

## CAR STRIKE ENDS; MEN BACK TODAY ON VIRGINIA LINE

### Agreement Made to Arbitrate Differences Following Short Conference.

### EMPLOYEES' COMMITTEE MEETS WITH OFFICIALS Decision Reached at Session Held in Office of General Counsel of Old Dominion.

### STRIKERS QUICKLY RATIFY IT Stipulation Made That Negotiations Regarding Hours of Labor and Pay Shall Conclude on April 18.

Service on the Washington and Old Dominion electric line, which has been suspended for two days because of the strike of employees, will be resumed at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

An agreement to arbitrate the difference between the officials and the employees was reached last night, making possible the resumption of service. The arbitration meetings are to begin tomorrow.

Representative Charles C. Carlin of Virginia, many of whose constituents reside in that section of Virginia traversed by the two branches of the Washington and Old Dominion Railway Company, last night presided at a conference between a committee of the striking employees and representatives of the company, and after a session which lasted two hours it was announced that the men would return to work. It was stated that the first car would leave 36th and M streets at 8:30 o'clock. The return of the men is said to have been due to the interest displayed by Representative Carlin, who suggested the conference.

### Strikers Ratify Agreement.

The agreement was promptly ratified at a meeting held at the strikers' headquarters, 36th and M streets.

The conference which led to the arrangement for arbitration was held in the office of Wilton J. Lambert, general counsel for the railway company. Those present on behalf of the company were Colin H. Livingston, president; W. B. Emmert, vice president and general manager, and Wilton J. Lambert, general counsel. Those who formed the committee of employees were M. E. Patterson, chairman; J. C. Chertzer, O. F. Carmon, A. E. Putnam and W. H. Foot.

### Statement From Railroad.

A statement from the officials of the road, following the conference, was as follows:

An understanding has been reached between officers of the Washington and Old Dominion railway and their employees whereby the operation of the road in its divisions will be resumed tomorrow. The basis of the understanding is that a committee of employees will meet the officials of the company at 1 o'clock Monday for the purpose of discussing the demands of the employees.

### States Strikers' Position.

Chairman Patterson of the employees' committee gave out a statement as follows:

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### Committee to Receive Pay.

"Mr. Patterson suggested that the committee would be willing to recommend to the men that all go back to work tomorrow morning, Sunday, April 9, 1916, receiving their former positions back, that all men who had been employed since April 1 would be recharged, and that negotiations be taken up to be terminated within a period of ten days, it being understood that during that time the men working on the committee would receive pay the same as if they were working on the road, even though they were not able to charge that time as making time on the road.

### Tied Up Traffic Effectively.

It was conceded by all concerned that the strike of the two branches of the Washington and Old Dominion line probably tied up traffic about as effectively as any strike that has ever occurred in this country. Not one piece of rolling stock was able to go over the road yesterday after about 2 o'clock, when a second train from Blumont reached Rosslyn, and it was while a member of the office force was moving part of that train that one of the cars blocked the tracks near the car barn.

Shortly after a spring switch at the west end of the railway yard was reached the forward truck crossed to the inbound track, while the rear truck remained on the outbound track and, it is stated, the car came near crashing into a car containing a dozen or more so-called strikers.

### Reward of \$500.

A reward of \$500 has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for derailing two cars on the Washington-Virginia line at Nauck station, Friday night. It is stated that the tracks were soaped for a distance of fully one-quarter of a mile, and that a car taking the north end of the bridge at night had attained a speed of seventy miles at the other end.

### Steamship Sinking Off Cape Hatteras

Steamship Sixaola Standing  
by to Take Passengers  
Off Guajara.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.  
BY WIRELESS FROM S. S. SIXAOLA, Cape Hatteras, April 9 (Sunday).—The Brazilian steamer Guajara, Rio de Janeiro, is probably slowly sinking off Cape Hatteras this morning with a full passenger list. Near the Guajara stands the United Fruit steamer Sixaola, whose captain answered from his course, one hundred and fifty miles from Norfolk, in answer to a distress call that was blown across the stormy waters of Cape Hatteras in Morse code from the steam whistles of the sinking vessel. The Brazilian message said that there is fourteen feet of water in the hold and probably no chance of saving the vessel.

