

RAILWAY PRESIDENTS STAND FIRM FOR ARBITRATION AT CONFERENCE

Russians Shift Attack And Catch Germans Off Guard; Make Big Gains

SLAVS ADVANCE IN STOCHOD REGION TOWARDS TOBOLY

Germans Make Second Desperate Effort to Recapture Fleury; are Repulsed.

ASQUITH SAYS GERMAN TERMS ARE DISHONORABLE

Bulgarians Engaged in Sharp Fight With Serbs on Fifteen-Mile Front.

Capture Village. Berlin, Aug. 21.—(Official)—The Bulgarians have captured the village of Vichilla, southwest of Florida.

Ten Miles Away. Athens, Aug. 21.—The Bulgarians are reported to be ten miles away from the Greek port of Kavalo. The Greek cabinet has been called in special session on account of the Bulgarian advance into Greek territory.

(By United Press) Petrograd, Aug. 21.—Suddenly shifting their attack to the Stochod river, northeast of Kovel, General Brusiloff's troops caught the Germans off their guard and are now driving west with substantial gains. The Germans realized that General Bothmer's army was crushed and began stripping the north front of every available man. They sent them south to defend Lemberg. Then General Brusiloff's troops turned and struck farther north with the right wing. Several good advances were made.

Bulgars in Battle. Salonika, Aug. 21.—The Bulgarians have engaged in a sharp fight with the Serbs on the 15-mile front, 70 miles northwest of Salonika.

Battle for Fleury. Paris, Aug. 21.—(Official)—The Germans in a second desperate attempt to recapture Fleury, three and a half miles northeast of Verdun, failed. The Germans are attacking in force after spraying the French positions with liquid fire. The French infantry stopped the attack short at one place and inflicted heavy losses.

Make Further Advances. Petrograd, Aug. 21.—The Russians made further advances on their lines in severe fighting along the Stochod river. They are progressing near Toboly and have taken 1,366 prisoners.

Not for Peace. London, Aug. 21.—Premier Asquith today told the House of Commons that Germany has not shown any disposition toward peace excepting upon terms which are dishonorable and humiliating to the Allies.

SOUTH AMERICAN PEOPLE RESENT BRITISH BLACKLIST

(By United Press) Buenos Aires, Argentine, Aug. 21.—South Americans resent the British blacklist as much as the United States does.

PROMISE TO REDUCE THE COST OF LIVING NOT KEPT.

Our opponents promised to reduce the cost of living. This they have failed to do; but they did reduce the opportunities of making a living. Let us not forget the conditions that existed in this country under the new tariff prior to the outbreak of the war. Production had decreased, business was languishing, new enterprises were not undertaken, instead of expansion there was curtailment, and our streets were filled with the unemployed. What ground is there for expecting better conditions when the unhealthy stimulus of the war has spent its force and our industries and working-men are exposed to the competition of an energized Europe? It is plain that we must have protective upbuilding policies. —From Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance.

KOOCHICHING FOREST FIRES DAMAGE \$10,000

Damage to state-owned timber from recent forest fires in the vicinity of Ray, Koochiching county, is estimated at from \$7,500 to \$10,000, in an official report filed by the state forestry department with the state auditor. The forest rangers' survey following the fire covered parts of four townships in the Ray district.

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY ENTHUSIASTS TO MEET

A meeting of Minnesotans interested in the promotion and completion of the Jefferson highway from New Orleans to Winnipeg will take place in St. Paul, probably state fair week, to outline plans for the improvement of the highway and its maintenance.

