

## RAIL EMPLOYEES VEXED AT DELAY OF ROAD HEADS

Further Dallying May Cause  
Immediate Calling of  
Threatened Strike

## WILSON PARLEYS WITH EMPLOYERS

President Discusses Needs  
for New Legislation  
With Congressmen

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—The railway employees' committee showed marked signs of unrest today at the delay in the negotiations between President Wilson and the railway executives that the leaders of the men were alarmed and openly expressed fears of their ability to hold them much longer.

An employees' meeting this morning was thrown into an uproar by speeches of a minority which demanded immediate action unless the roads accept the president's plan but the leaders succeeded in adjourning it before any vote could be taken on any of the various proposals. Some of the men urged that most of them go home leaving the brotherhood heads with authority to call a strike if the railroads do not accept the president's plan.

The meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Frequent shouts and applause were heard a block away from the hall.

"It is our belief," one of the committeemen said, "that the railroads are playing for time with the president just as they have done with us for many months."

The men, tired of the delay due to the railroad representatives' prolonged discussion of President Wilson's plan, gave free expression to their opinions at today's meeting.

They feel that the railroads show a disposition to disregard their sacrifice of the demand for time and a half overtime.

A. B. Garretson advised them to be patient and assured them that decisive action was expected soon. He refused to comment on the situation other than to say, "It is in the hands of the president."

Other leaders did not hesitate to say, however, that plans have been prepared for instant action in case the railroad managers decline to accept the president's proposal.

Road Heads Lay Plans.

Three railroad presidents today reported to the committee that is trying to formulate an answer on behalf of the roads to President Wilson's suggested plan for meeting demands of the union brotherhoods the substance of their conference with the president at the white house last night. It is understood the purpose of that visit was to secure Mr. Wilson's specific ideas on how the railroads are to reimburse their treasuries for the many millions additional expenses which would arise out of acceding to the president's plan for an eight hour day wage basis.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway and one of the strongest opponents of the eight hour day, declared today that many roads, particularly western roads, would have scant earnings next year, and that many would be forced into receivership by an eight hour wage basis.

There were many indications that the railroad presidents were considering the eight hour day on condition that some definite assurance be given them that future disputes be arbitrated.

President Holden of the Burlington said the meeting of the presidents and managers held this morning had recessed until 6 o'clock. Meantime the special committee of the presidents is in session.

Mr. Holden also stated that no conclusion had been reached.

Discussing New Laws.

President Wilson summoned Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson, chairmen of the senate and house commerce committees, to the white house this morning. It is understood he planned to discuss with them legislation on the railroad strike situation. The president's plan for settlement of the railroad dispute would create a commission to investigate the working of the eight hour day and collateral issues.

After their conference with President Wilson, Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson said they had discussed the strike controversy generally but that no legislation to meet the situation had been gone over specifically. The bill adding two members to the interstate commerce commission, which has already passed the house and which will come before the senate Friday, was one of the measures discussed.

## BORDER PROBLEM TO BE TAKEN UP IN NEAR FUTURE

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF THE  
NAMES OF AMERICANS ON  
JOINT COMMISSION.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—The way was clear today for an early meeting of the joint American-Mexican commission to settle international difficulties.

Secretary Lansing last night announced the selection of the American commissioners. They are Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior; Geo. Gray of Wilmington, Del., a retired federal circuit judge and former U. S. senator and John R. Mott of New York City, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association.

The Mexican commissioners have already been chosen.

A New Jersey coast resort may be selected as the meeting place.

EXPEdition HEALTHY.

Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Mex., Aug. 23.—Only six deaths from disease and a present sick rate of 1.5 per cent for the American punitive expedition since it entered Mexico more than five months ago was the record contained in official figures given out here yesterday by the sanitary department.

Adding the number of sick being treated at the base hospital to those in the field, the rate is increased to 2.5 per cent. There has not been a single case of typhoid, the prevailing ailment being dysentery.

"This is a remarkable record for an expedition serving in this sort of a country with nothing but field equipment," declared Gen. J. J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition, today when shown the department's figures. "It probably is as low a record as any similar expedition ever has set out. Only once during the life of the expedition has there been what threatened to become an epidemic. This occurred recently at a camp south of headquarters, where the water caused a number of cases of amoebic dysentery.

"From available data it appears that the sick rate in the expedition is less than half that of the United States."

