

effects of a strike upon the country, especially at this time "when every ounce of American energy and initiative would have to be mobilized" to meet the extraordinary situation that will follow the European war.

The President said the war had taught this country that it could no longer remain isolated and provincial; that by reason of its position in the affairs of the world "we must be ready to play our part as one of the dominant influences in world affairs"; that the various business and economic interests of the country to meet the exigencies of the new world conditions must be brought together into a harmonious whole.

Bearing on National Defense. He said further that the accommodations and adjustment of these interests were a necessary part of national defense; that our great national resources could not be made available or mobilized in this emergency as a necessary part of national defense unless the railroads are made serviceable instrumentalities for backing up any plan of national preparedness.

"I will not allow passion to come into my thought in this solemn matter," said the President. "We are both acting as trustees of great interests. I am willing to allow this matter to go to the great American people and let them assess the responsibility. The responsibility of failure will not rest with me."

"I wish you to consider the consequences as affecting the people in the cities and countryside of a failure to agree. The country cannot live if the means of keeping alive its vitality are interfered with."

"The lives and fortunes of 100,000,000 men, women and little ones—many of whom may die—depend upon what may be done in this regard of national defense by one American citizen to another to avert this disaster."

After their visit to the White House the executive returned to their hotel and held practically a continuous conference throughout the remainder of the day and evening. This programme will be followed until a definite result is achieved.

The reply of the railroad officials to the President's plea was forthcoming in the evening in the form of a statement by Elisha Lee, chairman of the board of managers.

Appeal of the Road. Mr. Lee's statement follows: "That the railroads should stand under threat of a national strike a \$50,000,000 wage preference to a small minority of their employees without a hearing before a public body is an unconstitutional and a democratic liability. All questions at issue—wages, hours, costs, operating conditions—these are set out in the greater issues. Shall we settle by a tribunal composed of public authority."

"If we are to throw arbitration into the scrap heap, what hope is there for the American people in the future? A nationwide strike is unthinkable when the railroads are urging that all matters be disposed of by a tribunal constituted by public authority."

"Arbitration is urged by Congress as a final method for settling controversies as to both hours and wages on the railroads. The Newlands law of 1913 was enacted by unanimous request of the four railroad brotherhoods and the representatives of the industry. It is the position that a question of hours is beyond arbitration."

The Real Eight Hour Demand. "But wages, not hours, are involved in these demands. No proposal has been made to establish an eight hour work day. The demand is for an eight hour pay basis, and this is the interpretation given by the railroads. The employees have emphatically made it known that they do not want eight hours work for eight hours pay."

"A simple illustration will suffice to show how the eight hour basis of pay would work. Take, for example, a freight engine driver who is now paid with a day's guarantee of \$5 for 100 miles or ten hours or less. It is proposed to make this guarantee the same for eight hours and to pay him for only sixty miles in ten hours he earns \$5 for his time. It is now proposed that for this work he be paid \$5 for the first hour, \$1.25 for the second hour, a total of \$6.25—increasing his pay 25 per cent."

Hearing From the Country. "If by reason of traffic delays, he is held idle on a sidetrack, so that he does not complete his trip until the end of 12 hours, he now is paid \$5 for his time, no matter how little work he performs. The demand is to pay him \$7.50 for this 12 hour service."

Larger Pay on Mileage Basis. "If after this he is called for a short period of emergency work, say only two hours, he gets another full day's guarantee of \$5, making \$12.50. In this example, for only nine hours service."

"Many other schedule provisions increase the wages of these well paid men without increase in their hours of service. It is because of these opportunities to take pay under mileage or arbitrary rules that their yearly earnings are so far beyond those of other workers charged with no less responsible duties."

"The proposal from the President now before the railroads is: "First—To adopt an eight hour day as a basis for wages, even where the actual work to be done cannot be completed within eight hours," to quote the President's words.

"Second—To increase the hourly rate of pay 25 per cent."

