

## WILSON FAILS TO MOVE HEADS OF RAILROADS

### Outspoken Opposition by Employers to Plan Heard on Every Side.

### COMMITTEE NAMED TO SEEK NEW BASIS

Railway Managers Hope to Submit Counter Proposition Which Will Be Acceptable to Brotherhoods—Railroad Executives Get in Touch With Their Boards of Directors—Taken as Hopeful Sign by Administration Circles.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The answer of more than sixty railroad presidents, including those of western roads, newly arrived, to President Wilson's proposed plan for averting the threatened strike was formulated today. Every utterance of the railroad heads displayed opposition to the president's suggestion, but it was considered possible a counter proposal acceptable to the employers would be made on the basis of further negotiations.

A committee had in charge the framing of a reply and it appeared doubtful that it could be finished today. The employees' committee of 640 continued to mark time.

At 10 o'clock this morning the men went into a meeting which was attended by leaders of all four brotherhoods. A statement in reply to the arguments of the railroad executives was prepared by the leaders and probably will be issued for publication tomorrow. The meeting was described as a success and the situation unchanged.

Wilson Still Hopeful.

The railroad executives made an announcement that consideration of the situation had been turned over to a committee of eight and that no conclusions had been reached.

While the sub-committee was working the executives got in touch with their boards of directors. In a demoralization circles it was said there was hope for a settlement. The exact nature of the proposal to be submitted to President Wilson was not revealed.

President Wilson and the unions, on the one hand, and the railroad executives, on the other, are deadlocked tonight in the railway wage dispute.

Events within the next forty-eight hours, it is expected, will determine whether there is to be a general railroad strike on the 25 transportation lines of the country.

Roads See Public Support.

The railroad executives, coming from the White House yesterday afternoon without expressing any opinions to the president and after a protracted conference among themselves issued a public statement which while voicing objections to the terms proposed by the president does not reject them.

The executives contend in their statement that public opinion will endorse their stand on the principle of arbitration which the president has set aside.

Public Must Determine.

The railroad managers, no less defiant than the president, asserted: "That the railroads should grant, under threat of a national strike, a \$50,000,000 wage preference to a small minority of their employes, without a hearing before a public tribunal, is inconceivable in a democracy like ours."

"The weight of public opinion," the managers add, "must determine this issue. We cannot believe that it is the judgment of the country that we should sacrifice the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes under a threat to tie up the commerce of the country."

Believed Roads Will Yield.

The president, it is learned, intends to bring further pressure to bear upon the railway officials within the next twenty-four hours, and he is confident that they will capitulate eventually. Few of the executives deny that the president can wield his vast power in a manner to compel them to acquiesce in his demands or suffer the consequences of political enmity in the future.

## RUSS TROOPS JOIN ALLIES IN NEAR EAST

### Soldiery of Five Nations United for New Offensive in Balkans.

### EXPECT ROUMANIA TO JOIN ENTENTE ALLIES

Greek Troops Said to Have Engaged Bulgarians in Vicinity of Seres—Operations in Balkan States Foremost in Interest, Overshadowing for the Moment Activities on Other Fronts—Developments on Macedonian Front.

The offensive in the Balkans is in full swing with Russian troops arriving in Saloniki to fight with the entente forces, and Roumania reported about ready to enter the war on the side of the allies.

Landing of Italian troops is continuing and an unofficial dispatch reports Greek troops engaged with Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres.

Athens advices indicate that Russian troops have been in the Balkans more than three weeks, the initial contingents having apparently arrived at Saloniki previous to July 31, the news having been released by the entente censorship.

It is only about 350 miles in an air line from Russia to Greece at the nearest point, but Roumania and Bulgaria lie between, and to bridge the distance the Russians were obliged to travel thousands of miles.

Today's dispatches regarding developments on the Macedonian front indicate the engagement is becoming general. Serbian troops are reported to have captured two forts, while on the western end of the line the Bulgarians claim notable advances.

For a moment at least operations on the eastern and western fronts are overshadowed by those in the Balkans. The entente offensive, however, is proceeding unimpeded on both fronts.

