

RAILROADS WILL GRANT PRESIDENT'S DEMANDS

CEMENT STADIUM, TO COST \$50,000, FOR GRANDSTAND

Immediate Building of New Structure Is Planned.

ERECTION IN THIRTY DAYS

Fair Association Undismayed by Fire Losses.

Fifty thousand dollars will be invested at once in a cement stadium to replace the 400-foot grandstand which was destroyed last night by fire at the State Fair grounds, if the work can be completed in the thirty days remaining before the opening of the State Fair September 23.

Members of the State Fair association are in an all-day session at the fair grounds, discussing the grandstand problem. A local contractor, it was said at noon, had volunteered to undertake immediately the construction of a cement stadium of the same dimensions as the one burned last night. Three eight-hour shifts of workmen would be employed in the effort to finish construction in time for the opening of the fair.

Dispose of It Today. The matter will be disposed of at the afternoon meeting of the association. After opinions from experts in cement work, the plan to erect the cement stadium immediately is declared not feasible, a temporary wooden structure will be put up to accommodate State Fair visitors this fall, and will give way after the close of the fair to the ultimate cement building, which has been practically agreed upon.

Last night's fair ground blaze was a "hard luck" occurrence, according to a statement this morning by Commissioner of Public Safety Highley.

Department Handicapped. "The fire department did its utmost under a heavy handicap," declared Mr. Highley. "There was only one six-inch water main from which to fight the big blaze. The big triple-pumping engines were of no avail on this account. A single engine kept the main pumped dry throughout. The laddies did splendid work in keeping the blaze away from the other buildings.

The fair grounds are without fire protection, aside from the single main, which was put in as an accommodation from the city when there were no residences within several blocks of the grounds, which are outside the city limits.

Damage About \$30,000.

Damage from last night's blaze totaled \$30,000, of which the greatest single item was the loss of the grandstand valued at \$16,000. There was \$12,000 insurance on the buildings owned by the association, nearly half of the association's loss. The \$20,000 carousal building, owned by the Keen Concessions company of Philadelphia, was a total loss. The same company owned the \$8,000 "figure eight" which was partly destroyed.

The fire alarm was given at 9:25 last night by a passing automobilist. The flames spread rapidly through the dry timbers of the grandstand, threatening other large buildings. Blame for the blaze is as yet unplaced.

CARS KILL LOCAL SWITCHMAN NEAR CITY ROUNDHOUSE

J. A. Morrison Falls Off Moving Train in Yards.

J. A. Morrison, 27 years old, was run over and instantly killed by a string of freight cars near the Rock Island roundhouse at 10:30 this morning. His body was almost cut in two. According to railroad men, Morrison, who was a switchman, fell from the top of a moving car and was run down before he could arise from the track between the rails. Death was instantaneous.

Morrison was unmarried, and without local relatives. He lived at 6 East Third street.

GUARDSMEN FOUND WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT CAMP IN TEXAS

THE "Oklasoda," a weekly newspaper published by the members of the Oklahoma, Louisiana and South Dakota National guardsmen forming the provisional brigade stationed in that section, made its first appearance Monday at San Benito, Texas.

The "Oklasoda" receives its name from a combination of syllables in the various militia organizations whose activities while on border duty it will chronicle. This is the second army newspaper on the Texas frontier, the "Illinois Cavalryman" being the first.

The "Oklasoda" had four pages in its initial number and was edited by members of the newspaper and printing profession in the three national guards.

FREELING ASKED TO ENJOIN TULSA INSURANCE BODY

Welch Asserts Obligations Cannot Be Met.

State Insurance Commissioner Welch this morning asked Attorney General Freeling to bring proceedings for an injunction against further operations of the Producers' Mutual Health and Accident association of Tulsa which, according to the insurance commissioner, is unable to meet its obligations.

According to reports to Commissioner Welch the company's cash on hand is only \$54 while there are claims against it aggregating a little more than \$1,000.

The company was organized under an act of the 1913 legislature which provided that mutual health, life and accident insurance companies may be organized without any capital stock, provided they have as many as 300 members. Ten or twelve companies have been organized under this act, Mr. Welch said.

"It is a bad law that permits organization of any kind of an insurance company without sufficient capital stock to protect its patrons, and it should be all means repealed by the legislature," said Commissioner Welch.

Bryan's Tour Will Open September 15

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—William J. Bryan's speaking tour in behalf of President Wilson will begin about September 15, probably in Ohio and will continue up to election day, it was announced today at national democratic headquarters.

Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives today returned to headquarters the money advanced to him for expenses in opening the democratic campaign in Maine last week.

