

RAILROADS MAKE FIRST CONCESSION IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT

BLAST SINKS BATTLESHIP OF ITALIAN NAVY

Three Hundred of Crew Drown
When New Warship Goes to
Bottom in Taranto Harbor.

BLAZE EXPLODES MAGAZINE

Naval Experts Hope to Refloat
Leonardo Da Vinci—Seven
Hundred Sailors Saved.

BERLIN, Aug. 15.—British troops again gained a foothold in the German first-line trenches between Thiepval and Pozieres last night, the German war office admitted this afternoon. It was from these positions that the British had been ejected yesterday morning.

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The Italian battleship Leonardo da Vinci caught fire and after several explosions turned over and sank in the harbor at Taranto, according to a Turin dispatch to the Petit Journal today.

About 300 of her crew were drowned.

One of the ship's magazines exploded while efforts were being made to beach her. The blaze is thought to have started in the kitchen.

Naval experts believe she can be floated.

The Leonardo da Vinci was one of the new Italian dreadnaughts, having been constructed late in 1913. She displaced 22,340 tons and was 554 feet long.

Her principal armament consisted of thirteen 12-inch guns. She carried a crew of about 1,000 men.

NEW AUSTRIAN LINE IN EAST CRUMBLES

Russ Attacks Threaten Bothmer's
Flank Behind Zlota Lipa River.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 15.—The Russians have pierced the new Austro-German line on the Zlota Lipa river at a new point, having crossed to the west bank of the river in a twelve-mile advance from the upper Strips, it was officially announced today.

Other Russian forces have crossed to the western bank of the Zlota Strizitsa, southwest of Stanislau. Russian forces have crossed the Zlota Lipa at several points in the north, and are attacking Bothmer's army. The Austro-Germans are making desperate efforts to throw the Russian troops back to the east bank, but their lines appear to be crumbling under heavy Russian pressure. In the south, the Russians approaching Halits are several miles west of the Zlota Lipa, and seriously threaten General Bothmer's right flank and rear. (Continued on Second Page.)

French Ship Docks With Gun on Deck

Captain Merely Shrugs Shoulders
When Asked If He Would
Use It.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 15.—"Would you have fired at the Deutschland had you met her?" the captain of the French steamer Mexico, in port today with a cargo of cigars and liquors, was asked. The interview terminated with a shrug which did not reach its highest altitude until the captain's shoulder's brushed his ears. Customs officials say the fact that the vessel carries a gun mounted on her after deck will not prevent her getting clearance papers. It is only a two-and-a-half-inch gun. The Mexico also carries 16 rounds of ammunition. She came from Havre, and after loading coal and grain will sail for Martinique via Havana.

Sacrifices Her Blood To Aid Plague Victims



MISS HOUSTON SCOTT.

MISS SCOTT GIVES BLOOD FOR SERUM

Daughter of Army Chief of Staff
Aids Fight on Infantile
Paralysis.

Miss Houston Scott, daughter of Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, has given five ounces of her blood for use as a serum for the treatment of infantile paralysis cases in New York. Miss Scott had infantile paralysis several years ago.

Miss Scott went to the Army Medical School last Saturday. There the blood was taken and sent to the Willard Parker Hospital in New York.

Mrs. Scott today explained that it was not desired that her daughter's name be used, but that permission had been granted upon request of the health authorities in New York who are fighting the scourge in the hope that there might be other volunteers. The serum used in the treatment of infantile paralysis is made from the blood of those who have recovered from the disease. Appeals are being made in New York for volunteers, especially for young persons to give as much of their blood as they can spare.

Mrs. Scott today said that her daughter had suffered no ill effects from her sacrifice. Miss Scott is a school girl, fourteen years old.

D. C. BILL CONFEREES MAKING PROGRESS

No Signs Yet, However, Of Any
Yielding On Half-and-Half.

Conferees on the District bill are meeting again today in an effort to adjust the many differences between the Senate bill and the House bill. Some progress was made yesterday, though the really difficult propositions, including the half-and-half, were laid aside for future consideration. Opinions differ whether it will be possible to agree on a bill. Neither side thus far has given any open sign of yielding on the half-and-half. In many quarters, there would be a feeling of satisfaction if the existing law should be extended. This would settle the half-and-half question for another year. Also, it would prevent passage of the Sterling amendment for a tax on money and credits.

PIERCE TAKES JAIL TERM TO PLAN DEFENSE

Socialist Orator Pleads Not
Guilty and Declines Release
on Bond.

DOESN'T ASK ANY FAVORS

Speaker Says Constitutional
Point Is Involved—Brown-
low Explains Attitude.

"I am going down to the jail to remain for a week, and when I get out I will probably ask Major Pullman for a permit to lecture at the Public Forum on 'A Week in Jail.'"

This statement was made today by Julian Pierce, Socialist lecturer, as he waited in the cell room of the Police Court for the wagon which will convey him to the Washington Asylum and Jail.

