

Alexandria Gazette

THE WEATHER
Showers today; tomorrow
fair; light southerly winds.
High tide 10:11 a. m. and
10:35 p. m. Sun. rose 5:20.
Sun set 7:03.

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WILSON WOULD AVERT STRIKE

Deadlock Persists But
Brotherhood Men are
Confident

HOLD PARLEY TODAY

Will Be Another Conference With
President at the White House To-
morrow Morning.

Washington, Aug. 16—President Wilson will receive the 600 district brotherhood leaders in the East Room of the White House tomorrow. The hour for the meeting has not been definitely fixed.

At the conference the President will appeal directly to the labor leaders in his efforts to avert the threatened railroad strike. He will urge upon them the acceptance of an eight hour day with pro rata overtime, pending a more complete study by a commission of the demands of the men for time and a half overtime.

The meeting was arranged when it developed that the committee of brotherhoods, which has been in conference with the President for the last two days, did not have sufficient power to accept such a proposition.

At present the situation is deadlocked. Arbitration appears at present to be out of the question. If a settlement is to be reached without a strike it will be reached only through the ability of President Wilson to exact from both sides concessions which neither is disposed at present to give. The next twenty-four hours will probably decide.

The next move is up to the brotherhoods. Therefore the delay. In brief, the situation appears to be this: President Wilson has put up to both sides the proposition that the eight-hour work day basis be put into operation for a trial period of six months; that the brotherhoods abandon at this time their demand for time and a half overtime pay, and accept instead for the period proposed, pro rata pay for overtime.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The leaders of the four brotherhoods were in complete control of the national railway strike negotiations last night. They are sitting tight like clever poker players. They hold the winning hand. All they wait for is to give President Wilson time to bring the railway managers around to his and the unions' way of viewing the contentions. The union leaders declare they "are completely satisfied."

The railway managers are holding onto their position with tremendous tenacity. They seem fearful of yielding to the President's demands. In fact, the situation last night was a deadlock, even if only temporary.

The managers who conferred with the President yesterday for two hours were to see him again early this morning. The union leaders have been notified to visit the White House at 3 p. m., Thursday, "unless called in the meantime." The managers were again in secret session at the New Willard last night.

The President is said to be standing very firm in his proposition for the basic principle of an eight-hour day. Labor leaders flatly deny that they have acceded to any arbitration, even on the point of time and a half for overtime.

It was learned from an authoritative source that if the railway representatives here do not consent to Wilson's requests the presidents of the railways themselves may have to come to Washington, for the nation's Executive is said to be determined to prevent a strike at all costs. It was even said that if the railway presidents refused to accede to his mediatory overtures, the great financial magnates, such as Kuhn, Loeb, and Co., J. P. Morgan and the National City Bank, would be pressed to prevent the strike.

The managers, it was stated, told the President they would be willing to accept or arbitrate the question of an eight-hour day, but they desired that the details of the operation of the eight-hour day and extra com-

JABLONITZA IS OCCUPIED

Teutons Forced Again to
Yield Positions to Mus-
covites

ALLIES REGAIN LOSS

British Take Nearly All Trenches
North of Pozieres Recently Captured
by Germans.

Petrograd, Aug. 16—The Russians have captured Jablonitza, one of the most important gateways through the Carpathians to the Hungarian plains, and have taken nearly 1,500 additional prisoners, according to an official statement issued by the war office.

Berlin, Aug. 16—Austro-German troops under Gen. Count von Bothmer are offering determined resistance to the Russian advances along the Upper Stripa, in Northern Galicia. They have completely repulsed strong attacks in the Zborow-Koninichy sector, according to the official statement of the War Office.

London, Aug. 16—Gains for both the British and French Monday night are claimed in official statements issued by the War Offices in London and Paris. The Berlin statement admits that the British obtained a footing in first line German trenches on the Thierval-Pozieres front.

