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DANGER OF GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE GROWING; EMPLOYEES IMPATIENT AS EXECUTIVES PREPARE REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT

BRITISH NAVAL AUXILIARY IS TORPEDOED BY U-BOAT; CAPTAIN AND 22 MEN LOST

Boarding Ship Duke of Albany is Sunk in North Sea—Eighty-Seven of Officers and Men Are Rescued.

Bulgarian Forces Capture Greek Fort and Wipe Out Entire Garrison—Germans Lose Several Aeroplanes.

London, Aug. 26—The torpedoing in the North Sea of a British naval auxiliary, with the loss of 23 men, was announced officially today.

Eighty-seven men were saved. The announcement follows: "The British armed boarding steamer Duke of Albany was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea on Thursday by an enemy submarine. The commander and 22 men were lost. Eleven officers and 76 ratings were saved."

The British merchant steamer Duke of Albany, which probably is the craft alluded to in the official statement, was a vessel of 1,997 tons gross, built in 1907 and owned in Glasgow.

BULGARS CAPTURE GREEK FORT AND KILL DEFENDERS

Paris, Aug. 26—The Bulgarians have attacked and captured the Greek fort of Starita, after killing its commander, Chanas, and the entire garrison, which offered spirited resistance, says a Saloniki despatch to the Matin.

The despatch is dated August 23 and was delayed.

Three German Aeos Are Reported Lost

Paris, Aug. 26—After an intense bombardment last night, the Germans launched an infantry attack west of Tabbre, in the Champagne. They penetrated French positions, the war office announced today, but subsequently were expelled.

German attacks on the Somme and Verdun fronts were repulsed.

The German attack on the Somme front was made at Hill 121, near the town of Maurepas, recently captured by the French.

On the Verdun front east of the Meuse the Germans attacked the French line between Fleury and Thiaumont, after a heavy bombardment, but were able to make no advance.

Aerial engagements occurred all along the front. Three German aeroplanes were shot down in the Somme sector, one near Craon and another on the Verdun front. Six others were damaged and two German captive balloons were destroyed.

Serbs Are Defeated After Many Attacks

Sofia, Aug. 26—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing, on the Macedonian front, the Serbians have been defeated with very heavy losses and compelled to retire, the war office announced today. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians.

TURKS AND BRITISH CLASH

Constantinople, Aug. 26—British and Turkish reconnoitering parties have clashed at a point less than 20 miles east of the Suez Canal, in the coast region, the British detachments being forced to flee, according to today's announcement by the war office. Hard fighting on the Caucasian front, in which during one engagement the

BRIDGEPORT POLICEMEN ENTERTAIN BIG CROWDS AT BEACH OUTING TODAY

The big field day, given under the auspices of the Bridgeport police department for the benefit of the Police Sick Benefit association, got underway at Pleasure Beach at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The explosion of a dozen bombs, marking the opening of hostilities between the Tigers and Majors on the baseball field, announced to the city that the big doings had started.

Thousands of Bridgeporters and visitors from neighboring cities were at the Beach when the series of explosions greeted the umpire "Play Ball!" Thousands more were on their way to the resort, and indications were that tonight would see the biggest crowd on record present at the Beach.

Reports at press hour were that the ball game was doing as well as could be expected, and the thousands of pleasure seekers were enjoying themselves. Bridgeport is today the Mecca for policemen from all sections of the state and at noontime a person scarcely could move on the streets in the center of the city without rubbing elbows with a guardian of the peace from some part of the state. The bluecoats, in many instances, were accompanied by other members of their families. Delegations from New Haven, Hartford, Stamford, Norwalk, New London, Waterbury and other cities arrived by automobile and train all morning long. Everyone was expecting a good time and at the beach they all enjoyed it.

Police headquarters presented a hustling appearance all morning as police officers called at the station to renew old acquaintances. Veterans of the old days, now bent and worn with age and on the retired lists, plodded their way to the building in Fairfield avenue and appeared as satisfied and happy as the younger men who have taken their places. Old timers who had not seen each other in many years were there and were greatly pleased to meet each other. And all looked forward with keen anticipation for the celebration this afternoon.

The baseball game at 2 o'clock between the teams from headquarters and the second precinct station started off with a bang as the six Chinese and the six four inch bombs were exploded on signal from Captain Charles H. Suckley. As the bombs exploded flocks of birds appeared to be flying directly over the island and the crowds gathered about the ball field and cheered lustily. The novelty of the paper birds floating in the air was new to practically everyone present and was only one of the many surprises attendant upon the outing.

Following the baseball game the track events were held on the speedway and interested many as the nimble footed minions of the law did their best to show their heels to rivals. The fat men's race proved very interesting and many a hearty laugh was exacted by the chariot and wheelbarrow races. In the former, two policemen as the horses on chariots loaned by Barnum & Bailey's circus, drew brother officers and the stories of the old Grecian races were recalled as the cops took the turn on the last lap.

