

# Ottumwa Tri-Weekly Courier

IOWA—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature. Sun rises, 5:30; sets, 6:44. LOCAL TEMP.—8 p. m., 89; 8 a. m., 82; 12 m., 77; max., 92; min., 56.

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## STRIKE LOOMS UP AGAIN; RAIL HEADS DEMAND ARBITRATION

### Developments of the Day Fail to Indicate Any Quick Settlement

### WILSON CONFERS WITH UNION HEADS

### Employers Holding Out for Work Day as at Present on Most of Roads

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The railway strike negotiations resolved themselves today, outwardly at least, into a more or less confused state.

Expressions of optimism from both sides were not so free as they were yesterday and feeling heretofore general among the managers that a plan to include the eight hour day would be found was not so evident. Some of the railway executives reverted to their prediction that it never would be conceded.

President Wilson today conferred with the four brotherhood heads. All parties to the conference steadfastly refused to say what was talked about.

The railroad executives conferred among themselves during the day and it was thought possible they might later go to the white house.

Some of the more optimistic still had hopes of a final decision being reached before tomorrow night.

The executives and managers devoted practically no time today to consideration of freight rate increases or settlement of strikes but conferred on the length of the working day and pay.

Brotherhood heads declared they were standing on President Wilson's plan and had not changed their attitude a particle.

As the conferences among the railroad executives progressed it was said the presidents were standing more closely together for arbitration than at any time since they had assembled here.

It was indicated that the communication being prepared for President Wilson would contain a further insistence on arbitration.

Late this afternoon Presidents Lovett, Holden and Willard of the Union Pacific, Burlington and Baltimore & Ohio, respectively, went to the white house. It was understood they would outline to President Wilson the conclusion of the select committee of executives so far.

Objections Are Raised. Railway presidents today were confronted with a number of objections to their tentative plan for meeting the union brotherhoods' demands by granting the eight hour day on condition that freight rate increases and public investigation of future wage disputes be assured.

They arranged another meeting shortly before noon to consider their special committee's proposal and it appeared possible that a final conclusion would be postponed until next week.

These conditions weighed against the chances of a rate increase. There is no means of assuring what action the interstate commerce commission might take, particularly inasmuch as previously it has indicated unwillingness to consider wage standards in dealing with proposed rate increases; strong influence of big shippers probably would be thrown against higher rates; President Wilson's stand for an increase would amount to little if he should fail of reelection; regardless of other hazards, new rates could not be put into effect before next March.

The greatest element of uncertainty regarding the proposed legislation for creating a federal body to investigate labor demands before a strike might be allowed was the probable hostility of labor leaders to the plan.

Continued hostility of many presidents to the eight hour day under any circumstances complicated the situation further.

MANUFACTURERS PROTEST. Chicago, Aug. 25.—Manufacturers and industrial organizations from all industrial sections of the country will meet here next Tuesday to protest against surrender of the arbitration principle in negotiations between railroad companies and their employees.

## BRITISH CAPITAL GIVEN SCARE BY GERMAN RAIDERS

### SIX AIRSHIPS DESCEND ON COAST AND ONE OF THEM GOES UP THE THAMES.

London, Aug. 25.—Eight persons were killed and thirty-six injured in the Zeppelin raid last night. It was announced officially today. One hundred bombs were dropped. One Zeppelin reached the outskirts of London.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—An attack on London by a German airship was made on Wednesday night, the war office announced today.

London, Aug. 25.—Details of the raid by six hostile airships, which crossed the east and southeast coasts of England between midnight and 3 o'clock this morning, as disclosed by the official war office statement, show that nine persons are reported to have been injured, some mortally.

"One airship made her way westward well inland," the announcement states. "The remainder of the fleet carried out short inroads over the coast. The number of bombs dropped by the raiders has not yet been ascertained. Several bombs are reported to have been directed at ships at sea. The damage effected by the raid was slight."

"In one locality a railway station and some houses were damaged and two horses were killed. At another point two houses were wrecked.

"The total casualties have not yet been reported. To date nine persons are reported injured, some fatally. "Anti-aircraft guns came into action at certain points both on land and from ships at sea. Some of our aircraft went up in pursuit. One aeroplane attacked at close range but the airship eluded pursuit in the clouds."

A Central News dispatch says there was great excitement in a town on the Thames estuary at 1 o'clock this morning when news was received of the approach of a Zeppelin. Mist obscured the raider but it could be heard approaching from the coast. After hovering over the town for some time it passed toward the west. Shortly afterward violent explosions, followed by cannoning, shook buildings and lighted the sky.