## WARNS FARMERS AGAINST FRAUD

### Solicitors Busy in West Organizing "Farm Loan Banks" Without Authority of Newly Created Board — Farmers Must Do Own Organizing.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Secretary Flannagan, of the federal farm loan board, today issued a warning to farmers that solicitors are busy in several states without authority of the board, attempting to collect money for the organization of national farm loan associations.

Such associations are authorized under the laws and are to be formed by farmers who desire loans.

"The representation by any person that any organization is now offering to make loans by authority of the farm loan board under the federal farm loan act is false," said Mr. Flannagan.

Mr. Flannagan said information had been received from Montana, Idaho and other western states to the effect that unauthorized persons were soliciting subscriptions there. He said farmers should be alert to the organization of loan associations.

Dates and places for hearings to collect information to aid in locating federal land banks were announced today.

## IOWA MAY HAVE FLYING SQUAD

### Probable Government Will Organize Company Among Guardsmen.

Des Moines, Aug. 22.—Adj. Gen. Guy M. Logan today awaited official confirmation of newspaper dispatch containing the information that Iowa is likely to have an aviation company in the National Guard in the near future. The dispatches stated that officers of the Aero Club of America, who conferred with war department officials regarding the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for training military aviators, had indicated that Iowa would have the favored status.

General Logan notified the department recently that there were enough men in the Iowa guard willing to take up the service to form a company.

## UNCLE SAM STILL HAS LAND.

### Tracts in Michigan and Wisconsin Held as Public Domain.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Uncle Sam still has much land to give to the enterprising citizen, man or woman, who wishes to establish a home. Secretary of the Interior says a billion acres of land remain in the public domain, according to official figures just compiled by the general land office.

## GREATER GREECE HOPE BLASTED

### Entrance of Russian Army in Saloniki Campaign Ends Chances.

### EFFECTS CHANGE IN POLITICAL ASPECTS

Grecians Stunned by New Developments in Campaign, After Pinning Hopes to Success of Tonicic Allies — Roumanian Army Already Mobilized and Ready to Enter War on Side of Entente Allies—Army of 800,000.

Athens, Aug. 22.—A brigade of Russian troops has arrived at Saloniki to join in the fighting in the Balkans.

The arrival of the Russians has created a profound impression here. Even the royalists, who had insistently opposed participation in the war by Greece on the side of the entente, seemed almost stunned by the news that Russian troops had arrived to take part in the campaign, which under other conditions might have been taken by the Greek army.

The general feeling here is that the bringing of Russian troops has dispelled definitely the dream of a greater Greece, which was conceived a year and a half ago by the then Premier Venizelos, who carried Greece well on the way toward entrance in the war with the entente allies.

Effect on Politics.

It is regarded as possible that the presence of Russian forces in Macedonia will effect a change in the attitude of Bulgaria.

In some quarters irritation is displayed at the recent foreign policy of the Greek government, which is said to have overlooked the interests of this nation.

After a conference of the British, French, Serbian and Russian commanders at Saloniki today it was decided that the newly arrived Russian forces should take up positions with the Serbian troops on the southern front. The Serbo-Russian force was placed under a combined staff of which Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia is the nominal commander.

## ROUMANIANS MOBILIZING.

### Another Balkan Nation Prepared to Enter Great Conflict.

Berlin, Aug. 21, via London, Aug. 22.—The "Budapest" as Est. which is usually well informed on the Roumanian situation, today prints a dispatch from its Bucharest correspondent saying that the Roumanian army has been suddenly mobilized. It is stated that possibly the end of mobilization is responsible for the change if not the serious words uttered in the Hungarian parliament.

This is the first hint of a Roumanian mobilization since the allied permitted the allied censorship. Almost nothing on the Roumanian situation from the entente view point has come thru since the Balkan situation in its present phase reached a critical stage.

The Bucharest dispatch adds that there is no doubt that Premier Bratianu has reached an understanding with the entente so that negotiations are unnecessary now for actual participation in the war. Meanwhile the semi-official Roumanian press is savagely attacking the conservative organization which is opposing the mobilization and related measures.

More ammunition from France and Russia is asserted to be arriving.

The white heat of discussion in Bucharest is now declared to be subsiding despite the alleged imminence of the final step. It is asserted to keep up their recent successes and the proximity of Field Marshal von Hindenburg to the Roumanian border.

