

RAILROAD OFFICIALS PROBABLY WILL MAKE COUNTER PROPOSAL, WHICH WILL GRANT SOME POINTS

ARBITRATION OF OTHERS TO BE INCLUDED

No Conference Held at the White House Today—Meet Tomorrow.

DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED SOON

Many Business Men and Trade Bodies Urge Arbitration.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Wilson called the railroad presidents to the White House for a conference again this afternoon.

As the presidents entered the White House, Hale Holden, spokesman, said: "The executives already here sought to maintain open minds on the entire question, but that after Wilson had explained his plan to the new arrivals, consideration of all questions will be begun with the object of reaching a final decision."

Washington, Aug. 21.—Although no further general White House conference is to be held before tomorrow, it was apparent here today that important developments in the threatened nationwide railway strike are looked for.

President Wilson made no engagements for today and was ready to continue negotiations with the railroad presidents several of whom arrived from the west in response to Wilson's summons.

It was reliably reported in railroad circles here today that the railroad officials who tentatively refused Wilson's plan for an eight-hour day with pro-rata pay for overtime and investigation by a commission of other issues, are continuing to work on their proposal.

Wilson had before him today a number of telegrams from business men and trade bodies, urging him to insist on arbitration.

Railroad presidents and their committee of managers worked steadily today to devise some means of averting a strike, which would in the main mean the end of the present preservation of the principle of arbitration.

Leaders of the railroad executives declared that they were united against the plan as it stands and hoped to agree on some form of counter-proposal.

Western railroad presidents seemed confident that they would be found to avert a big strike.

The president will not confer with the western men until tomorrow. The men have a brief meeting and adjourned until tomorrow.

Expect Decisive Move. Washington, Aug. 21.—President Wilson after a week of conferences with ranking officials of the railroads and leaders of their employees threatening a nationwide strike it is believed by all parties to the controversy to have brought the situation to a point where decisive developments may be expected within a few days.

REPORT SINKING OF FREIGHTER

Unidentified Vessel Said to Have Sunk in Lake Erie.

DETROIT, AUG. 21.—An unidentified freighter is reported to have sunk off Bar Point, Lake Erie, near Amherstburg, Ontario, early this morning.

The first mate of the Detroit and Cleveland steamer "St. Ignace," reported seeing the vessel sink as his ship passed that vicinity this morning. The Great Lakes Towing company of Amherstburg sent a tug to investigate.

JUSTICE TIMELY SUCCUMBS TODAY

Famous Wisconsin Jurist Dies at His Home in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 21.—William H. Timlin, justice of the Wisconsin supreme court, died at his home here today, aged 64.

He was ailing for over a year from a cancerous growth. He was elected to the supreme court in 1911, after his term expiring next January. Franz E. Schwelmer probably will be appointed his successor.

BRITISH, IN DEADLY ATTACK, DRIVE GERMANS FROM HOME-LIKE TRENCH; GUILLEMONT SAFE, NOW NEAR GINCHY

Aug. 20, via London, Aug. 21.—What the British did and how they did it was the most thrilling incident of the last 24 hours of sensational fighting in the Puyricard area when sentry shells craters to snipe the British. They had their machine guns ready to shoot the British attempt to rush their home.

Yesterday afternoon the British were pounding away as usual at this sector, which is called the Lepelle sector, when the British, thanks to a new system for taking care of machine guns and with a quick burst of artillery preparation covering their charge, appeared on the jump through the doors of their dugouts.

Through glasses they were visible to be rushing about the maze of traverses like terriers searching for holes, their bayonets gleaming and puffs of smoke rising as they threw their bombs.

In one capacious dugout, equipped with beds, tables and cupboards, six officers and 170 men surrendered in the manner of a crowd caught in a gambling house raided by the police.

Some managed to escape from their dugouts by underground galleries. Others who could not escape, though surrounded, tried to man their machine guns and were shot down. Still others fought to the death with bayonets and bombs. It is estimated that 3,000 Germans caught in the trap by less than their own number, were accounted for.

When the Associated Press correspondent left corps headquarters, 12 officers and 600 Germans had been brought in as prisoners while more were being searched from their hiding places. The last of the small parties which held out with a ring of British around them, in brief but ferocious struggles, were surrendering.

TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF JAP CANAL ACTIVITY

Said that Spaniard seeks 60,000 Acre Land Grant at the Atlantic End.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Investigation of reports from Panama that a 60,000-acre land concession at the Atlantic end of the canal is being sought by a Spaniard, named Fernandez, presumably of Japanese interests, was ordered today by Secretary Lansing. Lansing refused to discuss the report in detail, but considered it so significant that the department should begin action.

