

BELGIANS TRUCE GERMAN FORCES AND WIN ANOTHER BIG VICTORY

AMERICAN RAILROAD MEN MOST EFFICIENT

Annual Report Shows Marked Progress in Twenty-five Years—Rated According to Units

POPULAR GOVERNMENT IS ISSUE

Will Be Next Matter of Importance Before Congress—Extra Session May Be Called by President.

By Congressman C. H. Tavenner.

Washington, August 7.—American railroad employees are declared to be the most efficient in the world. The recent annual reports of the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission show a remarkable increase in the efficiency of railroad employees in the last 25 years. Comparative figures with European railroads are lacking, but there seems little doubt that the efficiency of American railroad men has increased with that of the employees of Uncle Sam's post office. Representative David L. Lewis of Maryland, has shown by the postal statistics of the world that the efficiency of foreign postal employees does not compare with that of the employees of Uncle Sam's, and there is reason to believe that this same comparison can be carried to the railroad employees also. Analysts have been going over the railroad figures and showing some remarkable facts. Not only has the productive efficiency of American railroad labor increased enormously, but there is a reason to believe that it will increase even more in the future.

Railroad efficiency is rated according to transportation "units," which means in case of freight a ton transported one mile, or in the case of passengers, per passenger carried a mile.

In 1890 engine labor costs to the railroads for each 1,000 traffic units was 86 cents; last year it was 59 cents. In other words, it cost the railroads 27 cents less for wages of engineers and firemen to carry 1,000 passengers one mile, or 1,000 tons of freight one mile, than it did in 1890. But wages paid to engine men in 1913 were far higher than those of 1890. The cheapened cost was due to the increased efficiency of the employees.

Such figures run all through the various classes of employees and on all American railroads. Larger engines, heavier equipment and greater loads added to increased skill on the part of the employees have brought about efficiency that no other country on earth can meet.

Popular Government Next Issue.

The next great issue before Congress will be the question of popular government enforced by federal laws, according to all the indications now. And it would not be surprising if President Wilson called an extra session of Congress after March 4 of next year to adopt a series of law guaranteeing popular government.

The amazing record of the present Democratic Congress will probably not be allowed to stand alone by President Wilson. The present Congress has settled nearly every political issue that has been before the country for the past 16 years. Tariff, currency, trusts, Alaskan development, income tax, and probably conservation—this will be the history of the country.

It is known that a legislative subject near to President Wilson's heart is the question of direct presidential primaries. Mr. Wilson urged this legislation upon the present session of Congress but there was not time to take it up. However, various congressional committees have been studying the problem, and they will probably be ready to report on bills at next winter's session.

Consequently the signs point to a popular government fight in Washington next winter. But the session which begins in December will be a short session, expiring by law on March 3rd 1915. There will hardly be time to pass the appropriation bills and adopt popular government measures also. The fight will probably be started then. The President is likely to ask the new Congress to continue the work immediately, so that the laws may be

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WILL HOLD RALLY HERE

REV. WENIGER CHIEF SPEAKER

Charles Geringer, president of the Beltrami County Christian Endeavor association, today announced that the annual rally of the seven societies of the district will be held in Bemidji September 4, 5 and 6, the meetings to be held in the Presbyterian church.

The principal speaker of the rally, which will be attended by at least forty delegates from Blackduck, Kelliher, Spur and Tenstrike, and as many as possible from here, will be Rev. Weniger of LaPorte, who has just returned from a missionary trip to South America. The study of missions will be taken up.

There are three Bemidji churches, the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist, who have societies which are members of the association. There will be a union meeting Sunday evening, September 6.

The present officers of the association are, Charles Geringer, of Spur, president; Axel Swedberg, of Redby, secretary and treasurer, and Olive Wentworth of Blackduck, vice-president. Raymond Hannah of the Bemidji Independent, will have charge of the management in arranging for the rally.

Advertised Letters.

