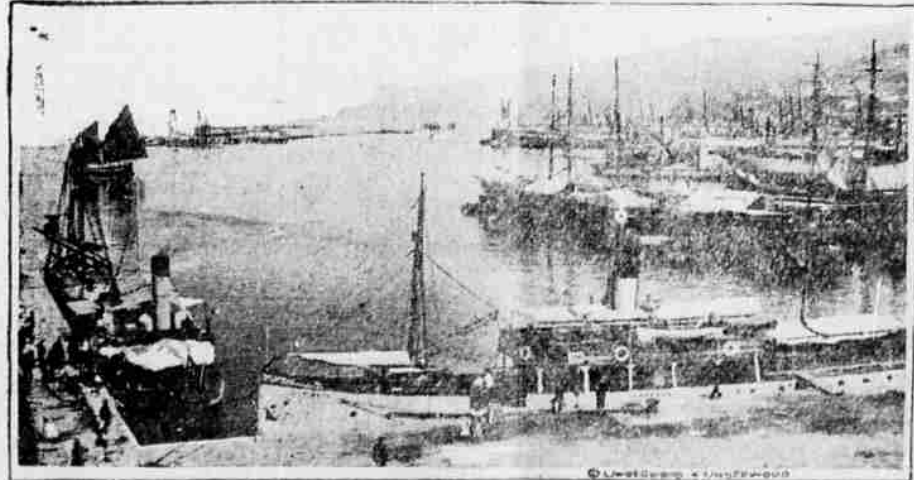
The main demands of the telegraphers are for shorter hours, increase in wages amounting to nearly 10 per cent, and two weeks' vacation annually with pay.

The result of the vote probably will be known in three weeks, it was said.

PACKERS ACCUSED OF OPERATING TRUST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Formal complaint charging Swift & Co., Armour & Co., Cudahy & Co., Morris & Co. and other meat packers with violating the anti-trust laws and engaging in unfair business methods and monopolistic practices, was filed today with the federal trade commission by Representative Donnell of Kansas. A prompt and thorough investigation of the livestock industry was asked.

VIEW OF TRIESTE, GOAL OF ITALIANS IN GREAT ADVANCE



Trieste, the main objective of the Italians in their great offensive which has just brought them within a short distance of the city, is the chief seaport of Austria-Hungary, situated at the northeast extremity of the Adriatic sea and 367 miles southwest of Vienna.

The picture shows the harbor of Trieste.

Trieste is one of the most strongly fortified cities on the Adriatic. It has a naval arsenal and is the storehouse for the imperial navy. Back of the city is the Castle hill, where the defenders, if driven from the

ports, would make a desperate stand. The population is 230,000 and consists mostly of Italians. Although the city has belonged almost uninterruptedly to Austria-Hungary since 1882, Italy still claims it as part of the Italia Irredenta, for which its people are fighting.