Under the direction of Lieutenant Charles A. Wheeler, the traffic squad adequately handled the traffic going to the beach and at the foot of Seaview avenue many hundreds of automobiles were parked. The Lake property was also utilized as a parking place and proved of much advantage to the motorists. All vehicles returning from the beach were sent up Newfield avenue at the corner of Seaview avenue, thus relieving much of the traffic in Seaview avenue.

At noon today the east bound trolley track over Yellow Mill bridge which has been closed, was opened by the contractors working on the bridge and much of the delay in trolley traffic that would otherwise be encountered, was obviated.

The speed motor boat "Humpty Dumpty," under command of Detective John Flynn, comprised the police water squadron and was plying between the beach and the Stratford avenue bridge during the afternoon. The officials and the traffic men were taken to the island in the boat.

Tonight at 9 o'clock the biggest display of fireworks ever exhibited in this city, will be sent up from the knoll near the east end of the beach. Thirty-five pieces comprise the display which will last an hour.

"WATTY" WASHBURN, BROOKLAWN TENNIS STAR, BESTS CLOTHIER AND WINS MEADOW CLUB'S CUP

Southampton, N. Y., Aug. 26—Watson M. Washburn, of New York, won the Meadow Club singles tennis cup championship here today by defeating William J. Clothier, of Philadelphia, former national champion, in the final match of the tournament. The score was 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Washburn is a member of the

M'NEILS AFTER WHITNEY TRACT FOR COAL YARD

Would Pay About \$75,000 For Six Acres If Tracks Are Permitted.

WANT ALDERMEN TO RATIFY PLAN

Details of Mysterious Purchase Becomes Known in Realty Circles.

Details of the proposed sale of a six acre tract between North Washington avenue and the Pequonnock river, owned by Mrs. Mary F. Whitney, which hitherto has been attended with much mystery, became known today.

The intending purchaser is The Archibald McNeil & Sons Co., wholesale and retail coal dealers, who plan to erect on the Pequonnock river coal pockets to supplement those they occupy on property recently sold by Frank Miller to the Salt's Textile Co. The McNeil corporation leased the pockets from Miller several years ago when it bought Miller's coal business.

Many conjectures as to the identity of the persons back of the petitions for permission to lay railroad tracks in streets in the vicinity of the property have been hazarded during the last two months, during which negotiations have been carried on. All the parties in interest either have refused to disclose, or have professed ignorance of their identity.

With a view to obviating the opposition that has arisen to the several plans already outlined as to linking the waterfront property with the Berkshire division of the New Haven road, Mrs. F. Whitney has prepared for the common council another petition.

This will ask for the right to extend a spur track, for which permission already has been granted to the Standard Mfg. Co., through private property owned by Mrs. Whitney, across North Washington avenue, at grade, into the six acre tract which the McNeils intend to purchase.

The property to the north of this tract is owned by the Naugatuck Valley Ice Co. It is bounded on the west by North Washington avenue, and the south by Wakelee street. It has a waterfront of about 450 feet.

The selling price, conditioned upon the city's granting to the petitioner the right to lay the desired track, is fixed at approximately \$75,000.

DOLLAR BARGAINS FOR BRIDGEPORT ON NEXT TUESDAY

The Purchasing Power of the Dollar Will Be Greater Than Ever.

The dollar bill will reign in the business center of this city Tuesday when the merchants will place on sale big bargains, every one of which may be had for that piece of specie.

Dollar bargains may be had from all the prominent merchants of the city, and Farmer readers will do well to watch the columns of the paper between now and Tuesday. Exceptional opportunities will be offered them.

Readers of The Farmer, in Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull, Redding and other adjacent towns should make Tuesday the day for their contemplated shopping visit to Bridgeport. They will find their cash will go farther on this day of dollar bargains than on any other.

The intervening time between now and Tuesday will be spent by the merchants in planning for the big day of bargaining. Goods, the price of which has been out of the reach of many will be brought to a dollar, which every one will feel he can afford considering the quality of the goods.

Merchants plan to use the columns of The Farmer to let the people know what will be on the program Tuesday, and a careful observation of the advertisements is certain to result in benefits for the shopper.

Many persons have been planning a shopping tour to get ready for the fall and to obtain many things they have needed for a long time. The opportunity offered by Tuesday's dollar bargains cannot well be missed.

MRS. MADOO ILL

Spring Lake, Aug. 26—Mrs. William G. Madoo, wife of the secretary of the treasury and daughter of President Wilson, who is confined to her summer home here suffering with what her physicians describe as "a slight attack of typhoid fever" is reported today as doing nicely.

Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday unsettled.

ARCTIC SCHOONER LOST, EXPLORERS ARE SAVED

On Board U. S. Coastguard Cutter McCullough, Bering Sea, Aug. 26, via wireless to Saville—The power schooner Great Bear, carrying the Arctic expedition headed by John Borden, of Chicago, and Captain Louis Lane, of Seattle, was wrecked on a pinnacle rock in Bering Sea Aug. 10. The vessel was a total loss but the entire party landed safely on St. Matthews Island, where they were found yesterday by the McCullough.

