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RUSSIAN FORCES DRAW NET CLOSER AROUND LEMBERG

Have Forced Austro-German and Crossed Zlota Lipa River

WHOLE AUSTRIAN LINE FORCED BACK 35 MILES

Italians Capture Austrian Trenches—British and French Gain

By Ed L. Keene.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Aug. 15.—Recapture by the British of about 700 yards of German trenches on the Somme battle front and a successful French blow on the most important sector of the Verdun battle front, were recorded in official dispatches today.
The German war office this afternoon admitted the British victory on the Somme front. The line of German trenches carried by the British north and northwest of Pozieres and subsequently retaken by the Germans were again conquered in fighting that began Sunday morning and continued last night. Berlin, however, announced the repulse of all other British and French attacks on the Somme front.
In fighting northeast of Verdun the French captured German trenches on a 300 yard front to a depth of 100 yards. It was officially announced at Paris. The gain was made north of Chapel of Saint Line, at the point where the German line dips closest to the city of Verdun.
Conflicting claims came from Petrograd and Berlin today on the progress of the great Russian drive on Lemberg. An official statement from Petrograd announced that another Russian force has crossed the Zlota Lipa river and indicated that the new Zlota Lipa line, to which Bothmer retreated from the river Strypa, must soon be abandoned under heavy Russian pressure. The German war office announced that Bothmer repulsed strong Russian attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.
The Italian war office claimed the capture of several sections of enemy trenches west of San Grado and Mount Pecinka and the capture of 675 prisoners in that region and in fighting east of Gorizia.
Berlin's official report of the repulse of attacks south of Lake Doiran indicated a continuation of the lively patrol fighting in the Balkans.
Petrograd, Aug. 15.—The Russians have pierced the new Austro-German line on the Zlota Lipa river at a new point, having crossed to the west bank of the river in a 12 mile advance from the upper Strypa, it was officially announced today.
Other Russian forces have crossed to the western bank of the Zlota Bistriza, southwest of Staniland.
In the south the Russians approaching Halitz are several miles west of the Zlota Lipa and seriously threaten General Bothmer's right flank and rear. Unless the Russian advance is speedily checked, the Austro-Germans must continue their retreat until they reach the Gniata Lipa river, a retirement of nearly 35 miles on a wide front.
The Austrians have almost entirely ceased their attacks in the extreme southeast, near the Carpathians, according to advices from the front today.
Ten days ago the arrival of strong bodies of Austro-German reinforcements was followed by heavy attacks that caused the Russian line to re-

WILL TELL HIM HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED

Washington, Aug. 15.—September 2 has been definitely set as the date upon which President Wilson will receive notification of his re-nomination. The ceremony will be at the Long Branch, N. J., "summer White House." It will take place in the afternoon, on the lawn in front of the mansion.

PORTLAND READY TO WELCOME HUGHES

Will Shake Hands for an Hour or Two Then "Hit the Road"

Portland, Or., Aug. 15.—Portland today eagerly awaited the arrival of Charles E. Hughes. The republican candidate is due here tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock, but he will not make his bow to the public until he motors from the North Bank depot to the Benson hotel at 9 o'clock. A squad of police has been detailed to guard him, and he will be attended during his short stay here by a big delegation of Oregon republicans.
Hughes' principal speech in Portland will be made at the ice palace in the evening. There are seats for nearly ten thousand people and standing room for nearly two thousand more in the auditorium. It is to be a case of "first come, first served" except for civil war veterans and persons who are blind. A block of two hundred seats has been reserved for all G. A. R. men who wear their credentials, and a smaller section is set aside for the blind.
After driving to his hotel Hughes will go through hours of hand shaking at a public reception there, and then address the Portland Ad club at luncheon. His afternoon will be given over to an automobile tour over the Columbia River Highway.

CHINESE AND JAPS HAVE ARMED CLASH

Japanese Story Is That Chinks Began Attack—18 Japs Reported Killed

London, Aug. 15.—Possibilities of complications in the Far East were seen today in reports of a clash between Chinese and Japanese troops at Chengchiatun, northeast of Peking.
Tokyo dispatches asserted that the Chinese were the aggressors, attacking the Japanese garrison and later besieging the Japanese in the Chengchiatun fort. One officer and 17 Japanese soldiers were reported to have been killed.
Japanese reinforcements are en route to the relief of the garrison.
This is the first report reaching London in many months of fighting between armed forces of the two nations and the first disturbance of its kind in northern China where the Japanese recently sent more troops. Chinese and Japanese police clashed in Amoy, southern China, several weeks ago. As a result the Japanese government made formal request upon China for protection of Japanese within the border of the republic.