List of advertised letters "UNCLAIMED" for week ending August 3, 1914, at Bemidji postoffice: Men—Boyd, Mr. John, Baldwin, Mr. Fred, Drummond, Mr. Hal, C. Downey, G. B., Dmitrasovich, Mr. George, Evenson, Mr. Arne, Hawkins, Mr. William, Miller, Mr. D. B. (2), Mills, Mr. Allen, McClellan, Mr. D. C. (3), Paulson, Ole, Sabine, Mr. L. E., Tominac, Mr. Mate, Warner H. O. Women—Buetone, Miss H., Anderson, Miss Signa, Clark, Miss Ordella, Einarson, Miss Inga, Meyer, Mrs. Susette, Smith, Mrs. Lydia, Smith Miss Lena.

Judge Cooley Here.

Judge C. M. Cooley of the North Dakota district court, and R. W. Cooley, a professor of the North Dakota university college of law, both of Grand Forks, arrived in Bemidji this morning and will spend several days at Grand Forks Bay.

Dance Postponed.

The dance which was to take place this evening in the Athletic Club hall has been postponed.

Charles Millis, of the Ford factory of Detroit, is in Bemidji and will be with the Northern Auto company for some time.

on the statue books in plenty of time for the states to put them into effect in the presidential nomination campaign of 1916.

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Family at Bedside of Wife and Mother—Congress Adjourned When Informed of Death.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, died at the White House in Washington at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Death came after a brave struggle of months against Bright's disease, with complications. The president is completely unnerved by the shock, and his grief heartrending. He bore up well under the strain, however, and devoted himself to his daughters.

Group Awaits End.

The end came while Mrs. Wilson was unconscious. Her illness took a turn for the worse shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and from then on she grew gradually weaker. Kneeling at the bedside at the end were the president, three daughters, Dr. Gary Grayson, U. S. N., and the nurse were in the room. Just outside the door were Secretary McAdoo and Francis Sayre, President Wilson's sons-in-law, and Mr. Tumulty, his secretary.

Congress Adjourns.

Both houses of congress adjourned when Mrs. Wilson's death was announced. For a brief time the wheels of government were practically stopped, while everyone paid respect to the president's great loss.

Last Hope Gone.

The beginning of the end came at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when Dr. E. P. Davis, of Philadelphia, called for a consultation and realized that the time for hope had passed. He took the president into the Red room of the White House, and in a broken voice told him the truth. President Wilson's face blanched, but he bore the shock well. The president then took his daughters, Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. Sayre and Margaret Wilson, aside and told them of their mother's condition. Until then they thought there was a chance for her recovery. From then on, the president and his daughters, remained constantly at the bedside. The president held his wife's hand and the three daughters were grouped near until she became unconscious. Mrs. Wilson frequently nodded to one or the other, and smiled cheerfully. During the day she spoke to Dr. Grayson about the president, whose health she thought more about than her own.

Thoughts of Husband. "Promise me," she whispered faintly, "if I go you will take care of my husband." It was the same touch of devotion which she had so many times repeated.

TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Elks Building Committee Will Recommend Plans for New Home.

Plans for the new home of the Bemidji Elks lodge, 1052, drawn by Architect R. C. Buckley of St. Cloud, arrived in Bemidji yesterday and at the meeting last night it was announced that the building committee will soon inspect them and submit a report of a special meeting which will then be held. The building will be a three story affair. During past years the Bemidji lodge of Elks has never taken active interest in entertainments of any kind, but during next winter a series of shows and concerts will be given, among which will be a minstrel show. The minstrel show will be an annual affair. Exalted Ruler J. L. George appointed an entertainment committee of three members who will have charge of all arrangements as follows, Ralph B. Lycan, chairman, H. Mayne Stanton and John M. Herbert.

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JACK JOHNSON WOULD FIGHT FOR FRANCE.

Paris, Aug. 6.—Jack Johnson, French citizen, wants to emulate the example of his competitor for fistie honors, Georges Carpentier, by joining the army. Johnson has taken out preliminary papers. Johnson has already offered to the government his six automobiles.

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A beautiful tribute was paid to the memory of Alfred by Rev. Father John J. T. Philippe, who conducted the rites of the funeral service. Father Philippe praised him as being an ideal citizen, a young man of exceptional personality and character, and as a devoted member of the Catholic church, saying that in the call of death Bemidji had lost its favorite son and that his life had been an example of good living and happiness.

