PURSUE A MYTH

Troops Out at 1:25 A. M.—Rushed by Special Train.

Border Town to Arms—But Find Bandit Story Fake.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 2.—Captain William Kelly, Jr., commanding the cavalry troops, rushed from Fort Bliss to Finlay, Texas, reported to General Bell today there was absolutely no truth in the report that 150 Mexican bandits invaded the United States near there. The report of the bandits' presence was received by General Bell late last night from militia forces at Fort Hancock.

El Paso, Aug. 2.—Two troops of the Eighth cavalry, under command of Capt. Wm. Kelley, jr., are scouring the gulches and canyons between Finlay, Tex., and Fort Hancock, about seventy miles east of here, in search of bandits.

The cavalry is supported by a battalion of the Twenty-third infantry rushed from El Paso to Fort Hancock early this morning in response to reports to Gen. George Bell, jr., commanding the El Paso military district, that bandits in large numbers had crossed the Rio Grande in that vicinity.

Town in Arms Over Report.

Sierra Blanca, Tex., Aug. 2.—Two hundred and fifty able bodied men of this town are forming into posses to fight Mexican bandits who are reported to be headed this way. A telegram received here shortly before midnight warned the citizens that the Mexicans were coming. The fire whistle was blown, arousing the residents. The town marshal and two deputies ran from house to house urging the men to arm themselves and meet at the railroad depot.

Half an hour later the crowd collected. All were armed, some carrying two revolvers and a rifle. The men were divided into four squads and immediately started out to the south. All are on horseback. No report of them has been received here yet.

Rushed by Special Train.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 2.—Troops E and H, Eighth cavalry, left here hurriedly at 1:25 o'clock this morning in a special train for Fort Hancock. A company of infantry in motor trucks and a motorcycle corps left a short time before, also for Fort Hancock.

There had been various rumors throughout the night of bandit activities in the neighborhood of Fort Hancock. One version had it that a hundred or more Mexicans crossed the line to avenge the deaths of the Mexican cattle thieves shot Monday in the fight with an Eighth cavalry detachment about six miles from the fort. Owing to the distance and the poor roads, General Gonzales at Juarez has not yet heard the result of the chase by Carranza soldiers for the two bandits who escaped to the Mexican side of the border after the fight.

General Bell at Fort Bliss stated he had received no reports of fighting between American national guards or regulars and the bandits. His information was that the bandits crossed into United States territory and he said: "I don't propose to allow them to remain."

The two troops of Eighth United States cavalry are reported to have passed through Fort Hancock on a special train en route to Finley.

BREAK WITH ENGLAND

Massachusetts Congressman Would Resent Action of British.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Representative Gallivan, of Massachusetts, this afternoon moved in the house the breaking of diplomatic relations with Great Britain because of its refusal, July 25, to admit Thomas Hughes Kelly of New York, and Joseph Smith, of Massachusetts, two American citizens entrusted with funds and relief supplies for Irish revolution sufferers.

LOCAL MENTION

Social dance at Moose hall this evening by the Fraternal Brotherhood.—Adv.

Tickets for the Park dance will be on sale this evening at the Fraternal Brotherhood dance in Moose hall.—Adv.

HAS PICTURE TAKEN FOR CAMPAIGN USE

President Wilson.

This is the very latest picture of President Wilson and was taken a few days ago in Washington. It will be seen on campaign posters this summer.

LASS CHRISTENS GOVERNMENT SHIP

Miss Elizabeth Brent Jones.

Miss Elizabeth Brent Jones, daughter of Dr. E. Lester Jones, superintendent of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, christened the Surveyor, a steel steamer of [illegible] thousand tons displacement, which has just been launched at Manitowac, Wis. This steamer, which cost $240,000, will be used for work on the Pacific coast and Alaska. She reached her destination via the Panama Canal.

DRY RECORD BROKEN

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Scattering rains fell last night in most parts of the state but there was nothing heavy enough to break the dry spell except in a few restricted areas. The total precipitation at Topeka was nine-hundredths of an inch. A rain of less than one-fourth of an inch is not counted as a drouth breaker as it dries up in an hour of sunshine.

