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LIGHT LAMPS AT 7:40 P. M.

PRICE ONE CENT  
ON TRAINS FIVE CENTS

## MEAGER REPORTS OF TEXAS STORM INDICATE LOSS OF LIFE

### JONES CITY FIRE SWEEP; A STORE, DEPOT, CARS BURN

Loss of \$20,000 Suffered in  
Early Morning Blaze.

#### HELP CALL SENT HERE

Oklahoma City Apparatus Un-  
able to Travel Bad Roads.

Fire of unknown origin at Jones City  
early this morning destroyed the Frisco  
railroad depot, McMullen's general  
merchandise store and several other  
business buildings in that town, caus-  
ing a loss, it is estimated, of approxi-  
mately \$20,000.

The fire started in the depot about  
4 o'clock this morning and gained head-  
way so rapidly that the Jones City fire  
department was unable to check it.  
Flames reached four cars of alfalfa on  
the Frisco tracks, destroying them,  
then jumped to the main business sec-  
tion of the town.

#### Biggest Store Burns

McMullen's store, the largest store in  
Jones City, was completely destroyed.  
The stock was valued at \$5,000, on  
which \$1,500 insurance was carried.  
The building was of frame construction.  
A soft drink stand near Mc-  
Mullen's was burned.

Through efforts of citizens the bank  
building across the street from Mc-  
Mullen's and the drug store next door  
were saved. The two buildings were  
saturated with water by a bucket  
brigade. The fire department apparatus  
could not be used on account of lack  
of pressure. A water tank has not been  
installed.

#### Appeal to This City.

Officials of Jones City telephoned  
Commissioner Higley at 5 o'clock re-  
questing that he send parts of the Ok-  
lahoma City department there to aid in  
checking the fire. The commissioner  
sought to get connection with the  
Frisco railroad, but failed.

The Jones City people wanted him to  
send automobile fire trucks overland,  
but the commissioner refused to do  
this, saying it was almost impossible  
to drive the big trucks that distance  
over the rough roads.

### THREATENED STRIKE OF MINERS AVERTED

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 19.—The threat-  
ened strike of the 35,000 coal miners of  
Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Ok-  
lahoma has been averted. Compromises  
made by each side in the negotiations  
for the two-year working contract en-  
abled the subcommittee of the general  
conference to reach a complete agree-  
ment on the six points at issue here  
today. A report to that effect will be  
made to the general conference on Mon-  
day.

### Barrett Home Lost In Incendary Fire

SHAWNEE, Okla., Aug. 19.—Fire of  
incendary origin destroyed the home of  
Senator Charles F. Barrett here early  
today. Senator Barrett and his family  
were out of the city and no one was in  
the house. State Fire Marshal C.  
C. Hammond has begun an investigation  
to determine the cause of the fire. The  
loss to the property is estimated at \$4-  
000.

### JUDGE REFUTES CHARGE AGAINST JUVENILE COURT

Splitter Censures State Official  
for Open Statement.

### Unstable Weather Local Prediction

Local Forecast—Unsettled tonight and  
Sunday.  
State Forecast—Tonight and Sunday  
generally unsettled.

Municipal Judge Splitter this morn-  
ing took issue with a recent statement  
of Commissioner of Charities and Cor-  
rections Matthews in which Mr. Mat-  
thews declared operation of a juvenile  
court by the municipal judge was con-  
trary to law and in which the commis-  
sioner created the impression that the  
city's method of handling juvenile of-  
fenders was to an extent a cruel and  
negligent practice.  
"Mr. Matthews is wrong," declared  
Judge Splitter, "in his statement that  
juvenile prisoners are herded in with  
the common lot of confirmed adult  
malefactors. Had Mr. Matthews taken  
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### Eight-Hour Day Practical And Fair, Says President

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—In a statement outlining his plan  
of settlement of the threatened railroad strike, President  
Wilson declares the program "thoroughly practical and en-  
tirely fair, and the public has a right to expect its acceptance."  
President Wilson's statement follows:  
"I have recommended the concession of the eight-hour day—  
that is, the substitution of an eight-hour day for the present ten-  
hour day, in all the existing practices and agreements. I made  
this recommendation because I believe the concession right. The  
eight-hour day now undoubtedly has the sanction of the judgment  
of society in its favor and adopted as a basis for wages even where  
the actual work to be done cannot be completed within eight  
hours.