HOUSE REPASSES ARMY FUND BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Without the revised articles of war, to portions of which President Wilson and the war department objected, the house re-passed the army appropriation bill today. The senate is expected to accept it. President Wilson vetoed the bill because of portions of the bill.

Playwright Dies in Auto Accident

MINEOLA, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Alvah F. Holbrook, well known playwright, died early today, a few hours after he had been thrown from the running board of an automobile in which he was riding from Plandome to his home at Port Washington.

Wave of Coolness Coming Tonight

Local Forecast—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight. State Forecast—Unsettled and cooler tonight; partly cloudy Wednesday.

SOME OF THE BATHING SUITS LOOK AS THOUGH THEY'D BEEN DESIGNED TO SCARE THE SWIMS. "Zimmie"

PORK PRICES SO HIGH PACKERIES BALK; NONE SOLD

Record Figures Cause Holdup of Local Purchases.

2,000 HOGS HELD BACK

Reduction Expected Before Day's Market Closes.

The skyrocket rise in the price of live pork at the Oklahoma City market was checked temporarily this morning when packers refused flats to meet the demands of salesmen for an increase of 15 to 20 cents over yesterday's record price of \$10.30.

The result was that up to 12:30 today not a hog had been sold at the local market, although a healthy crop of 2,000 waited to be moved. While salesmen were demanding 15 or 20 cents more than was paid yesterday packers were attempting to buy the run at prices steady with the market yesterday.

Price to Be Cut Some.

Opinion at the local market at noon was that the day's run of pork would be secured by packers later in the afternoon at probably 5 cents higher price than ruled Monday.

Live pork has gone skyward for the past week, the price increasing daily with steadiness.

"The war is the answer," replied an Oklahoma City dealer in live pork Tuesday when asked for the reason. "That is the only explanation."

Heavier Pork Run.

Statistics kept at the Oklahoma City stockyards show that hog receipts for the current year are running more than 200,000 ahead of 1915. Yet pork today is selling for more than \$2.50 above the quotations of a year ago.

The same condition exists at other western markets. At Chicago the increase in price has been as pronounced as here, and the number of hogs received has run ahead of last year by a good margin.

LIABILITY RATE ON COTTON GINS IS CUT

The state insurance board this morning unanimously voted a reduction of from \$5.77 to \$4.32 per \$100 on employers liability insurance on cotton gins. Some time ago the rate was fixed by the board at \$5.77 for both gins and cotton oil mills. The rate on mills will remain at \$5.77. Before making the reduction the insurance board made an investigation which showed the former rate was too high.

Good-by to Tango; Dreamy Mazes Have Come Back to Stay

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—The old-fashioned waltz is to supplant the tango, according to Thomas McDougall of Pittsburgh, president of the American Association of Masters of Dancing which is in convention here today.

Dancers are firing of the tango and other similar dances, Mr. McDougall said, and are returning to the waltz and other standards. The waltz, one-step and fox trot are the dances that will rule in the immediate future, he said.

TOLEDO THIEVES BUSY; CELEBRATE REDUCTION OF POLICE PROTECTION

TOLEDO, Ohio, Aug. 22.—Toledo crooks took advantage last night of the reduced police force which went into effect Monday, more than 100 robberies, such as hold-ups, house breaking, pocket picking and other minor crimes being reported. There were but few arrests. The city's police force was out one-third its normal quota because of a shortage of funds, caused in a measure by failure of the two recent bond issues totalling nearly \$2,000,000.

Madden Asks of Withdrawal Plans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Information on whether Major General Finton has recommended withdrawal of the troops from Mexico and detailed information of many features of the National Guard mobilization is asked in a resolution introduced today by Representative Madden of Illinois, and referred to the military committee.

ONLY WEEK IN WHICH TO DODGE DELINQUENT PENALTY ON TAXATION

WARNING was sounded this morning from the city clerk's office that all city paying tax must be paid before September 1 in order to dodge the 18 percent delinquent penalty.

Taxes this year total \$550,000, considerably more than last year. Of \$330,000 last year only two-thirds was paid in before the delinquent penalty took effect.

This far since this year's tax he came due citizens have been more than ordinarily lax, it is declared. "For their own interest taxpayers should be brought face to face with the fact that they have only a week before the 18 percent delinquent penalty will be added," warned the city clerk.

GERMANS DENY ATTACK ON SHIP WITH AMERICANS

Berlin Naval Authorities Know Nothing of Owego.

BERLIN, Aug. 19.—(via London, Aug. 22, delayed).—Concerning the American note on the steamer Owego, said to have been fired upon by a submarine, the statement was made this morning that the German naval authorities had received no information on the subject, the American note being the first received by the German government.

