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FORTRESS OF GRODNO ATTACKED

Teutonic Allies Direct Severe Attack Against Last Fortress Held By Enemy Near German Border—Town of Lipsk Falls.

British Steamer is Sunk and Norwegian Merchantman, Bound From Galveston, is Detained at Kirkwall by British Authorities.

Berlin, Aug. 30—German forces have made a further advance on the Russian fortress of Grodno, the only one of their fortified positions near the German border which still remains in possession of the Russians.

The official announcement was made here today of the capture of Lipsk, in northern Russian Poland, about 20 miles to the west of Grodno.

British Steamer Sunk.
London, Aug. 30—The British steamer Sir William Stephenson, of Newcastle, 1,514 tons gross, has been sunk.

The Norwegian steamer Salomon, from Galveston, July 25 for Alborg, Denmark, has been detained at Kirkwall by the British authorities.

U. S. ASSUMES CHARGE OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES AT TURKISH CAPITAL

Washington, Aug. 30—Ambassador Morganthau at Constantinople, has taken over the diplomatic interests of Italy, Russia and Montenegro. These added responsibilities for the United States, cabled today makes this government diplomatic agent at the port for eight European nations.

TEUTONS SEEK TO CLEAR GALICIA OF RUSSIANS

London, Aug. 30—Reports from the eastern front indicating that the Austrians are making a determined effort to clear the last corner of Galicia still held by their opponents, have excited great interest here. The Russian lines on the Upper Bug and the Zlota Lipa have been pierced, but it is not yet clear how serious resistance is being offered to the vast enveloping movement from the south.

Having lost Brest-Litovsk, Grand Duke Nicholas cannot afford to hold the river post against the Russians, which has been in progress since May, and that once Austrian soil is cleared of the invaders a new campaign may be undertaken by the Teutonic forces, this time in the Near East.

In support of this theory is cited the report that the central powers are massing troops near the Rumanian border. The week-end witnessed violent and almost continuous activity on the part of the artillery of the allies all the way from the North Sea to the Vosges. There are no indications, however, that this expenditure of big gunnammunitions is being followed by infantry attacks.

London is again awaiting official reports from the British or French authorities concerning the campaign at the Dardanelles, where, according to Constantinople, heavy fighting is under way.

MEXICAN PEACE MEETING TO BE ARRANGED SOON

Villa and Zapata Chiefs Agree to Plan and Carranza Now Is Awaited.

Washington, Aug. 30—Villa and Zapata agents here today said that a peace convention soon would be called in neutralized territory in Mexico to set up a provisional government. Independent Mexicans as yet unaffiliated with any of the factions would take part, they said, and it was possible that the Pan-American congress would be asked to arrange the details.

The delay in receiving General Carranza's reply to the Pan-American peace appeal has raised hopes that influences are at work to induce him to participate. The Villa and Zapata adherents, however, announce their intentions of proceeding without Carranza, if necessary.

Carranza troops in Northeastern Mexico were reported today being concentrated to defend Monterrey against the attack of the Villa army.

The American Smelting & Refining Co. advanced its price of shipment, from 4.70 to 4.90 cents per pound in 30-ton lots.

WEATHER FORECAST

Showers tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy and cooler; moderate shifting winds becoming west.

ENGLAND GRANTS CONCESSIONS IN TRADE BLOCKADE

Enforcement of Order-in-Council Against U.S. Ships To Be Modified.

STATE DEPT. GETS OFFICIAL NOTICE

British Ambassador Promises Relief For American Trade Interests.

Washington, Aug. 30—Concessions in enforcement against American commerce of the British order-in-council were announced today as a result of informal negotiations just completed by the foreign trade advisers of the state department.

The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, assured the trade advisers that their informal representation in cases where the British orders have caused "undue hardship" to American commerce will receive special consideration.

The British note dealing with the detention of the American steamer Neches, however, sent on July 31, set forth that in cases where "hardship may be inflicted on citizens of neutral countries" the British government would examine facts in a "spirit of consideration for the interests of neutrals."

Information in the hands of the state department that private brokers were securing permits in London for special shipments of merican goods from Rotterdam, while the trade advisers were unable even to prevent special cases, was transmitted to London.