KAISER TALKS TO HIS GUESTS ABOUT WAR

Says He Pities the Man Responsible for It and Says It Is Not He

London, Aug. 15.—"I do not envy the man who has the responsibility for this war upon his conscience. I am not that man. I think history will clear me of the charge, although I do not suppose history will hold me faultless."
Kaiser Wilhelm was today quoted in a Berlin dispatch to the London Daily News as having made this statement to a prominent neutral who visited Berlin on business of an official character last year and made another visit last month.
"In a sense every civilized man in the Europe," the Kaiser was further quoted, "must have a share in the responsibility for this war and the higher his position the larger his responsibilities. I admit that and yet I claim that I acted throughout in good faith and strove hard for peace, even though war was inevitable."
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HUGHES HAS ONLY ONE SPEECH SAYS NEWS GATHERER

This He Has Polished, But Varies It Slightly to Suit Localities

TACOMA WOMEN CHEERED HIS STAND ON SUFFRAGE

He Pledges His Full Support to Federal Suffrage Amendment

By Perry Arnold
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 15.—Governor Hughes is putting the personal punch into his speeches in Washington. He began today to use the personal pronoun in pledges and promises.
"If you elect me to an executive office," he told an audience here today, "I propose to give you my full executive influence."
This was the first time that the republican nominee has used the intimate personal pronoun. It was indicative of a further step in the governor's "warming up" process. In his speeches across the continent so far the G. O. aspirant for presidential honors has heretofore confined himself to speaking of the party. The only personal references were veiled.
The governor was really only one speech. It starts off with a plea for unity of Americanism, touches on preparedness, attacks democratic policies on both matters; swings to the Mexican question, jumps back to an attack on the democrats for governmental inefficiency "pork" methods, and lack of co-ordination and ends with a pledge of "better government" under republican rule. Roosevelt usually had six different speeches in his campaigning, and Taft at least four. Both altered these speeches to emphasize some different section. Hughes localizes the situation.
Has His Speech Polished
Today Hughes chose inefficiency as his main battering ram in the assault against the democratic citadel. But what was remarked most by those who have been associated with him since the start of his campaign trip was the extraordinary "polish" which the nominee now applied to this one speech. It was a perfect indication that the governor has now reached the summit of his campaign, with skill. He put in new synonyms, new similes, new epigrams—and consequently he got a big reception here as anywhere on the trip.
In addition to his Tacoma speech today, the governor was due to speak to

STOCKTON FEARS EPIDEMIC

Stockton, Cal., Aug. 15.—Following the death of Howard Lee Markham, 14 years old, of infantile paralysis, and a belief that an infant's death last week was due to the same cause, the city and county health officers today took precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. State officials may be called in. An examination of all sick children has been ordered.

S. P. BOYS HAVE GREAT PICNIC—2500 ATTEND

Portland Sends 15 Cars, 10 From the South—Splendid Program of Sports

The greatest picnic ever held by the employes of the Southern Pacific railroad was the event of the day at the state fair grounds. The attendance was fully 2,500 with a large sprinkling of Salem people in the afternoon.
From Portland came 15 loaded coaches carrying about 1,400. Roseburg, Eugene, Albany and towns to the south sent their full quota on the special of 10 cars, bringing in about 700. From Dallas on the motor came at least 300.
The Salem Street Railway band of 21 pieces greeted the excursionists during the morning hours and at 1 o'clock gave a concert of 10 selections from the grandstand. The soloist of the band was Mrs. C. J. Beach, who sang, "When I Was a Dreamer and You Were My Dream."
The morning sports began with a game of baseball between the men of the superintendent's office of Portland and the Portland shop men, resulting in a score of 10 to 6 in favor of the shop men.
Winners of Events
The winners of the sports of the afternoon are as follows, first prize only being awarded in each:
100 yard dash for boys over 12 years of age: Roy Gadski.
50 yard foot race for ladies over 16: Audrey Cavender.
60 yard foot race for fat men, with a waist measure over 44 inches: N. J. Conley.
50 yard race for young ladies between the ages of 10 and 16: Lera Cavender.
50 yard dash for stout ladies: Mrs. A. R. Hartman.
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night in the Arena at Seattle. National Committeeman Perkins reported today that tests showed there would be no need of a sounding board to save the governor's voice there.
Hughes was wildly cheered by women in the audience who heard his woman suffrage speech at Spokane yesterday. He declared that equal suffrage was inevitable and pledged his full support to the federal woman suffrage amendment.
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SOUTHERN PACIFIC CALLED TO TIME BY COMMISSIONER