The people thronged the streets, calmly watching these operations, which lasted for half an hour.

This dispatch indicates that Zeppelins which visited England last night may have appeared in the vicinity of London, which is on the Thames sixty miles from its mouth. The course of the airship referred to was in the direction of London.

## BREMEN IS AGAIN REPORTED TAKEN

New York, Aug. 25.—The New York City News association quotes an officer of the British merchant marine who arrived here today aboard the White Star steamship Baltic as saying that the German submarine Bremen has been captured by the British and thirty-three of her crew of thirty-five made prisoners. The Bremen, according to the account, was captured in the Straits of Dover in a steel net on August 2. Two members of her crew lost their lives.

The Bremen, it was said, while enmeshed in the net, was sighted by a British patrol boat, her stern under way and her bow high above the surface. After endeavoring for a time to extricate the wreck, the patrol boat steamed away for Dover with her prisoners.

According to the officer quoted the British government has maintained silence in regard to the capture as another German trans-Atlantic submarine, the Amerika, was said to be on the way here and it was hoped to capture her also.

### DEUTSCHLAND COMING BACK.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Preparations for another voyage of the submarine Deutschland to the United States are well under way. Freight is being received for this trip. The amount of cargo now ready is larger than had been expected, the Overseas News Agency says. All members of the crew have expressed readiness to sign for the next voyage.

### IOWA TROOPS TO GUARD THE BORDER

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 25.—The Iowa troops here will go on border patrol next week, relieving the regulars of the fourth infantry. The Iowans will establish outposts on the banks of the Rio Grande, guarding all roads to international bridges. The companies of the Iowa command will rotate in duty.

Private Henry C. Wright of Centerville, Co. D, third infantry, committed suicide in a clump of willows near camp yesterday. He took poison. No reason for his deed can be assigned.

## ALLIES ATTACK MEETS SUCCESS

### Both the French and British Report Gains Along the Line of the Somme

### MAUREPAS TAKEN FROM THE TEUTONS

### Russians Announce Advance in Persia, Where Turks Are Falling Back

Paris, Aug. 25.—The complete occupation of Maurepas brings the French and English advanced lines on the Somme within two miles of Combes. Maurepas formed one of the principal supporting points between the Somme and the highway from Albert to Bapaume and also was an important strategic base.

The Germans have placed on the line against the French between Hardecourt and Clercy the fifth division of Bavarian reserves and the first division of the Prussian guards. This guard division is commanded in person by Prince Eitel Friedrich, second son of the German emperor, and took part in the fighting at Maurepas.

Guillemont, where the English have made progress, is being defended by the Kaiser Wilhelm II regiment of Wuerttemberg.

Although the Germans made a heavy attack last night in the Maurepas sector, north of the Somme, the French hold Maurepas village, according to this afternoon's official bulletin from Paris.

Intimations of a possible extension of the French offensive south of the Somme for a distance of thirty miles, from Estrees to Lassigny, seem further borne out by today's official announcement of the continuation of heavy bombardment in that sector.

### RUSSIANS GAIN AGAIN.

Petrograd, (by wireless to London) Aug. 25.—It is announced that the Russians have resumed their advance along the entire Asiatic front.

The Turks have evacuated Bitlis and Mush has been recaptured.

Austro-German forces near Kovel in Volynia attempted to take the offensive yesterday but the war office reports were repulsed. Small actions farther north in the sector between Vlna and Baranovichi also are recorded.

### SERBS PRESS BULGARS.

London, Aug. 25.—Successes against the Bulgarians all along the line of the Serbian front in Macedonia are reported in the Serbian official statement of August 23. The statement declares the Bulgarian center was yielding to the Serbian pressure and that the positions previously designated for Serbian occupation were being seized and held by Serbian troops.

### BRITONS ADVANCE.

London, Aug. 25.—Official announcement was made today that after hard fighting on the Somme front the British lines had been advanced several hundred yards in the region near Delville wood.

### RELIEF FUND IS LARGE.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—The amount raised by German municipalities for relief of families of soldiers has reached about 2,000,000 marks. The federal treasury will turn over to the municipalities at a latter date about 500,000 marks.

### WAR SUMMARY.

Berlin today admits the capture of Maurepas on the Somme front by the French.

The British on the Somme front have pushed farther along the Longueval-Bapaume road. This gain, effected northwest of Guillemont, serves still further to hem in that town.