The lowest temperature last night was 73 degrees, only one degree lower than the minimum of the night before. The mercury yesterday only went to 92 degrees but is expected to approach 100 tomorrow. The forecast calls for generally fair weather with continued high temperatures tonight and Thursday. Today was sultry and unpleasant though the mercury did not reach an excessively high mark.

The wind veered to the south during the night and this morning blew at the rate of 8 miles an hour. The Kaw river is stationary at 5.3 feet. The highest temperature on record for this date is 101 degrees, established in 1901. The low record, 54 degrees, occurred in 1889. On August 2, 1903, a precipitation of 4.59 inches of rain was recorded.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

Furnished by the Weather Bureau Office, Topeka, Kansas, for the 24 hours ending 7 a. m. today.

Stations in Kansas.

Stations.	High Temp.	Low Temp.	Rain or Snow	Weather
Anthony	100	69	.0	Clear
Coldwater	100	70	.0	Clear
Concordia	94	74	.02	Cloudy
Dodge City	96	70	.0	Clear
Dresden	96	68	.32	Pt.Cldy
Emporia	98	70	.38	Pt.Cldy
Eureka	100	72	.22	Pt.Cldy
Ft. Scott	100	70	.0	Clear
Goodland	94	64	T	Clear
Hanover	94	70	.0	Clear
Hays	102	72	.0	Clear
Horton	98	70	.16	Cloudy
Iola	100	74	T	Pt.Cldy
Liberal	98	66	.0	Clear
McPherson	100	74	.0	Clear
Manhattan	94	72	T	Cloudy
Phillipsburg	106	68	.32	Pt.Cldy
Scott City	102	64	.0	Pt.Cldy
Selina	104	70	.0	Clear
TOPEKA	92	73	.06	Cloudy
Utica	100	70	.0	Clear
Wichita	98	72	.0	Pt.Cldy
Kansas City	88	72	.0	Cloudy
St. Joseph	88	72	T	Rain'g

From Other States.

Boston, Mass	78	58	.0	Clear
Buffalo, N. Y	76	56	.0	Clear
Calgary, Alb	80	54	.0	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill	76	72	.0	Clear
Cincinnati, O	84	66	.0	Clear
Corpus Christi, T	90	76	.0	Cloudy
Denver, Colo	84	60	.0	Clear
Des Moines, Ia	78	68	.02	Clear
Duluth, Minn	70	58	.0	Cloudy
El Paso, Tex	88	...	...	.....
Ft. Worth, Tex	100	76	.16	Cloudy
Galveston, Tex	92	80	.0	Cloudy
Havre, Mont	88	56	.0	Clear
Jacksonville, Fla	92	72	.0	Cloudy
Little Rock, Ark	96	72	.01	Cloudy
Los Angeles, Cal	80	68	.0	Cloudy
New Orleans, La	90	78	.0	Cloudy
New York, N. Y	82	68	.0	Cloudy
N. Platte, Neb	94	62	.0	Clear
Oklahoma, Okla	98	74	.0	Clear
Omaha, Neb	82	70	.12	Clear
Phoenix, Ariz	106	78	.0	Clear
Pittsburg, Pa	82	64	.0	Clear
Portland, Ore	74	56	.0	Cloudy
St. Louis, Mo	90	74	.02	Cloudy
St. Paul, Minn	84	64	.0	Clear
Salt Lake, Utah	96	70	.0	Pt.Cldy
San Francisco, Cal	68	52	.0	Clear
Sault St. Marie, Mi	76	54	.0	Clear
Seattle, Wash	70	54	.0	Cloudy
Sheridan, Wyo	98	54	.0	Clear
Spokane, Wash	84	54	.0	Clear
Swift Current, Sas	84	56	.0	Clear
Tampa, Fla	90	66	.80	Cloudy
Toledo, O	76	62	.0	Clear
Washington, D. C	82	68	.0	Cloudy
Winnipeg, Man	86	48	.0	Pt.Cldy

FLACK ASKS PARDON

Abilene Banker's Hearing Before Pardon Board Today.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 2.—The application of John Flack, former banker of Abilene, Kan., for a parole from the Kansas state prison, where he is serving a sentence for having appropriated $40,000 of his bank's funds, will be heard by the state board of corrections this afternoon. He and about thirty other prisoners will appeal at that time for release.