Following the advances of last night, the western front was comparatively quiet yesterday both London and Paris announcing that the situation is unchanged. The usual artillery bombardment continued at various places north and south of the Somme and on the right bank of the Meuse.

In the official British statement it was claimed that nearly all of the remaining trenches northwest of Pozieres, on the Somme front, in which the Germans gained a footing Sunday have been retaken.

Paris announced that French troops captured Monday night German trenches on a front of 300 yards long and 100 yards deep north of the Chapet of St. Fine, at the intersection of the Fleury and Vaux roads on the right bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector.

On the Somme front the French artillery was very active at Belloy, Estrees and Lihons. Elsewhere the night was calm.

The Berlin statement reads: "Monday afternoon the British repeated their attacks from the Ovilers-Bazentin-le Petit line and continued them with the greatest violence far into the night. They again obtained a foothold in the same section of our first line trenches on the Thierval-Pozieres front, from which they were repulsed yesterday morning.

Otherwise all their numerous assaults, which followed each other at short intervals, broke down completely with very sanguinary losses in front of our positions.

"The French twice repeated their fruitless efforts between Maurepas and Hem.

"Between the Ancre brook and the Somme and beyond this section the artillery battles have not yet ended.

358,602 PRISONERS CAPTURED

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—Russian armies under General Brusiloff from June 4, to August 13, captured 358,602 Austro-German prisoners, and 405 cannons, it was officially announced today. Other booty included 1,325 machine guns, 338 mine and bomb throwers and 292 powder carts.

A statement given out late yesterday afternoon by the President's secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, read: "There is no change. There is an earnest effort being made to work out a settlement."

Alexandria City News Condensed

John Hume, colored, charged with violating the traffic law, was fined \$1 in the Police Court this morning.

An excursion to Marshall Hall will be given Friday by the Sunday School of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Work on the erection of the concrete foundation walls for the new Alexandria Hospital is progressing rapidly.

The Allison W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Children's Home.

A lawn party at the residence of Mrs. James M. Duncan, 916 Prince street, is being arranged by the ladies of Grace P. E. Church for tomorrow night.

Harry D. Kirk, clerk of the city school board, has announced that he will receive bids for furnishing wood and coal to be used in heating the schools this fall and winter.

Arrangements for attending the firemen's convention at Harrisonburg August 23-25 will be completed tonight at another meeting of the Columbia Fire Engine Company at the engine house on south St. Asaph street.

Friday night a lawn fete will be given on the lawn at 217 south Washington street for the benefit of the children's playgrounds. Miss Flora Kail, of Washington, will give rhythmic dances during the evening. In case of rain the party will take place the next fair night.

A meeting of the general committee for the Gypsy Smith evangelistic revivals, which will be commenced in this city September 3, was held last night in the Second Baptist Church, W. H. Fletcher presiding, in the absence of James R. Caton, chairman. Routine matters in connection with the holding of the revivals were discussed.

VIOLATING SPEED LAW

Petersburg Council Increases Fine Upon Reckless Autoists.

The authorities of Petersburg are hot after auto speeders. Several automobilists were fined \$20 each in the police court Monday morning for violating the speed law, and on some were imposed fines of twice this amount. The Council of Petersburg has made the fine for violating as high as \$100.

Complaint is often made of the great risks taken by some automobilists in Alexandria, and that more accidents to these modern vehicles do not occur is regarded as marvelous. Most automobilizing hereabouts is done after dark. Occasionally machines are seen with no rear lights, and it is no uncommon occurrence to see autos passing through the streets after dark at an unlawful speed.

Comparatively few of such offenders are brought before the police court from the fact that they whisk by the police so rapidly that it is a difficult matter to identify them or to get glimpse of numbers of licenses. A fine of ten dollars is generally assessed against such offenders in Alexandria.

SENDS ORDER TO TROOPS

King George Says War Will Go On Until Allies Win.