BEMIDJI MEN ENJOY NORTHERN HOSPITALITY

Bemidji men who enjoyed northern hospitality during the past week have returned to Bemidji. County officials and citizens from this city left on an automobile trip to Baudette last Monday. They arrived there on Tuesday and were taken on a trip on the Lake of the Woods. The trip was a revelation to many of the local people who had no dreams even of the wondrous beauty of such a trip. They returned Saturday. The Bemidji men who made the trip are Judge C. W. Stanton of the district court, Sheriff Andrew Johnson, O. L. Dent, ditch referee, A. Klein, Graham M. Torrance, county attorney, Fred Rhoda, clerk of court, William Everts, civil engineer, Roy K. Blier, county surveyor, Lee A. LaBaw, court reporter, G. E. Carson, Bemidji Pioneer, J. L. George, county auditor, Mayor Charles W. Vanderschuer, R. H. Schumaker of the First National bank and Olaf Ongstad.

HUGHES AND GOVERNOR JOHNSON MAY MEET

(By United Press) San Diego, Cal., Aug. 21.—A meeting may be arranged between Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential nominee and Governor Johnson of California, before Hughes leaves California. Johnson's friends today stated that "out of respect to Hughes on account of his busy program," Governor Johnson did not try to see Hughes at Long Beach yesterday. Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 21.—Hughes spent a strenuous day of rest Sunday. He attended a church, was given a reception, went on a motor drive and visited Long Beach. He stopped at the same hotel where Governor Johnson stopped. Johnson remained in the hotel and did not see Hughes.

Mrs. J. McKenzie of Sharon, N. D., Mrs. E. C. Hagen and two sons of Box Elder, Mont., and Edward C. Reeve of Crookston are guests at the George Denley home.

Thirteen Persons Killed In Tropical Hurricane That Swept Texas Friday Night

Tents of Minnesota and Dakota National Guardsmen are Blown Over; No Injuries.

(By United Press) Corpus Christi, Tex., Aug. 21.—Late reports show that 13 persons were killed in the tropical storm that swept southern Texas on a 200-mile front Friday night. This includes the nine men that were killed on the steamer Pilot in the bay. Property damage and crop destruction probably will mount into millions of dollars. Mercedes, Tex., Aug. 21.—There were no injuries to the Minnesota or Dakota militiamen during the tropical storm. Tents were blown down and many Minnesotans were forced into Mercedes. Several Dakota companies were forced to sleep in school houses. Several mess kitchens and one movie theater tent were blown over.

COUNCIL TO LET BRIDGE CONTRACTS

The Bemidji city council will meet tonight at the city hall and will open bids for the construction of a road bridge over the inlet of the Mississippi river on the Nymore highway. Contracts will probably be let. Up to noon today no bids had been submitted to the city clerk. The meeting tonight will begin at eight o'clock.

NORTHWEST ANGLE OFFICIAL RETURNS INCREASES WET LEAD

Official returns received from the Angle township, which comprises the Northwest Angle, this morning increased the lead of the "wets" over the "drys" in the county option election to eight votes. The Angle gave the "wets" nine votes and the "drys" one vote. Unofficial returns gave the "wets" only eight votes. The official returns from the precinct of Pioneer are still missing. Unofficial returns, according to a report from Baudette, give six "dry" votes for this township. The county canvassing board will meet as soon as the Pioneer returns are received. The "drys" continued their preparations for contesting the vote today and will file notice of contest as soon as the canvassing board reports.

MILL CITY AUTO THIEVES ARRESTED

Information given by the Bemidji police assisted the Minneapolis police in arresting alleged automobile thieves. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Joseph Brusse were arrested at Barnesville, Minn., in a stolen automobile and have been taken back to Minneapolis. The party in company with another girl went to Duluth and arrived at Bena several days ago. One of the girls became ill and was taken to the hospital here. The trio left on a trip to go the state park, stating that they would return. They did not return and the girl at the hospital advised the local police authorities. The machine was taken a week ago and was owned by M. J. Malone of Hastings, Minn. Chief of Detectives Melvin Passolt of Minneapolis says that the trio confessed and have also told of taking another car August 9.

MASONIC CHAPTER TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Bemidji chapter of the Masonic lodge will hold a meeting tonight at eight o'clock. Officers will be elected. Every member is urged to be present.

