

GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE SITUATION "NOT HOPELESS, BUT GRAVE"

OFFENSIVE ON SALONIKI FRONT HAS OPENED

Grand Assault Against Forces of Central Powers Now in Progress.
SOMME TACTICS AGAIN BEING PUT TO USE
French Claim Capture of Small Villages; Berlin Reports Taking Florina.

London, Aug. 19.—The long expected general offensive on the Saloniki front has opened and the grand assault against the forces of the Central powers now is in progress in every theater of the world war. General Sarrajl is attacking the Bulgar-German forces along the entire Greek-Serbian frontier, a distance of more than one hundred fifty miles.

Reports from both Berlin and Paris indicate that the Entente allies are following the same tactics in the Balkans that signalled the opening of the great offensive on the Somme. Small bodies of troops are attacking at numerous points along the Bulgarian lines, apparently with the intention of feeling out their opponents' positions, before the real battle opens. The French claim the capture of a number of villages in the initial phases of the offensive, while Berlin reports the capture of Florina, a Greek town fifteen miles southeast of Monastir, from the Serbians. Serbian headquarters admit this repulse.

THRASHING STARTED IN AND AROUND HEBRON

Hebron, N. D., Aug. 19.—Thrashing has been started in and around Hebron and from all reports the wheat in that vicinity will be excellent. Nine hundred bushels of Marquis wheat has already been threshed out on Fred Schmalenberger's farm and 12 bushels to the acre has been realized. A. M. Christianson of the North Dakota Experiment station of Fargo has looked over the grain and states that it will make good seed.

ASKS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING CREAMERIES

E. A. Greenwood, state dairy commissioner, has sent a letter to all the buttermakers of the state asking them to tell their troubles to the department in order that it may be able to better help them.

STUNS RUNAWAY HORSE; SAVES BOY RIDER'S LIFE

By stunning a runaway horse with his shovel, Joe Fix, working in the street at Mandan, yesterday saved the life of the young son of Charles Koch. The boy was riding one of his father's race horses, when he lost control of his mount. The animal swung at Main street and Third avenue, throwing young Koch from the saddle. One foot caught in the stirrup; his head bumping the pavement, he was dragged at a mad pace until Fix, digging at a water connection, struck the animal with his shovel. The horse fell. Several men rushed to the scene and held him down, while others extricated the boy, who was none the worse for his flirtation with death.

KEEPS BACK TURKS FROM SUEZ REGION



Lieut. General A. J. MURRAY
After stopping the Turks in their attempt to reach the Suez canal, Lieut. Gen. Murray, commander of the British troops in Egypt, is reported continuing to drive the invaders back. At Romani, reports say, he captured 3,000 Turks and pushed the rest into the desert.

BOYS TEACH SOLDIERS TO SPEAK SPANISH

"Shine at a Nickel" Includes Ten New Mexican Words.

CHILDREN MAKE HIT WITH BISMARCKERS

Mercedes, Tex., August 19.—Cactus may become as familiar as cabbage to the Bismarck soldiers, pains may create no more intricate than picky trees, but the principal project of the border-Mexicans seems just as fascinating to the North Dakotans today as the day of their arrival at Mercedes.

The Mexican children are a source of never-fading amusement. They swarm everywhere. Some of their elders, especially the old men and women, do not cross the railroad track into the American part of town once a week. But the youngsters dart across the "international line" at break of day and spend most of the day with the Americans.

Morning mess is hardly over when swarms of little brown bootblacks invade the North Dakota regiment, eager to polish boots and puttees. A five-cent shine is a bargain because it includes a lesson in Spanish. Several of the Bismarck men make it a point to learn at least ten Mexican words with every shine. Before their boots wear out they expect to be masters of the language.

Critical students say the Spanish spoken at Mercedes is far more pure. But little is pure in this day of adulteration, and one may as well take his Spanish, like his granulated sugar, as it comes and digest it as best he can.

POLITICS AND BUSINESS MUST NOT BE MIXED

Government of United States Cannot Be Properly Conducted in This Way, Says Hughes.

SPEAKS OF NEED FOR PREPAREDNESS

Commissions of Investigation Must Be Dominated by Good Sense, Claims Nominee.

San Francisco, Aug. 19.—Charles B. Hughes today told audiences here and in Oakland that the government of the United States could not be properly conducted by mixing politics with business, with preparedness, with the maintenance of national honor or other administrative functions of government.

"When you start out to be military, be military and not political," Mr. Hughes told an audience in Oakland. He told the audience that he favored "fostering honorable Americans achieving in business and adjusting the findings of facts and acting upon them."