Manager Scott Told His Company Must Provide Sufficient Cars

ROAD DISCRIMINATES AND CINCHES OREGON

No Road In Competition It Makes State Wait While It Serves Others

A shortage of cars amounting to between 1,300 and 1,400 in California and to 631 on the Portland division north of Ashland is the situation according to latest reports received from the Southern Pacific company by the Oregon public service commission. The entire shortage in Oregon is given as 975.
So acute has the situation become, and so urgent has become the demands of various shippers, that Commissioner Miller has taken the matter up vigorously with the Southern Pacific company. In his letter to General Manager Scott the commissioner says:
"Will you not kindly supply the commission with information as to what we may expect for the future? There is, in our opinion, a burden resting upon the company to take care of the business offering for the reason that you have been advised by this commission from time to time, covering a long period, that unless special efforts on your part were put forth to relieve the pressing needs such a serious condition as now confronts the business interests of this state would be brought about. Your monopoly of this territory is absolute, and we demand and insist that you supply the necessary facilities for fully and adequately protecting the manufacturers and producers thereof."
This letter was written immediately following the receipt of a complaint from the Ewanna Box company of Klamath Falls, which stated that the company's customers were threatening suit on account of its inability to furnish shocks. A complaint is also on file with the commission from the Klamath Manufacturing company of Klamath Falls, which sets forth that the company is unable to handle its products because of its inability to get cars.
A telegram from General Manager Scott yesterday stated that the situation at Klamath Falls had been relieved to the extent of 10 cars.
In the Salem field an inability to obtain sufficient cars from the South-

"EIGHT HOUR DAY OR WE STRIKE"

UNION MEN TELL RAILROAD HEADS

The labor chiefs were flat in their declaration that they would have the eight hour day at all costs, and, though some of the railroad representatives said anything about granting it, the labor men took the attitude of being ready to hear any offer that was to be made.
The dispute was passed up to President Wilson and he is hearing both sides.
The four railway brotherhoods, meeting in New York (the meeting is shown in the accompanying picture), laid their cards on the table before the railroads of the United States, showing that 94 per cent of the 400,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen of the country had voted in favor of a national strike if they did not get the eight hour day, and then asked the railroads what they were going to do about it. "Now, gentlemen, it's up to you," were the words used by A. G. Garretson, chairman of the union conference committee, after he and his colleagues had announced the strike vote at the conference in the Engineering Societies' building, in West Thirty-ninth street, New York.

WHEAT DECLINES SHARPLY

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Wheat fell 2c at the opening of the Chicago grain market today.

September was down 2 cents to \$1.35 5-8; December 2 3/4 down to \$1.39 and May 2 5-8 down to \$1.43. Continued rumors of federal investigation of price manipulation by board of trade members was responsible.

MILITIA WILL NOT BE SENT TO BORDER

Threatened Strike and Fact That Supplies Could Not Be Sent, the Cause

Washington, Aug. 15.—Because of the threatened railroad strike the war department today suspended indefinitely the proposed movement to the border of between 25,000 and 35,000 mobilized militia in state camps last week ordered to the Mexican line.
The reason for suspending the order is a possible shortage of supplies and difficulty of obtaining transportation for the men. It has no connection, it is said, with possible use of the troops during the threatened strike.
Until further orders are issued none of the organizations who are preparing to leave state camps will be sent to the border.
The order to keep the militiamen at their mobilization camps was issued on recommendation of General Funston.
Funston's message follows:
"In view of the possibility of a general railroad strike I desire to call the attention of the war department to difficulties that will follow in mobilizing food supply not only of troops in this department, but of the civilian population as well. The border states produce but little foodstuffs except cattle. In view of the foregoing it is declared that national guard organizations which are about to start for border stations be retained in their mobilization camps until such time as the question of a general strike shall have been determined."