London, Aug. 16—King George has issued the following order to the army in France:

"It has been a great pleasure and satisfaction to me to be with my army during the past week. I have been able to judge for myself the splendid condition for war and the spirit of cheerful confidence animating all ranks united in loyal co-operation to their chiefs and to one another.

"Do not think that I, your fellow countryman, will forget the heavy sacrifice the armies have made, and the bravery and endurance they have displayed in just two years of bitter conflict.

"These sacrifices have not been in vain. The arms of the allies will never be laid down until our cause has triumphed."

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Alice Whitton spent the past week-end at Colonial Beach, Va.

Miss Margaret Greene spent the past week-end at Linden, Va.

Miss Daisy Howell has just returned from a pleasant visit to Stafford county, Va.

Mrs. R. E. Gronau and daughter, Miss Alice Gronau, spent the week-end at Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Schwab, and family left today for an automobile trip to Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Cora Duffey, has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the Court of this city.

Robert F. Downham, who has been ill for several weeks, is now improving rapidly, to the gratification of his many friends.

Mrs. W. A. Moore, sr., and her daughter, Miss Mary Moore, are spending the week at Herndon, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Piser and son, Roy Piser, are sojourning at Bluemont, Va. for the month of August.

Mr. N. S. Greenaway, Clerk of the Courts, will leave this evening for Virginia Beach, where he will spend his vacation.

Mrs. Mary Walker and Miss Regina Lucas are the guests for two weeks of Mrs. Robert Sydnor, in Westmoreland county.

The Misses Dietz and Miss Hurley, of Washington, the Misses Gronau of this city and Miss Jackson, of New York, spent the past week-end at Bluemont, Va.

KAISER IN GALICIA

Brusiloff Striking His Hardest Blows at Extreme Ends of Austro-German Lines.

Petrograd, Aug. 16—General Brusiloff has renewed his general offensive all along the Galician battle front.

He is striking his hardest blows at the extreme ends of the Austro-German lines.

Alarmed by his new activity, the German Kaiser has hurried to the Eastern theater of war and is in conference with his first lieutenant, Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

Striking in the Carpathians, fifteen miles south of Delatyn, the Russians have captured Jablonitza, menacing both the flank of the Austro-Germans and Jablonitza pass, one of the main gateways into the Hungarian plains.

General Brusiloff continues to hurl his men across the Zlota Lipa river, northeast of Stanislaw, and the Czar's legions are overrunning the enemy's hill positions.

A violent artillery duel is raging west of the upper Sereth river and south of the Lemberg railway, where the German general, von Boehm-Ermolli, is making a desperate effort to stop the Russians.

Reports from Kiev tell of the arrival there of many more Austrian and German prisoners, all of whom seem to be much dejected.

MACCABEES EXCURSION

Annual Joint Excursion of the Knights and Ladies of Maccabees of Alexandria to Marshall Hall, Friday, August 18, 1916. Adult's tickets 25 cents for round trip. Steamer Charles Macalester leaves Washington at 10 a. m.; 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.; Alexandria at 10:30 a. m. and 3 and 7 p. m.

A dog belonging to Mrs. Julius Pelton was run over by an automobile and killed at Cameron and St. Asaph street last night.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to attend the funeral of its late member, C. Philip Brawner.

A large crowd attended the lawn fete given at the Richmond Garden last night by Osceola Tribe, No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men. A large attendance of members is requested, as business of importance will be transacted.

Osceola Tribe No. 1, I. O. R. M., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at their hall on North Pitt street. A large attendance of members is requested, as business of importance will be transacted.

The lawn party of the M. D. D. Club of St. Mary's Academy is slated to be given tonight at the lawn surrounding the residence of Miss Nora Baggett, 1621 King St, but on account of the weather the party will be held at Lyceum Hall on Duke street, this evening from 7 until 11 o'clock.

A number of Baptists from this city are in attendance at the annual meeting of the Potomac Baptist Association, which began its sessions in Warrenton, Fauquier county, today, and will remain in session for three days. Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left yesterday to attend the conference, having just returned from Round Hill, Loudoun county, where he spent his vacation with his family.