## ARMY WELL CONDITIONED.

Paris, Aug. 22.—All the morning newspapers comment on the excellent condition of the Roumanian army in the war. The meetings that are in progress in Bucharest are taken to mean that all the various departments in the situation are being considered and it is indicated that the decisive moment for Roumanian action is arriving.

The recent operations of Bulgarian troops in the far east are believed to be the result of an effort to hurry a Roumanian decision. The statement is made that the number of Roumanian troops that can be mobilized exceeds 800,000 and that the army is in the best of condition after long preparation.

## CATHOLICS HIT MEXICO POLICY.

### Blame "Swaying Attitude" for Injustice to Church.

New York, Aug. 22.—A thrust at the "swaying attitude of our government" with respect to Mexico was made in the annual report of the German Roman Catholic Central Verein, made public in connection with the formal opening here of the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies and the sixty-first annual convention of the National Federation of German Catholics.

## GERMAN BATTLESHIP SUNK.

### German Government Unable to Give Immediate Reply to Note.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Concerning the American note in the case of the steamer Oswego, said to have been fired on by a submarine, the statement was made this morning that the German naval authorities have received no information of any sort in this connection. Efforts are being made by the authorities, it was said, to clear up the case.

## KNOW NOTHING OF OSWEGO.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The case of the steamer Oswego was surrounded at the state department with much secrecy and the first disclosure that a note had been dispatched to Berlin, came in the foregoing Berlin dispatch. The Oswego, having some Americans on board, was reported to have been fired on ten times by a submarine.

## SLIGHT INCREASE IN INFANT EPIDEMIC

### Thirty-Nine New York Children Die of Infantile Paralysis and 118 Are Stricken During Past Twenty-Four Hours.

New York, Aug. 22.—Every borough in Greater New York reported a slight gain in the epidemic of infantile paralysis today. Health officers, however, explained that this forecast was to be expected on Tuesday owing to the over Sunday delay in obtaining reports.

During the twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m., the plague killed thirty-nine children and 118 were stricken. During the preceding twenty-four hours thirty-three children died and ninety-two new cases were reported.

## MILITIA STAY INDEFINITE.

### Guardsmen to Be Held on Border Until Americans Are Safe.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The National Guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property.

Secretary Baker so declared the adjutant general in a letter, stating a number of letters from many parts of the country complaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

In general the complaints, whose number has been increasing, charge that the service is entailing loss financially on militiamen and hardship on their families. The secretary replied to all those seeming to merit attention.

By its presence on the border, he wrote to one, the guard is "winning bloodless victories daily." "The emergency, however, which required this call for the militia was one that there is unusual in the history of the United States—men, women and children. The presence of the militia on the Mexican border has restored order and given a higher degree of safety and security to the lives of our people than there is anywhere else in the world."

Referring to the elaborate and extensive training the militiamen are receiving under supervision of regular army officers, the secretary expressed the opinion that it would fit them to act in a time of war or other emergency as a supporting army or second line for the regular army, furnishing an asset to national preparedness that could not have been obtained otherwise.

"Clearly, so soon as a restored state of order on the border justifies it, these troops will be returned to their normal status. In the meantime, it is not possible for the department to say how soon such a situation will arise, also the Mexican situation is one of increasing hopefulness."

In another letter he called attention to steps taken to relieve guardsmen from their present hardship resulting from their being called into the service. He explained the National Guard was maintained for just such exigencies as that which now exists on the border, and that it had cost the government many millions to prepare and keep it ready for such emergencies.

## Passed Deutschland at Sea.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 22.—Captain Olsen, of the Norwegian steamer AIF, which arrived here today, said that on Aug. 6 he passed the German merchant submarine, the Deutschland, passing at a very moderate rate of speed in an easterly and southeasterly direction. The submarine was in the regular steamer tracks south of Cape Race, he said.

## Iowa Postoffice Appointments.

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Wilson today nominated the following Iowa postmasters: J. N. McCoy, Corydon; J. W. Forward, Edgewood; T. L. Finley, Missouri Valley; R. A. Mortland, Montezuma.