SIX BIG MASONIC MEETINGS BEING HELD IN CHICAGO TODAY

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Imperial Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Grand and Past Grand Masters, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Grand Court Daughters of Isis, East Stars and lesser lights of the Masonic world gathered here today to attend six big Masonic meetings being held simultaneously in this city.

DR. R. B. FOSTER DIES AT HOSPITAL

Dr. R. B. Foster, prominent Grand Forks, N. D., dentist, formerly of Bemidji, who attempted to end his life by strangulation in Grand Forks Thursday night, died at a Grand Forks hospital at six o'clock Saturday evening. He never regained consciousness. He is survived by his wife, two children, four brothers and two sisters. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and interment was made in the Memorial Park cemetery at Grand Forks. Loose leaf note books and fillers, vest pocket size, coat pocket size and larger can be had at the Pioneer office. The I. P. line is best. Other lines for less may be found here also.

"HAPPY" ANDERSON DIES WHILE ON TRIP DOWN GREAT LAKES

Had Been Ill for Some Time With Bright's Disease; Body to Arrive Today.

WAS ORGANIZER OF THE BEMIDJI BAND

Had Many Friends in Bemidji; Had Agency of Oakland Automobile Here.

H. E. Anderson, known to a large number of Bemidji people as "Happy" died Saturday on the steamer Juniata on the Great Lakes. He, in company with stepfather, Charles Knopke, left Bemidji several weeks ago for Duluth, making the trip in an automobile. They left on a lake steamer for Detroit, Mich., expecting to be gone from Bemidji for several weeks. Taken Suddenly Ill. According to a report received by the Pioneer from the United Press, "Happy" was taken suddenly ill Saturday morning. When the steamer approached the Soo, a wireless was sent for an ambulance to meet the steamer at the dock to take him to a hospital. An hour later he died aboard the ship. The body was taken to Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., where it was taken in charge by the Soo lodge, Order of the Moose, of which he was a member. The body was shipped from that place last night and will arrive in Bemidji this afternoon on the Soo train.

Band Meets Train.

The Bemidji band will meet the train this afternoon. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

"Happy" had been ill for several months. Last spring he suffered an attack of Bright's disease and was taken to St. Anthony's hospital for several. He recovered and for the past several weeks appeared to be in the best of health. On post cards received from him while on the lake trip during the past few days he stated that he "was feeling fine."

Member of First Band.

He was about 40 years of age and is one of the two members of the first Bemidji band living in this city. He has always taken much interest in band work and organized the Bemidji band about seven years ago. He was manager of the band up to the time of his death. To him much credit must be given for the excellent band that Bemidji has had. To him is due the credit of keeping the Bemidji band together. "Happy" enjoyed a large host of friends in Bemidji, practically everyone knowing him. He was local salesman for the Oakland automobile for several years.

MINNESOTA TO GET \$145,000 FEDERAL AID

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 21.—J. H. Mullen, assistant state highway engineer, who has been at Washington conferring relative to expenditure of \$5,000,000 appropriated for good roads throughout the country, was expected in St. Paul today. Minnesota's share in the appropriation will be \$145,000 this year.

LEE LA BAW BREAKS RIBS ON LAKE TRIP

Lee A. LaBaw, district court reporter, while out with the Bemidji cruising party on the Lake of the Woods last week, slipped into the excavation of a well at the Riley camp and broke two ribs. He was able to resume his duties at the court house today.

TRAIN SMASHES AUTO; JERRARD NOT INJURED

The noon Great Northern passenger train struck an automobile driven by E. H. Jerrard of the St. Cloud Oil company of this city, near Fosston today and although the automobile was smashed Mr. Jerrard escaped uninjured. He returned to Bemidji on the train.

LANSING INVESTIGATES COHESION CHARGES

(By United Press) Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing today admitted that an investigation was being made of the charges that Ramon Valdez, newly elected president of Panama, was instrumental in getting 60,000 acres of land concession for a Spaniard named Ferdinand. It is reported that the United States will refuse to recognize Valdez on account of frauds and cohesion in election.