In diplomatic circles it is commonly believed that private Japanese shipping interests are seeking the aid, through Spanish intermediaries, to establish a base for storing coal at lower rates than could be had from the American government monopoly base. This belief prevailed several months ago, when rumors of a similar nature, which have been common since the canal was well under way, became more persistent.

CANADA'S WAR PURCHASER DEAD

Montreal, Aug. 21.—Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick William Benson, head of the British commission for purchase of this continent of horses and mules for war service, died at his headquarters in Montreal, at 5:30 yesterday at the Ritz-Carlton hotel, after an illness of two months from heart trouble.

He was born at St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 2, 1849. He was a Fenian raid veteran, and had served with distinction as an officer in South Africa. His widow, Lady Benson, was the eldest daughter of the late Sir G. E. Coupar, Bart., K. C. S. I., and was born in Halifax.

MUNRO TAKES CHIEF COMMAND IN INDIA

London, Aug. 21.—The war office last night announced a change in chief command in India. Gen. Sir Beauchamp Duff has been summoned home to give evidence before the Mesopotamia committee and will vacate his office as commander-in-chief, being succeeded by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Carmichael Monro.

General Duff has been commander-in-chief in India since 1913. He is 63 years old. Lieut.-Gen. Monro has been commander of the first army, succeeding Gen. Sir Douglas Haig when the latter was made commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium. Gen. Monro was commander of the British expedition to the Dardanelles in 1915.

HARVESTER ROBBED

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 21.—A harvester, giving his name as Bryan, and who has been working in this vicinity was held up and robbed of \$4 late last night, two miles east of two farmsteads. He was knocked unconscious and brought to the city in an auto.

PROMINENT MINNESOTA FARMER DIES IN WATERS OF LAKE NEAR ERSKINE

(Herald Special Service.) Crookston, Minn., Aug. 21.—Efforts to recover the body of Victor Barlund, a prominent farmer residing on the west shore of Union Lake, have proved futile up to a late hour this afternoon, and dynamite has been resorted to to bring the corpse to the surface.

Barlund was drowned yesterday afternoon while rowing across Union lake. Just how the accident happened cannot be ascertained.

Wylie Phillips of the Phillips Steam Laundry of this city and Attorney William E. Lowe noticed Barlund rowing on the lake but did not see him jump or fall from the boat. The boat tossing about without an occupant a short time after they had seen Barlund in it, caused them to investigate. Repairs for a threshing machine were in the bottom of the craft.

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ATTEMPTED TO RAM SUBMARINE; SHOT



Capt. Chas. A. Fryatt.

Captain Charles Fryatt was commander of one of the Great Eastern railway's line steamers, the Brussels, which plied between the Maas and the coast of England. For years he had been in command of vessels of this company.

HEADLESS BODY OF WOMAN FOUND

Two Children, Starved to Death, Are Near—Four Men Arrested.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—The headless body of a woman, identified as Mrs. Rosario Costantino, and two children, a baby about six months old, and another child a year old, apparently dying from starvation, were found in a south side apartment today. The police believe the woman had been chopped to death with an axe four days ago.

LOYD GEORGE SEES EARLY END OF WAR

Cricieth, Wales, Aug. 21.—In a great speech last night to his fellow-townsmen here, David Lloyd George, minister of war, said: "I am satisfied with the way things are going. I feel for the first time in two years that the nippers are gripping, and before long we will hear the crack. Then we will be able to extract the kernel."

CONGRESS TODAY BEGINS WORK ON EMERGENCY REVENUE BILL; ARMY MEASURE MAY BE RUSHED THROUGH

Washington, Aug. 21.—Adjournment of congress now waits only on the passage of the emergency revenue bill, repassage of the army appropriation bill, and President Wilson's veto.

Some of the house leaders do not like some of the senate amendments to the bill. Representative Kitchin, the majority leader, is particularly vigorous in his denunciation of the senate changes and in conference some of them may be sacrificed.

Republicans and democratic leaders alike assert that odds and ends of legislation still pending will be entirely overlooked in the final drive for adjournment and that nothing can prevent congress getting away after the revenue and general deficiency bills are passed.

Even the immigration bill will not be insisted upon by the republicans. Today the senate began discussion of the revenue bill designed to raise \$205,000,000 annually through income, inheritance, and gift taxes.

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ACTUAL WAR BETWEEN ITALY AND GERMAN IMMEDIATE; ITALIAN MEN ARE SENT TO THE BALKAN FRONT

GREEKS RETIRE BEFORE BULGARS

Bulgarian Forces, Moving Toward Kavala, Push Outposts Ahead.

