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FRENCH TROOPS MAKE ADVANCE ON SOMME LINE

Two Attempts of Germans to Recapture Trenches Are Defeated.

BRITISH FORCES PURSUING TURKS

Italian Offensive Continues With Success—Naval Engagement.

Paris, Aug. 8.—French troops made an advance last night east of Hill 139 on the Somme front. Two attempts of the Germans to recapture trenches east of Monacu farm were defeated.

The Germans early this morning launched a series of power attacks on French positions from the village of Fleury to a point north of Thiaumont works. They obtained a footing in Thiaumont works, where fighting still is in progress. Attacks at Fleury were checked.

A French attack north of Somme was made by infantry operating on the right of the British line in the course of an attack made by the British on Guillemont. The French took 40 prisoners.

Catch up to Turks.

London, Aug. 8—The British troops pursuing the Turkish force defeated last week at Romani caught up with the Turkish rear guard six miles east of Katia, about 30 miles east of the Suez canal, says an official statement regarding the campaign in Egypt today. Quantities of war material are being gathered by the British from the Romani battlefield.

Italians Succeed.

London, Aug. 8.—The Italian offensive along Isonzo and on Carso plateau are being continued and, according to a wireless dispatch from Rome, a number of additional positions have been occupied. The Austrians hold little ground on the right bank of the Isonzo.

The dispatch reports that the number of prisoners taken by the Italians have been increased considerably, and the Austrians now are destroying the villages in the vicinity of Gorizia.

Expect Big Move.

Paris, Aug. 8.—The conviction is general at Rome, the Havas correspondent there wires, "that we are at the beginning of a vast offensive, the results of which are certain, although they may be slow."

British Past Forward.

London, Aug. 8.—The British pushed forward their lines in places east of Trones Wood, on the Somme front, last night, the war office announced today.

Report Sea Battle.

Berlin, Aug. 8, (wireless Sayville)—An engagement between Austrian and Italian warships occurred August 2, following a raid on the Italian coast by Austrian torpedo boats. The official statement issued at Vienna says the Italian warships were struck and the flotilla retreated. The Austrian vessels were unharmed.

The same day the Austrian torpedo gunboat, Magnet, was struck by a hostile submarine and damaged the stern. Two men were killed, four were injured, and seven are missing.

Italians Capture Positions.

Rome, Aug. 8, (via London)—Italian troops have captured strong Austrian positions commanding communication between the Travenanzes valley and the Sare torrent in the Gader valley, in the Tofana region, says an official communication issued by the war office. Several Austrian attacks on the slopes of Monte Zebio, on the Sette-Communi plateau were checked by Italian artillery.

On the lower Isonbo the Italians gained possession of nearly the whole of Hill No. 85 and held it against violent counter attacks. Prisoners taken in yesterday's fighting by the Italians total 3,600. A large amount of ammunition and guns also was captured.

SENATOR LEWIS TO TRAIL HUGHES

Itinerary so Arranged That He Will Follow Within Few Hours.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, a democrat, may be picked for the job of "trailing" Charles Evans Hughes through the west, according to an unconfirmed report in circulation at democratic headquarters here today. It is said an itinerary would be arranged for the senator, which will keep him within a few hours of the republican presidential nominee on his trip across the continent.

STATE OFFICERS TO TAKE A HAND

Virginia, Minn., Aug. 8—The state department of labor and industries is to be represented in the Mesaba range strike investigation. Reservations have been made at a local hotel for Don D. Lescohier, St. Paul, statistician, and Martin Cole of Duluth, of the department, which is headed by W. F. Houck of Minneapolis.

No picketing is reported by the sheriff's office.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Partly cloudy with local thunder showers this afternoon and tonight in west portion. East portion warmer tonight. West portion cooler Wednesday.

UNIVERSITY READINGS.

7 a. m. 63; maximum 77; minimum 55; wind southwest, 6 miles; barometer 29.91.