"Concerning the adjustments which should be made, in jus-  
tice to the railroads and their stockholders, in the payments and  
privileges to which their men are now entitled (if such adjust-  
ments are necessary) there is a wide divergence of opinion. The  
railroads which have already adopted the eight-hour day, do not  
seem to be at any serious disadvantage in respect of the cost of  
operation as compared with the railroads that have retained the  
ten-hour day and calculations as to the cost of the change, must,  
if made now be made without regard to any possible administra-  
tive economies or readjustments.

"Only experience can make it certain what rearrangements  
would be fair and equitable either on behalf of the men or on  
behalf of the railroads. That experience would be a definite guide  
to the interstate commerce commission, for example, in determin-  
ing whether, as a consequence of the change, it would be necessary  
and right to authorize an increase of rates for the handling and  
carriage of freight (for passenger service is not affected).

"I, therefore, proposed that the demand for extra pay for  
overtime made by the men and the contingent proposals of the  
railroad authorities be postponed until the facts shall have taken  
the place of calculations and forecast with regard to the effects  
of a change to the eight-hour day; that, in the meantime, while  
the experience was developing, the facts, I should seek and if need  
be, obtain authority from congress to appoint a small body of  
impartial men to observe and thoroughly acquaint themselves with  
the results with a view to reporting to congress at the earliest  
possible time the facts disclosed by their inquiries, but without  
recommendation of any kind; and, that it should then be entirely  
open to either or both parties to the present controversy to give  
notice of a termination of the present agreements with a view to  
instituting inquiry into suggested readjustments of pay or practice.

"This seems to be a thoroughly practical and entirely fair  
program and I think that the public has the right to expect its  
acceptance."

### FT. WORTH AFTER PLUM THIS CITY SEEKS; ASKS AID

Conference Avails Nothing;  
Each Town to Go Own Way.

"What have you up your sleeve?"  
"What have you up your sleeve?"  
Committees from the Fort Worth  
chamber of commerce and clearing  
house association asked the former  
question.

Similar committees from the local  
Chamber of Commerce and clearing  
house asked the second at a meeting at  
noon today in the Lee-Huckins hotel,  
at which the Texans were self-invited  
guests of the local men.

#### To Learn Attitude.

The Fort Worth delegation, which  
arrived this morning, came here pri-  
marily to ascertain the attitude of Ok-  
lahoma City on the question of a land  
bank district.

Fort Worth would, so her repre-  
sentatives intimated, approve a district  
composed of Texas and Oklahoma and,  
perhaps, another state, provided Ok-  
lahoma City was willing.

While no definite answer had been  
given the Texans at 1 o'clock, it was  
virtually conceded that this city would  
not be willing to accede to the propo-  
sition but would continue her present  
campaign for a bank district composed  
of Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.

#### Can Go Ahead Now.

Chamber of Commerce officials be-  
lieve that with this prospective refusal  
of the Texans' proposition, both Fort  
Worth and this city can now proceed  
with their respective campaigns, know-  
ing exactly the attitude of each other.

Fort Worth probably will confine her  
efforts to have approved a district com-  
posed of Texas and Louisiana.

Local Forecast—Unsettled tonight and  
Sunday.  
State Forecast—Tonight and Sunday  
generally unsettled.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE	
10 p. m.	83
11 p. m.	82
12 midnight	81
1 a. m.	80
2 a. m.	79
3 a. m.	78
4 a. m.	78
5 a. m.	76
6 a. m.	74
7 a. m.	76
8 a. m.	76
9 a. m.	82
10 a. m.	81
11 a. m.	80
12 noon	84

(The weather bureau closes at noon on  
Saturdays.)

### GOVERNOR WOULD ACCEPT CAPITOL DOME'S DONATION

Other Officials Object to Tak-  
ing Citizen's Offer.

"If there is any individual in Ok-  
lahoma who wants to give \$200,000 for  
building a high dome on the state  
capitol he certainly should be per-  
mitted to do it. I can assure him of my  
hearty support and co-operation in car-  
rying out his plan."

That is the way Governor Williams  
commented this morning on the state-  
ment of W. B. Anthony, member of the  
capitol building commission, that he  
had received a letter from an Okla-  
homa capitalist offering to give \$200,000.

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### ANOTHER ADVANCE IN FLOUR EXPECTED

Another advance in the price of flour  
as a result of an 8-cent jump in the  
price of wheat early this week, is ex-  
pected by local millers in the near fu-  
ture, according to a statement this  
morning by an attaché of a local mill  
company.

Just when the advance will take  
place is not known and is entirely de-  
pendent upon the state of the market.  
Wholesale flour now is being sold at  
\$7.40 per barrel.