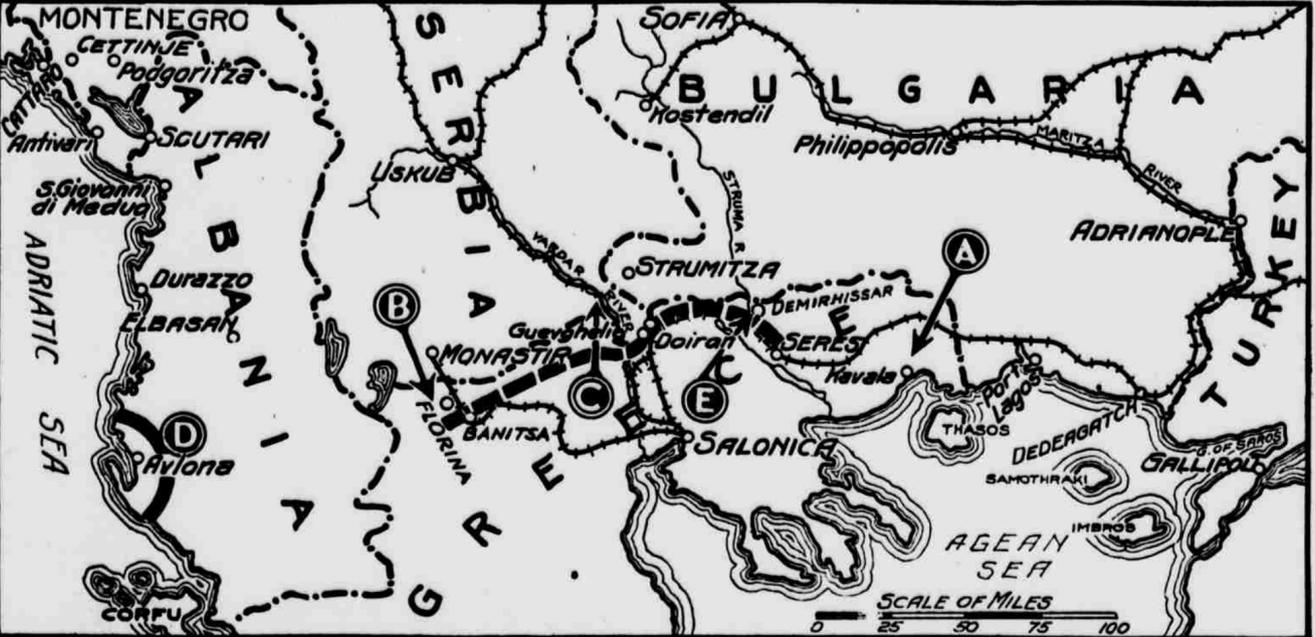
Result of Acceptance. "The result of the acceptance of this proposal would be: "First—Absolutely no change in the length of the workday."

"Second—An increase in wages of more than \$9,000,000 a year to about four-fifths of the train employees, or less than one-seventh of all railroad employees. In other words, an unfair wage preference would be granted, without investigation and under threat of a national strike, to one man in seven in the railroad service."

"If these wage demands are just, in whole or in part, then a public tribunal, appointed by the President, as we have urged, would readily so determine."

"The weight of public opinion must determine this issue. We cannot believe that it is the calm judgment of the country that we should sacrifice the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes under a threat to tie up the commerce of the country."

THE accompanying map shows the Balkan front of 150 miles along the northern border of Greece, on which the Allies announce the beginning of their fourth great offensive. Arrow A indicates the Bulgarian advance toward Kavala, on the right of the allied line. Arrow B indicates the Bulgarian advance on the allied left, where the reorganized Serbian army is holding a twenty-five mile line. Here the Bulgars have taken Florina and Banitsa, but have lost their first line trenches to the



Serbs. Arrow C indicates the region of artillery fighting at the allied centre, on both banks of the Vardar, between Anglo-French forces and Bulgarians. The Allies will make their main advance here up the Vardar Valley. The letter D indicates the position of the Italian troops at Avlona, Albania. This port has been held by the Italians since the beginning of the war. Italian troops were landed at Salonica yesterday to join in the offensive. Arrow E indicates the region of fierce infantry fighting between Seres and Demirhissar, where the Allies are attacking Bulgar trenches.

a question how the eight hour basic pay day would work out on the railroads said: "It is important that the public understand the concessions the railroads are asked to make, the effect on their pay rolls and the increase in freight rates necessary to meet the added cost."

"Compensation for train service was modified on a trip basis. This has been originally until now the standard of measurement for a trip is 100 miles. If the trip is shorter the pay is still for the full 100 miles; if the trip is longer the pay is increased proportionately for each additional mile."

A Further Modification. "There has been the further modification that now the standard for time consumed in making the trip on freight trains is ten hours. If the trip is made in less than ten hours, it is frequently the payment is still for the full ten hour period; if the time consumed in making the trip exceeds ten hours the pay is increased proportionately for the excess time."

