

RAIL CHIEFS REJECT PLAN OF WILSON'S

Magnates Tell President That Eight-Hour Day Is Impractical—Executive Refuses to Take No for Answer, Arranges New Conference for Tomorrow—Brotherhoods Vote to Accept Plan Proposed by Wilson—No Modification of Plan Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Thirty-one railroad presidents today told President Wilson that they stood by the decision of their managers' committee that an eight-hour day was impracticable.

President Wilson refused to take "no" for an answer to his proposal that they accept the eight-hour day and asked them to return to the white house tomorrow with their managers for another conference.

Just after the railroad presidents left the white house it became known unofficially that the executive had voted to accept President Wilson's proposition and that some of the leaders had gone to the white house to tell him so.

President Wilson is determined, it was said authoritatively late today, to bring the board of directors of the leading railroads to Washington if necessary to prevent a nation-wide railroad strike. He will endeavor, it was said, to secure an agreement by negotiating with representatives of the employees, the railroad managers and presidents, but if the deadlock continues the boards will be summoned.

Reject Eight-Hour Day.
The statement of the railroad presidents was made at a conference with President Wilson, held in the blue room of the white house, at which the president appealed to them to reverse the stand of their managers' committee and accept the proposal to concede the eight-hour day, regular pay for overtime, and have a committee appointed by congress to investigate the collateral issues.

Henry Holden, president of the Burlington, acted as spokesman for the railroad leaders. It was agreed in advance that the railroad officials would listen to President Wilson's presentation of his plan and the railroad presidents should return to their hotel to hold a meeting and decide on their action.

The railroad presidents agreed to return to the white house tomorrow to discuss the situation further.

Will Stand Pat.
It was made clear to President Wilson that the railroad presidents were not disposed to yield the eight-hour day and that they insisted on arbitration.

Their attitude seemed to indicate a little chance of the plan proposed by the president being accepted. Several declared the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes was at stake and must be maintained, even at the cost of a strike. President Wilson pointed out the disaster which would attend the nation-wide strike, but the officials only answered that they were ready to arbitrate the questions at issue. During the conference with President Wilson details were not taken up. President Holden of the Burlington, as spokesman, pointed out that only the committee of managers was authorized to reach a definite decision as it represented all the railroads.

Demand an Inquiry.
The railroad presidents were with President Wilson less than an hour.

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BOOKS CLOSED FOR NEW BRITISH LOAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Syndicate participation in the new \$250,000,000 British loan were so large, according to statements of managers, as to cause a closing of the subscription books today. The books for public subscriptions will not be opened until next week, but it is said that applications in large numbers have already been received.

SLAVS RESUME GALICIAN DRIVE UPON LEMBERG

German Heavy Counter-Attacks Repulsed and Forward Move Begun—French Capture Part of Fleury, Verdun Front—British Drive Teutons Back North of Somme.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The Russians temporarily held up in their Galician drive by heavy counter-attacks, have again begun to move forward. Petrograd again today announces that the Teutonic allies have failed to throw back General Brussiloff's armies and that the Russians are again advancing.

The Russians are also pushing their campaign in the Carpathians and at one point have driven across the Galician border line into Hungary. Petrograd today announces the approach of the Russian troops to Kososmezo, which is about three miles inside Hungarian territory.

Berlin reports intense activity along the Somme, admitting British gains of ground on a narrow front near Martinpuich.

The French last night resumed their offensive in the Verdun region and according to Paris succeeded in driving the Germans from a part of the village of Fleury.

The Germans have made their expected counter move in the Maupertux sector, on the Somme front, but that all failed under the French fire, according to the Paris bulletin.

Russians Resume Drive.
PETROGRAD, Aug. 18.—The Austro-German effort to throw back the Russians in Galicia has resulted in great losses and met with no success, the war office announced today. The Russians have pressed forward in several sectors.

The announcement says:
"On the front from the Zlota Lipa west to Podhayste the enemy resumed the offensive with considerable effect. The enemy sustained great losses.

"On the river Bystritsa-Bolotvina we occupied Lysietz (seven miles southwest of Stani-lan) on the western bank of the river. In the direction of Ardehuz our troops occupied a series of heights.

"In the region of Kososmezo (Carpathians) our troops continuing their advance approached the summits of the mountain in the vicinity of Kososmezo.

"On the Caucasian front the Turkish offensive in the region west of Lake Van was repulsed easily by our troops. In the region of Kala-Pasova, encounters took place with considerable Turkish forces."

German Report.
BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The British, with several fresh divisions, launched an attack on the German lines north of the Somme and succeeded in driving back the German first line for a short distance on a narrow front southwest of Martinpuich, the war office announced today. In other sectors they were completely repulsed.

Attacks by the French last night, on an extended front in the Verdun region, east of the Meuse, were repulsed all along the line except at Fleury, where fighting is still in progress, the war office announced today.