COLD WAVE REDUCES THE EPIDEMIC CASES

95 New Cases and 31 Deaths Sunday Was Lowest in Several Weeks

New York, Aug. 15.—A sharp reduction in both the number of new cases and the number of deaths from infantile paralysis, accompanied unseasonably cold weather in New York. Figures given out by the health department today showed only 95 new cases and 31 deaths, the lowest figures in several weeks.
Miss Ruth Stiles, who only a few days ago, submitted to a remarkable operation by which an infantile paralysis deformity was removed, entered a hospital this afternoon to sacrifice eight ounces of her blood to be used in a serum to fight the epidemic. Miss Stiles was stricken when she was four years of age at her home in Beaufort, Va. Until a few days ago, she walked with a painful limp but the tendons and bones in her foot were straightened.
"After such a miracle has been performed in my case, I feel I should do everything in my power to save little babies," she told doctors in answering the call for sacrifice by former victims.

GERMANS SAY ALLIES TRY TO BURN CROPS

Claim Aviators Drop Bombs in Fields for Purpose of Burning Grain

By Carl W. Ackerman
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Berlin, Aug. 15.—Allied military chiefs have attempted to aid the "starve Germany out" campaign by setting fire to German harvest fields, according to reports received here.
The recent raids by Anglo-French aviators over the Black forest and farm lands near Karlsruhe are said to have been experimental trips. Incendiary bombs were dropped in several fields, with the evident object of starting great fires, but did only slight damage.
Adolph Von Batoeki, German "food dictator" said today there is little chance that the plan will succeed.
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PRESIDENT GIVES ENTIRE TIME TO SETTLING STRIKE

Indications Are His Activities Have Brought Much Better Feeling

EACH SIDE IMPRESSED WITH DUTY TO PUBLIC

Those In Touch With Situation Feel Sure Strike Will Be Averted

By Robert J. Bender.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 15.—President Wilson completed his second day of negotiations to prevent the threatened national railroad strike with the end not yet in sight.
After a conference which lasted for an hour and 35 minutes with the railroad employes' representatives this afternoon, it was announced the president would see both sides again tomorrow.
"We are not yet through," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the brotherhoods said as his committee left the White House. "Nothing as yet is done. Nothing is undone. We have made no concessions."
The employes this afternoon presented a counter proposition, the nature of which has not been disclosed.
The result of today's conferences, therefore, is summed up in the fact that each side has indicated a willingness to bring about peace by submitting counter propositions for consideration of the other.
"Don't say anything about arbitration," was the tip from one of the most prominent of the brotherhoods board, "but we are very hopeful regarding the outcome. There are propositions and counter propositions on both sides."
While the speaker declined to be specific as to what he meant by his tip that arbitration was sidetracked, it was assumed the two sides are more nearly together than they have hitherto been and that matters are to be adjusted "across the table."
Following the conference the White House issued the following statement:
"There is no change. There is an earnest effort being made to work out a settlement."
Among those who have closely followed the situation the belief grew this afternoon that a strike will be averted. Chief Garretson of the conductors' brotherhood, declared that his conference would do everything in their power to avoid a strike.
Up to Employes.
Washington, Aug. 15.—The burden of concessions in bringing about an adjustment of the threatened railroad strike appeared to have swung around from the railroads to the employes today.
After the railroad managers had been in the White House for more than an hour and a half it was learned they had agreed to accept the basic principle of the eight hour day but they demanded the question of overtime pay be subjected to a more far reaching investigation.
Their acceptance of the basic principle of the eight hour day is made contingent upon agreement by the employes to further and more far reaching discussion which should include the question of overtime pay.
According to one of the railroad men who attended the conference, the following is their position:
Accept Eight Hour Day.
"We accept the principle of the eight hour day. However, the eight hour day question is so obviously and naturally a part of the overtime question that the two will have to be handled as one problem."
It was hoped the day would bring forth some grounds upon which a settlement of the controversy might be effected, and the threatened tie-up of transportation on the great lines of the country avoided.
Throughout most of the night the managers labored over a definite suggestion for settlement to be offered today. The employes did the same.
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THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday probably fair, cooler Wednesday except near the coast; westerly winds.

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