Furnaces at Forbes.—Adv.

FIGHT FOR A YEAR

German Speakers Agree on Length of the War.

Nation United on Demands To Be Made.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Speakers throughout the empire at yesterday's "honorable peace" meetings agreed that there will be another year of the war. Reports of these meetings received today emphasized the unity of feeling in this respect among the public. Speakers who delivered the same speech to audiences in forty-nine cities outside Berlin, and at the meetings here at the capital were greeted by massed crowds and the utmost enthusiasm was evoked by the definition of Germany's position as to the termination of the war.

It was apparent, however, judging from reports of all these meetings, that German public opinion is a unit in the belief that on the basis of Germany's accomplishments to date, peace cannot come about in the basis of conditions prior to the war.

The "national committee," which the government formed to foster the "honorable peace" meetings, was said in well informed circles today to have been devised as a measure with which to bridge the differences between the socialists and conservatives, so that Germany may present a united front when peace does eventually come.

FIRE VICTIMS, 318

Officials Now Fear Flames' Toll May Reach 500.

Burning Forests Incinerated Every Living Thing in Path.

Haileybury, Ont., Aug. 2.—Officials today announced the known death list in the great bush fire at 318. Stories told by refugees who fled outlying districts before the blighting blast crumpled every living thing in its path like tissue paper, led officials to fear the total list may exceed 500.

The official figures so far obtained show 14 dead at Ramore, 130 at Matheson and vicinity, 137 at Nushka and Montieth, two at Kelso, 15 at Iroquois Falls and 20 at Cochrane.

Figures on Loss Still Incomplete.

Communication with outlying districts remains broken. It will be necessary for searchers to visit the sections before definite figures can be obtained.

A peculiar phase of the fire was that it has considerably enhanced hundreds of acres by clearing them of brush and undergrowth that would have cost thousands of dollars to remove.

MAKE IT NATION WIDE

Street Car Strike Leaders in N. Y. Threaten Other Cities, Too.

New York, Aug. 2.—The threatened tieup of every car line in Greater New York is to be only the first step in a nation wide strike of street car men in order to win the union's demand for the right of organization everywhere, it was stated today by Louis Grediger, counsel for the union organizers.

While some of the leaders of the movement to involve all the street car lines in New York in the strike on the Third avenue system were busy enrolling the employes of other lines into the union, others called on Mayor Mitchel today, informed him of the union's demands and agreed to meet him tomorrow morning with representative of the street railway corporation in another effort to bring about a satisfactory settlement.

Mayor Arranges Conference.

These leaders informed the mayor that there had been one instance at least of the discharge by the New York Railways company of an employe for union activities and that a strike would be the inevitable result.

The mayor requested them to withhold action until tomorrow's conference and elicited a promise, it was announced at the mayor's office, that his wishes would be respected.

Meantime the New York Railway company was making preparations against a strike and already has gathered a force of several hundred professional strike breakers.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

ELLEN HANSON. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Grace cathedral. Interment in Topeka cemetery. Short services will be held at 2:30 o'clock at the home, 610 West Tenth avenue.

CORNELIA HARPER, age 70, died Tuesday morning at her home, 704 West Fourth avenue. She lived in Topeka for thirty years and was the only negro woman who ever served on a jury in the state. She is survived by two daughters, Hattie Donnelly and Carrie Bentley of Topeka, and one son, Dallas Harper of Chicago. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home. Interment in Mount Auburn cemetery. Benevolent lodge No. 3 will have charge of the services.