On Somme Front.
LONDON, Aug. 18.—German artillery became more active last night.

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TEUTONIC OFFENSIVE BEGUN IN BALKANS

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The Teutonic allies have taken the offensive on the Balkan front and captured the Greek town of Florina from Serbian troops, the war office announced today.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The official announcement that Turkish troops are fighting with the Germans and Austrians in Galicia was made today by the war office.

PERTINENT QUERIES OF THE CAMPAIGN



[From the PHILADELPHIA RECORD] SOME HARD NUTS TO CRACK.

HUGHES ARRIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO FOR 3 SPEECHES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Charles Evans Hughes, republican candidate for president, arrived here from Portland at 12:50 p. m. today on his speechmaking trip along the Pacific coast. He was scheduled to address two meetings in the afternoon and one at night.

Mr. Hughes was met near the Oregon line by a reception committee headed by William H. Crocker, republican national committee man, and Francis V. Keeshing, chairman of the United States coast guard station at Brazos island on receipt of news of the tropical storm approaching the gulf from the West Indies. All fishing vessels were drawn into Isabel harbor. Barometers here registered 29.39 at 10 a. m., a fall of ten points since 7 a. m., and were still falling.

From the Palace hotel the candidate was to go to the Union League club, returning to the Palace for a talk to San Francisco women. An address at the exposition auditorium tonight will be followed by a reception at the Newspapermen's club, which will round up the program for the day.

ITALIANS REPULSED SOUTH OF GORIZIA

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—Heavy attacks by the Italians east and southeast of Gorizia are reported in the Austrian official statement of August 15, which declares however, that the Austrian defense, held along the entire front. The statement says:

"The Italians continued their attacks on the front from Salcano to Merus and against the heights east of Gorizia and the sector south of Vippehas as far as Lokvica, assaulting unintermittently with large masses, while holding the adjoining sectors under strong artillery fire. Our troops repulsed all the storming attacks and held their positions along the entire front, inflicting heavy losses, after violent hand to hand fighting.

"Hostile advances near Plava and Cazorra and on the Dolomite front, on Croda Delancona were repulsed."

TROPICAL STORM APPROACHING FROM CARRIBEAN SEA

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—A wireless communication from the army station at Brownsville at 3 o'clock this afternoon said: "High winds and heavy rains. Growing worse." A wireless from the navy station at Point Isabel reported: "Winds of hurricane force."

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 18.—Summer residents on Padre Island beach, opposite Point Isabel, 22 miles northeast of here, were removed to the United States coast guard station at Brazos island on receipt of news of the tropical storm approaching the gulf from the West Indies. All fishing vessels were drawn into Isabel harbor. Barometers here registered 29.39 at 10 a. m., a fall of ten points since 7 a. m., and were still falling.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—Indications were this morning that the tropical disturbance would come into the Gulf of Mexico through the Yucatan channel Wednesday night, would go inland near the mouth of the Rio Grande or on the lower Texas coast. The 7 o'clock reports from the gulf coast weather bureau stations shows Brownsville with the lowest barometer on the coast 29.79, with the wind blowing 20 miles from the north.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Aug. 18.—The steamer, Pito Boy, belonging to the Texas and Gulf Steamship company of Galveston, was sunk in the tropical storm today somewhere in the gulf between here and Galveston. Wires are down and it is impossible to obtain definite information. The message said the crew was saved.

PHILIPPINE BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Final action on the Philippine bill promising independence to the islands as soon as a stable government is established was taken in the house today when the conference report was adopted and the measure prepared for President Wilson's signature, which is the only action remaining to make it a law.

SUSPECT I. W. W. OF DYNAMITING HOUSE IN IRON REGION

BIWABIK, Minn., Aug. 18.—An explosion which early today wrecked a boarding house at the Biwabik mine location near here, in which were ten persons, is laid by the authorities at the door of the Industrial Workers of the World. No one was injured. The I. W. W. leaders, it is charged, had threatened the miners with death if they did not quit work. One member of the I. W. W. is held under suspicion.

Tony Dumont, who with his wife, two children and six boarders occupied the house and had been told by pickets to stop work if he did not want to "wake up in hell," but he continued to work. About midnight the explosion took place. The rear portion of the house was torn off.

Mattie Mollenes has been arrested. As the invalid wife and five children of John Smith, one of the miners who refused to strike, were about to retire late last night, dynamite tore away the entire front of the house. The room where the family had been gathered a few minutes before, was reduced to a tangled mass of wreckage. Smith had received many letters containing crepe.

PORTUGAL PLANS TO JOIN IN WAR

LISBON, Aug. 18.—Major Norton Matos, the Portuguese minister of war, announced today that Portugal soon will participate in the war, fighting on the side of the entente allies.

The Portuguese congress voted to join the entente allies in the war in November, 1914. A Portuguese naval commander seized 36 German and Austrian vessels in the Tagus river in February, 1916, and the following March Germans declared war on Portugal because of the action. The Portuguese troops were called to the colors on March 16.