"You can break down your posterity by prostituting yourselves in the face of an unjust popular demand," Mr. Hughes said. "I shall never do that. And the unjust popular demand is only unjust because the facts are not understood. The only thing I am afraid of in this country is the dark."

STRIKERS REJECT OFFER OF DAIRY OWNERS

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 19.—Striking milk wagon drivers today rejected an offer of the dairy owners to pay a wage of \$15 per week and two percent commission on gross sales.

TROPICAL STORM DOES GREAT PROPERTY DAMAGE

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 19.—Considerable property damage and great inconvenience to troops in the various national guardsmen camps in the Laredo district resulted from a tropical storm which raged here from 6 o'clock last night until 4 o'clock this morning. For several hours, Laredo was completely cut off from wire communication with the outside world. Practically every tent of the 9,000 soldiers here was blown down, and the men were exposed to torrential rains for hours.

HAS THRILLING EXPERIENCE NEAR VILLAGE OF BOWEN

Gordon Downs of this city has returned from an extended automobile trip through the southeastern portion of the state. Mr. Downs made the trip with H. Hallenborg, cashier of the Carstons bank, in the latter's car.

RECOMMENDS WITHDRAWAL OF THE TROOPS

General Funston States American Forces Should Be Taken From Mexico.

REPORT WILL BE GIVEN TO JOINT COMMISSION

Believed Board Will Promptly Agree to Withdrawal Proposition When They Meet.

Washington, Aug. 19.—A recommendation from General Funston that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico was contained in a recent report on the military situation, made at the request of the war department and designed for use of the joint commission which will discuss border problems. State department officials do not attempt to disguise their regret over premature publication of General Funston's conclusion, but they indicated today that it would not cause any alteration in plans.

Publication of the fact that General Funston believes it wise to withdraw the troops may hamper the American commissioners, some officials think. It is believed the administration was fully prepared to arrange for the recall of General Pershing's force, since both state and war department officials are said to share the views expressed in General Funston's report.

Clough Job May Go to Hannaford

St. Paul, Aug. 19.—It is believed in railroad circles here that J. M. Hannaford, president, may succeed Colonel William F. Clough, who died in New York Thursday, as chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad.

In this event, it is also believed George T. Slade, now first vice-president, will succeed to the presidency.

Headquarters of Mr. Hannaford, should he become chairman of the directorate, will be established in St. Paul.

BOY DROWNED AT WILLISTON

Williston, N. D., Aug. 17.—Going to aid of his brother, two years younger 11-year-old Donald Currie was drowned in a back water from the Missouri river here today.

With other small boys the Currie boys went down to the backwater a mile from town to swim. The youngster called for help when some distance from shore and Donald at once plunged in to go to his aid.

When the younger lad seized Donald with a drowning grip, both boys sank. The younger lad was saved by companions, but Donald's body was found only after an hour's search. Long work by physicians failed to revive the boy. The Currie boys are sons of C. F. Currie, a well known commercial traveler.

New Heat Wave Sweeps the East

Chicago, Aug. 19.—Three deaths, several prostrations and further suffering among the poor were caused today by the new heat wave that made itself felt here on Friday. At 9 a. m. the temperature was 93, the highest of the day.

BOARD ASKS FOR BIDS ON EQUIPMENT

County Commissioners Move to Sink More Money in Graders and Engines.

LESS WORK THIS YEAR WITH MORE EQUIPMENT

If Machinery Is Purchased, No Appropriation Will Be Left to Work With.

Despite the fact that less work is being done this year on the roads of the county with more equipment, the board of county commissioners has advertised for bids on more machinery.

If all of the proposed equipment is purchased it will entail an expense of \$10,000, leaving little in the good roads fund to utilize the present machinery, valued at \$17,500, or the new machinery.

Bids Advertised For.
The board has advertised for bids on an elevator road grader, one or more engines and a road leveler. The grader will cost \$1,200 and up, the engines \$2,000 each and the leveler about \$1,100. If the two engines as proposed are purchased the cost will therefore be from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Already contract work amounting to some \$25,000 has been let. After this is paid and the machinery paid for it will not leave enough in the good roads fund to operate the equipment on.

Less Work This Year.
A new engine and two graders were purchased this spring for \$4,500, but with the extra equipment less work has been done. Last year 250 miles of road was improved; this year to date only 50 miles has been.

Good roads boosters are unanimous in declaring that before more equipment is purchased a system should be evolved whereby the present machinery can be used effectively. All of the engines and graders are now bunched; when one is stopped by a stone they are all tied up.