On the Austrian frontier in the Dolomite region the Italians are continuing their offensive despite bad weather.

### HUGHES WANTS TO VISIT THE SOUTH

Laramie, Wyo., Aug. 25.—Charles E. Hughes' trip across the continent and back will end at York Harbor, Me., on the afternoon of September 7 and at Portland, Me., that night. The next day it is planned to have him speak at Lewiston, Waterville and Bangor, Me., respectively, in the morning, afternoon and evening. It is probable that the nominee will make addresses in Connecticut and Massachusetts September 9 and 10.

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On September 6 Mr. Hughes will have a thirty minute stay between trains at Cincinnati, Ohio. He will go direct from Cincinnati to Maine.

## SHAM BATTLE AT SEA EXPECTED TO OCCUR VERY SOON

### NAVAL WAR GAME HAS REACHED STAGE WHERE INVADERS ARE AT THE COAST.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—Navy officers today looked for news that a battle had occurred between the two fleets participating in a war game on the Atlantic and that a number of casualties had occurred. Anticipating that mythical dead and wounded were being hurried to land from Rear Admiral Helm's "blue" defending fleet, naval hospitals at New York, Boston, Newport, Philadelphia and Norfolk were advised to make preparations for receiving and treating patients.

Navy officials were inclined today to believe that the intercepted message picked up yesterday saying the invading transports had been sighted was a decoy sent out by Admiral Helm, commanding the defenders, in hope of misleading Admiral Mayo.

Admiral Helm has called for ammunition, including torpedoes and supplies, to be delivered within a given time from the various stations and depots along the Atlantic coast.

At the conclusion of the war game the Atlantic fleet will go to the southern drill grounds for the regular September target practice.

## ALLIES' FINANCE MANAGERS MEET

London, Aug. 25.—The premiers of Great Britain and France, the finance ministers of the two nations and representatives of their financial and kindred interests met at Calais yesterday and reached an agreement on important financial matters, including payments abroad and the maintenance of exchange between the two countries, it was officially announced today.

France was represented by M. Briand, president of the council of ministers; M. Ribot, minister of finance, accompanied by M. Poincaré, governor of the Bank of France, and M. Marjorie and O. Homberg (Oscar Homberg was a member of the Anglo-French financial commission in the United States in 1915). Great Britain was represented by Premier Asquith, Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer; Edwin Samuel Montagu, minister of munitions, and Thomas McKinnon Wood, financial secretary of the treasury, accompanied by the chief justice, the governor of the Bank of England and Sir Maurice Hankey.

### REVENUE BILL CHANGED

Democrats Think Better of Plan To Levy Stamp Tax On All Insurance Policies.

### DANISH TREATY WILL BE RATIFIED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—Democrats of the senate finance committee today, yielding to protests from all parts of the country, struck out of the emergency revenue bill the proposed stamp tax on insurance policies, which proposed a tax of one-half cent on each dollar of premium on all policies including life insurance.

Democratic senate leaders announced their intention to pass the general deficiency bill when it comes from the house next Tuesday, then pass the revenue bill and then adjourn.

Republican and democratic leaders called absentees to have a quorum in the house Tuesday to dispose of remaining business.

Administration leaders in congress were today planning adjournment next Friday or Saturday, Senator Simmons chairman of the finance committee said he believed it could be done unless unforeseen developments arose.

### IOWA STATE FAIR OPENS

Wide Variety of Exhibits Are in Place and Everything Is Ready for the Public to See.

### AMERICAN TRADE SETS NEW RECORD

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—American foreign trade during July amounted to \$40,000,000 more than in the same month last year and set a new July record. It was \$72,000,000 less, however, than the total for June, the record month in the country's history.

July imports were \$183,000,000, a decrease of \$63,000,000 compared to June. Exports were \$446,000,000, or \$19,000,000 less than in June. The year ended with July setting a new yearly record in foreign trade, with exports and imports totaling \$674,000,000 compared to \$454,000,000 for the twelve months preceding.

### WOMAN KILLS SELF.

Burlington, Aug. 25.—Mrs. Walburga Martin, 65 years old, wife of the sexton of a local cemetery, committed suicide by shooting herself with a revolver this morning. Her health long standing is thought to have undermined Mrs. Martin's mental faculties.