Surrounded With Secrecy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The case of the steamer Owego is surrounded at the state department with much secrecy and the foregoing Berlin dispatch was the first disclosure that a note had been dispatched to the German government.

The Owego, having some Americans on board, was reported having been fired upon ten times in the Mediterranean by a submarine early in the month. She succeeded to port and it was not made plain whether she had been fired upon without warning or attempted to escape.

May Have Been Austrians.

Secretary Lansing at the time announced he was investigating the case of a ship bearing Americans being attacked, but he declined to give the steamer's name or any of the details. The inquiry was begun when a resumption of submarine warfare was being suggested by the new operations of submarines.

The fact that the German government appears to have no information tends to the belief that the attacking submarine may have been Austrian.

M'LEMORE PROPOSES MUNITIONS EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—A concurrent resolution to empower the president to place an embargo on war munitions, and all other exports as he may deem proper, destined for any foreign country which knowingly disregards international law and violates neutrality rights with the United States, was introduced today by Representative McLeMORE of Texas, and referred to the foreign affairs committee.

British Send Down German Battleship

LONDON, Aug. 22.—A British official announcement this afternoon says it is believed that a German battleship of the Nassau class has been sunk by British submarine E-22. The Nassau class embraces four vessels of 18,602 tons each.

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN TEXAN REPAYS \$4 IN HEAVENWARD EFFORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—With a \$4 contribution to the treasury's conscience fund today came the following letter, signed by a Texas preacher: "You will find enclosed four one-dollar bills. The persons that I am sending them is doing his best to get to Heaven. This is what he beat the government out of several years ago, so please make some deposit of them as the one sending them doesn't want them."

Seventy-Seven Warships in Far Flung Line Play in Navy's Greatest Game



Rear Admiral Mayo.

Rear Admiral Mayo, Commanding Attacking Force That Will Seek to Land in the U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—A "red" enemy fleet of great strength conveying thirty transports laden with an invading army arrived within 600 miles of the Atlantic coast at 9 o'clock this morning and the greatest war game ever undertaken by the navy department began.

Within an hour the twelve battleships of the "blue" defending fleet were proceeding to sea behind a far-flung line of destroyers and scouts intent on locating and destroying the enemy before he approached the shore.

Admiral Mayo commands the "red" fleet of the fifteen battleships, six swift destroyers, representing the scouting line, and six other navy craft representing the fleet of transports and other ships. Rear Admiral Helm has seventeen destroyers and seven light cruisers as his scouting screen and close to shore are fifteen submarines as a last line of naval defense.

Rear Admiral Knight, president of the navy war college, aboard the superdreadnaught Pennsylvania, will umpire the game in which seventy-seven fighting craft are engaged. The reserve battleships forming the "blue" fleet in line are manned by naval midshipmen and civilian volunteers.

Admiral Mayo has until September 1 to evade the "blue" fleet and effect a landing at any point between Cape

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RUSSIANS REACH GREECE TO JOIN BALKAN ATTACK

Rumania's Desire for War Reported to Be Decreasing.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The offensive in the Balkans is in full swing with Russian troops arriving in Saloniki to fight with the entente forces and Rumania reported about ready to enter the war on the side of the allies.

Landing of Italian troops who are also to take part in the Balkan operations is continuing. An unofficial dispatch also reports that Greek troops have been engaged with Bulgarians in the vicinity of Seres.

Athens advices indicate that Russian troops have been in the Balkans for more than three weeks, the initial contingent having apparently arrived at Saloniki sometime previous to July 31, the news having been just released by the entente censorship.

Means Important Campaign.

Arrival of the Russians at Saloniki together with yesterday's announcement that Italian troops had landed there is another indication that the allies have decided to concentrate on this front forces sufficient for an important campaign.

It is only about 350 miles in an air line from Russia to Greece at the nearest point, but Rumania and Bulgaria lie between and to bridge the distance the Russians were obliged to travel thousands of miles. As the Bosphorus is closed by the Turks, they were deprived of the short sea route.

Since the White Sea is open at this season, it is possible that the Russians traveled by the Atlantic route and reached Saloniki by way of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean.

Athens Aroused.

The arrival of the Russians has caused a profound impression in Athens.

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PRESIDENT HALTS IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Wilson let it be known today that he would veto the immigration bill if it came before him again with the literacy test and with that the senate defeated the motion to take up the measure and returned to consideration of the revenue bill.