NATHANIEL N. CARLSON, age 83, died today at his home, 106 Fillmore street. The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the Swedish Baptist church. Interment in Topeka cemetery.

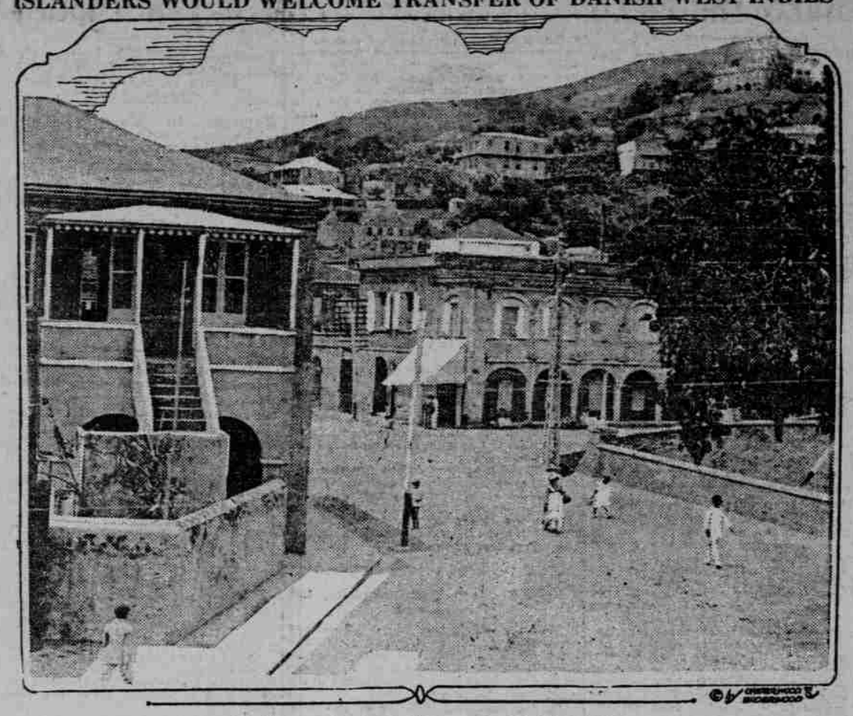
SOPHIE MELCHOR, age 2, died last evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Melchor, 214 Jefferson street. The funeral will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday morning at St. Joseph's German Catholic church. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN, killed by a train at Valencia Tuesday, was buried last evening at Mount Auburn cemetery. No clue as to his identity has been discovered.

Knocks Out Flood Appropriation.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Republican Leader Mann this afternoon knocked out a proposed $540,000 flood relief appropriation for the two Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi. Under the rules of the house, Mann's single objection was sufficient to defeat the proposition.

ISLANDERS WOULD WELCOME TRANSFER OF DANISH WEST INDIES



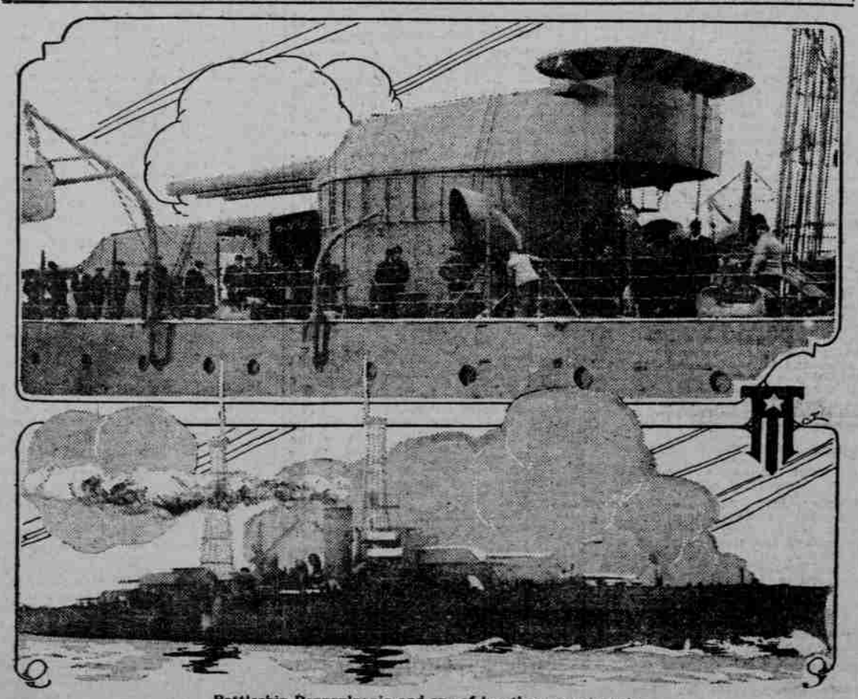
St. Thomas street, St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.