WESTERN CAMPAIGN IN CHARGE OF HERT

Chicago, Aug. 8.—A. T. Hert, Kentucky's member of the republican national committee, will be manager of the western branch of the Hughes campaign, with headquarters in Chicago, it was announced last night by National Chairman William R. Willcox, after he had consulted party leaders of the central states.

In making the appointment, Chairman Willcox gave out a statement in which he said:

"Mr. Hert will have associated with him at headquarters other members of the committee.

"Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock has been prominently named in connection with this work, but some days ago he informed me that he was only not a candidate, but could not under any circumstances give the time necessary for the work at the western headquarters. Mr. Hitchcock, however, has assured me of his willingness and desire to assist in every possible way in the work of the campaign.

"We recognize the fact that the work to be done here is of a very important nature and accordingly the organization at these headquarters will be perfected at once and the campaign vigorously pushed."

Chairman Willcox spent a busy day in Chicago. During the morning he opened the headquarters of the western branch of the national committee and at noon was a guest of the Hamilton club at luncheon.

Chairman Willcox also looked after the arrangements for the reception of Charles E. Hughes, the republican candidate, who comes to Chicago tomorrow.

AVIATORS OF ENGLAND DO GREAT WORK

Feats Surpass the Wildest Flights of Imagination—Bomb Many Places.

With the British Armies in France, Aug 8, via London.—The aviators felt the concussion 9,000 feet in the air when a British brigade of aeroplanes bombarded Henin Lietard (northeast of Arras) with a shower of 112-pound bombs.

When the German sheds and storehouses at Martinpuich were fired by incendiary bombs a vast pillar of smoke from the conflagration rose to a height of 8,000 feet.

The work of the British aviators recently has surpassed the wildest flights of imagination. Aerial fights which attract sensational attention are only an incident of the offensive campaign. Overwhelming numbers of planes are concentrated on the narrow front of the Somme battle in coordination with a superior, unceasing volume of gun fire. The planes move in larger and larger flotillas and there have been cases with a dozen engaged in battle on either side.

The German first line and second line trenches, headquarters, billets and supply depots of all kinds have been bombed, the aerial offensive being limited only by the number of planes and the supply of bombs.

Not a village occupied by the Germans in the neighborhood of the front that has not had its aerial bombardment, according to accounts. Barges and motor trucks have been set on fire; one moving train was blown up.

The dry official accounts of the aviation corps and their aviators' jargon reveal a number of amazing feats every day. A pilot describes an average experience thus: "I first attacked a Roland, but finding a Fokker behind, turned and maneuvered under his tail. He fired one drum at very close range, and the Fokker nosedived and went down with a spin."

If it had gone direct, it would have been a "crasher."

FAMOUS JAPANESE ADMIRAL IS DEAD

Tokio, Aug. 8.—Vice Admiral Hikonojo Kamimura, of the Japanese navy is dead.

Vice Admiral Kamimura who was 67 years old, was one of the most prominent officers in the Japanese navy. As commander in chief of the Second squadron, he played an important part in the Russo-Japanese war, and is believed to have led in the naval assault with the British squadron against the German base at Tsing-Tao, China, in 1914.

In August, 1906, the squadron of Admiral Kamimura defeated the Russian warships, Rurik, Gromoboi and Rossia off the east coast of Korea, sinking the Rurik and capturing the other two, badly damaged.

Prior to this Kamimura had been unpopular because the Rurik with which the Gromoboi and Rossia composed the Vladivostok squadron, had destroyed two transports loaded with Japanese troops. His victory redeemed his reputation with the masses in Japan, and his reputation was further enhanced later when his squadron took a leading part in the battle of the Sea of Japan, when Russia's naval power was destroyed. After this battle, he was awarded the title of Baron and invested with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun and the first class order of the Golden Kite.

CHIHUAHUA MAY GET RELIEF FROM FAMINE

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 8.—Heavy rains falling over Chihuahua brought a promise of relief to some of the famine-swept districts of the state. Mexican authorities in Juarez pointed out that with two or three more heavy falls shortly crops will be given an impetus such as will alleviate in a large measure the distress of the peons.