ANOTHER ARREST FOR DYNAMITING OF CANADA SHOP

Detroit Man Implicated in Plot To Blow Up Windsor Branch of U. M. C. Co.

Detroit, Aug. 30—Charles Respa, of this city, who was arrested last night on Bois Blanc Island, Canadian territory, for alleged connection with the dynamite explosion at Walkerville, Ont., two months ago, will be arraigned today.

It is charged that Respa was one of three or more persons of German descent living in Detroit who had conspired to destroy the Peabody Overall plant at Walkerville; the Windsor armory and other buildings used for military purposes.

William Lecker, who is serving a term of ten years in the penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., is alleged to have implicated Respa and Albert Kaitzschmidt, another Detroit, in a confession. Kaitzschmidt is living in Detroit. He cannot be extradited.

ARABIC DECISION AWAITING REPORT FROM SUBMARINE

Washington, Aug. 30—One despatch from Ambassador Gerard, which Secretary Lansing declared threw no light on the situation, was the only development today in the Arabic case. While Secretary Lansing refused to discuss the despatch, it was inferred that the German government did not yet have the report of the submarine commander and was not ready to make its explanation.

LETTER CARRIER SEEKING DIVORCE

Arthur Barnsley, a letter carrier connected with the local post office, has brought divorce proceedings against Lillian Barnsley of this city. Infidelity is the ground. He alleges that since January 1, 1914 she has been too friendly with William Herbert of this city. The alleged acts are said to have taken place in New York and this city. The parties in the action were married November 5, 1902. There is one child, Arthur, aged 11, of whom the father asks the superior court to grant him the custody. Papers returned to the September term have been filed.

Municipal Parade Biggest Ever, Is Plan of Promoters

Every municipal employe will take part in the municipal parade to be held in October if the plans of the administration are carried out. The entire police and fire department personnel, except a few men who will be retained for sentry duty at the various police stations and fire houses, will be marched by the city hall on some Saturday afternoon in October.

Even the girl clerks in the city hall will be in the parade. They will ride in automobiles which the city owns. It is planned to make this parade the largest and most comprehensive of the municipal departments that ever has been held.

NO CHANGE HERE FOR I. W. W. TO ORGANIZE LABOR

Cederholm Says Bridgeport Workers Understand How To Meet Conditions.

WATERBURY SOON TO FOLLOW BRIDGEPORT

Former Alderman Busy in Eight Hour Campaign in Brass City.

"The I. W. W. movement will never gain a foothold in Bridgeport," declared former Alderman Frederick Cederholm today. Continuing he said: "Workers in Bridgeport understand conditions and they understand how to remedy them. The results in the past few weeks have shown that therefore they do not have to depend on organizations like the I. W. W. for relief and the propaganda of that organization does not appeal to them. Eitor is wrong when he says the American Federation of Labor does not provide for unskilled workers. There are more than a score of organizations composed of unskilled workers in that labor organization."

The former alderman who is the only member of the Socialist party ever elected to office in Bridgeport is now working as an organizer for the American Federation of Labor. At present his activities are directed to Waterbury. He says that city will be unionized much quicker than Bridgeport was, that it is going through the same industrial changes that is taking place here, but that the moral effect of the changes in Bridgeport will bring about results in the Brass City without the strikes which have occurred here.

Eitor's appeal would fall on deaf ears in Bridgeport," the former alderman said. "The personnel of the workers here is much higher than in some cities where Eitor has been engaged. I think Bridgeport is too well organized under the various divisions of the American Federation of Labor to need any attention from Eitor or to invite his activity."

CHICAGO CRANE OFFICIALS WILL ACT ON STRIKE

Situation in Local Plants Hinges Upon Word From The Windy City.

According to James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L. the Crane Co. situation is contingent upon the decision of the company officials in Chicago.

"We don't know what they will offer," Mr. Roche said. "I was led to believe last week that the eight hour day, a 10 per cent. increase and the recognition of a committee of employes to review grievances had been allowed, but I'm not sure that the offer was bona fide. It was handed to me on a piece of paper, and I have been unable since then to trace its origin."

CANFIELD RUBBER CO. STRIKERS WILL INSIST ON 8 HOURS

Vote to Reject Offer of Company to Give Them Nine Hour Day.

The Canfield Rubber Co. employes will not return, according to assertions this morning, until the eight hour day, 10 hours' pay and recognition of a committee to review grievances are granted.