### SCHOFIELD EXPECTED TO BE NEW CHAIRMAN

Democratic County Committee in Ses-  
sion to Plan for Autumn  
Campaign.

Sam A. Calhoun, a lawyer, was elect-  
ed chairman of the democratic county  
central committee. Schofield and Tom-  
erlin, talked of earlier in the day, de-  
clined to serve.

The democratic county central com-  
mittee is in session at the courthouse  
this afternoon to select a chairman and  
to make plans for the campaign this  
fall.

Democratic nominees for county of-  
fices, in conference this morning,  
practically agreed upon M. B. Scho-  
field, a business man, for the com-  
mittee chairmanship. It was not  
learned whether he would accept the  
post if offered to him.

John Tomerlin, attorney, has been  
mentioned prominently for the place,  
but he stated today that it would be  
impossible for him to accept.

Schofield is the head of the M. B.  
Schofield company, dealers in coal.  
The central committee probably will  
name a sub-committee to have direct  
charge of the fall campaign.

### PRESIDENT TELLS HEADS OF ROADS BLAME IS THEIRS

Wilson Disclaims All Responsi-  
bility If Break Comes.

### OPERATORS PARLEY ANEW

Expect to Make Definite An-  
nouncement Monday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—President  
Wilson intimated to the railroad pres-  
idents today that if a strike comes on  
the transportation systems of the  
United States, it will be their fault. In  
an address to the officials the president  
said:

"If a strike comes, the public will  
know where the responsibility rests.  
It will not rest on me."

At the same time the president issued  
a statement outlining the proposition  
he has made for a settlement of the dif-  
ficulties, concluding with the statement  
that the proposal seems to him to be  
thoroughly fair and that the public is  
entitled to its acceptance.

#### Will Deliberate Further.

After an hour's conference with the  
president at the White House, the rail-  
road presidents left without giving any  
indication that they had abandoned their  
stand for arbitration, but with assur-  
ances that the negotiations are not  
ended. They will deliberate on the  
president's proposals today and see Mr.  
Wilson again on Monday.

The employees' committee of 640 hav-  
ing voted to accept President Wilson's  
plan and thereby "put the thing up to  
the railroads" had another meeting to-  
day to talk things over. Out of the  
maneuvering of both sides come many  
evidences that each is working to or-  
ganize public sentiment in its favor and  
make it manifest in a positive way.

#### Appeal for Support.

It was understood that the railroads  
are turning to other large employers of  
labor throughout the country to express  
their support of the preservation of the  
principles of arbitration as a set-  
tlement of industrial disputes, while  
President Wilson and the employees are  
drawing support from large manufac-  
turing and other interests vitally in-  
terested in keeping the railroads open  
for business and from those who want

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### PRODUCE INCREASES ORDERED SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Large in-  
creases in rates of southwestern rail-  
roads for butter, eggs, dressed poultry  
and other commodities from points in  
Oklahoma and Texas to Kansas City,  
St. Louis and other points, were sus-  
pended today by the interstate commerce  
commission until December 18 for in-  
vestigation.

### RUMOR PRINCE IS WOUNDED DENIED

PARIS, Aug. 19.—The report that  
the German crown prince is injured  
and in a hospital at Verdun is autho-  
ritatively denied.

### Hughes Looking For Spots on Sun, Says Champ Clark

Speaker Opens Campaign for  
Democrats in Maine.

### JUSTICE "SHOT HIS BOLT"

Asserts People Will Not Drop  
Overboard Pilot of Ship.

BRUNSWICK, Maine, Aug. 19.—  
Speaker Champ Clark opened the cam-  
paign for the democrats in Maine this  
afternoon in a characteristic speech in  
which he told of the accomplishments  
of the administration and congress  
under the leadership of President Wilson.  
He also took note of the campaign tour  
Charles E. Hughes is making in behalf  
of his candidacy for the presidency.

Mr. Hughes, he said, has made enough  
speeches this far to enable people to  
form judgment as to his opinions on  
current issues and, in the speaker's  
opinion, "he has shot his bolt, but failed  
to hit the bull's eye."

#### Tongue Loses Cunning.

"It was universally conceded by both  
friend and foe that Mr. Hughes' speech  
at Youngstown, Ohio, in 1908 was far  
and away the greatest republican  
speech made that year," the speaker  
said. "Comparing his speeches since  
he was nominated for president with

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### Passenger Ship Sunk On Way to America

Stamalia, Plying Between Italian Ports and New York, Re-  
ported Lost at Sea; No Information as to  
Loss of Life.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The Italian steamship Stamalia, which plies between  
New York and Italian ports, has been sunk, according to a dispatch from  
Lloyd's.