This photo shows the principal street, type of buildings, natives and countryside of the principal town of the little group of Danish islands in the West Indies. The majority of the islanders are said to favor annexation to the United States, believing that Uncle Sam would bring greater prosperity to the islands.

WHAT CANADIANS FOUND WHEN THEY CAPTURED GERMAN DUG-OUT

This photo taken by the Canadian official photographer shows a view outside a German dug-out which was recently captured by the Canadians on the western front. A soldier evidently dead or seriously wounded can be seen outside the dug-out.

COULD DEMOLISH VERA CRUZ FROM SIXTEEN MILES AT SEA; PENNSYLVANIA CARRIES BATTERY OF FOURTEEN-INCH GUNS



Battleship Pennsylvania and one of her three-gun turrets.

Uncle Sam's newest battleship, the Pennsylvania, has several features new to naval construction. The most striking is her four turrets, each with three guns. She can fire at one broadside nine tons of steel a distance of sixteen miles. The boat is an oil burner and has a speed of 21 knots. Her complement consists of nearly a thousand officers and men.

FIVE HUNDRED GO HOME

Federal Examination Thins Connecticut Troops on Border.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 2.—Five hundred troops of the First and Second Connecticut infantry, rejected because they failed to pass the federal tests, entrained for home today.

Private Joseph Dixon, First Connecticut infantry, narrowly escaped death when his rifle exploded at target practice here. His right thumb was blown off.

READY TO FIGHT

Both Sides in Threatened N. Y. Street Car Strike Prepare.

Will Call Out 10,000 National Guards if Tieup Comes.

New York, Aug. 2.—City officials, aided by state authorities today prepared for the worst in New York's street car situation. They were convinced, they said today, that the most disastrous tie-up in the city's history is inevitable unless both sides concede points which each, up to today, has persistently refused to consider.

The public service commission today began a formal inquiry into the situation. Representatives of employers were summoned. The ten thousand national guards including coast defense and naval reserves who remained in the state after New York's quota had gone to the border, were prepared for instant call. At the first hint of need for them, Governor Whitman will send them into New York to augment Police Commissioner Woods ten thousand bluecoats.

Refuse to Meet Union Leaders.

The street car companies today considered the situation so desperate they appealed for the public's sympathy in full page advertisements in all local newspapers. These advertisements carried the charge that the employes "are being threatened and intimidated by the Amalgamated Association of Electric Street and Railway Employes, an organization with interests in various parts of the United States."

The company also announced it is ready to talk grievances with its men individually or through their own representatives. It will not recognize any committee affiliated with the national union.

MEDIATION LAW

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widespread food shortage and actual starvation in some of the larger cities.

Would Paralyze Western States.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—A strike of the four railroad brotherhoods threatened as the result of the negotiations now in progress in New York would paralyze the central western states and work untold loss and hardship according to statements today from railroad and grain men.

While there is not the promise of the bumper crops of last year indications are that this year's crop will be well above the average. Even under the most advantageous conditions, facilities of western railroads are taxed to meet the crop movement every fall.

Assuming that in the event of a strike at least sixty per cent reduction in railway carriage, shippers pointed out that perishable products would be given the preference and that the grain and cattle movement would practically cease.

Large Cities Short on Food.