Athens, Aug. 21.—Bulgarian forces moving toward Kavala, already have pushed their outposts to a point seven miles from that of the Greek seaport. The Greek government ordered the three divisions of the Greek army still remaining in that vicinity to Drama and Sierras to retire before the Bulgarian advance.

ANGELL REPORTED TO BE IN PRISON

Berlin, Aug. 21. (By wireless to Mayville.)—The Overseas News Agency says an Italian newspaper has published a report that the English writer, Norman Angell, has been sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor, after having been under arrest for several months, because he declined to take part in the war. This report says Mr. Angell's plea that he had conscientious objections to war service was overruled by an English court.

DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT THE ENTENTE IS PREPARING TO LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF UNUSUAL MAGNITUDE

London, Aug. 21.—The outstanding feature of today's war news was the Saloniki report of the disembarkation of Italian soldiers there to participate in an important campaign just opening in the Balkans. Actual war between Germany and Italy, of which there so far has been no formal declaration, now seems probable.

The Macedonian campaign itself does not yet seem to have developed an engagement of first-rate magnitude, but there has been pronounced activity along a 150-mile fighting front, with successes claimed by each side at various points.

In the entente quarters, there is said to be no apprehension felt that the plans of General Sarrail, the entente commander, will be interfered with by German and Bulgarian attacks on the allies' flanks. Petrograd reports that on the Caucasian front, the Russians captured a series of heights, taking prisoner a large number of Turks.

ITALIAN TROOPS DISSEMBARK AT SALONIKI

Paris, Aug. 21.—As the entente allies are believed to have a force of some 700,000 British, French and Serbian troops on the Saloniki front, the sending of Italian reinforcements now, just after the opening of hostilities on a large scale, would indicate that the allies have embarked on a campaign of extensive proportions.

Italy, which has a considerable surplus of troops, has been urged to take part in the Balkan operations, but is believed to have refrained partly on account of the fact that she was not at war with Germany. There have been several recent indications, however, that a declaration of hostilities was forthcoming.

The commercial treaty between these nations was abrogated by a German court ruling, and Germany was actually, though not formally, at war with Italy. Last week it was reported that the defense at Trieste would be taken over on the Caucasian front, the Russians captured a series of heights, taking prisoner a large number of Turks.

Italian Troops Disembark at Saloniki. Paris, Aug. 21.—Italian troops began to disembark at Saloniki yesterday, a Navas dispatch from that point says.

On leaving their ships, the Italians passed through Saloniki to the camp, preceded by military bands of the allies, and were cheered by the populace.

Active participation by the Italian troops in the Saloniki campaign would be a stroke of a state of affairs between Germany and Italy.

CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY IN GREECE IS TAKING EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS

King Constantine is constantly guarded, and the capital only on rare occasions.

GERMAN HIGH SEAS FLEET AGAIN IN THE NORTH SEA

The German high seas fleet has again appeared in the North sea and in the Baltic. It was reported that British light cruisers have been sent to the bottom.

London reports that another was rammed and possibly sunk. This is the first appearance in the North sea of strong German naval forces since the battle of Jutland on May 31. The first news that the Germans had left the shelter of their mine fields and fortified bases was brought by a wireless message which reported sighting a German squadron of fifteen warships, including large cruisers. This fleet was accompanied by two Zeppelin airships.

The crews of both ships were saved, according to an official report. The Germans also claim to have sunk a British destroyer and damaged a battleship, but this is denied in London. The British admiralty the German fleet avoided an engagement with the main British force and returned to port when its scout reported the approach of strong British squadrons.

TWO CRUISERS SUNK

London, Aug. 21.—Two British light cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk in the North sea by German submarines while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet, according to an official announcement issued by the admiralty shortly before midnight. One German submarine was destroyed by the British. The other was rammed and possibly sunk.

Reports from our lookout squadrons and other units showed that there was considerable activity on the part of the enemy in the North sea Saturday, the 19th.

The German high seas fleet came out but learning from their scouts that the British forces were in considerable strength, the enemy avoided an engagement and returned to port.

"In searching for the enemy we lost two cruisers by submarine attack—H. M. S. Nottingham, Captain C. E. Miller, and H. M. S. Falmouth, Captain J. G. Jellicoe. The latter was destroyed and another was rammed and possibly sunk."

"There is no truth in the German statement that a British battleship was sunk and a British battleship damaged."

The Nottingham was a vessel of 5,400 tons and was built in Falmouth in 1912. Her complement was 230 men. She was 490 feet long and carried nine six-inch guns, four three-inch guns and two torpedo tubes. She was designed to make about 25 knots an hour.

The Falmouth was of 1,800 tons. She was built in 1914 and carried a crew of 870 officers and men. She was designed to make about 25 knots an hour.

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