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RAIL HEADS ARE SPARRING FOR AN ORDER TO RAISE FREIGHT RATES

President Holds Conference With Representatives of the Executives and Revenue Question Is Talked Over.

MAY ASK CONGRESS TO ACT IN MATTER

The Opinion Prevails That the Demand for the Eight-hour Day Will Be Granted, Disposing to Continue.

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

Washington, Aug. 23.—In another [illegible] and the presence of the [illegible] railroads in full some way [illegible] to accept an eight-hour day [illegible] Chairman and every the [illegible] strike President Wilson [illegible] conferred for an hour and a [illegible] with Presidents Hale Holden of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and E. E. Lovett of the Union Pacific. Neither White House officials nor the presidents would discuss the conference. It was said however that the three executives went to the White House to get an answer to a suggestion they made to Mr. Wilson to give them more specific information as to how the officials may get the additional revenue necessary to take care of greater payrolls that will come with the eight-hour day.

Agree With President.

Earlier in the day President Wilson discussed the railroad situation at length with Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson, chairmen of the two committees of congress in charge of legislation affecting interstate commerce. Their view was the commonness of that of the railroad men last night. The two chairmen are said to have agreed that the president's position in the present situation is right and to have said that every effort could be expected in congress to put through any legislation which might help solve the problem after provide for the future.

One of the means for recompense suggested by the president to the railroads in his public outline of his position was through an increase in freight rates. It was pointed out tonight that the president cannot directly ask the interstate commerce commission to grant increases to the railroads. Congress, however, might pass a resolution directing the commission, in view of what it considers an unprecedented situation, to grant higher rates.

To Enlarge Commission.

Congress also might pass a resolution directing the commission to investigate all matters involved in the controversy and the whole subject of the relations of railroads and their employes. One result expected from today's conference is an early effort to pass the bill introduced several months ago to increase the commission's membership from seven to nine.

It became evident tonight that most of the railroad executives have come to believe that there can be only one way of preventing a strike, and that is by accepting the eight-hour day plan. The chief effort in their own conferences today was to find some scheme by which an eight-hour day may be put in operation on all railroads at the least added expense.

Many suggestions along this line had been made by the president, but no one of them has proved feasible when submitted to the acid test of operating officials.

Holden's Statement.

At the conclusion of their conference tonight with the presidents and managers, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington and a member of the committee of eight, gave out the following statement:

"The railroad executives who have met at the request of President Wilson are proceeding as rapidly as possible with their work. It must be understood, however, the problem with which these men are wrestling is the most important and gigantic ever presented to any body of men in the industrial history of the country.

"They cannot, therefore, consistently with their duty to their security holders, their employes or the public reach a final conclusion regarding what action they should take without much discussion, study and thought. These deliberations, participated in by practically 100 men suddenly called together from all parts of the United States, require time.

Cannot Act Hastily.

"If our deliberations seem to proceed slowly, it is due to the facts that I have mentioned. For us to act hastily

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THE WEATHER

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

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LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

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TOURS ARRANGED FOR REPUBLICAN SPELLBINDERS

Speakers Are Selected to Campaign in Doubtful States; Senator Borah Opens in New Jersey Sept. 14.

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

Washington, Aug. 23.—Speaking tours for many senators and representatives in the republican congressional campaign in doubtful states were announced today by Representative Mondell, acting chief of the speakers' bureau of the republican congressional committee. They run from the middle of September to the first week of November.