## "RED" FLEET IS ATTACKING COAST

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—Safety of the nation rested theoretically today on success of the fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Helm, which was steaming out into the Atlantic in search of the "enemy" fleet under Admiral Mayo bound for American shores with an imaginary army of invasion in thirty transports.

Not the least important aid to the defending fleet was the navy department with its means of gathering information on the invaders' whereabouts from merchant vessels at sea.

Bent over their desks in the bureau of communications, naval officers who have made special study of codes worked ceaselessly to solve the riddle of the enemy's code system. They had as material wireless messages transmitted by Admiral Mayo's "red" fleet, picked up by ships of Admiral Helm's "blue" defensive fleet and relayed to the Arlington wireless station.

REGISTRATION IS COSTLY

Chicago Taxpayers to be Taxed Heavily  
That Few Thousands May Change  
Voting Places.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Although fewer than 20,000 persons are expected to register today for the preliminary registration, the cost to the taxpayers for the work will be \$250,000, said Denis J. Egan, chief clerk of the election board.

The bulk of those who will register will consist of those who have moved since the last March registration. The present registration is 470,029 men and 261,172 women.

## ALCOHOL BLAMED FOR PROSTRATIONS

Chicago, Aug. 23.—That 80 per cent of heat prostrations are due to the use of alcohol is the conclusion of physicians at the county hospital here who have been making a study of the problem this summer. Dr. Karl Meyer, medical warden of the hospital and Dr. Harry Gauss base their report on the study of 155 cases cared for during the recent hot spell.

## HYSTERIC TO COST WOMAN HER LIFE

Danville, Ill., Aug. 23.—The 10 year old son of Mrs. F. E. Coleman of Georgetown, Ill., near here, made a "slide for life" on a tight wire stretched between two trees last Friday. She went into hysterics and has been screaming for her boy ever since, in spite of attempts of local physicians to restore her to her normal condition. Her death is expected every minute.

## BALKAN BATTLE GETS ATTENTION

Entente Troops Gaining in  
Center While Bulgars  
Advance on Wings

## BRITONS RESUME MOVE ON THIEPVAL

Fierce Fighting on Somme  
Permits Germans to Get  
Footing in Trenches

London, Aug. 23.—Political developments in the Balkans overshadow in interest for the moment even the important military operations in progress there but today's dispatches throw little new light on the situation from either a political or military standpoint.

In connection with Rumania's attitude, the course of the Russian campaign in Bukovina close to the Rumanian frontier is being closely watched. Latest advices from Teuton sources, however, declare that the Rumanians are being held up by the Teutonic resistance, not only in the Carpathian fighting, but along the entire front to the north in Galicia and Volhynia.

The allies now have a formidable army on the Macedonian front. So far, however, it is only in the center, in the Vardar valley, that entente advances have been scored. The Bulgars have gained on both flanks. It seems not improbable that this region, which offers superior railroad facilities because of the line running through it from Saloniki to Uskup, has been selected as the main avenue along which the entente thrust is to be made.

Britons Still Gain.

On the western front, along the Somme the British continue closing in on Thiepval and apparently have Guilleumont almost within their grip. South of the Somme the French are now being forced to fight hard for retention of the trenches captured early this week in the vicinity of Estrees, and Paris reports today that the Germans were able to gain a footing in their former trenches.

Italians Again Advance.

The Italian artillery in the Gorizia area is showing activity and work of consolidating ground won east and southeast of the captured town is being completed. The Italians have launched a new aggressive movement in the Dolomites, the Alpine region on the far northern front.

The Turks have attempted an offensive along the Black sea coast but Petrograd reports they were driven back with the aid of the Russian Black sea fleet.

In the east Berlin says fighting has been heavy on the Stokhod and in the Carpathians. Petrograd intimates that Grand Duke Nicholas again is pressing his offensive in the Caucasus.

GERMANS REPULSED.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The Germans resumed the offensive yesterday south of Brody, where the Russians are attempting to approach Lemberg from the northeast. The war office statement of today says the Germans were repulsed. The Russians captured two heights on the Hungarian front, the announcement says.

## GERMANS COMPARE LOSSES ON OCEAN

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Via London, Aug. 23.—The German admiralty issued today a statement asserting that the losses of the British and French navies in line battleships and cruisers to August 1 comprised seventy-two vessels with a total displacement of 496,060 tons.

The German losses in the same classes during the same period were twenty-five warships with a total of 62,667 tons. The list of British and French warships included only those losses which definitely had been established.