## SAYS MUCH ABOUT NOTHING

### Dr. J. E. Hull in Statement on Infantile Paralysis Finds No Danger Here

### MEDICAL SCIENCE DOESN'T KNOW CAUSE

### City Physician Holds That Poliomyelitis Germ

Because of the wide spread of infantile paralysis in New York and the east, and the publicity given the epidemic by means of press dispatches all over the country, people in this section of the country have viewed with alarm the ravages of the dread disease and the press throughout the country has noted local cases wherever they have appeared. Believing that the public or a large portion of it has become frightened and thinks an epidemic is possible here, City Physician J. E. Hull has prepared a statement on infantile paralysis and says there is no danger nor any reason to fear epidemic here as only one case has been found in Ottumwa and but four in the county. The city physician's statement follows:

The press of this and other cities has said so much and created so much alarm about the appearance in our midst of poliomyelitis, or as it is better known, infantile paralysis, that it seems to me not out of place to attempt to allay the fears of the public with regard to this disease.

Many children have been refused admission to state institutions from Ottumwa and many people have been afraid to come to the city to visit or do shopping on account of the articles appearing frequently in the papers with regard to this disease. One day a case is reported, the next day something is said about the progress of the case. The following day no new case has been reported and the next day County Auditor Bissell has pamphlets for free distribution, describing the disease and instructing how to prevent it, etc., ditto and repeat until the one case is exaggerated in the minds of the people and they imagine that there is a real epidemic of infantile paralysis in our midst.

### No More Than Before.

I have no desire to minimize this dread disease as in almost every case there results some permanent paralysis if the case is not fatal and the great majority of cases are not. The reports of cases back in New York of this year have shown a mortality of about 20 per cent. But what I would like to impress upon all is that there is no more infantile paralysis in Iowa this year than in previous years. Four cases have been reported in Wapello county, which is not more than is usual except previous to this year and owing to the great epidemic back east, the cases were not reported or quarantined here.

### HONOLULU MAKES BID.

Honolulu, Aug. 25.—Honolulu wants the joint commission for the settlement of United States-Mexican differences to meet here. The chamber of commerce, it was announced today, has called to Secretary Lansing and the Mexican designate at Washington to this effect.

### TO HOLD ELECTIONS.

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—The department of the interior is formulating a decree calling congressional elections. Those elected will organize a constitutional assembly to consider reforms in the constitution.

### MISSOURI ROAD MAY ISSUE BONDS

Jefferson City, Mo., Aug. 25.—The state public service commission granted authority here for the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Co. to issue bonds totaling \$194,138,316, preferred stock to the amount of \$146,138,316 and common stock aggregating \$48,000,000. The application stated the road would have outstanding on July 2, 1917, in addition to those authorized today, obligations totaling \$321,674,886.

## COURT HUNTING FOR LOST WEALTH OF AGED RECLUSE

### SUPPOSEDLY RICH OLD MAN, SEEMINGLY HAS BEEN MILKED OF HIS MONEY.

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Edward W. Morrison, the 80 year old recluse, whose vanished millions are a subject of investigation before Judge Landis in the U. S. district court, was declared today to have been milked out of property valued at \$5,000,000 by a coterie of strange characters within the last twenty years.

Francis J. Houlihan, counsel for Morrison's creditors, declared that unscrupulous lawyers, women and habitues of Chicago's underworld came into the life of the aged man, whose wealth is estimated from \$3,000,000 to \$8,000,000, to obtain his money. He was taken on trips to other cities. Attorney Houlihan declared, women were brought to see him and new characters introduced to keep his fortune dwindling.

Search of the recluse's quaint, old two story home in which it was thought he had concealed vast sums of money revealed \$11.73 in cash and a bunch of old papers, cancelled checks and notes.

In one pocket almost a hundred "I. O. U.'s" written in various hands, but unsigned and which totaled something over \$150,000, were found. Each slip of paper bore "I. O. U." for amounts ranging from \$500 to \$7,000. No trace of deeds, titles and other records of ownership to property, reputed to be worth \$5,000,000, were found.

Investigation into the affairs of Morrison has revealed that James R. Ward, counsel for the aged man, is holding more than \$2,000,000 worth of property conveyed to him by Morrison. John Sommers, a jeweler, disposed of \$200,000 of Morrison's fortune in "entertaining" him. Mrs. Kate Hiller, formerly keeper of a lace shop, obtained \$70,000 in cash and \$79,000 in bonds during the life of Morrison's wife, who died in 1909. They were gifts, Mrs. Hiller asserted.