Just a few moments previous he had declined his release on his own bond after pleading not guilty to violating the police regulation prohibiting public speaking without a permit.

PLEADS "NOT GUILTY."

Pierce, who was arrested last night at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, for attempting to speak without first having procured a license from Major Pullman, almost shouted "Not guilty" when asked by Deputy Clark Harper to plead to the offense charged.

"If it would please the court," Pierce said, "I would like to have my trial postponed a week in order to prepare my case and to employ counsel."

When asked by Judge Pursh why a week was needed to prepare a defense to a police regulation charge, Mr. Pierce replied: "The Socialist party, which I represent, believes there are constitutional questions involved in this case, which affects free speech, and I will need time to assemble all points in my defense."

Assistant Corporation Counsel Roger Whitford interposed no objection to this as assured by Pierce that he would not repeat the offense within the week.

Declines To Offer Bail.

"I decline to put up collateral or bail for my release," Pierce said, "and it is not likely that while in jail I could address a street meeting."

The court thereupon continued the hearing until next Tuesday, and Pierce was placed in the cell room until all cases were disposed of and all prisoners sentenced or removed to the jail.

Pierce was brought to court by Detectives Howes and Simpson, who were prepared to give evidence supporting the charge.

Hughes Favorite In Betting at 4 to 5

Jimmy O'Leary Switches Prices
Because of "Increasing Re-
publican Sentiment."

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—Jimmy O'Leary, Chicago's king gambler, has again switched his prices on the coming Presidential election. He says it is on account of the "increasing Republican sentiment."

O'Leary's blackboard now quotes Hughes the favorite at 4 to 5. Wilson on the short end at 6 to 5. His former quotation was even money. Socialist and prohibition candidates are quoted at 1,000 to 1.

WILSON NOTIFICATION SET ON SEPTEMBER 2

Ceremony to Take Place in After-
noon at Long Branch.

September 2 has been definitely settled upon as the date upon which President Wilson will receive the notification of his renomination. The ceremony will be at Long Branch, N. J., home of the "Summer White House." It will take place in the afternoon on the lawn in front of the mansion.

Trainmen Have Big Fund

"I should say that in one minute after the strike hour arrived the transportation facilities of the United States would be paralyzed. It will not take much longer than that, at any rate. We are not worrying about the funds. We have money a-plenty to finance this strike."—Statement by A. B. Garretson, President of the Order of Railway Conductors.

COULD TIE UP ROADS IN MINUTE, HE SAYS

Head of Trainmen Declares
Brotherhoods Are Well Sup-
plied With Money for Strike.

"Industrial necessity is a plea that is the excuse for every kind of injustice and oppression known," A. B. Garretson, head of the delegation of railroad labor leaders here in conference with President Wilson, declared today.

"It was the case in France some years ago, when that nation suspended its constitutional guarantee to keep from a general railroad strike."

"This was perhaps the greatest violation of constitutional rights in late years."

"Whenever anything comes up where the money kings do not want to give us a fair share, they claim that it is an industrial necessity to continue in the old state. But the history of civilization has proved that it is not."

Mails Up To Railroads.

"What about moving the Government mails?" Mr. Garretson was asked.

"It is the railroads who have the contract to do that, not the men," he responded emphatically. "It's up to them to do it. I don't see that we have any right to suggest a change for them. They will have to find them."

Speaking of the time required to tie up the railroads of the country, the unionist said:

"I should say that in one minute after the strike hour arrived, the transporta-

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Back to First Love Bobs E. P. Ketchum

Lawyer, Wife Divorced Because
Of Jingles, Weds Jennie
Maud Kelly.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Everett Phoenix Ketchum, the attorney whose jingles led to marital jangles and to a separation suit by his wife last December, is married again. Following a divorce obtained by his wife in Connecticut, he married Jennie Maud Kelly, his first love, in New Jersey, on Friday.

The ceremony, which was held at Ketchum's apartment, was a quiet affair. Ketchum, after two weeks of matrimony, that started things, his wife said:

"When you've got the ball and chain around your ankle and a stony-hearted jailer is your wife,

There's no virtue in repentance, You've got to serve your sentence, Which is hard labor for life.

"You've a number and you bet your money it's a number."

And hope of a reprieve is all in vain; Matrimony is a crime, And you've got to serve your time.

When your ankle wears the marriage ball and chain."

The attorney is confident that the sentence for his second offense will be life.

Bet Starts Run on Bank; \$1,000,000 in Sight Ends It

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15.—One million dollars in cash piled high on the counter, halted a serious run on the Illinois State Bank, at East St. Louis, which was started in an East St. Louis saloon.

The stranger, it was learned today, wagered Saturday with a friend that he could start a run on the bank by Monday morning.

Early today a long line of excited depositors lined up outside the bank. They said some man had telephoned them that the bank was shaky.

The Third National and other St. Louis institutions came to the rescue of the East St. Louis concern and soon \$1,000,000 in gold, silver and currency was put on the counter. The crowd was told it could have its money and the regular thirty-day withdrawal rule was suspended. The line soon broke and all but a few depositors put their money back.