## BRITONS GATHER IN NEUTRAL BONDS

London, Aug. 23.—Further measures are contemplated by the government to bring about the mobilization of such Canadian and neutral securities as have not been turned over to the government. In the house of commons today the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, said it was the intention of his department to apply to parliament for the power to impose a further income tax of two shillings on the returns from all securities which have not been deposited with the treasury.

BRITISH CAPTAIN GUILTY.

Dublin, Aug. 23.—An inquiry into the shooting without trial of three men during the rebellion in Ireland last spring was opened today in the four courts. The cases are those of F. Sheehy Skeffington, Fred McIntyre and Thomas Dickson. The men were put to death at the orders of Capt. Bowen Colthurst, who was court martialled and found guilty, but insane.

## RUMANIA IS NOT YET READY TO GET INTO WORLD WAR

BERLIN ANNOUNCES THAT RUS-  
SIAN AGENTS ARE VERY BUSY  
IN THE COUNTRY.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Rumania has not decided whether she will enter the war, in the opinion of a person characterized by the Overseas News agency as "a distinguished diplomatist especially conversant with Rumanian affairs."

On being asked by the news agency as to the present situation he said: "Rumania's attitude is due to her geographical situation. The country is virtually surrounded by belligerents. Since the beginning of the present conflagration the entente powers, particularly Russia, have been extremely active in Rumania. The country is flooded with Russian agents and spies of all description. The entente uses money lavishly to bribe politicians and influence the press. Rumania is still undecided."

THE BRITISH VIEW.

London, Aug. 23.—Developments in the Balkans take first place this morning in the newspapers, which display keen interest in the landing of the Italian and Russian troops at Saloniki, the possible actions by the Greek and Rumanian governments and in the new Russian offensive in Bukovina.

Unofficial dispatches say the Russians are pushing ahead with the greatest energy in Bukovina close to the Rumanian frontier and already have gained "a very brilliant success." The Daily News sums up the Balkan situation as follows:

"The imminent general offensive against Bulgaria is of great importance. One of the first results of a successful offensive by Gen. Sarrail would be a complete rupture of Germany's communications with the east and the isolation and capitulation of Turkey."

"The situation in Greece, where Greek troops already actually are engaged in hard fighting with their traditional enemies, the Bulgars, is rich in possibilities. As to the intentions of Rumania, we may be content to draw upon the German press which says Rumania definitely has joined hands with the entente and is preparing to give Russian troops passage through her territory. It is difficult to conceive what motive the Germans could have for circulating such a statement other than the belief that it is true."

Arranging Transportation.

The committees are all at work in the various departments of the general scheme for entertaining the crowds and the men in charge of the transportation expect to be able to report within a day or two that means of bringing mammoth crowds from all parts of the county to Agency will be available.

The First Cavalry band has been hired for the day and will give concerts throughout the morning and afternoon. The two candidates for governor, E. T. Meredith and W. L. Harding, will deliver addresses early after the lunch hour. Baseball games and numerous other contests are arranged to provide fun and entertainment for participant and onlooker.

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## ACT OF HUMANITY APPROVED BY ROAD

Cotter, Ark., Aug. 23.—J. F. O'Donnell, an Iron Mountain conductor, was worried when he learned that a report had been made of his recent action in holding a passenger train here for twenty minutes so that milk could be procured for a sick baby. Today he was astonished at receiving a letter from B. F. Bush of St. Louis, receiver of the road, commending his action.

"Your act proved that railroad officials and employees place the interests of humanity above even railroad discipline," wrote Mr. Bush.

## CARRIER PIGEONS FOR U. S. A. ARMY

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 23.—Carrier pigeons are the latest recruits to the United States army on the border. Fifty flyers donated by the American Carrier Pigeon association to the U. S. signal corps branch at Columbus, are en route. It is proposed to take a number of the birds to Mexico and dispatch them in a line for Columbus. Wireless telegraphy has been found unreliable.

## IOWA GUARDSMAN DIES.

Clinton, Aug. 23.—Word was received today that Lieut. Peter Hinrichsen, of Battery A, first battalion, field artillery, Iowa national guard, at Brownsville, Tex., died as the result of heart trouble.

## CARNEGIE IS WELL.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 23.—Andrew Carnegie, who returned from a fishing trip yesterday, caused word to be given to inquirers that he was "very well." There had been reports that the millionaire philanthropist was ill.