## EPIDEMIC IS FALLING OFF

### New York Health Authorities Report Big Drop in Number of Infantile Paralysis Deaths.

New York, Aug. 25.—The infantile paralysis epidemic showed another big drop today in number of new cases and deaths reported. During the twenty-four hours ended at 10 a. m. there were only twenty-two deaths and ninety-four new cases, the lowest number in a month. Yesterday there were thirty-one deaths and 109 new cases.

### DIPLOMATS FROM MEXICO COMING

Mexico City, Aug. 25.—Members of the Mexican commission to the conference of representatives of the United States and Mexico for the settlement of international differences have tentatively agreed to leave for the United States on Sunday morning.

According to present plans, Luis Cabrera, president of the Mexican commission, will proceed by way of Vera Cruz in company with James Linn Rodgers, the American representative to the Carranza government, and Mr. Rodgers' secretary, John W. Bell. From Vera Cruz they will continue either by a Spanish steamer to Havana or on the U. S. tender Dixie.

Alberto J. Paul, president of the national railways of Mexico, and Ygnacio Bonillas intend to go to the United States in Senator Paul's private car by way of Piedras Negras, San Antonio and St. Louis.

The Mexican commissioners decline to discuss their instructions.

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## MUCH STREET WORK IS BEING DONE THIS YEAR

### Improvements Finished and Under Way Will Cost an Immense Figure

### TWO-MILE SEWER JOB BEGINS MONDAY

### Biggest Drainage Contract Soon to Start; Paving and Oiling Progresses

Paving work, street grading and sewer construction is keeping the city forces and contractors quite busy in Ottumwa this summer. The year gives promise of more street improvements of various kinds than perhaps any period of similar length in the history of the city. Much has already been completed and more remains to be done before the work planned for the year will have been finished. What all is done it will represent an outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars in public improvements that will go far towards placing Ottumwa in the front rank of the cities of Iowa that are doing things for the betterment of the town.

### Contractors Are Busy.

The three paving contractors are all busy on one or more of the jobs they have been given contracts for. The same is true of the sewer work and the road oiling in different parts of the city has taken considerable of the time of the forces under Street Commissioner Bert Stocker, although it has not stopped the regular street work by any means. That much of the ordinary cutting, filling and grading generally about the city is being carried on aside from the road oiling, is noticeable on North Wapello between Oakwood and Park avenues.

There the top of a hill is being cut and a lower portion of the street filled. In the same part of the city there is grading being done on East Woodland avenue and Camille street, both of which are being improved. Moore street is being put in condition for the oiling of the surface between Vine street and Finley avenue. This work was to have been completed today and the oiling will start Saturday. The Iowa avenue oiling is about completed and the barricade to stop traffic which were located at Second and Main street intersections were removed this morning.

A force of city street men are today removing the surplus dirt inside the curb on the new Ash street paving and the parkings are being dressed to give the property owners an opportunity to fix them as they desire. An improvement has just been completed by the street gang on North Jefferson street between Main and Pennsylvania avenues. Cutting and filling the street had added much to its appearance and usefulness.

Contractor J. C. Blunk has begun the curbing of East Maple avenue preparatory to the paving of that street. The Keokuk Quarry & Construction Co., has started on Camille street ready for the curbing and has completed Union street grading for the curbing there. The Davidson Construction Co., has laid the brick on West Woodland avenue and is curbing Park avenue where it has a paving contract. The company plans to begin the Green street work next week.

### Biggest Sewer Contract.

John Scott is nearly through with the big sewer job in City View addition, where several blocks of sewers have been laid on Elm and East Fourth streets and on Iowa avenue. The latter job will be completed in time to permit starting the biggest single sewer contract ever let in Ottumwa next Monday. This work is on the south side where two miles of sewer will be constructed draining a large area of that section of the city.

The commissioners met this afternoon to take up the bids for the West Second street paving, figures on which were to be submitted today.

### SENATOR OWENS THREATENS ROW

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—Renewal of Senator Owen's fight for consideration at this session of his corrupt practices bill had ruffled the composure of the democratic legislative program today. The senator, by insisting again yesterday on speedy corrupt practices legislation, threatened to delay adjournment of congress and precipitated a heated debate between republicans and democrats.

During his plea for action on his bill, Senator Owen declared the existing contributions law was a fraud upon the American people; accused senate republicans of deliberately trying to defeat his measure and charged that the so-called lumber trust had sent \$40,000 into Oklahoma to defeat his renomination because he voted to deny William Lorimer a seat in the senate.