"There have been further concessions in the form of arbitrations so that it is the ordinary experience that the men are able to secure the payment for the use of a part of their time notwithstanding it may not exceed the ten hour limit."

"The suggestion of the President as we understand it is that the standard of distance, 100 miles be retained, but that the standard of time, ten hours, be reduced to eight hours."

"If this were done the time pay would be increased 25 per cent and a 100 mile trip completed in ten hours would be paid for upon a time limit of eight hours, with proportionate pay for the two hours above the minimum."

"The total paid in the calendar year 1915 for these wages was \$1,250,000,000. The increase involved in the President's proposition would be \$2,500,000,000, or 21 per cent."

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DAY'S WAR RECORD FROM THE CAPITALS

French Shell German Trenches on Both Sides of the Somme.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The night communication issued by the French War Office follows: "On the Somme front our batteries shelled German works north and south of the river. There was no infantry activity in the course of the day. An intense artillery bombardment took place on the remainder of the front."

Our aviators had numerous encounters with the enemy. Two enemy airplanes were brought down inside our lines, one in the region of Denicourt and the other near Berry."

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Storm Serbian Hills. The following report on the Balkan front has been issued here: "South and southeast of Florina we gained the Vici Hill and Malareka Ridge. East of Banitsa the Serbian forces were severely damaged and were stormed. All efforts of the enemy to recapture Limzeat Jeri were fruitless."

Near Gumitica a weak enemy attack was beaten off. Southeast of Lake Doiran spirited artillery duels are in progress."

Bulgaria Inflict Big Losses. BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville), Aug. 21.—The Bulgarian headquarters statement of August 21, covering events preceding the occupation of Florina and reporting retreat of the fighting in the Doiran Lake region, is as follows: "The enemy Seventeenth French Cavalry Division participated in the previously reported battle of August 15. The enemy's attack continued its fire against our positions south and west of Lake Doiran. His infantry attacked at two points, but met with heavy losses and was driven back by our fire and was forced to retreat."

The Austrian Report. BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville), Aug. 21.—The official Austrian statement of yesterday follows: "South of Ardubach Charles Francis. Several attacks in the vicinity of Magura, west of Modava (in the Carpathians), were repulsed. German troops captured Kreta Mountain. Fighting continued on the northeast slopes of Krasnola Mountain. North of Tartar Pass attempts of strong enemy forces to advance failed. South of the Hortzanka our artillery fire dispersed an advancing Russian column."

Front of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. Near Kievin German detachments drove the enemy from advanced trenches. Near Rudka (Cheremosh) the Russians advanced as the western bank of the Stokhod. A counter attack is being made successfully. The enemy left 8 officers, 267 men and 6 machine guns in the hands of the Teutonic allies."

Hombarding in Storms. ROSS, Aug. 21.—The following official report was issued here today: "In the Gorizia area and on the Carso our troops are consolidating the positions they recently occupied."

Russians Capture 350 Men. PETERSBURG, Aug. 21.—The official Russian announcement issued today follows: "The region of Latishevo, on the Stokhod, a captive balloon was set afire by our artillery."

In the region of Kutly we occupied the villages of Teron and Jablonitsa on the river Cheremosh, and several heights west of Pereskul. Stokhod attacks by the enemy on the heights southwest of Tomashik Mountain were repulsed by our fire."

Caucasian Front: The fighting in the direction of Diarbek is developing favorably for us. We captured a series of heights which had been fortified strongly by the Turks, and took a large number of prisoners."

Turks Take Height Near Mush. BERLIN, via London, Aug. 21.—The statement issued today follows: "North of the Somme several desultory attacks west of Pereskul (High Wood) on the Clergy-Marlouret road, made by strong infantry forces of the enemy from Ouliers and Posteres, and hand grenade attacks near Maurepas were repulsed."

Verden front: enemy forces which were ready to make an attack northward of Thiamont work were prevented by our artillery fire from carrying out their object. At Thiamont work itself and near Tury strong hand grenade parties were shot down by our infantry and machine gun fire. Numerous undertakings attempted by reconnoitering detachments of the enemy were without result. Attacks by German patrols north of Verneles and near Posteres and Embremont were successful. In the Argentine lively mining operations were carried out on

SERBS TAKE FIRST BULGAR TRENCHLINE

Continued from First Page. Bulgarian losses at the Moglentza were 400 killed, 600 wounded and forty-three taken prisoner. It is thought that the advance on Kavala may be partly with a political motive. Kavala being formerly a Bulgarian city, and intended to influence Rumalia and affect the Greek elections. The Royalist party in Greece is taking extraordinary precautions because of popular sympathy with the Allies. Whenever the King visits the capital, which is rarely, he is guarded by a brigade of soldiers and lines of mounted policemen armed with rifles."