Private advices here indicated also that several carloads of foodstuffs from the border have reached the Parral district, where suffering was most acute.

VERY LITTLE SICKNESS.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 8.—With 30,000 state and regular troops encamped here, medical reports show that less than three per cent of sickness. General George Bell, Jr., commanding the El Paso military district announced last night. He added that the showing is remarkable, anything under five per cent generally being accounted good.

HUGHES CONFERS WITH LEADERS IN CHICAGO TODAY

Republican Nominee Greeted by Great Throngs on His Arrival.

IMPORTANT SPEECH WILL BE DELIVERED

Extra Precautions Taken to Police Down-town District of the City.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Charles Evans Hughes was greeted by a committee, including representatives of both local factions of the republican party, when his train arrived from Detroit nearly half an hour late. It took strenuous efforts of the police to clear a way for the candidate through the throng of people who crowded the station and met Hughes with cries "hello Charlie."

Those who formally extended Chicago's welcome, were John C. Shaffer, Mayor Thompson, former Governor Deenan, Fred Sterling, chairman of the state republican committee, Chairman Wilcox of the national committe, Louis Swift and John G. Shedd.

Leaders of the party here gathered with Hughes, Wilcox and Alvin T. Hert of Louisville, appointed last night as the western campaign manager.

The nominee's speech at the Coliseum tonight, it is said, will be one of the most important of the present tour. He leaves for St. Paul and the west at 10:45 o'clock. Three police captains, ten lieutenants, ten sergeants and 300 policemen were detailed by Chief Healy to police the down town district during Hughes' stay.

POSTOFFICE SAFE BLOWN.

Hill City Minn., Safe is Robbed of Contents.

Hill City, Minn., Aug. 8.—The local postoffice safe was blown yesterday by professional burglars and the office wrecked by the explosion. They entered by forcing a window. Nitroglycerin was used. All the contents of the safe, including private papers of the postmaster, were dumped into a mail sack and taken. All the surrounding county officers have been notified and the sheriff with posses is scouring the country.

EXPECT MANY MEN TO STRIKE

Union Officials Confident of Success in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Aug. 8.—Leaders of the local division of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, who yesterday called a strike of motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, planned to hold a series of mass meetings today in an effort to gain additions to the ranks. Pickets will be placed in car barns, it was announced, and within 24 hours strike leaders say, they expect to have at least half of the 4,700 men out.

FAMOUS EDUCATOR DEAD.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 8.—Benjamin D. Hayward, educator, lawyer and head of the Nebraska military academy died here yesterday, following an operation. He was 55 years old.

TROOPS FIRE AT A CACTUS PLANT

Contend that They Thought They Were Shooting at Smugglers.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 8.—Investigation today of the shooting reported last night by American outposts stationed on the border at the outskirts of El Paso, disclosed that two privates of Company K., Eighth Massachusetts infantry, fired upon a cactus plant. The guardsmen contended, however, fired upon the smugglers.

Andres Garcia, the Mexican consul, announced that the government troops had captured a Villa adherent implicated in the Santa Ysabel massacre.

Had Dynamite in His Pocket; Where is He?

Kansas City, Aug. 8.—An unidentified white man was blown to pieces here yesterday afternoon in a crowded city park when either dynamite or nitro-glycerine believed to have been concealed in his pocket exploded. Police authorities declared they were unable to tell how the explosive might have been set off and are investigating.

Parts of the man's body were blown fifty yards. Forty or fifty persons within a short radius of the man were uninjured. One man who sat on the same bench was scarcely bruised.

ASK TRANSFER TO CHICAGO RESERVE

Washington, Aug. 8.—Representatives of banks in southeastern Wisconsin and the northern peninsula of Michigan appeared before the federal reserve board today to support the application that they be transferred from the Minneapolis to the Chicago federal reserve district. About 100 banks are involved.

NEW PAPER-MAKING METHOD DISCOVERED

Berlin, July 30, (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The royal material testing office at Gross-Lichterfelde, a suburb of Berlin, announces the interesting discovery that paper can be manufactured from cotton stalks.