Dr. Jackson is historian of the association, and James R. Mansfield, another Alexandrian, a clerk.

Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, and family have returned from their vacation at Round Hill, Loudoun county.

SLAYS HIS WIFE

North Carolina Dentist Then Turns Pistol on Himself, Dying Two Hours Later

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 16—About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, H. D. Harper, of Kingson, N. C., who, with his wife, was spending the summer in Weaverville, N. C., near Asheville, shot Mrs. Harper, killed her almost instantly, it is thought, and then fired a pistol shot into his own temple, dying two hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper were guests at a boarding-house in Weaverville, and there is no known cause for the tragedy, except that Harper, who is a dentist, is said to have been a heavy user of stimulants. Reports from the village say that Mrs. Harper had threatened to leave her husband unless he stopped drinking.

DEATH NOTICE.

Died, on Tuesday, August 15, 1916, at 7:20 a. m., SALLIE VENABLE, wife of Charles H. Burroughs. Her funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 1305 East Capitol street, Washington, D. C., on Thursday, the 17th instant, at 3 p. m.

DEATH NOTICE.

Died Tuesday, August 15, 1916, at 2:25 p. m., C. Philip Brawner, age 32, son of the late John A. and Ida V. Brawner and husband of the late Lessie Eaton Brawner. Funeral from the residence, 912 Duke street, Thursday, 5:30 p. m.

DEATH NOTICE.

Died August 15, 1916, after a lingering illness, Elizabeth Walker, wife of the late Francis M. Walker and beloved aunt of Georgie Duncan, nee Idusen. Notice of funeral later.

DEATH NOTICE

Tuesday, August 15, at 9:15 a. m., Charles Henry McKnight, son of the late William H. and Margaret J. McKnight. Funeral from the residence, 208 south St. Asaph street, Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Ram-el Cafe, Royal Street.

ITALIAN SHELLS FIRE TOLMINO

Enter The Suburbs as Austrians Evacuate Burning City

SHIPS SEEK NEW BASE

Austrian Fleet Sails From Trieste For Unknown Destination, According to Report

Paris, Aug. 16—Italian troops have entered the suburbs of Tolmino, which is under continuous shell fire, according to a dispatch to La Liberte from Turin. The Austrians, says the dispatch, are evacuating the city.

Geneva, Aug. 16—The Italian advance guard, moving southeast from Gorizia, is within 13 miles of Trieste whence the greater part of the Austrian fleet has sailed for an unknown destination, according to a telegram from Buchs, Switzerland.

The telegram adds that the southern and western suburbs of Tolmino are burning and the fall of the city is expected at any moment.

Rome, Aug. 16—On the Carso plateau and to the east of Gorizia, along the Isonzo front, the Austrians have suffered further reverses at hands of the Italians, an official statement says. Austrian entrenchments in both these regions were captured.

"On the Carso during the night of August 14 the gallant troops of the Eleventh army corps repulsed several counter attacks, and attacked the enemy lines to the west of Saineto-Grado and Monte Pecinka. Several sections of the enemy's trenches were captured and 1,419 prisoners, including 31 officers, were taken.

"In the hilly tract east of Gorizia, after heavy fighting, we carried other hostile entrenchments, taking 220 prisoners, of whom five were officers.

"On the remainder of the front the enemy made the usual demonstrations against our positions; at Monte Piana in the Trienz Valley, on the Forame river, at Felizxon, Boite, Monte Colombara, on the Astico plateau at Monte Cimone and Monte Seluggia, near Astico, in the Posina basin and on the Pasubio. He was unsuccessful everywhere.

"Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Montefalcone, Ronci, Saint Casiano and Pioris. No casualties or damage resulted."

ALLEGED CAUSE OF STRIKE

Union Leaders Claim Immoral Conditions Are Responsible

New York, Aug. 16—The most immoral conditions for girl workers of any trade in the city, according to union leaders, is the cause of the paper box makers' strike, which spread rapidly yesterday, accompanied by considerable violence.