STRIKE LEADER SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING BONDS

Freed From Hotel Imprisonment When J. R. O'Leary Comes to Rescue.

MOLDERS' OFFICER READY FOR SERVICE

Carries Credentials That Will Enable Him to Get Cash If Held.

P. F. Duffy, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, who has been held for several days at the Atlantic hotel, following the suits of the foundrymen against the Molders' union, was released this noon on bonds of \$10,000.

The National Surety Co., through the Bridgeport Land & Title Co. of this city, furnished the bonds. J. R. O'Leary, one of the executive officers of the National Molders' union, came to this city today and made the final arrangements for Duffy's release. He also carried credentials that will enable him to get bail immediately, if he is served.

O'Leary is one of the three men who have been named in the foundrymen's suit as obstructing the business of the manufacturers.

The bonds in all cases were set at \$200,000, but it is understood a reduction to \$10,000 has been allowed.

CHILD MORTALITY HERE DECREASED, ASSERTS SOPHIAN

Thinks Precautionary Measures Have Saved Lives of Many Children.

The infant mortality for Bridgeport this summer must have dropped below the record of other years, according to Dr. Abraham Sophian, despite the death of an infant yesterday.

Dr. Sophian bases his belief on the record for New York, where it has been found a big drop has been taken in the number of infant deaths. If this is the case in New York, he argues, it must be here to a greater measure, because the greatest sanitary precautions have been taken most of the summer.

"This should be a lesson to the people," said Dr. Sophian, "to continue in operation the measures they have abandoned for better sanitation."

Many of the sanitary conditions that make for the spread of infantile paralysis cause other diseases among children. That the removal of these has been effective, Dr. Sophian believes, is demonstrated by the greater number of cases in New Haven, for instance, than in Bridgeport, and the number in Stamford and other cities in proportion to their populations.

Bridgeport hasn't had a new case of infantile paralysis since Wednesday. Continuation of the sanitary measures will help the epidemic to die out, Dr. Sophian says.

Because of the freedom of the city from cases in the last few days, Bridgeporters should not become too confident and relax their precautions, says the epidemiologist, nor should the quarantine against other cities be abandoned for this reason.

"The fact that we are enjoying a comparative freedom from the disease," he says, "does not mean that other places are. For this reason we should protect ourselves against the possibility of the germs being carried here from other towns and cities."

Gossip about the city that policemen and nurses at the city police hospital have not been as careful recently as they were when the epidemic broke out has caused Dr. Sophian to issue a warning that the vigilance be maintained strictly.

Plans for a concert tomorrow to be given by children of 12 years and younger, of Hungarian parentage, have been dropped. Dr. Sophian informed the promoters that the recommendation against congregating children have not been revoked. A Hungarian picnic has been postponed.

Before he leaves Bridgeport, Dr. Sophian proposes to put himself frankly on record in a complete report detailing how he thinks a city the size of Bridgeport should be conducted, from a sanitary standpoint. He will make recommendations for its future.

OPERATION FOR TY COBB

Boston, Aug. 26—Ty Cobb, crack outfielder of the Detroit American League club, will undergo an operation after the close of the baseball season, for the removal of his tonsils, he said today. Cobb said he attributed several weakening colds which have troubled him recently, to tonsillitis.

SITUATION TAKES ON ADDED INTENSITY AND OUTLOOK FOR AMICABLE SETTLEMENT BECOMES DOUBTFUL—EMPLOYEES' LEADERS SAY MEN CANNOT BE HELD MUCH LONGER—EXECUTIVES FORMULATE COUNTER PROPOSAL WHICH THEY SAY WILL BE THEIR LAST—WORKERS WILL STAND FIRM FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Washington, Aug. 26—The threatened railroad strike took on added intensity today as the railway executives continued their deliberations over the form of their counter-proposal to President Wilson's plan and the brotherhood leaders awaited the next move.

The executives have been told that the men's leaders expect difficulty in restraining them after tonight. The Presidents worked steadily all morning and forepart of the afternoon carefully preparing their statement to President Wilson but shortly after noon had taken no final vote on it.

As has been outlined unofficially it declined to concede the eight-hour day without arbitration and investigation of its application to railroading, but makes some concessions as to collateral issues.

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Some of the railway executives say their position is positively their last; some of the men's leaders stand firmly against arbitration. Others on both sides have hopes that out of it will come further negotiations delaying a strike and possibly averting it.

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The only instance recorded where the men did not benefit was a settlement made without the participation of the federal mediators.

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Further, they propose that if the arbitrating board, which might be the interstate commerce commission or some other public body to be created, finds wage increases should be granted, the order would be considered effective.

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TERRIFIC "SEA BATTLE" RAGING OFF SANDY HOOK IN BIG NAVY WAR GAME

Youth Arrested Here Will Answer Serious Charge in Peekskill

Waiving extradition, Samuel Scivellito, 18 years old returned to Peekskill, N. Y., today in company with Deputy Sheriff Charles F. Lint of White Plains and Detective Sergeant Henry Burke of Peekskill. He is wanted in Peekskill on the charge of abducting a girl from another part of New York state.

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