The discovery is not considered of much importance for Germany, which produces no cotton, but it is pointed to as of vast importance to the United States, the greatest producer of cotton in the world, because of the shortage of paper reported in that country.

The stalks are cut and ground, boiled and bleached, and the paper making then proceeds after the usual methods.

Nothing Produced.

New York, Aug. 8.—Lincoln B. Palmer, manager of the American Newspaper Publishers' association, said yesterday that although private and governmental laboratories had been seeking for years to find a suitable substitute for wood pulp in the manufacture of paper, nothing as yet has been produced that would stand the test.

"If the Germans have solved the problem," he said, "they will have rendered the United States a valuable service, and it ought to bring millions to the inventor of the process. The discovery, if true, should prove a boon to the paper-making industry in this country."

WANTS TO TAKE UP THE BORDER AFFAIRS FIRST

Carranza Government Consents to Discussion of Other Matters Later.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Carranza government wants to take up the border situation first by the proposed joint international commission, but is willing that other matters be discussed later, Eliseo Arredondo so outlined the Mexican attitude today to Acting Secretary Polk, who took the information to the cabinet meeting. It was indicated in a statement that officials are satisfied with the situation and that the appointment of the American commissioners might be expected at any time.

ROAD OFFICERS TO BE HEARD TODAY

Washington, Aug. 8.—Representatives of telegraphers on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad system conferred here yesterday with Judge W. L. Chambers of the United States board of mediation and conciliation over troubles with the road's management, which threaten to result in a strike. Officials of the board decline to discuss the situation until the road representatives are heard today.

WIDOW IS SOLE HEIR.

Mrs. Luella J. Millen of Duluth, Only Beneficiary.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Luella J. Millen, widow of the late John Millen, vice president and general manager of Alger, Smith & Co., and a well known lumber and railroad magnate, is the sole heir of the large estate which Mr. Millen left, according to the will which was filed in probate court by the executors.

Mrs. Millen, together with John W. Bayly of this city and George Gillam of Niles, Mich., are the executors. The will authorizes them to sell any or all of the property, which is not valued. It was executed on December 3, 1901.

REVISION OF REVENUE BILL

Changes Recommended in Munitions and Inheritance Tax Sections.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Complete revision of the munitions tax section of the House revenue bill and sweeping increases in the inheritance tax were ordered recommended to the democratic caucus by democratic members of the senate finance committee.

The changes would increase the estimated revenue from inheritances from $54,000,000 to $72,000,000 annually. Retaining the House bill taxes of 1 per cent on estates over $50,000 graduated up to 5 per cent on those in excess of $450,000, the committee added schedules of 6 per cent on net estates in excess of $1,000,000; 7 per cent on $2,000,000 to $3,000,000, 8 per cent on $3,000,000 to $4,000,00; 9 per cent on $4,000,000 to $5,000,000 and 10 per cent on estates in excess of $5,000,000.

The committee struck out the varying rates provided in the House bill for munitions of war, powder, explosives, shells, cartridges, projectiles, products of copper and the like, and decided to substitute the flat uniform tax on all of these commodities.

Determining that the tax should be made a net profit tax on the manufacturer, the committee also decided to add the following: Steel billets, ingots, blooms, shell forgings, denatured alcohol and cotton linters. In addition, chemicals actually used in the manufacture of munitions would be taxed. The rate was not determined.

Secretary McAdoo submitted statistics to the committee showing that upon all of the commodities added to the taxable munitions list, profits have been abnormal since the beginning of the European war.

In completing the income tax of two per cent on all incomes in excess of $4,000 and $3,000 respectively for married and single persons, adding the special tax of one per cent on incomes in excess of $3,000 and $2,000 respectively for married and single persons; retaining the surtaxes as proposed in the House bill, with the exception of an increase of from 10 to 13 per cent on incomes in excess of $1,000,000. All of the proposed changes are subject to the approval of the democratic caucus.