SIX INCHES OF RAIN SO FAR THIS MONTH

It rained and rained and rained this month, in fact it rained so much that Bemidji has had six inches of rain during the month of August up to noon today. During the month of July there was 3.99 inches of rain and during the month of June 4 1/2 inches.

NEGRO MILITIAMEN AND MEXICANS FIRE SHOTS ACROSS BORDER

(By United Press) Naco, Ariz., Aug. 21.—Negro militiamen and Mexicans exchanged over 100 shots across the border late yesterday. The negroes claim that the Mexicans attempted to cross the border. They were challenged and refused to stop. Shots were fired and one Mexican was wounded. Washington, Aug. 21.—The joint Mexican-American commission met and recommended the withdrawal of the United States troops from Mexico, according to a high official today.

BEMIDJI DOCTOR TO TUBERCULOSIS MEET

Dr. L. G. Guyer of the Lake Julia sanatorium has been appointed by Governor J. A. A. Burnquist as a representative from this state to the tuberculosis conference Oct. 4 to 6 at Louisville, Ky.

FAIR SIZED CROWD AT SWIMMING RACES

A fair sized crowd attended the swimming races at Diamond Point Sunday afternoon. There were two events, a boys' race and a girls' race. John Simons won the former and Miss Bernice Kirk the latter race. Prizes were given by A. A. Carter who is in charge of the bath houses at the Point.

PREPARING HISTORY OF EACH COUNTY

Warren Upham, representing the Minnesota Historical society, was a visitor in Bemidji this morning. He is preparing a book for the society on the history of the names of the different villages and towns, lakes and creeks in the state. Each county will be given a chapter in the book. Mr. Upham is securing the information from county records and from old citizens. Up to two years ago, Mr. Upham had for 19 years been secretary and librarian of the historical society.

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Two British Cruisers Are Sunk In Battle In North Sea With Teuton Submarine

EXAMINATION FOR NYMORE POSTMASTER

The United States Civil Service commission announces that on Sept. 9 at ten o'clock an examination will be held in Bemidji as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster at Nymore. The compensation of the postmaster at Nymore was \$648 for the last fiscal year. Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Nymore. Pin tickets, labels, string tags and red and gold seals are things sold by the Pioneer store. They have them there in all sizes and colors. A telephone call, number 922, will bring what you want while you wait.

Louis Hill And Other Western Railway Heads Go To President's Meet

JEWETT TO CITY AFTER 1917 FORD AUTOMOBILE

C. W. Jewett, of the C. W. Jewett Company, Inc., will leave tonight for the Twin Cities where he will secure a 1917 Ford automobile. He will return to this city in the car and will have it on exhibit in his garage after next Thursday. The new Ford looks like a \$1,500 car, according to Mr. Jewett. The actual price of the touring car is \$360. The features of the 1917 Ford includes Crown fenders, high radiator, Cowl-dash, extreme lines.

WANT FORD SPECIAL IN MICHIGAN RACES

Requests were received by C. W. Jewett of the C. W. Jewett Automobile Co., Inc., today from Kalamazoo, Mich., asking him to enter his Ford special racer in races to be held in that city the latter part of this month. Mr. Jewett stated today that he did not believe that he would accept. The Ford special, which was constructed in this city, has attracted nation-wide attention.

BELL HIGH MAN IN NAVAL MILITIA SHOOT

Remson Bell was high man in the target practice of the Bemidji naval militia at the range three miles south of Bemidji, Sunday. He shot 37 out of a possible 50. The results of the other members of the militia at the shoot are as follows: Brown 30, De Rushia 30, Hedges 14, Howe 23, A. Halseth 19, J. Halseth 32, McDonald 14, Morehouse 17, Osborne 15, Palmer 20, Paul 19, Thurber 27, Titus 23, Battles 36. Other militia men also engaged in the target practice.