PACIFIC MAIL RESUMES SERVICE TO THE ORIENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The Pacific Mail steamship line announced today that trans-Pacific service to China and the Orient would be resumed from San Francisco beginning tomorrow.

DEUTSCHLAND SAFELY CROSSES SEA TO BREMEN

Super-Submarine Reported Unofficially to Have Arrived at Bremen—Norwegian Captain Reports Having Sighted Deutschland August 10, Then Eight Days Out.

GENEVA, Aug. 18.—A private telegram received today from Berlin by the Neue Zurichier Zeitung says that the German submarine Deutschland arrived safely yesterday at Bremen.

NEWPORT NEWS, Aug. 18.—The captain of a Norwegian steamer, which arrived in Hampton Roads for bunker coal stated today he passed the Deutschland August 10, then eight days out of the Virginia capes. The Deutschland was under full sail. The captain said he took her for a sailing ship in distress. He received a reply which said it was the Deutschland. The Deutschland had collapsible masts fore and aft when she lay at her wharf in Baltimore.

The Deutschland, laden with valuable cargo, arrived at Baltimore from Germany July 9, and the successful completion of the first trans-Atlantic voyage by a submarine in service as a merchantman attracted world-wide attention. She sailed from Baltimore on her return journey August 1 with a cargo, principally nickel and rubber and passed out to sea on the following day, dropping out of sight of allied warships waiting outside the three mile limit.

STARVING PEOPLE EATING CHILDREN IN NORTH ARABIA

BOSTON, Aug. 18.—A statement describing the hardships suffered by Armenian refugees in northern Arabia was made public today by Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the American committee of Armenian and Syrian relief. Dr. Barton said the statement came from an eye-witness, not an American, and could be depended upon as unexaggerated.

"In every tent," the eyewitness said, "there are sick and dying. Many hundreds of the sick are left without any tent or covering. I saw desperate ones throw themselves in grave trenches and beg the grave diggers to bury them."

"The government does not give the hungry any bread."

"In Sepka a preacher from Aintab told me that parents have often killed their children."

"At the government investigation it was shown that some people had eaten their children."

WARN AGAINST PLAGUE NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Warning that the infantile paralysis epidemic may appear next summer in other states not gravely affected now unless drastic measures are taken to control its course, was given today to the national conference of public health officers by the special committee named to recommend ways and means for its suppression.

The committee recommended that state health authorities be notified by uniform health certificate of removal of all children under 16 years of age from epidemic areas. Quarantine of one state or community against another was disapproved. The committee recommended that during the unusual prevalence of infantile paralysis, schools should not be opened without medical supervision by a health authority.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The child labor bill was finally vetoed without debate or record vote today in the house. Senate amendments were accepted without change. It now goes to the president.

ARMY BILL IS VETOED BY PRESIDENT

Executive Refuses to Approve Appropriation Bill Because of Exemptions From Discipline of Retired Army Officers and Changes in Articles of War Written In by Conferees and Never Debated by Congress—Hay Blamed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today vetoed the army appropriation bill because of exemptions from discipline of retired officers forced into it by the house conferees, led by Representative Hay, over the opposition of the war department. A new bill will be necessary and may delay adjournment of congress.

Representative Hay said he would reintroduce the bill in the house immediately with the features to which the president objected, eliminated.

Bill Is Reintroduced.
Mr. Hay followed his announcement by reintroducing the bill, not only the section to which the president objected, but with the whole revision of the articles of war eliminated. This threatened to complicate the situation.

There were broad intimations that the revision, which proposed to remove retired officers from the jurisdiction of courts martial, was in the interest of a certain retired officer, who was waiting for a time when he would be immune from discipline to make a public attack on the army. The officer, whose name was mentioned in connection with the report was, while in service, very active in legislative affairs, was very close to congressmen framing army bills and until his retirement, was reckoned with as a politician.

Hay Responsible.
The president's veto of the bill is one of the developments of years of contest between the army and Chairman Hay. The downfall of the continental army scheme and substitution of the National Guard reorganization against the recommendation of army officers, is attributed to him. Only the force of President Wilson's interference put the regular army increase in the new reorganization bill through in the house in the face of Hay's opposition.

Recently President Wilson appointed Hay to a judgeship on the court of claims and he now is serving his last term in congress.

The war department contends that many features of the army bill were written into it in the conference and never debated in house or senate.

Text of Veto Message.
President Wilson's veto message follows:

"To the house of representatives: I have carefully considered the bill entitled 'making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917,' and now take the liberty of returning it with my objections to its approval.

"The bill constitutes an essential part of the legislation provided for."

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NEW SHIPPING BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The new shipping bill before parliament is considered likely to be enacted into a law as it has the backing of the government. Opinion in shipping circles seems to be that it will restrict seriously the expansion of companies registered in England, but controlled by foreign capital.