SENATE AGREES TO NEW ARMY APPROPRIATION

Measure Carries $267,597,000 For Maintenance of Troops.

NATIONAL GUARD ALSO INCLUDED

Provides for Organization of Council for National Defense.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Without debate, the senate today agreed to a conference report on the army appropriation bill carrying $267,597,000 for the maintenance of the reorganized regular army and the national guard.

The only criticism on the report came from Senator Clapp of Minnesota, who protested against the elimination of the LaFollette amendment, increasing the minimum age limit for enlistment from 18 to 21 years, without the consent of parents or guardian. Because of this, he voted against the report.

The bill provides for the organization of a council for national defense to co-ordinate transportation, industrial and agricultural facilities, time stress and the relief of dependent families of soldiers in service on the Mexican border and appropriates a special sum of more than $13,000,000 for the development of aviation in the army.

Among the big army appropriations as agreed to are: For aviation, $13,281,666; pay of officers of the line, $10,000,000; transportation, $23,000,000; clothing, $20,280,000; subsistence, $20,000,000; ordnance stores and ammunition, $10,000,000, of which $5,000,000 shall be expended for purchase of munitions, the remainder to be used for manufacturing; ordnance stores and supplies, $9,500,000; armed motor cars, $500,000, reduced from $1,000,000; field artillery and ammunition for national guard, $20,000,000, reduced from $28,200,000; for automatic machine rifles, $12,000,000, reduced from $15,000,000.

For training camps, such as that at Plattsburg, the bill appropriates $2,000,000, a reduction from $4,300,000 in the senate bill. A $2,000,000 appropriation is included in the bill as agreed to for relief of dependent families of guardsmen and enlisted men.

WOULD PARALYZE LAKE SHIPPING

I. W. W. Secretary Trying to Get Duluth Dockmen to Strike.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 8.—"Our aim now is to paralyze the shipping industry at Duluth and Superior, to tie up all lake traffic, to keep boats idle and the dockmen on strike so as to help the miners on the Mesaba range," stated Louis Malis, local I. W. W. secretary at the organization headquarters today.

Jubilant over having 300 dock laborers strike in Superior and become affiliated with the I. W. W., Malis said branch officials now will attempt to spread the strike to Duluth. Since the longshoremen at Duluth were granted a wage increase, Malis said, the I. W. W. cannot influence them to break the new labor contract.

CELEBRATE NATAL DAY ON VESSEL

Stockholm, Sweden, July 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Americans who arrived in Scandinavia recently on the steamer Bergensfjord told of a decidedly unique celebration of the Fourth of July on board that vessel. On the third of July, the Bergensfjord, a Norwegian ship, was "captured" by a British cruiser and escorted into Kirkwall for the customary examination of cargo and passengers. Despite the fact that they were to be "captives" over the Fourth in a British harbor the passengers decided to hold a fitting celebration and to read anew the Declaration of Independence. All the neutrals on board decided to join the Americans and Captain Irgens of the Bergensfjord appointed a committee to arrange everything.

The hour set for the ceremonies was 11 o'clock the morning of the Fourth. It was found at that time, however, that the British authorities required the presence of all first class passengers and the reading of the Declaration was postponed until 2 o'clock. At this hour the ceremonies were begun anew. "America" was sung, a short prayer was offered and then Captain Irgens arose.

"I regret it very much," he announced, "but the Declaration of Independence must again be postponed as the British authorities require the presence of the second class passengers in their dining room."

At 3 o'clock the ship's company assembled again to hear proclaimed the principles of a free and independent people. But again Captain Irgens arose.

"I regret again to have to announce a further postponement of the Declaration of Independence, but the British authorities, who do not recognize the Fourth of July as a holiday, say they must have the third class passengers in their dining saloon at once."

Forty-five minutes later the British authorities had concluded their examination of the neutrals and this time the Declaration was read amid great enthusiasm.

The Bergensfjord, however, and the Americans aboard her, remained in "captivity" until the afternoon of the fifth.