Girl picketers charged they had been roughly handled and beaten by gangsters hired by the manufacturers.

It was announced last night at strike headquarters that 3,000 more girls had joined the strike during the day, bringing the total of strikers to 11,000. It is expected that 6,000 additional workers will walk out today. There are 18,000 workers in the trade in New York. Three-quarters of this number are girls.

Morris Waldman, union organizer in charge of the strike yesterday described the conditions against which the workers are now protesting.

"This is the most immoral trade in the city," he declared. "They very atmosphere of the shops and the attitude of bosses and foremen are most dangerous to the girls who work there. Hundreds of girls are ruined every year.

"The girls are paid starvation wages. If the boss, or the boss' son or foreman wish to take a girl out, he threatens to discharge her if she refuses."

DEVILED & HARD SHELLED CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT CRAG STREET.

IMMENSE SUMS NOW LISTED

Examiners Report \$30,000,000 of Intangibles of State

UNDER AMNESTY ACT

Attorney Garnett Made Special Investigation — Announces Heavy "Acknowledgments."

Richmond, Aug. 16—Omitted tax returns on intangibles in Virginia amount to \$32,000,000, according to a statement made public by Christopher B. Garnett, executive assistant of the state tax board. In Norfolk a belated return has been made on \$12,000,000 and in Norfolk county "voluntary" returns have been made on \$6,000,000.

State officers have been surprised and disappointed at the returns made by owners of intangibles to examiners of records under the "amnesty" act of the legislature whereby such taxpayers were to make complete returns for omitted years without incurring the penalty for past failures.

Fourteen millions of dollars had been reported, and then there were mutterings of "more to come from Norfolk." Christopher B. Garnett, executive assistant for the state tax board decided to make an investigation. He returned to his office today and said that there was "more to come" from Norfolk—city and county. Richard B. McIlwaine, Jr., of Norfolk city, inserted an advertisement asking all persons to come forward and make reports. They did so, enough of them to fill the lists to avoid the payment of penalties on an aggregate of \$12,000,000. All that in Norfolk city, which is very many times more than any other county or city has reported and which is the one pleasant surprise in the whole business of assessing omitted property.

Then along came S. Burwell Eragg, the examiner for Norfolk county, who has succeeded in getting about \$6,000,000 on the books by the "voluntary" route. This brings the total for the state so far to more than \$32,000,000, and had the people generally attended to this matter the state would have not less than \$60,000,000 more on which to collect taxes. All idea of having this as the last year for the operations of examiners of record is declared preposterous by state officers. It is the last time on which owners who have been dodging taxes can get by without a penalty, but as there are now more who still are dodging than have come forward, there will be work for the examiners for a long time to come, for when people die and leave large estates to sorrowing relatives these estates will have to be investigated and reports made on the correctness of the value and the amount of taxes paid thereon in the life of the testator.

The Petersburg police last night arrested the youngest murderer that the State ever has held, and he is confined in the city jail, without any realization of the crime that he has committed. The murder was the result of a quarrel over a cigarette stump. The youthful murderer is named Burt Harris, and he is only nine years old. Harris' brother threw a cigarette stump on the street and Burt and Fred Paul Harvell started for the stump. The two boys both grabbed for it, and as they fought over it, Harris drew a knife and stabbed Harvell several times. Harvell only lived a short while after the stabbing, dying before he could be taken to the hospital.

Bids Wanted For Coal and Wood.

The undersigned will receive sealed bids for 200 tons Cumberland coal, 30 tons white ash coal and 10 cords wood, to be used in heating the Alexandria city school buildings. Both coal and wood to be delivered to the several buildings as ordered. Bids must be received on or before August 25, 1916. HARRY B. KIRK, Clerk School Board, Alexandria, Aug. 16, 1916. 190-74.