Liquid Fire Attack Fails. Big French Guns and Rifles Stop German Assault.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—German attacks with liquid fire against the village of Fleury, on the Verdun front, failed completely today, as has every German counter attack since the French recaptured the village. The attack is described as powerful, but the French fire curtain and the rifles of the infantry stopped it, with serious losses."

On the Somme front both sides made attacks and there was hot fighting at several places but without decision. The French and British are busily consolidating their substantial gains of Friday and Saturday, and sending out feelers for their next attack. In the wood captured yesterday between Guillemont and Maurepas the French took six German field guns."

The British artillery fire, which was intense all day and probably means another attack soon, caused a fire in a German battery south of Thiepval. The Serbs also were badly damaged near the famous Lepic summit, which the British took on Saturday."

BULGARIA PREPARED. Premier Radolovskoff Confident—\$7,000,000 Voted for War.

BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville), Aug. 21.—Bulgaria is prepared to repulse all attacks from whatever quarter, Premier Radolovskoff declared in an address to Parliament, as quoted in a dispatch from Sofia, Tuesday morning. He called for a general offensive of the Balkan Allies, he said, demonstrated that the forces of the Central Powers could not be shaken from their positions."

Bulgaria he added is enjoying the most cordial relations with her allies, and the military situation is entirely favorable. His final victory is sure. Before adjourning Parliament he voted a new war credit of 20,000,000 leva (about \$7,000,000). "The German and Bulgarian forces which have taken the offensive on the western end of the Balkan front are pushing southward in Greece. The War Office communication today says: "Two hours were further positions from the Serbians and beaten off efforts to recapture ground won."

SEES PURPOSE IN SEA ATTACK. "Times" Expert Says Germany Was Showing Its Fleet Was Intact.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The naval expert of the Times, discussing the sailing of the German fleet into the North Sea on Saturday, says: "The news that the German fleet already has been able to put to sea after the severe damage suffered May 31 is no surprise. The war experience has proved that a ship can be repaired very quickly provided she is not vitally injured."

"The Germans do nothing without a purpose. To keep up the fabric of the submarine fleet which came into consideration must show that his fleet is not confined to the Kiel Canal. It may be assumed that every class of ship was present in the German fleet on Saturday."

POWERS KEEP TROOPS APART. Diplomatic Negotiations Going On to Settle Chinese-Japanese Mixup.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Chinese and Japanese troops which came into conflict at Cheng-Chiang last week with a severe loss on both sides, have been withdrawn a considerable distance from each other, while diplomatic negotiations between the two Powers seek to settle the difficulties."

BRITISH DELAY AN "AFFRONT." American Opponents of "Blacklist" Hold a Meeting To-day.

The failure this far of England to reply to President Wilson's note of July 22, demanding the prompt rescinding of its order placing American citizens and concerns on a blacklist, will be considered at a special meeting of the executive committee of the Association of British Dominion of American Commerce at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon."

RUSSIANS GAINING IN CARPATHIANS

Austrians Driven Out of Two Towns in Advance on Hungary. FIGHTING FOR PASSES

Battle Now in Progress in Mountains to the South of Kutly.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Hungary is more seriously threatened with a Russian invasion by successes in the Carpathian passes announced to-day. The Russians have driven the Austrians out of two towns on the Cheremosh River, Pereskul and Jablonitsa, on the border of Galicia and Bukovina."

The Russian troops are now fighting in two of the Carpathian passes east of the region south of Kutly. At the same time the drive on Kovel, though it goes more slowly, still proceeds. The Russians announce advances at some points in the fighting along the Sokhod, near Kovel and Rudka-Cherchivche."

The German official statement telegraphed here says the fighting about Rudka-Cherchivche is still going on and a counter attack is gaining ground. With the exception of brief interludes for consolidating positions or changing the direction of attack, it has been like one great sustained battle."

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TO GUIDE PORTUGAL IN WAR. Franco-British Mission Will Be Sent to That Country. PARIS, Aug. 21.—In preparation for Portugal's active participation in the war a Franco-British military mission will leave this city in a few days for Portugal.

The French Government has designated Lieut.-Col. Paris, Major Grandin, Lt. Colonel and Lieut. Girardoux. The British Government