FARMERS OBJECT TO HEAVINESS OF MACHINERY

(By United Press) Buenos Aires, Aug. 21.—A committee of South American farmers today complained bitterly to representatives of agricultural implement concerns in the United States against the heaviness of farm machinery, particularly horse-drawn equipment, that North American manufacturers ship into this territory and try to persuade them to buy. German manufacturers whose trade is now cut off, have studied the South American farmer's desires in this respect and gave him what he wanted. The smaller, lighter German machinery was purchased and the heavy North American product left alone.

SOPER ORGANIZES NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL AT JONES

Rev. M. A. Soper of the American Sunday School Union organized a new Sunday school in Jones township Sunday afternoon at a Sunday school rally. Rev. Soper delivered a sermon at the Woodland school house Sunday morning.

Nottingham and Falmouth are Sunk While Searching for German High Seas Fleet.

(By United Press) London, Aug. 21.—(Official)—The British light cruisers Nottingham and Falmouth were sunk Saturday in a North Sea battle with German submarines while searching for the German high seas fleet. The British destroyed one German submarine by ramming it and it is possible that another submarine was sunk. The German fleet, consisting of 15 warships and two Zeppelins, came out and discovered the British strength and returned. While looking for them after they had returned the British lost the two cruisers. The German report that a British destroyer was sunk and a British battleship was damaged is denied.

PRESIDENT CLAIMS THAT 8-HOUR DAY WOULD BE SOLUTION

Brotherhood Men are Apparently Satisfied With Wilson's Plans.

RUMOR CIRCULATED THAT RAILWAY HEADS ARE DIVIDED

Attorney General Prepares Bill for Federal Ownership of Roads if Necessary.

To Meet Tomorrow. Washington, Aug. 21.—The railway presidents did not accept President Wilson's invitation to meet at 2:30 this afternoon. They had other plans and will meet with the president tomorrow. (By United Press) Washington, Aug. 21.—Big railway men arriving here today answering the president's summons, had but one word and that was arbitration. President Wilson met this with a claim that his plan of an eight-hour day and a commission to investigate the arbitration points was the surest means of bringing about a permanent workable arbitration for the future. Brotherhoods Satisfied. Apparently the brotherhoods are satisfied that they have won President Wilson's approval of an eight-hour day. It is rumored here this afternoon the presidents of the railways are divided on standing pat and may put up counter proposals. The situation today was described by a railroad president as "not hopeless, but grave."

Two Points Found. The railroad officials found two points in President's Wilson's public statement of his settlement plan that comforted them and lead to a belief that eventually there will be an agreement averting a strike. The first was a hint that if the facts warranted, the interstate commerce commission might grant an increase in freight rates, and the second was a suggestion that the eight-hour base would be accepted only tentatively, and might be terminated after investigation by the commission provided under the president's plan. The companies would be under additional expense while the investigation was in progress but in provision of Mr. Wilson a report might be expected in a few months.

Federal Ownership. It was reported today that the attorney general, at the president's request, has drafted a bill for the taking over of the railroads if a strike comes. It is considered justified under the welfare clause of the Constitution. It is reported that the bill, if enforced, will draft employees as the country drafts soldiers in time of war.

Hill to Conference. St. Paul, Aug. 21.—Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, and Edmund Pennington, president of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad, left the Twin Cities for Washington in response to President Wilson's invitation to western railroad heads to join in the strike conferences at the White House. Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Pennington have expressed their opposition to the eight-hour day principle advocated by the president. James Hanford, president of the Northern Pacific railway, arrived at St. Paul today from Canada, where he has been on a vacation. His view on the matter has not been known.

UNIVERSITY DIRECTORS DENOUNCED BY CATHOLICS (By United Press) New York, Aug. 21.—Bitter denunciation of the directors of American universities and colleges who permit alien radicalism to contaminate the youth of our country is contained in the report of the national committee on public morals to the 15th annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. The Catholic theater as a means of regulating the movies was proposed.