### Ship Signals For Help.

Over the stormy Atlantic the signal "An sinking, hold full of water," came time and time again, and the Sixaola turned her nose squarely into the storm and answered with her own siren that she was on the way.

### British Official Report.

The British official statement issued tonight on the campaign reads:

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### British Embassy at Woods Hole.

WOODS HOLE, Mass., April 8.—The British embassy will be located in this town, on the shore of Vineyard sound, according to a dispatch received today. Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, the ambassador, has rented a cottage near Nobska light.

## FRENCH MENACED NEAR BETHINCOURT, WHERE FOE GAINS

### Communications With Town, Held by Narrowest Margin, Are Under German Fire.

### FIGHT FOR EVERY INCH. IS ORDER OF GEN. JOFFRE Crown Prince's Assaulting Forces Compelled to Surmount Great Difficulties.

### MAKE STEADY PROGRESS Attacks Being Driven Home on Both Sides of Important Salient—Lit- tle Action in Other Ver- dun Sections.

LONDON, April 8.—Persistent attempts by the Germans to reduce the salient in the French lines northwest of Verdun are resulting in steady progress for the operation. Attacks are being driven home on both sides of the salient, at the northern angle of which lies the village of Bethincourt, but more particularly on the western edge in the vicinity of Haucourt.

Berlin reports the capture of strong points of support to the south of Haucourt, which passed recently into German hands, an entire French position along a front of more than a mile and a quarter coming into Teutonic possession. Paris has admitted German advances here, but declares that on the opposite side of the salient the advantage in the recent fighting has been with the French. The present German activity in the Verdun region is confined almost entirely to this operation, although the artillery in other sectors around the fortress is being intermittently employed.

### French Told to Fight Hard.

According to a dispatch from Berlin information has been obtained from French prisoners and orders found on them which indicate, according to German correspondents in the Verdun region, that the French are fully aware of the importance of every yard of territory in their salient, whose northeasternmost point is Bethincourt, now the only village of this section of the battle front remaining in their hands. French troops being ordered by Gen. Joffre to hold every inch of ground with all the force at their command, the correspondents aver, and every German gain is registered, only in the face of desperate resistance.

### Menaces Increase.

The German conquest of Haucourt is another step in the increasing menace to the whole French salient, which still is commanded by Hill No. 304. The French rear communications are roads leading from Haucourt to Ennes and from Bethincourt to Ennes, and both roads are well exposed to German sniping from the west and east and a direct fire from the north.

### French Communication.

The French official communication issued tonight by the war office says:

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THE VIRGINIA CAR STRIKE.

## SENATE VOTES BIG CIVIL SUPPLY BILL

### Committee Amendments, Giv- ing Increased Appropriations, Pass Without Debate.

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$38,198,762.25, as reported by the appropriations committee, was passed by the Senate yesterday afternoon in a little more than an hour. The committee amendments to the House bill, increasing the amount carried in the bill by \$50,713, were agreed to practically without debate, and a few amendments offered by senators on the floor were agreed to also.

### Eliminate Gas Provision.

The Senate struck from the bill a provision inserted in the House which provided that hereafter the government should get pay in excess of 70 cents a thousand cubic feet for gas used in any public building in the District of Columbia. There was no debate over the amendment.

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## WOMAN'S QUICK WIT HALTS SMUGGLING OF FOUR CHINAMEN

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### Unprecedented Jump of Coast Tribunal in Railroad Oil Land Fight for Millions.

The United States circuit court at Los Angeles, Cal., has lifted itself by the boot heels and will hold sessions here in Washington for a few days, perhaps several weeks. Judge Benjamin E. Bledsoe, his clerk of the court, Charles N. Williams, and the judge's secretary, Lyle W. Rucker, have arrived in Washington and are ready for the proceedings to start.