Oklahoma Camp Outlives Storm

SAN BENITO, Texas, Aug. 22.—(Special).—The camp of the Oklahoma National guard at San Benito has recovered almost entirely from the effects of the tropical storm that swept the coast. There was considerable damage done in the camp by the storm, but nearly everything has been reconstructed. The men were quartered in San Benito during the hurricane.

FRENCH WOMAN IS EXECUTED AS SPY

PARIS, Aug. 22.—The execution of a woman as a spy is reported today in a Havas dispatch from Marseilles. According to this information Felice Fenet was put to death this morning at the light house shooting range, having been convicted of espionage by the council of war of the Fifteenth legion.

Rammed U-Boat Returns to Port

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 22.—An official German report says a submarine which was rammed after sinking a British cruiser has returned to port. Whether a second German submarine was destroyed can only be decided when all the reports of submarines have been received.

The British official statement of the sinking of the cruisers Nottingham and Falmouth by German submarines in the North Sea Saturday, said one German submarine was destroyed and that another was rammed and possibly sunk.

Cooling Breezes Sweep From North

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—A cooling wind swept out of the northwest today and broke the heat wave which has gripped the middle west since Saturday, according to reports to the government weather bureau here. In Chicago the temperature at 10:30 was 78, a drop of 16 degrees within twenty-four hours.

CONCESSION IS EXPECTED FROM SYSTEM CHIEFS

Washington Confident Operators Will Yield.

APPEAL TO THE DIRECTORS

Magnates Say Announcement Will Be Ready Soon.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Wilson has won his fight for an eight-hour day for the railroad Brotherhoods, if indications around the capital today can be accepted as pointing accurately to the status of the negotiations.

There was no formal announcement that the eight-hour day will be granted. Administration circles contented themselves with the noncommittal announcement that there are hopes for settlement. The men said nothing at all. The railroad presidents said they might have an answer for President Wilson by tonight or Wednesday morning.

Concessions Indicated.

But beneath the surface everything points to concessions by the railroads. While a subcommittee of railroad executives was at work in formulating a statement, the remainder of the presidents got into touch with their boards of directors. The exact nature of the proposal to be submitted was not revealed, but from the fact that the executives conferred with their directors, the conclusion was drawn that it concerned the concession of the eight-hour day.

The cabinet went over the situation fully and confidence was expressed by members that in the end the railroads will accept the president's plan. What assurances the cabinet had were not disclosed.

It was said that it is not feasible to hurry the railroad executives into a decision as they have many things to consider.

Ask for Commission.

One suggestion understood to be under consideration is the submission of the collateral issues to the interstate commerce commission or a provision for making permanent the commission of investigation suggested by President Wilson.

The subcommittee of railroad presidents that is working on President Wilson's proposal is composed of Hale Holden, Burlington; W. W. Atterbury, Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Southern; Robert S. Lovett, Union Pacific; E. P. Ripley, Santa Fe; A. S. Smith, New York Central; Frank Trumbull, Chesapeake & Ohio; and Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio.

The men held a meeting this morning but took no action and adjourned until afternoon.

First Local Cotton Bale Brings \$4.35 Hundred, in Seed

Oklahoma City's first bale of cotton was purchased this morning by the firm of Harris, Iby & Vose, local cotton brokers. The producer of the bale was Lee Ivy, a farmer living near Deep Fork, seven miles east of Oklahoma City. He received a premium of \$31 offered by local merchants, in addition to the purchase price of the bale, which was sold in seed at \$4.35 a hundred pounds.

SAN FRANCISCO CUTS FOOD COST; REGULATES FISH

Prices Reduced Ten Percent by Committee of Dealers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—This was "bargain day" here in fish and according to the Northern California exchange every day in the future will be similar. The organization began its corporate activities today and marked its debut with a cut of about 10 percent in the price of fish to the consumer.

The prices were fixed by a committee composed of representatives of the fishermen, the wholesalers, the retailers, the state market directors' office and the state fish and game commission, the last two representing the consumer. They determined what the fishermen should receive, what the wholesalers and the retailers should charge and what the retailer should pay.

It is estimated that through the activities of the exchange fish buyers of the San Francisco bay region will save about \$1,000 a day.

ITALIAN TROOPS JOINED THE ALLIES AT SALONIKI MONDAY. THEY'LL HELP IN THE BIG DRIVE THE TIMES TOLD YOU ABOUT IT. WE TELL YOU MANY THINGS. BIG NEWS EVERY DAY THAT NOBODY ELSE DOES IN THIS AFTERNOON FIELD.

CONCRETE STRUCTURE MAY REPLACE GRANDSTAND, DESTROYED BY FIRE