STRIKERS AT STAR SHIRT COMPANY TO AWAIT OVERTURES

Employees Take Little Stock in Report That Factory Is To Be Sold.

No change was noted this morning in the situation at the Star Shirt Co. The plant is still closed and the strikers, at the mass meeting held this morning in Eagles' hall, agreed to wait until the officials seek conferences.

"Some of the girls brought in reports this morning that they had been told the company planned to move the business to some other city and give over the building to the manufacture of ammunition. This is taken by the strikers to be merely an attempt to scare them into submission and they took little stock in the report this morning."

LABOR LEADERS WANT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROBE CHILD LABOR CONDITIONS IN THIS CITY

FIND APPALLING CHILD LABOR CONDITIONS IN ACME SHEAR CO. PLANT

Federal Intervention May Be Sought By Representative of A. F. of L.—Social Workers of Government To Be Asked to Investigate—Girls With Pigtaails Working at Life-Shortening Job.

Child labor conditions in the Acme Shear works, that are appalling were brought out today at a meeting of strikers at Eagles' hall this afternoon, which may result in a sociological investigation by the Federal department of Commerce and Labor.

State Organizer Ira M. Ornburn of the Connecticut Federation of Labor produced children with pigtails down their backs, said to be 14 years of age, but looking three or four years younger, who are said to be working 10 hours a day in the pack-room of the big scissor works. Other girls and boys, scrawny and emaciated, ranging from 14 to 20 years of age, were in the hall.

Members of the strike committee stated that these children were working under conditions that required investigation by social workers, as their lives were jeopardized by the character of work and hours required of them.

Emery dust and fine steel particles are said to permeate the air of the factory to such an extent that the lives of those working on the polishing and grinding wheels average but 10 to 15 years after beginning work. Polishers' consumption, prevalent among these workers, carries them off in large number annually.

Disclosure of the child labor utilized in the factory came about when little children in the hall were noticed in the lines of strikers awaiting to file applications for memberships in the Federal unions. Some of these children did not reach to the hips of strong laboring men in the lines. When the little tots made application for membership the strike leaders were aghast and refusing to believe they were workers in the plant.

REMINGTON BAYONET MAKERS THREATENED STRIKE REACHES CRISIS

Executive Committee of International Union of Metal Workers Will Handle Situation at Arms Works—Many Leaders Here in Conference.

That the threatened strike at the Remington Arms plants of the bayonet makers is at an acute stage is shown by the fact that this morning T. M. Daley, president of the Metal Polishers', Buffers', Platers' Brass and Silver Workers Union telegraphed to John J. Flynn, vice president, in this city, to keep him in touch with the status of the case every hour if necessary.

No action was taken today because the word of the executive committee of the union is being awaited. It is expected that by tomorrow afternoon, unless the concessions are granted, radical action will be ordered.

LUXURIOUS QUARTERS GIVEN STRIKE BREAKERS IN FREIGHT YARDS; DINE IN PULLMANS

Dining-cars, armored steel baggage cars, electrically lit, and handsome sleeping quarters in steam-heated trains, ready to move from the scene of any hostility, is keeping the freight handlers' strike in check at the Whiting and Water street freight-yards of the New Haven railroad.

Though the call of "Dinner is served in the dining-car ahead" is a familiar call to many passengers on the big railroad system, it is seldom that the class of laborers now being imported from Boston, Providence and other cities along the line to take the place of the 135 freight handlers on strike, ever heard this call and they are holding tight to the cinch job they have landed with pay of \$1.25 per day, pork chops for breakfast and drawing-room cars in which to play cards at night.

"We do not expect any trouble," said E. G. Aiken, trainmaster of the road, who arrived here from the Grand Central station at the beginning of hostilities to take charge of the situation with Roadmaster Lou P. Bristol of Bridgeport. This statement made today to a reporter for The Farmer is likely to be true as long as the company maintains its munificent care of the men and provide mahogany quarters and white appareled chefs to feed them the best of provisions on spotless tables.