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## 150 OF VILLA'S MEN SHOT BY U.S. TROOPS SINCE CROSSING LINE

### EXPECTS CAPTURE OF BRIGAND SOON

### Secretary Baker Has News of Hot Pursuit by Ameri- cans.

### DENIES THERE IS BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL RUMOR

Secretary Baker, in formally denying yesterday that immediate withdrawal from Mexico of the American expeditionary force was contemplated, indicated that the War Department had information that the United States troopers were close upon Villa's trail, and that the expedition might soon accomplish the purpose for which it was sent across the border.

"The object of the expedition was stated when it was undertaken," said Secretary Baker. "It has never been changed. No other orders have been given, and the expedition is busily pursuing it now with what, I hope, is a fair chance of early success."

### No Prospect of Withdrawal.

Reports that preparations for withdrawal were under way were declared by Mr. Baker to have "absolutely no basis of any kind." All the War Department's plans for pursuing the chase were going forward actively, he declared, an order being placed only yesterday for fifteen gasoline-carrying motor trucks for Gen. Pershing's campaign. The American forces were "pushing ahead," he said, but he had no details of the operations.

### Say Order Still Holds.

Secretary Baker and Gen. Scott said the order was unchanged, that no new or supplemental order had been given and that Gen. Funston had not yet reported that the American expedition's object had been attained. It was recalled that on the day the troops crossed Secretary Baker said their object was to "capture or disperse" the bandits who raided Columbus.

### Scores of Defendants.

The case in Judge Bledsoe's court is against the Southern Pacific Railway Company, involving oil lands ranging in estimated value from a quarter of a billion to a billion dollars. Representing the United States in the case are District Attorney Albert Schoonover and Assistant Attorney General E. J. Justice; the two attorneys representing the Southern Pacific are Charles R. Lewers and Henry C. Booth. They will be at the taking of testimony on Saturday.

### Government's Contentions.

It is the contention of the government that the railroad scooped about on the land now at issue and determined that it was fine oil-bearing property and then got it from the government under the guise of agricultural lands. It is composed of the odd-numbered sections in a strip approximately 100 miles long by eighteen miles wide.

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### DECISION TO PUSH PURSUIT PLEASES

### NEW BASE PROBABLE AT SOME TEXAS POINT

### Additional Supplies May Be Sent From Ojunga Over the Trail Through Chihuahua.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 8.—Gen. Funston does not regard the task set him of breaking up "Villa's band or bands" as accomplished. This was made clear at Fort Sam Houston today when reports were received that an unofficial suggestion had been made that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. One phase of the situation which army officers refuse to discuss, however, is a provision in the War Department orders to Gen. Funston which provides for the removal of the troops whenever the forces of the de facto Mexican government "are able to relieve them of this work."

### Pleased at Secretary's Denial.

Gratification was manifested at Gen. Funston's headquarters when it was learned that Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker had denied the government was contemplating the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico.

### Gen. Pershing Optimistic.

Gen. Pershing's reports, infrequent to headquarters, continued throughout the week to indicate the optimism of himself and his officers that they soon would overtake Villa or his main force, but none of his reports has indicated that he regarded his task as accomplished.

### Believe Villa Will Be Overtaken.

This confidence was not due altogether to the belief that the Americans would be able to overtake Villa, but to the co-operation of Carranza's forces, who were reported officially by agents of the Mexican government to have occupied strategic positions in the path Villa was reported to be following. If the thousands of men Carranza claimed to have scattered through the territory in front of Villa can check him in his flight to the south, it was believed here he might be brought to a stand.

### Gen. Pershing was officially reported to have left his temporary headquarters in the San Gerónimo ranch and gone south toward Satevo, where the greater part of the 10th Cavalry is operating. Col. W. C. Brown, at the head of those troops, was known to be searching every trail and investigating each story as to the whereabouts of Villa or his followers. Supporting forces have been moved forward along the line of communications and in the event of serious engagement reinforcements could be sent forward quickly.

### Officers at Gen. Funston's Headquarters Were Interested Today in a Report From Torreon that a Conference Was to Be Held Tomorrow that Might Result in the Surrender Monday of Gen. Canuto Reyes, who has been leading the most formidable band of Villa men in the vicinity of Torreon. Some apprehension has been felt that Villa might yet succeed in joining forces with Reyes, thus making much more difficult his capture.