Motorman, Clothes Afire, Runs His Car to Safety

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Motorman Cornelius McCarthy, of the Yonkers railroad, narrowly escaped death when a fuse of his car blew out while going up a steep hill, on Yonkers avenue, near Central avenue.

When the fuse blew out flames ignited the car body. Though his clothes were blazing, McCarthy stood to his post, refusing to shut power off until the car reached the top of the hill, as the brakes had been disabled by the explosion.

The conductor then switched off the current and stamped out the flames. McCarthy was taken to St. John's Hospital today.

SHORTER WORK DAY PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED BY ROAD MANAGERS

Appointment of Special Board Suggested to
Apply Details of Plan, Such as Overtime
and Problems of Similar Character

WILL SEE MEN AT THREE O'CLOCK

President Then Will Present Proposal to
Representatives of Employes as Basis
for Settlement—Peace Outlook Bright.

Offering to accept the principle of the shorter workday for their employes, the railroad managers today in conference with President Wilson shifted to the shoulders of the brotherhoods again responsibility for a strike, if a strike should occur.

The proposition of the roads, decided upon by the managers after practically an all-night discussion among them at the New Willard, was more or less concrete in form.

It agreed to the proposal put up to them yesterday by the President that they accept the principle of the eight-hour day for their freight, as well as their passenger service, but countered with the proposition that detailed questions concerning the application of this principle, including such collateral questions as overtime pay, should be submitted for study and investigation to a special commission to be appointed by the President.

MEETS MEN AT 3 O'CLOCK.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the President will hold his second conference with the brotherhoods. How they will regard the proposal of the railroads is still to be determined, although heads of the brotherhoods appeared to regard the outlook as hopeful. A. B. Garretson, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, expressed satisfaction over the indications that the managers had shown a disposition to make concessions. What these concessions were, or how acceptable they would be, Mr. Garretson declared he could not say until after the conference with the President this afternoon.

Secretary to the President Tumulty, acting on instructions from the President, issued the following statement after the managers had left the White House:

The President spent an hour and a half this morning with representatives of the railway management. After the conference he said that it was impossible as yet to report on the results; all that he could say was that a very candid and honest discussion was in progress about practicable bases of settlement.

TROOP ORDER CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

A flurry of excitement was caused during the time that the President was in conference with the managers, when announcement came from the border that General Funston, on account of the threatened railroad strike, had recommended a revocation of the order directing the 25,000 militiamen still at the mobilization camps throughout the country to proceed to the border.

Later it was announced that the War Department that Funston's recommendation had been approved, and that it proposed a suspension of the order pending a determination as to whether there would be a strike.

The reason given by General Funston was that a tie-up of the roads would seriously affect the supply of food for the troops already on the border.

In some quarters the impression prevailed that General Funston had been inspired to make the recommendation in view of the possible need for the troops in protecting the transportation of the mails.

The railroad managers arrived on foot at the White House promptly at 9 o'clock. Many of them looked haggard from their all-night session at the hotel. Nevertheless, their attitude was decidedly more cheerful than it was after their conference with the President yesterday afternoon. They were received again in the Green Room by the President.

TRY TO ESCAPE REPORTERS.

When the conference was concluded an effort was made by the managers to escape the newspaper men by leaving through the east wing of the White House. When surrounded at the east entrance they refused absolutely to talk. Pressed for a word as to the outlook, Elisha Lee, chairman of the committee, said:

We have assured the President that so long as the situation remains in his hands, we shall not give out any information whatsoever, and that we shall leave it to him exclusively to make any announcements that might be necessary. We shall stick by that agreement.

Mr. Lee would not even say whether he expected the conferences to end today. It is expected, however, that if the President finds the

HOUSE CIMMITTEE FAVORS WEBB BILL

Judiciary Body Commands Plan
to Promote Export Trade.

The Webb bill, designed to promote the export trade of the United States and to protect American trade during the competitive period that is to follow the European war, was favorably reported today by the House Judiciary Committee.

The bill would permit American exports to form associations and combinations to promote their foreign business, the anti-trust laws to the contrary notwithstanding. It is provided, however, that such associations must be solely for export business.

Railroad Worth Three Million Sold Today

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 15.—The Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Railway is up for sale by a master at the company's bidding here today. The Erie was expected to be the most interested bidder. The price wanted is about \$3,000,000. The Erie may be a purchaser of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad before long, according to gossip in railroad circles. The Pennsylvania, because of the United States Supreme Court's decision dissolving the Northern Securities Company, cannot acquire either the Wabash-Pittsburgh or the Wheeling and Lake Erie. The Erie, by getting hold of the latter, would have ready-built connection between its own lines and the Wabash-Pittsburgh.

Dies At His Desk.

Duff G. Thornburgh, a clerk in the Pension Office, died suddenly while at work about noon today. Death is believed to have been caused by apoplexy. Thornburgh lived at 511 H street northwest.