It is costing the county now about \$1,400 a month to run the outfit, \$1,250 for labor and the rest for oil and repairs.

DENTIST HANGS SELF TO DOOR BY BED SHEET

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 19.—Dr. R. B. Foster, residing in the Dinnie apartments, attempted to commit suicide at 10 o'clock Thursday night by hanging himself to the door of a vault in the office of Dr. Henry Tisdale, chiropractor, in Security Bank building.

Early this morning he was in a critical condition at Deaconess hospital and his recovery was regarded as uncertain.

Mentally Unbalanced.
Dr. Foster had been in an unbalanced mental state for the last week, it is said, and this is believed to have been the reason for his rash attempt.

Early Thursday evening Dr. Tisdale met Dr. Foster coming out of his office in the Security Bank building. Dr. Foster appeared to be in a state of great excitement, and told Dr. Tisdale that he "was going to the court house to deliver himself up."

ALLEGED HIGHWAYMEN HELD AT JAMESTOWN

Two highwaymen, who are alleged to have held up Conductor Orcutt and a brakeman of a Northern Pacific freight train enroute east, Friday, are being held at Jamestown.

WILSON APPEALS TO RAIL OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT HIS PLAN FOR SETTLEMENT

PRESIDENT URGES MAGNATES TO ABANDON THEIR INSISTENCE ON ARBITRATION OF THREATENED NATIONAL WIDE STRIKE OF 400,000 RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

SAYS PUBLIC HAS RIGHT TO EXPECT THE ACCEPTANCE OF HIS PLAN

Washington, Aug. 19.—President Wilson appealed to the railroad officials today to abandon their insistence on arbitration of the threatened national wide strike and accept his plan of settlement already agreed to by the employees, because, in his opinion, the railroads are contending for a principle which it seemingly is impossible to apply to the present situation.

In one of the most dramatic scenes known to the White House in recent years, the President declared to the leaders of five billion dollars' worth of property assembled at his summons "If a strike comes, the public will know where the responsibility rests. It will not be on me."

A few minutes later, he issued a statement, saying: "The public has a right to expect acceptance of this plan."

Refusing acceptance for the present, but not giving a final answer, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington railroad and spokesman for the 33 railroad officials, urged the president to uphold the principle of arbitration and declared his plans "would place in peril all that has been accomplished in the peaceful adjustment of labor controversies by arbitration methods."

At the close of the conference, President Wilson summoned to Washington additional railroad presidents from the west and the presidents told him they would confer and return home next week. In the meantime both the representatives of the railroads and employees will remain here.

LEGISLATURE TO ACT ON FIVE AMENDMENTS

Advertising of the five proposed amendments to the state constitution to be acted upon by the forthcoming legislature has been commenced by Secretary of State, Thomas Hall.

One amendment would make it impossible for the state supreme court to declare any enactment or law of the state of North Dakota legislature unless at least four of the judges so decide.

Another would provide that a county may by a two-thirds vote increase its indebtedness three per cent beyond the five per centum limit for the construction, improvement and maintenance of public highways, but for no other purpose whatever.

The third provides that the legislature may tax all land to insure crop against hail.

The fourth gives the legislature the power to provide for the formation of rural agricultural credit associations, incorporated or voluntary, under the supervision of a department of state and may establish a loan fund by pledging the credit of the state, or otherwise, and pass laws regulating the use of such fund. The loans shall be secured by first mortgages on agricultural land. The loans may be made directly to individuals or to rural agricultural credit associations.

The last one provides that any cooperative corporation may adopt by laws limiting the voting power of its stockholders.

GETS SIX MONTHS ON CHARGE OF GUN TOTTING

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 19.—Grover C. French was sentenced to six months in the state penitentiary yesterday morning by Judge Chas. A. Pollock, pleading guilty to carrying concealed weapons. He will be taken to the penitentiary as soon as Transportation Agent McGillis from Bismarck can come after him.

French was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Fred Kraemer at Casselton Thursday evening a telephone call from that town said that I. W. W.'s were attempting to prevent harvest hands from going into the fields.

All the I. W. W.'s made their escape before the officers arrived except French. He was found to be armed. At a preliminary hearing before Justice A. A. Walker at Casselton, French pleaded guilty and was bound over to the district court under \$1,000 bonds. He was brought before Judge Pollock yesterday morning and sentenced.

KEROSENE DROPS HALF CENT IN TWO STATES

Kerosene took a half cent drop in North Dakota and Minnesota today, according to information coming from local oil houses.

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