The Stamalia was a passenger liner of 9,000 tons gross. In common with  
other Italian liners, she mounted guns for protection from submarines. The last  
report of her movements was her arrival on July 30 at Genoa from New York  
so that she apparently was sunk on the return voyage to the United States. She  
was commanded by Captain Lasarello.

The Stamalia had accommodations for 1,700 passengers. On her recent  
voyages from Italy to New York passenger traffic has been light and the agents  
in New York of the line said today that if any passengers were aboard there  
probably were not many. They said that two weeks ago they had received a  
cable message advising them that all sailings of the steamship had been can-  
celled. They express the opinion on this account that the Stamalia had been  
requisitioned and was in the service of the Italian government. In this case  
she would have no passengers on board. Her crew numbered about 170.

No word had been received in New York by the agents of the line of the  
reported sinking of the Stamalia at the time of the arrival of the London  
press dispatch.

### RUSSIANS BREAK LINE OF TEUTONS ALONG STOKHOD

Make Progress in Volhynia;  
French and British Gain.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The Russians  
have broken through the Austro-Ger-  
man lines on the Stokhod river in Vol-  
hynia and have made a considerable  
advance, it was announced today in  
Petrograd by the Russian war office.  
The break in the Austro-German  
front was made in the region of the  
village of Gzerwicz, forty miles  
northwest of Kovel.

A dispatch from Saloniki quotes the  
Serbian official statement as saying  
that Bulgarian troops who attacked the  
positions of the entente allies along the  
Serbian frontier on Thursday were re-  
pulsed and thrown back on their origi-  
nal positions after suffering enormous  
losses.

#### French and British Gain.

The French have announced that  
the remainder of the positions on the edge  
of the village of Fleury on the Ver-  
dun front was captured last night by  
the French. The battle continued all  
night long and the French won their  
way forward foot by foot.

The British line on the Somme front  
has been advanced over a section two  
miles long and 200 to 600 yards deep,  
from High Wood to the junction point  
with the French forces, the war office  
announced today.

#### Austrians Meet Repulse.

According to an announcement made  
in Rome, the Austrians launched an at-  
tack last night on the left wing of the  
Italian forces on the Carso plateau, but  
the attacks were checked by the fire of  
the Italian batteries.

Renewal of fighting in Mesopotamia,  
in which the British were engaged  
with the Turkish irregulars, is reported  
in an official statement today.

The statement says sixty Turks were  
killed and a large number wounded.  
The Turks assisted by friendly tribes-  
men made a raid of irregular forces  
which had attempted to clash with  
British reconnoitering steamships on  
the Euphrates.

### WITHDRAWAL OF PERSHING ARMY URGED, REPORT

Funston Refuses to Deny the  
Rumor He Suggests Recall.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—While  
Secretary Baker and other war depart-  
ment officials refuse to confirm or deny  
reports that Major General Funston has  
recommended immediate withdrawal of  
General Pershing's expedition from  
Mexico there was indications that such  
a message had been received.

#### Bliss Confers With Officials.

Major General Bliss, assistant chief  
of staff, who returned Friday from the  
border, conferred several days with  
General Funston, and also went to Gen-  
eral Pershing's lines in Mexico. Sec-  
retary Baker conferred with General  
Bliss Friday and later saw President  
Wilson. General Bliss is preparing a  
report on the mobilization of the na-  
tional guard and it is considered pos-  
sible he may have joined General Fun-  
ston in urging that the troops be with-  
drawn.

#### Funston Declines Comment.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 19.—  
General Funston continued to refuse to  
discuss the report that he had recom-  
mended to the war department the  
withdrawal of the American troops in  
Mexico, but he did not deny it.

"If the administration and the war  
department want to talk about the mat-  
ter that's their business," he said, "but  
it's not for an insignificant person like  
me to say anything."

### Compare Them

IF YOU can find a home edi-  
tion of any other paper than  
The Times in your block, I  
wish you would compare it with  
last night's home edition of The  
Times.

In every respect The Times had  
anything in Oklahoma skinned a mile.  
Here are a few of yesterday's  
scoops:

"Dutschland Reaches Home In Safety." "Double  
Pipe Line to Assure City Full  
Gas Supply." "Oklahoma Of-  
fer of Gas Accepted by Kan-  
sas City." "Railroad Presi-  
dents Reject Wilson's Peace  
Plan." "Hurricane Near  
Coast of Texas."