## PROGRAM OUT FOR BIG PICNIC

Mammoth County Outing to  
Take Place at Agency  
Wednesday, Aug. 30

## BUSINESS HOUSES IN CITY TO CLOSE

Banks All Over County Are  
Planning Holiday; Look  
for Crowd of 5,000

The program for the big county picnic has been arranged and the meeting of the merchants held Tuesday decided upon the closing of the various business houses for the day. The banks of the county are also to close and the plans now provide for a real holiday in Wapello county on Wednesday, August 30.

Never in the history of the county has anything of the kind on such a big scale been attempted as the coming picnic. Farmers and business men are working together to make the day an eventful one and fully 5,000 people are expected to spend at least a part of the day next Wednesday at the beautiful Whipple grove just outside of Agency where ample provision has been made by nature and augmented by the various committees to make the day one of rare pleasure. Large roomy grounds give plenty of space for parking of all kinds of vehicles and for the staging of the numerous games, contests and races, erecting program stand and concessions of various kinds. Plenty of cool water and shade are provided and although the event is to be an old fashioned basket picnic, for the many who do not care to bring their lunches provision will be made and lunch may be procured on the grounds. Nothing has been left undone to make the day the biggest and most successful general outing ever attempted in the confines of Wapello county.

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## IOWA STATE FAIR OPEN; BIG RACES WILL BE FEATURE

CITY OF DES MOINES MAKING EX-  
TENSIVE PREPARATIONS TO  
ENTERTAIN VISITORS.

Des Moines, Aug. 23.—The gates to the Iowa state fair were thrown open today, although the formal opening will not take place until Friday. No program has been provided, today and tomorrow being what are called "preparation days." It was expected, however, that there would be an attendance of around 5,000 today.

Iowans who visit the state fair this year are to be the guests of the city of Des Moines, according to a statement by Acting Mayor Thomas Fairweather today. He says this is meant in a more literal sense than might be supposed, because, if he has his way about it, fair guests will receive more attention from official Des Moines than they have in previous years.

Here, says the acting mayor, are some of the things the city is doing for guests of the fair: A big reception hall and rest rooms are being fitted up in the city hall. A unusual feature of them will be shower baths with dressing rooms adjoining.

The city health department has made cleanup campaign among restaurants and lodging houses, East Grand avenue is paved all the way to the fair grounds, providing a paved automobile route from the downtown district for the first time. All other streets leading to the fair grounds, seven miles in all, have been oiled and are in better condition than ever before.

The public safety department has provided thirty special police officers and a corps of detectives for the protection of visitors. Some of the best detectives of other cities have been brought to Des Moines.

The largest and choicest array of driving talent that has ever assembled for a state fair meeting will face the starter when the initial event of the Iowa State Fair association races opens, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Two days have been set aside for racing this year, Saturday, August 26 and Friday, September 1, and interest is higher than ever.

## HUGHES WILL REST AT COLORADO PARK

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 23.—Charles Evans Hughes left California behind him early today for Nevada. His train, after a long slow pull over the mountains, was due to reach Reno at 8:30 a. m. He was to make two speeches there, one during the day, the second at night, and to leave for Ogden, Utah, at 9:05 tonight.

Mr. Hughes has made approximately thirty speeches in California, sixteen of them yesterday. The nominee showed the strain of the unusual effort in his voice. He will have his first rest of the campaign next week when he goes to Estes Park, Colo., 150 miles from Reno, for a four day stay. After today he will make but four set speeches before going to Estes Park; at Ogden tomorrow; Salt Lake, tomorrow night; Cheyenne, Wyo., Friday night, and Denver, Saturday night.

Mr. Hughes protested vigorously at the strenuous program arranged for his last day in California and has received assurances that he will not be called upon to make so many rear platform speeches hereafter.

## BEES MAKE PEOPLE SCURRY TO COVER

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Ten thousand bees, liberated in LaSalle street, Chicago financial district, today stung a score of persons and sent brokers, hurrying clerks and messengers to cover.

The bees were being carried in a case when a youth bumped into a man holding them causing him to stumble and smash the case.

## GANG LEADER IS PLACED UNDER BOND

Davenport, Aug. 23.—R. H. Ward, accused of being a member of the Brown gang of fake horse race swindlers, who duped Iowa farmers out of many thousands of dollars, has been released on \$3,000 bonds. The amount was set by Justice Mains, and security furnished by a bonding company.