The grain now in storage at the eastern milling and shipping centers would be totally inadequate to withstand a prolonged blockade. One result, it was ponted out, would be to vastly increase the cost of grain in elevators and to decrease the value of crops held in the hands of the farmers.

Unless such a strike be ended very speedily or some way found to move trains, the total demoralization of the crop movment would be speedily followed by a period of extremely high prices and food shortage in the population centers in the middle west.

In the view of local transportation authorities, western shipping points would feed themselves first, and eastern cities, depending on Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis shipments for their food supplies, would come as near starvation as at any time in the history of the United States.

Insist on Demands.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 2.—"Sentiment among the 400,000 members of the railroad brotherhoods is overwhelmingly in favor of insisting that their demands be granted," Wm. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said here today before he left for New York, where the "strike vote" is being counted.

"Railroad officials are trying to make the public believe that by granting our eight hour demands trains will be stalled between terminals," said Lee. "That is not true. The men can still work sixteen hours a day, as federal regulations allow, but they will get overtime pay."

To Resume Conference August 8.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The executive board of the "Big Four" brotherhoods which are threatening a nation-wide strike of 400,000 railroad employes and the general conference committee of the roads have agreed to a resumption of conferences to begin in New York August 8, according to information received at the United States board of mediation and conciliation today.

That these conferences may be productive of an amicable settlement of the giant controversy is forecast by Commissioner Chambers of the board.

TO WORK FOR HUGHES

Unless Wilson Comes Across Is Decision of Women's Party.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 2.—Miss Anne Martin, chairman of the National Woman's party, today sent from here the following message to Charles E. Hughes: "Your declaration for the national woman suffrage amendment makes the women of America your debtors for your courage and statesmanship."

Miss Martin stated in an interview that the Woman's party was not playing politics. "If President Wilson comes out for the federal amendment or the president Democratic congress passes it, the president will not be opposed by us. However, from present indications, there will be nothing else for the Woman's party to do but to place its entire strength behind Mr. Hughes."

SEIZE HOSTAGES

French "Yellow Book" Describes Terrible War Scene.

Children Taken Captives; Parents Insane With Anguish.

Paris, Aug. 2.—Poignant details of the deportation at an hour and a half notice of 25,000 citizens from the French towns of Lille, Robax and Tourcoing by the Germans last Easter are given in a French yellow book released for publication today. The German orders were for the people in certain districts of these towns to assemble in readiness for departure at their front doors, which were to be left open and none was to leave the house before 8 a. m. The orders stated that "All protests will be useless and any one trying to evade deportation will be pitilessly punished."

The victims in all cases were chosen arbitrarily by the officer in charge of the deporting party. Each person singled out for deportation was allowed sixty pounds of baggage, which it was recommended should consist of utensils for eating and drinking, a blanket, good shoes and personal linen. If anyone exceeded this weight his or her whole baggage was to be thrown aside.

Packed Into Cars.

"The measure caused the greatest anguish," the yellow book continues, "among the population of the notified district, while in some cases it led to madness. Many people because so ill they had to take to their beds.

"Parents especially suffered torture at seeing their wives, daughters and children of both sexes over the age of 14 led away or packed into street cars promiscuously with bad characters of all sorts, male and female not knowing what was to be their destination or fate. The anguish was renewed night after night during the ten days of Easter.

"The protests of mayors and other officials went unheeded.

"At the beginning of the deportation some girls of the aristocracy were seized, but they were soon released as were also daughters of those in the houses where German officers were billeted.

DROP BOMBS ON LONDON

Berlin Gives Account of Zeppelin Raids on British Coast.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Aug. 2.—The city of London was attacked in the German airship raids of July 31-August 1, according to official announcement today.

"German airship squadrons on the nights of July 31 and August 1 attacked London and eastern British counties," said the statement. "We dropped bombs successfully on coast works, defensive batteries and industrial establishments of military importance. All our airships returned safely, although violently shelled by sea forces while approaching."

TWO FIRES IN CANADA

Entire Village Is Burning—Big Paint Plant Destroyed.