Senator Borah, opening the campaign in New Jersey September 14, begins a tour covering fourteen states. Senator Harding will speak in eighteen states, Senator Curtis in fourteen and Senators Cromer and Kenyon in eight states each. Senator Wadsworth will campaign five weeks in ten states. Senators Sterling, Nelson, Weeks and Jones will speak in six states. Senator Curtis in four and senator Sherman will make a two weeks' tour of three states. Other senators including senators Lodge, Hall and Page, while remaining campaigns will speak at odd times and go to no definite states. Republican senators will make their campaigns most up to two weeks after the close of congressional campaigns. Representative Miller, Minnesota, will speak five weeks through the west and northwest. Fifteen weeks will hear representative Fordney of Michigan. Representatives Hinds, of Illinois will speak in Michigan and other western states. Representative Campbell, Kansas, will go as far west as Utah. Governor Capper, of Kansas, will speak in neighboring states and Governors Whitman of New York and Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, also are on the list of campaign speakers available for the congressional campaign committee.

Granger Will Sail.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 23.—The Italian German Lloyd liner Winchell which had been detained here since the beginning of the war received clearance papers today and is expected to sail tomorrow morning for New London, Conn.

BRITISH POUND UNSUCCESSFULLY AT TEUTONS ON SOMME FRONT

Attacks Between Thiepval and Pozieres Accomplish Nothing, Berlin Says; Hand Grenade Sally Is Fruitless.

BULGARS ENTRENCH IN STURMA VALLEY

Germans Resume Offensive South of Brody but Are Repulsed; Russians Take Two Heights on Hungarian Front.

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

Berlin, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—The British have been up their attacks on the Somme from between Thiepval and Pozieres, but have been unable to make any gains, according to today's official announcement. The statement says:

"Between Thiepval and Pozieres hostile attacks were easily repulsed. North of Ovillers-la-Boisselle, continued to be sanctuary (?) during the night. East of Pozieres small and easy Monopolis (?) hand grenade attacks failed.

"The enemy artillery on both sides continues to display great activity.

"South of the Somme and Thiepval enemy artillery at a trench in which the French had recently taken, since Monday have been cleared and three officers and 143 men fell into our hands.

"On the right bank of the Meuse we repulsed enemy hand grenade attacks in the Fleury sector. Minor infantry attacks in the hills around Leintrey were in our favor."

BULGARIAN TROOPS ARE IN THE STURMA VALLEY

London, Aug. 23.—(11.50 p. m.)—The Bulgarian troops which advanced in northeastern Greece recently are taking positions in the valley of the Sturma river, are entrenching on this line, according to today's official statement, which says:

"On the Doiran front on the center, about two battalions of the enemy were seen yesterday in the neighborhood of Dautli. Their advance guards were driven in by us.

"On the Struma front the enemy is entrenching on the Vrik-Germanli line.

"An attack on French troops near Kosmarjon bridge was repulsed.

"Serbian forces are now holding a line in the neighborhood of Lake Doiran and Petas."

The new Bulgarian entrenchment line roughly parallels the Strumica. Apparently the Bulgarians have sent forces of considerable size to occupy this natural defensive line.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE SOUTH OF BRODY IS REPULSED

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 23.—(12.45 p. m.)—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody where the Russians are attempting to approach Lemberg from the northeast. The war office statement of today says the Germans were repulsed.

The Russians captured two heights on the Hungarian front.

ITALIANS MAKE A STRONG THRUST AT THE AUSTRIANS

Rome, Aug. 23.—(Via London, 2.30 p. m.)—The Italians are making a strong and successful thrust at the Austrian lines in the Alpine region on the extreme northern front, according to today's war office announcement. Italian troops have carried strong Austria positions in the Tonale area in the Dolomites and in the Travenanzes valley.

BATTLESHIP WESTFALEN DAMAGED BY A TORPEDO

London, Aug. 23.—(8.28 p. m.)—The German battleship Westfalen was hit and slightly damaged on Saturday by a British torpedo, it was stated in a semi-official telegram from Berlin according to Reuters Amsterdam correspondent. The Westfalen, Reuter's is declared, can shortly be repaired.