## WISCONSIN MAN KILLED.

Dubuque, Aug. 23.—John Horner, of Potosi, Wis., was instantly killed by a C. M. & S. P. train here today. He was walking on an Illinois Central track and to escape an approaching train stepped to a parallel track directly in front of a Milwaukee train and was crushed to death.

## SWEETHEARTS KILLED.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Miss Anna Devereaux and Charles W. Hastings, 18 and 23 years old, respectively, were killed last night by an Illinois Central train. They were walking on a south side bathing beach, struck by a fast train. They were to have been married in a short time.

## COMPANY STORE SAFE IS BLOWN AT BEAR CREEK

Between \$500 and \$600 in  
Stamps, Money and  
Cards Is Taken

## DOOR IS BROKEN BY EXPLOSION'S FORCE

Saw Used to Release Lock  
and Get Into Building;  
Bloodhounds Busy

Between \$500 and \$600 worth of stamps, money orders, post cards and company cash was stolen during Tuesday night when the safe was blown in the Black Diamond company store at Bear Creek. Sheriff George Glines together with W. H. Rodbaugh and his bloodhounds from Agency went to Bear Creek early this morning and they have been working on several clues during the day.

Although there are houses across the street from the store no sound of an explosion was heard during the night. The first intimation that the place had been entered was had about 5:30 o'clock this morning when a passerby noticed a large hole sawed in the front door and notified the manager, G. H. Benson.

Mr. Benson made an immediate investigation and found that with an auger and saw a hole had been made in the door large enough to release all the locks. The safe door had been blown with nitroglycerine and was lying on the floor in several pieces. In the safe had been \$30 in stamps, money, \$50 in money order funds, between \$300 and \$400 worth of stamps, 500 penny post cards and about \$40 in company money. Everything was gone. Nothing else in the store had been bothered. Those who entered the safe left part of their equipment. An old ax and a chisel were lying on the floor in front of the vault. Mr. Benson, in addition to being manager of the store, is postmaster at Bear Creek and has charge of the government's funds and supplies there.

Mr. Rodbaugh and the sheriff were both called and they were soon at work on the case. A trail was taken by the dogs along the wagon road leading to Ottumwa.

This trail, the only one pushed by the dogs, followed the main wagon road until it reached the Milwaukee tracks, then took the track to Second street, then through Caldwell park and over through the woods to a tent.

Investigation there by the sheriff did not reveal anything which on the surface would indicate any connection with the affair. Further developments may appear this evening.

On the way back to town Mr. Rodbaugh found a \$1 bill, closely folded and badly crumpled, lying in the road. It is believed to be a part of the booty from the safe.

This afternoon in clearing away the wreckage from in front of the safe in the store about \$50 in paper money was found. It is the money which was taken from the drawer in the safe.

## IOWA EXPLORER OF NORTH, BACK HOME

New York, Aug. 23.—Jerome Allen Maquoketa, Iowa, a member of the Hovey Arctic expedition, which met with misfortune on its way to the left of the MacMillan exploration party, has arrived here from Copenhagen with details of the expedition's failure. The MacMillan party was search of Peary's "Crocker land," reported by subsequent explorers to have been a mirage instead of land.

Dr. E. O. Hovey and his party left New York in July, 1915, on the schooner George B. Cluett, equipped by the American Museum of Natural History. They were caught in the early last winter near Cape York, the northerly coast of Greenland, through an accident to the vessel's machinery.

Mr. Allen, Dr. Hovey and others of the party then started on a 1,300 mile dog sled journey across Greenland, January to get aid but Dr. Hovey caught a severe cold after traveling about sixty miles and had to return the ship.

After two months' hard traveling Mr. Allen said, the sled party reached Egedesminde, a Danish settlement.

Clinton, Aug. 23.—Mrs. Jerome Allen of Maquoketa, today declared that her husband was a member of the original MacMillan exploration party, who left in 1913, in search of "Crocker land," and not of the Dr. Hovey expedition, which left in 1915. Mrs. Allen is expected home this week.

## LOCATE VALUABLE WRECK

Newport News, Va., Aug. 23.—George Stillson, commanding the petition of three tugs engaged in salvaging the million dollar cargo of the sunken steamer Merida off the gulf coast, said today that the wreck had been located.

"The Merida," said Capt. Stillson, "is in 200 feet of water."