## Drug Thieves Overlook Cash.

Des Moines, Aug. 22.—Burglars with an apparently strong need of drugs, broke into the drug store of C. W. Rogge & Co., here last night and made their escape with a large quantity of cocaine, utterly ignoring the cash register and safe.

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## DEMO REVOLT SHORT LIVED

### President Threatens and Senate Sidetracks Immigration Bill.

### WILSON SERVES NOTICE OF VETO

Literary Test Provision Obnoxious to President and Majority of Democrats Finally Submit to Caucus and Presidential Decree to Postpone Action Until December—Ten Democrats Bolt Caucus Instructions Momentarily.

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Wilson let it be known today that he would veto the immigration bill if it came before him again with the literary test, and with that the senate defeated the motion to take up the measure.

The president's announcement which settled the question arrived just when the democrats were continuing their party row over the action of the senate revolting democrats, who refused to be bound by the caucus, which decided to let the measure go over, and the leaders of the revolt were making caustic replies to the reproaches of Senator Stone.

This was a critical day in determining the administration's legislative and adjournment program. Ten insurgent senate democrats, voting with republicans, threatened to cause immediate action on the immigration bill, which a democratic caucus has agreed to put over until December. If the attempt had been successful it would have seriously disarranged plans for early adjournment.

Revolt Unexpected.

The unexpected democratic revolt in the senate yesterday resulted in the immigration bill being taken up, in defiance of the immigration caucus, and opened the way for efforts to displace the revenue bill as unfinished business, an action which might indefinitely prolong the session of congress.

Ten democratic senators voted with the solid republican minority to take up the immigration bill upon a motion by Senator Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the immigration committee. They were Ashurst, Beckham, Chamberlain, Culberson, Hardwick, Lane, Myers, Overman, Smith of South Carolina, and Vandaman.

Debates began on the measure immediately and proceeded until 11 o'clock when the revenue bill automatically came before the senate. Senator Smith then moved to displace the revenue bill, provoking an all afternoon discussion, which was resumed when the senate met today.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, was particularly aroused over the action of the revolvers. He charged them with treachery to the party in overturning the decision of the democratic caucus to postpone action on the immigration bill until December.

"It turns over to the republican minority control of legislation," Senator Stone said. "For one would rather be in the position of standing with the democrats who remained faithful to the party action than to cross the aisle and join hands with the republican minority."

Senators' Ire Aroused.

Senator Stone's words aroused the ire of Senators Hardwick and Smith of South Carolina.

"I promised my constituents that I would do all in my power to secure the passage of the immigration bill," said Senator Hardwick, "and I propose to stand by that promise. My constituency is greater than the democratic caucus." Senator Smith insisted that the immigration bill never had been a party issue.

"It is some of the revelations that have come in this country since the beginning of the European war," he said. "I should think even the opponents of the immigration bill would be converted. We should shut our doors until we can Americanize the crowd we now have here."

### ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL REPASSED.

Without the revised articles of war, to portions of which President Wilson and the war department objected, the house today repassed the army appropriation bill. The senate is expected to insert an acceptable revision and the house is expected later to accept it.

### VETOS LANDS BILL.

President Wilson vetoed the bill because of the revision.

President Wilson today vetoed a bill to allow cities and townships to buy public lands, including forest lands in their vicinity, for parks, cemeteries and sewerage. The president vetoed the bill on the ground that the national forests should not be utilized in that way.

### DENIAL IS UNNECESSARY.

Reports of Alleged Japanese Aggression Started by Propagandists.

Washington, Aug. 22.—At the Japanese embassy today it was said that reports of alleged Japanese aggression in the isthmus of Panama for acquisition of a coaling station were considered part of propaganda to alarm the United States and so ridiculous as to make a statement of denial unnecessary.

### Predicts Wilson Victory in Montana.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—Stephen A. Cowley, of Great Falls, Mont., visited Senator Walsh at western democratic national headquarters today and expressed the opinion that President Wilson is certain to carry Montana.

### Albia BAKER LOSES HAND.

Albia, Aug. 22.—Z. N. Gibbons, a baker, is in a local hospital today minus his right hand, which was torn from him in a mixer in a bakery shop where he is employed.

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