Quebec, Aug. 2.—Dispatches say the entire village of Ste. Anne de la Pocatiere is burning. Quebec and other cities have sent aid to the scene of the conflagration, the origin of which is unknown.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Aug. 2.—Fire that destroyed the Winnipeg Paint and Glass company's six-story building, with a loss of $300,000, at 7 a. m. today, spread to other buildings in the Fort Rouge factory district.

New York Stock Market.

[Closing prices for the leading stocks on The New York Stock Exchange as reported by Thos. J. Myers, Broker Columbian Bldg.]

New York, Aug. 2.

	Close—Today	Close—Yes.
Am. Beet Sugar	87¾	89½
Am. Can. c	54½	55¼
Am. Car. & Fndry	58	59¾
Am. Locomotive	67½	69¾
Am. S. & R., c	92¼	93¾
Am. S. & R., p	.....	111½
Am. Tel. & T.	129¾	129¾
Am. Tob., c	217½	222
Anaconda Mining	78½	79¼
A. T. & S. F., c	102	102½
Baldwin Locomotive	71	72
Balt. & Ohio	85¾	85½
Beth. Steel	433	.....
Brooklyn R. T.	.....	84¾
Can. Pacific	175	176¼
Central Leather	54¼	54½
Ches. & Ohio	69½	69⅞
Chicago & N. W.	127	128
C. M. & St. P., c	95¼	96
C. R. I. & P.	18	17½
China Copper	47	47¾
Col. Fuel & Iron	43	44
Crucible Steel	68	69¾
Erie	35	35⅝
General Elec	167½	169
Great Northern, p	117	117¼
Great Northern Ore	.....	35
Inspiration	47¾	48½
K. C. Southern, c	25	24¾
Lack. Steel	71	71
Lehigh Valley	77½	77⅞
Maxwell Motors	77¾	81½
M. K. & T., c	31½	31½
Mo. Pacific	41¼	41½
National Lead	63	63
Nev. Con. Copper	17½	17⅝
N. Y. Central	163½	164
N. Y., N. H. & H.	58½	55¾
Norfolk & Western	128½	128½
Northern Pacific	112¾	112½
Penn. Railroad	56	55¾
Ray Con. Copper	22¾	22⅝
Reading Copper	93¾	93¾
Southern Pacific	98	98½
Southern Ry., c	23	23
Studebaker, c	123	127½
Tenn. Copper	23¼	23½
Union Pacific, c	137¾	139½
Union Pacific, p	82¾	82¾
U. S. Steel, c	85¾	87
U. S. Steel, p	.....	117
Utah Copper	77	77¼
Western Union	93	93
Westinghouse Elec.	56¾	57¾

Canadian Pacific led the movement to lower levels in the final hour with concurrent declines in Union Pacific, Reading and Steel, the closing was heavy.

Specialties, with few exceptions, were subject to steady liquidation today, losses being most severe in motors, Mexican and Industrial Alcohol.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, Aug. 2.—COTTON—Spot, quiet. Middling upland, 13.45, no sale.

New York Money Market.

New York, Aug. 2.—MONEY—Mercantile paper, 4 per cent; sterling, sixty day bills, 4.71½ per cent, demand 4.75 13-16 per cent; cables, 4.75 7-16; Francs, demand 5.90¾, cables 5.90¾; marks, demand 71⅞, cables 72; kronen, demand 12.30, cables 12.40; guilders, demand 41 7-16, cables 41½; lires, demand 6.40, cables 6.39; rubles, demand 30¾, cables 30.55.

SILVER—Bar silver, 64c; Mexican dollars, 46¾c.

BONDS—Government bonds, firm; railroad bonds, irregular.

Time loans, steady; 60 days 3¾@3½ per cent; 90 days 3¾@3½ per cent; six months 3¾@4 per cent. Call money, steady; high, 2½ per cent, low 2¼ per cent; ruling rates, 2½ per cent; last loan, 2½ per cent; closing bid, 2¼ per cent, offered at 2½ per cent.