SERBS CAPTURE TRENCHES FROM THE BULGARIANS

London, Aug. 23.—(8.45 p. m.)—A successful operation by Serbian troops in the Horseshoe sector, about fifty miles southeast of Salonika, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens. The Serbs captured two points of Bulgarian trench line near Kumkodjaim.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF JIH

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

Peking, Aug. 23.—The parliament has unanimously approved the appointment by President Li Yuan Hong of Tuan Chi Jui as premier, official news of the Chinese capital.

This action is taken as an indication of a growing disposition to accept the compromise cabinet appointed by president Li Yuan Hung last June.

ALLIES DRIVE ON SALONIKA FRONT NOW IS CENTER OF ATTRACTION

Great Interest Is Shown in the New Offensive, Latest Dispatches Contain but Little Information.

BULGARS ADVANCE IN STRUMA VALLEY

French Apparently Are Marking Time on the West Front; British Push Against Thiepval and Guillemont.

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

With no important changes in the main war theaters, interest centered on the new allied offensive on the Salonika front. The latest dispatches, however, throw little light on the situation, and the allies themselves somewhat obscure.

London reports that the allies have occupied Doiran, Petas and Lake Doiran and have driven back the Bulgarians in certain points. It was the French, further advance to Doiran on the right wing which gave the Bulgarians the Struma valley, however, an area of first importance has yet to be taken.

Interest in the situation on the Greek front has been heightened by reports of the determination of the Greek commander in chief to resist the Bulgarians and of vehement protests by the Greek government against the violation of the Greek territory by the Bulgarians. There has been no further development in the Rumanian situation. The last report from Berlin asserted that Rumania has not declared a decision.

French Mark Time.

On the western front the French apparently are marking time while the British push against Thiepval and Guillemont. London reports a French gain lying to the east of Thiepval in the capture of 250 yards of German trenches south of the Ancre. Bitter fighting is going on in this sector. The Germans succeeded in entering some British trenches but, according to London, were immediately evicted.

The fierce struggle around Verdun in the Verdun sector continues. The French claim an appreciable advance between Fleury and Thiaumont and the capture of 250 prisoners.

Conflicting Claims.

Conflicting claims are made by the Italians and Germans on the fighting on the eastern front. Both report the capture of positions near Dobrudscha pass, where a violent struggle has been in progress since Friday and the event of the Carpathians. Berlin asserts the Germans repulsed a Russian attempt to cross the Dniester and apparently Germans fighting is going on.

Both Berlin and London continue to make claims and counter claims in regard to the recent fighting in the North sea. Berlin asserts that the battleship Westfalen was struck by a torpedo from an English submarine but maintains that the damage was slight. The German admiralty reiterates that a French battleship was heavily damaged by a German submarine. The French admiralty denies the statement.

New Minority Zone.

Mexico City, [illegible] Carranza has organized a new military zone comprising the states of Tlaxcala, Morelos and adjacent federal district. General Luis Gutierrez is assigned with instructions to bring the safety of roads in the district.

DEUTSCHLAND IS SAFE AT MOUTH OF THE WESER

German Merchant Submarine Reaches Bremen After an Uneventful Voyage; Drops Anchor in Port on August 23.

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

Berlin, Aug. 23.—(Via Sayville.)—The news was first that the Deutschland, sister of the submarine of Allgiers 12 and ordered before the month of December. All on board were well.

The Deutschland, a dispatch said, passed from the outlying minefields, guided by Germans. From Bremen on June 23 with a cargo of dyestuffs and medicines, she arrived safely and was hailed as Germany as the beginning of a regular submarine merchant service between the United States and Germany which would be able to defy the British blockade. It was announced that she would be followed shortly by the Bremen, a sister ship.

The Deutschland on Baltimore on her return journey on August 1 with a cargo of rubber and nickel.