The Whiting street freight-house has lost to date 110 freight handlers while but 25 have left the Water street house. In each of these places two of the older men remained. The strikers' places have been taken by 350 men, who checked up this morning. These have been brought from Providence and Boston and are a motley crew comprising a number of Portuguese negroes, and other white foreigners. Many of them are filthy. Though they are managing to keep (Continued on Page Two)

Children, Just Out of Compulsory School Age, Work in Trades That Shorten Their Lives Many Years, and Strike Leaders Want Conditions Investigated.

SITUATION AT REMINGTON PLANT IS CRITICAL; LEADERS FLOCK HERE

Unprecedented Gathering of Union Labor Officials Is Here to Pilot Workers Through Safe Course to Eight Hour Day and Improved Conditions—Window Cleaners Go on Strike.

The pallid, wan face of girls of grammar school age, gathered at the mass meeting of Acme Shear Co. strikers this afternoon at Eagles' hall were the most impressive of the features in the many conventions there today.

So worn out, so decidedly out of place and so pitiful was the scene that labor leaders are conferring this afternoon on the advisability of asking Federal intervention.

The social workers of the Federal government are likely to be asked to investigate the conditions, where small boys are working as polishers and buffers, at a trade noted for the quickness with which it saps life.

Labor leaders of national note are in this city today helping along the movement for eight hours and better working conditions. Aiding them is Cal Wyatt, the oldest organizer of labor in the country. Others are: John J. Flynn, James E. Fitzgerald, and George O'Leary, vice presidents' of the Metal Polishers', Buffers', Platers', Brass and Silver Workers' Union of North America; Fred C. Bolam, general vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers; Philip J. Guest, International vice-president and organizer of the Amalgamated Meat-Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America; Thomas F. McMahon, organizer of the United Textile Workers of America; Francis J. Clarke, representing the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union; Bernard Abrams, general organizer of the United Garment Workers of America; John Hines, president of the Sheet Metal Workers of America; James Ryan, organizer of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union; W. F. Cattell, district organizer of the American Federation of Labor; James E. Roche, chairman of the executive committee of the A. F. of L., and Mary Scully, organizer of the A. F. of L.

The situation at the plant of the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. is acute. The executive committee of the Polishers' Union will decide tomorrow whether a strike will be called or not. The failure of Major Walter G. Penfield to approve what his superiors agreed to, is blamed by the bayonet makers for the crisis.

The Crown Corset Co. and George C. Batcheller Co. girls returned to work this morning under their new conditions of labor.

A strike was averted at the plant of the American Graphophone Co. when it was explained to the men that the company was one of the first in the city to give the 50 hour week and may be counted upon to listen to any reasonable requests.

The coming of W. H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists is awaited. He is expected to stop here for a short time to hold a conference with other labor leaders on the situation as it affects machinists.

At one of the greatest gatherings of labor leaders ever held here, Sunday afternoon in the Atlantic hotel, the situation in Bridgeport as regards every factory where strikes are in progress, was discussed. The sentiment was that Bridgeport workmen had done an epoch-making thing in procuring so general a concession of the eight-hour day and better conditions.

The strike at the American Chain Co. is at the same stage as it was last week. The strikers are awaiting word from the company as to what will be offered.

At the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. the men are still on strike. The attitude of the organizers is to await the action of the Federal government.

The Automatic Machine Co. men are still out, according to George J. Bowen, business agent of the I. A. M. It is likely a committee will call on the officials tomorrow afternoon.

The Siemon Hard Rubber Co. is still closed. No concessions have been made by the company.

The Albert & E. Henkels Co. strikers will not return until recognition of a committee to review the grievances is allowed.

At a mass meeting of the Sall's Textile Co. employes this morning it was voted unanimously to make no overtures to the company. It was reported that jobs in other cities, have been offered to nearly all the girls.

The Canfield Rubber Co. employes turned down the offer of the company for a nine hour day.

The Bryant Electric Co. employes are meeting this afternoon. They are awaiting the return to this city of Waldo C. Bryant, head of the plant. It is expected the strike will be speedily settled.

Eleven window cleaners went on strike this morning.

A. F. of L. Senior Organizer Here; Veteran Printer

Mr. Wyatt came here Friday night directly from Fort Wayne, Ind. He joined in the general conference of labor leaders at the Atlantic hotel yesterday.

He has been with the A. F. of L. for a score of years and before that he was organizer for the International Typographical Union. He worked under former President Prescott of the International Union, who is now foreman of the Inland Printer Tr...