CUBAN CONGRESS DOES VERY LITTLE

Havana, Cuba, Aug. 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The Cuban congress, which has practically ended its active sessions, has achieved hardly any serious legislation. There have been many weeks when a quorum was not present, and the few sessions recently held have been devoted to such bills as seemed likely to be vetoed by the president. One such was to compel the president to divest himself of his functions of office sixty-five days before election, which the president vetoed, and another was to provide for the payment of claims of soldiers and civilians in connection with the revolution of 1895, which the president has indicated his intention to veto in case it passes the senate.

It appears probable that congress, while not transacting any business, will remain theoretically in session until after the elections in November. The reason is that the members hold, by a curious interpretation of the constitution, that their congressional immunity from arrest extends to all civil and criminal offenses so long as the body remains in session.

Reperesentatives of British oil interests in Mexico are here for the purpose, it is said, of influencing the passage of legislation for the admission of petroleum into Cuba free of duty. As congress is unlikely to transact any business until the election is over it is improbable that there will be any discussion of the proposition until the next session.

FOUL PLAY IS THE BELIEF

Jamestown Officials Think Jack Dick Was Victim of I. W. W.'s.

(Herald Special Service.)

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 8.—Foul play is suspected in the mysterious disappearance of Jack Dick, former carpenter on the Northern Pacific new station here. Railroad officials and police are inclined to believe he was a victim of I. W. W.'s.

Dick left Jamestown about three weeks ago for Oberon to take employment. Becoming ill, he procured a doctor's order to see a physician at Carrington. After leaving for that point he has not been seen since. Dick never asked for his time at headquarters. This leads officials and officers to the foul play theory.

NEW ARMOUR PLANT TO TOP $3,000,000

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 8.—Armour & Co. will spend more than $3,000,000 in the construction of its South St. Paul plant.

That statement was made by C. W. Gordon on his return yesterday from Chicago, where he conferred with officials of the company. The original plans, Mr. Gordon said, were deemed inadequate by company officials and would be enlarged upon.

Whether the added plans will necessitate the acquisition of more land is not known.

Spend at Least $3,000,000.

"I conferred with officials of the Armour company while I was in Chicago Saturday," said Mr. Gordon.

"About all there is to say is that they have decided to expend at least $3,000,000 in building the South St. Paul plant."

Begin Last of September.

Work on the project, Mr. Gordon has been assured, will begin the last of September or the first of October.

Mr. Gordon has been in the east since June. He spent the greater portion of the time in Connectcut.

McCARTHY APPOINTED.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Colonel Daniel E. McCarthy, department quartermaster for the central division, yesterday received his appointment as a member of the war college at Washington.

Colonel McCarthy will not report until September 15.

DEATH ENDS OVER 50 YEARS WEDDED LIFE FOR JAMESTOWN COUPLE

(Herald Special Service.)

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 8.—Death today ended more than 50 years of wedded life for Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Robinson of Jamestown.

Mathew Robinson, 76 years old, for 19 years a resident of Jamestown, and for 34 years a resident of North Dakota, died at Parkview hospital at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The pioneer never recovered from injuries received in a fall on a sidewalk here six weeks ago, when his left hip was broken.

The couple celebrated their golden anniversary February 6, 1916. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Methodist church.

TREVINO TO GO TO MEXICO CITY

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 8.—Passengers reaching the border from Chihuahua City yesterday said that General Trevino, commanding the Carranza army of the northeast plans to leave late in the week for Mexico City, where he will confer with Carranza on the industrial rehabilitation of northern Mexico. During his absence, which will be for a period of about two months, it has been announced Colonel Lopez Ortiz, chief of arms of the garrison will assume General Trevino's duties.

The arrivals added that with the recent proclamation from General Carranza that official recognition of prices in connection with the use of paper money is no longer necessary, commercial conditions are taking on a brighter appearance.

LAKE VESSELMAN DEAD.