POLISH CROP PROSPECTS ARE SAID TO BE GOOD

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REPORTS ABOUT VILLA CONFLICT, AS USUAL

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

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PERSHING REINFORCES VILLA IN HIS ADVICE FOR HUERTA

Washington, Aug. 23.—[illegible] reinforcements to the Pershing column, Secretary Baker informed General Funston that Francisco Villa, whom has denied [illegible] was south into Durango with a small reinforcing and that the column was assured that his presence was alone and that he never again could become a serious factor in Mexican affairs. General Pershing said that most recently Villa had been reported in the mountains of southern Chihuahua where he was driven last April by American troops.

Tables Unveiled.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Aug. 23.—A bronze tablet to John Brown, the American abolitionist, was unveiled today at his grave near the village of North Elba, N. Y.

VILLA'S PRESTIGE GONE, IS OPINION OF GEN. PERSHING

Power of the Chief Bandit Is Broken Folk and Arredondo Confer in Regard to Meeting of the Mediators.

[BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE]

Washington, Aug. 23.—There were no developments today in the Mexican situation. Secretary Lansing and Chan Arredondo, Mexican envoy, discussing informally informed Secretary that the final organization of the new Mexican commission would take place in New England next day. Pending the final arrangements General Pershing reported to Secretary Baker that Villa's prestige is gone and that he can never again become a serious factor in Mexican affairs.

Villa Recall Probable.

Responding to a request General Funston's recent recommendation for the withdrawal of the expeditionary force in Mexico was telegraphed General Funston today stating it appears that the Carranza Constitutionalists will offer no objection to the withdrawal of the American troops as soon as Gen. Pershing considers it safe to do so. It is thought the withdrawal will be ordered shortly after the commission begins its work.

Mr. Arredondo called on the Mexican consul in Chicago for information that the American commissioners had been selected and were ready to begin the meeting whenever it suits the convenience of the Mexican members, as soon as Gen. Gut. plan ready to proceed. Both the commission and the department were in communication with Mexico City tonight in regard to the report of a move for conference on the Mexican question.

Pershing Dispatch.

General Pershing's dispatch sent from the Pershing headquarters at Colonia Dublan, Durango:

"My last report concerning Villa's attempt to cross the Sierra Madre was that he was reported in Santa Ana with small forces. He crossed Parral road and is operating in the vicinity of Ciudad Chihuahua. Villa has been but two days in advance of the main column of troops. Following up rapidly. Villa's prestige is almost gone. Carranza forces started after Villa after a united American movement. It is our definite impression that these forces are not sincere in the matter pursuance.

Prohibition and Suffrage.

The committee on resolutions was securing speakers on the question of prohibition, of a constitutional amendment and a woman suffrage amendment. Chairman Hill said he expected that the committee would be able to report the resolutions before the convention adjourned and there was a rush for the exits.

Frank A. Hubbell who is in the better of working miners, recently called to the platform and induced them against the walls, sheet, and quickly discovered that Grant county had been counted in. As when it voted, one not in Sierra county had been passed over without being called. The chairman announced the convention out of order and an order was made to ring the delegates back, and finally was a motion received that Hon. Helen G. Bennett, made a motion to adjourn, which was carried.

Cotton's Friends Rebuke.

When the vote was first announced there was great rejoicing among the Cotton Democrats, forces it being regarded in the nature of a great test of strength over the action of ex-Governor Cotton in the Democratic of June [illegible] and all of the Mineral Belt and all of the [illegible] Cotton [illegible] Democrat [illegible] Cotton forces without [illegible] Cotton [illegible] the Hubbell forces and the Cotton forces [illegible] the Hubbell forces [illegible] Cotton.

Another complaint of the City was that Lea A. F. Walker, [illegible] in the [illegible] and H. Wells of Alexandria [illegible] with the delegations [illegible] Hubbell [illegible] the same [illegible] with 22 delegates for [illegible] to 16 for Cotton. Cotton [illegible] a number of [illegible] in the Lake District [illegible] Mr. Hubbell [illegible] Cotton [illegible] Hubbell [illegible] Cotton [illegible] Hubbell [illegible] Cotton [illegible]