At the church the casket bearing the body, was completely surrounded by beautiful floral remembrances. The pall-bearers, all favorite friends of the young man, whose life was snapped from him while in the very beginning of a career which promised honor and success, were William McDonald, Alec Ripple, Barney Erickson and Ralph Gracie of Bemidji, Robert Ratiac of Blackduck and Larry Kennedy of Grand Forks.

A more sorrowful burial service has never been conducted in Bemidji and the entire community joins in expressing condolences to the heartbroken young bride and the grief-stricken parents and relatives.

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The German crown prince, with 30,000 fresh troops, is hourly expected before Liege, Belgium, where the Kaiser's forces are said to have sustained a serious defeat.

TARDIFF CLAIMS TITLE

Mill Park Resident Asks Opportunity To Show Log Rolling Skill at State Fair—Never Defeated.

"BEEN IN GAME 15 YEARS"

Bemidji is the home of the champion log roller of the northwest and possibly of the entire world, Charlie Tardiff, a setter at plant No. 1 of the Crookston Lumber company, who resides at Mill Park, having issued a challenge, excepting no one. Tardiff is anxious to take part in a log rolling contest at the Minnesota state fair this fall and is willing to roll with any man in the world, it being his greatest desire to clash with Hallan Stewart, holder of the world's title. He has held the championship of the northwest for ten years, having been forced to the water but once, and then by a man who he has "wet" many times before and after. Three times has he defeated "Black" George Revere of Walker. At the celebration here several contestants withdrew when it became generally known that the Bemidji man was to roll, and he was forced to give an exhibition.

"I have been in the game fifteen years," said Tardiff, "starting to roll at Washburn, Wisconsin. Later I rolled in several of the Canadian provinces, never being defeated. I have no fear of any log roller in the world, and all I want is a chance at the world's championship before I quit."

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FLEETS CLASH.

LONDON, AUG. 7.—THAT GERMAN AND BRITISH FLEETS HAVE CLASHED IN THE NORTH SEA, IS REPORT COMING FROM MANY SOURCES. SOME DECLARE, "ENGLAND HAS WON A GLORIOUS VICTORY." THAT THERE HAS BEEN BATTLE IS ADMITTED AT ADMIRALTY WHICH SAYS ENGLISH SHIPS NOW SAFE. GERMAN WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO HOLLAND.

MESSINA, ITALY, AUG. 7.—

WITH DECKS CLEARED FOR ACTION AND EVERY GUNNER AT HIS POST, GERMAN WARSHIPS GOEBEN AND BRESLAU STEAMED AT FULL SPEED OUT OF HARBOR HERE. BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN FLEET WHICH PURSUED WARSHIPS AFTER THEY ESCAPED FROM FRENCH SQUADRON CRUISER OUTSIDE PORT AND GERMANY WILL HAVE TO FIGHT.

LONDON, AUG. 7.—BRITISH

CRUISER AMPHION OPERATING IN WATERS ADJACENT TO NORTH SEA SUNK BY CONTACT WITH MINE. LOSS OF MORE THAN 100 MEN.

London, Aug. 7.—Partial confirmation of the alleged rout of the German army in Belgium with a loss of about 8,000 Germans, while the Belgians suffered far less loss; the reported progress of a naval engagement in the British North sea; a Paris report, not confirmed, that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Italy warning her that refusal to take up arms under the triple alliance agreement will result in a declaration of war by Germany against Italy are among the principal developments in the armed conflict which involves most of Europe.

The anti-German feeling throughout Belgium, where the most important engagement yet reported has taken place, has become intense, and many German residents were arrested, charged with espionage. The German crown prince, with 30,000 troops, is hourly expected before Liege.

Naval Battle Indicated.

The London Chronicle's correspondent at Harwich reports a wireless message received by the British destroyer Virago orders her to prepare to receive 200 prisoners and wounded who are being brought by a torpedo boat. This indicates a naval battle has taken place or is now in progress in the British North sea. A London report says the Third torpedo boat flotilla was in action Wednesday, returning at night but little damaged. The British flagship Amphion reports slightly damaged batteries as a result of an engagement with Germany in the North sea.

Twenty-two Germans and six English wounded are said to have been brought ashore and removed to the naval hospital at Shotley.

A report from Paris tells of the capture of the German tank steamer Czar Nicholas II, with 2,000 tons of oil, by a French torpedo boat. The German boat was bound from Batour to St. Louis du Rhone, France.