Captain Edward S. Smith, of Duluth, Succumbs to Heart Failure.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 8.—Captain Edward S. Smith, aged 60, and one of the vesselmen at the American head of the lakes, died here yesterday of heart trouble. For virtually two score years Captain Smith sailed the Great Lakes. About thirty years ago he left the boats and together with J. W. Fee, he ran the Smith-Fee tug line. Later he sold out and for twenty years he was a captain on the Booth line boats.

STRIKE QUESTION SQUARELY BEFORE RAILROADS TODAY

Conference Adjourns Till Tomorrow to Give Managers More Time.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS LEAVE FOR GOTHAM

President Wilson Will Take No Action Till Other Agencies Fail.

New York, Aug. 8.—Four hundred thousand railway employes of the country today, through the chiefs of four brotherhoods, placed before the managers of the railroads the question as to whether the roads are willing to grant the demands for an eight-hour day and a time and half pay for over-time, or submit to a strike.

The result of the strike vote taken by the employes during the past month was presented to the national conference of committee of managers and showed an overwhelming majority in favor of authorizing their chiefs to call a strike.

The managers made no definite answer, and they renewed their demands. It was agreed to adjourn until tomorrow morning to give the managers time for further discussion.

Managers objected to the inclusion in the figures of the vote of roads not represented in the conference, but were informed by union heads that the four brotherhoods are fighting for every railroad employe throughout the country as a matter of principle. They insisted on including the figures.

The managers also asked if the vote by individual roads would be shown, but in reply the brotherhoods said that if the roads were willing to make public the returns of the vote taken some time ago, by the roads themselves among the employes, the unions would gladly furnish the figures.

Federal Officials to New York.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Judge William L. Chambers and G. W. Hanger, members of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation, arranged today to go to New York tonight to get in touch with the threatened railroad strike situation. They probably will be joined there by Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the board. No invitation has been received from either side to mediate the controversy.

President Wilson will take no action personally unless all other agencies fail to avert a break.

TWO BIG AEROPLANE FIRMS ARE MERGED

New York, Aug. 8.—The Wright Aeroplane company and the Glenn L. Martin Aeroplane company have been merged under the firm name of the Wright-Martin Aircraft corporations, with a capital of $10,000,000, it was announced here yesterday.

The consolidated company is incorporated under the laws of New York state.

Edward M. Haggar, president of the Wright company, has been chosen president of the new concern and Glenn L. Martin, a vice president.

The Simplex Automobile company, part control of which has been in the hands of the Wright company, will be acquired in full by the new corporation, it is stated to provide engines and motors for aeroplane construction.

SPEAKER CLARK IS GIVEN OVATION

Washington, Aug. 8.—When Republican Leader Mann reminded the house yesterday that Speaker Clark had just passed his thirty-third anniversary as a member of congress, republicans and democrats rose and cheered the speaker for several minutes. Responding, Mr. Clark said he was not sure he wanted to remain in the house another thirty-three years, but did know he wanted to stay as long as he could.

NORMAL SERVICE RESTORED TODAY

New York Surface Cars Operated Today with Little Difficulty.

New York, Aug. 8.—Normal service on the most important surface street car lines in Manhattan and the Bronx was resumed today, after being partially interrupted by strikes of motormen and conductors, beginning about two weeks ago. About 7,500 employes of the New York Railway company and the Third Avenue Railway system are affected by the settlement, agreed upon yesterday by the directors and officials and the men after a conference with Mayor Mitchell.

FOREST FIRES DYING OUT.

Situation in Northern Minnesota is Improving, Rangers Report.

St. Paul, Aug. 8.—According to reports today to the state forestry department the forest fire condition in northern Minnesota is greatly improved. Four threatening fires were reported entirely out.

"Although there has been little rain the fire situation is much relieved," wrote A. B. Gibbs, state ranger at Tower.

Practically all the recent fires are blamed by the rangers to carelessness of campers.

REGIMENT QUARANTINED.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 8.—According to word received here yesterday, the entire First Oklahoma regiment stationed at San Benito, Tex., has again been quarantined on account of the discovery of a case of measles.