The Times publishes a dozen  
exclusive stories every day.

"ALL THE NEWS FIRST"  
That's The Times Motto.

### CORPUS CHRISTI, HARDEST HIT IN GALE, IS CUT OFF

Great Destruction to Coast  
Crops Is Reported.

### SOLDIERS IN CAMPS SAFE

Hundreds of Tents Razed and  
Mess Houses Demolished.

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 19.—While  
telephone and telegraph communication  
with Corpus Christi, Texas, where last  
night's tropical storm was worst felt,  
was being restored today, reports of the  
storm filtered in from other sections  
showing large property damage, a re-  
ported loss of life and great destruction  
to the gulf coast's cotton and other  
crops.

At Rockport, Texas, according to a  
long distance message forwarded from  
Beville, an inland town, there were  
several drownings in the gulf, due to  
fishing parties being caught in the gale.  
No bodies had been recovered up to  
noon.

#### Damage Merely Conjectured.

Word from Port Aransas Pass, a  
popular tarpon fishing resort, was still  
lacking at 1 o'clock and with the dam-  
age the storm had done there was only  
a matter of conjecture.

Linemen and other parties, seeking to  
reconstruct lines of communication  
with Corpus Christi, had reached the  
shore of Corpus Christi Bay this morn-  
ing could see but dimly the lines of the  
city some miles away. The causeway  
and railroad trestle, connecting the  
"toe" of the Corpus Christi peninsula  
with the mainland, appeared to be dam-  
aged.

#### Soldiers' Camps Safe.

The soldiers' camps on the border  
went through the storm without serious  
damage, although hundreds of tents  
were razed, mess houses demolished  
and the soldiers driven to more sub-  
stantial buildings for cover during the  
storm's fury. Slight personal injuries  
to a few of the soldiers were the only  
casualties in that quarter. Work of  
reconstruction under direction of Gen-  
eral James Parker has already com-  
menced.

### Seven Towns Are Cut Off

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 19.—  
With army wireless reports received up  
to a late hour last night saying that  
there had been comparatively small  
damage and no loss of life from the  
storm in the Brownsville district, chief  
interest centered early today on the sit-  
uation at Corpus Christi and that vicin-  
ity as a result of the tropical storm  
which struck the Texas gulf coast  
Friday morning.

The only loss of life so far reported  
was in the sinking in the Gulf of Mex-  
ico of the small steamer Pilot Boy, ply-  
ing between Galveston and Corpus  
Christi. The vessel carried a crew of  
thirteen, only three of whom have been  
reported saved. These three were  
washed ashore alive at Port Aransas,  
Texas.

The last telegraph wire into Corpus  
Christi failed at 2:30 o'clock Friday  
afternoon and the last telephone line  
went out shortly before 7 o'clock last  
night.

Last reports from Corpus Christi  
placed the velocity of the wind at sev-  
enty miles an hour and it was stated  
the storm was expected to increase in  
intensity until midnight when the crest  
would be reached. Nothing later has  
been heard.

#### Brownsville Reports Meager.

The storm had abated somewhat at  
Brownsville at 11 o'clock last night, ac-  
cording to wireless reports to army  
headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, the  
only means of communication with that  
city. The message stated, however, an-  
other storm was reported approaching  
from an easterly direction. That was  
the last report from Brownsville last  
night.

The storm played havoc among the  
army tents in the Brownsville district,  
practically half of the tents being blown  
down by the storm and loss of consid-  
erable army equipment was reported.  
Fully 30,000 national guardsmen and  
regular soldiers slept in public build-  
ings in Brownsville last night. The  
guardsmen principally affected were  
those from Illinois, Iowa and Virginia.  
Their camps were either destroyed by  
the wind or flooded with water from a  
four and one-half-inch rain. Fear was  
entertained over the saving of immense  
quantities of army stores and supplies.

#### Many Cottages Destroyed.

Last reports from Corpus Christi  
stated the storm had carried everything  
moveable before it, leaving in its wake  
dozens of demolished summer cottages  
and thousands of dollars of damage in  
the business sections. Many small craft  
in Corpus Christi bay were thrown high  
on the beach, it was said. Railroad  
property, however, was said not to have  
been greatly damaged and reopening of  
communication by railroads at least  
was expected early today.

#### Other Towns Isolated.

Other important places isolated, by



Speaker Champ Clark.