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PRESIDENT TRIES TO AVERT STRIKE

OPTIMISTIC OVER FIRST CONFERENCE

Railroad Employees Frankly Declare Situation Looks Better, After Talk With President.

IT IS IN HIS HANDS

Chief Executive Will Meet Employers and It is Possible That Threatened Strike, Will be Avoided.

THE RAILROAD CONTROVERSY.

Brotherhoods of Conductors, Engineers, Firemen and Trainmen ask for basic eight hour day and time and a half for overtime. Number of men directly involved in strike demand, 400,000. Total number of men involved, 2,155,000. Number of railroad systems involved, 225. Mileage involved, 270,000. Number of railroad cars that will be stopped if strike is called, 2,507,977. Railway managers have made no definite proposition to employes. First proposed mediation. Employers declined to join in request for mediation, but accepted invitation from government board of mediation and conciliation to submit proposition to them. Mediation failed. Mediators proposed arbitration which was almost unanimously rejected by employes. Representatives of both sides accepted President Wilson's invitation to confer with him before final decision is reached. More than ninety-four percent of the 400,000 of the employes directly involved have voted to strike if original demands are not granted.

[By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The first step in the effort of President Wilson to prevent the threatened tie-up of the country's railroads by strike, ended at noon today when representatives of the employes left the white house smiling broadly. They had been in conference with the president an hour and a half.

"The negotiations are entirely in the president's hands," said A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employes. He refused to discuss the situation beyond that.

Warren S. Stone, representative of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers said: "I am optimistic."

W. P. Lee of the order of railway trainmen added: "It looks very good."

Employes Come Again. The employes were to see the president again this afternoon following his talk with the representatives of railway managers which was scheduled for three p. m. The president spent part of the intervening time going over the stenographic report of the morning session in order to formulate proposals to make to the managers.

An apparently well authenticated report that preceded the conclusion of

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NEW YORK MAY BE HUNGRY IF RAIL STRIKE IS CALLED

Officials Take Steps to Commandeer Food to Feed Natives and Visitors.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—How the five million people living in Greater New York will be fed in the event of a railroad strike is a problem being given consideration by officials here today.

Joseph J. Hartigan, secretary of Mayor Mitchell's committee on food supply, has recommended to Acting Mayor Frank L. Dowling, that action be taken by the city government to prepare against any stoppage of traffic in foodstuffs. Hartigan proposes that survey be made of all sources of food supply which could be commandeered if the strike is declared.

OFFICIAL REPORTS FROM WAR FRONTS

French Troops Follow up Successes North of Somme, by Brisk Fighting Yesterday.

GERMANS GAIN FOOTING

London States They Are in Pozieres Trenches—Italian Army Continue to Press Forward Against Austrians.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—French troops followed up their successes north of the Somme yesterday with an advance south of the river in sharp fighting last night.

Southeast of Estrees, French detachments captured several trenches between Fay and the road to Denicourt, widening their positions. On the front north of the Somme there was brisk cannonading around the newly won French positions at Maurepas.

On the Verdun front the Germans attacked three times last night east of Hill 304 on the west bank of the Meuse, and in the region of Fleury. All attacks were repulsed.

The success of the new French thrust north of the Somme in Saturday and Sunday's fighting increases the peril of the German line from Combes to Peronne. The capture of the villages of Maurepas and Clery, necessary to an advance against Peronne from the north, is believed certain under the next great French blow on this front.

The Germans bombarded the French lines around Maurepas heavily last night. They are expected to launch a heavy counter attack to batter in the wedge thrust into their line and it is possible this cannonading preceded a strong infantry attack.

Italians Press Enemy.

ROME, Aug. 14.—General Cadorna's forces pierced another strong line of Austrian intrenchments east of Nadlogem height, south of Goritz, and are continuing to press the enemy on the Carso plateau, it was officially announced today.

Successful Raid.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—South of Ypres, the British carried out a successful raid without loss. Mining activity in this neighborhood was also to the advantage of the British.

Germans Gain Footing.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The Germans gained a temporary footing last night in trenches west of Pozieres captured by the British in yesterday's fighting, General Haig reported today.

FATALITY MAY FOLLOW RAID

Alleged Bootlegger is Shot While Trying to Escape and His Death is Expected.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 14.—James Baker, an alleged "bootlegger" was expected to live today, following a raid on his "joint" yesterday afternoon in which he was shot by Under Sheriff Larimer. The bullet passed completely through his body, puncturing both walls of the stomach, severing the small intestine and cutting the renal artery. Baker was shot while attempting to escape.

Eleven other alleged Kansas gamblers were hoping to be let off easy today, following a successful raid a half hour before Baker was shot. Caught in the midst of a game of "craps," eleven, including one woman, were captured.

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Tornado Which Claimed Lives Struck Building In Its Path

Death Toll In Arkansas Twister Reaches Five With Seventeen Injured Some of Whom Will Die

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 14.—Five persons were killed and seventeen injured, four fatally, when a tornado swept over eastern Arkansas last night, blowing down twelve buildings at Edmondson, Ark., seventeen miles west of Memphis.

Eight of the injured were brought to Memphis hospitals today. It is thought five, who are women, will die.

Services were being held in the Bethlehem Baptist church about 100 persons attending when the hurricane struck. Many dived from windows as the structure creaked and blew over. Three brothers lost their homes. Many cattle were crushed beneath falling barns.

A heavy rainfall accompanied the storm and all telephone wires were put out of commission.

After sweeping through Edmondson, the hurricane spent itself over the Mississippi river, blowing a gale through Memphis.

WOMEN ONLY MEETING FOR GOV. HUGHES

Republican Standard Bearer Will Have New Experience Speaking to Feminine Audience Only.

WHITE VESTS ONCE MORE

Candidate is First Since McKinley to Feature Them and He is Clinching His Teeth Like T. R.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

SPOKANE, Washington, Aug. 14.—Governor Hughes was to face his first audience of women voters today. The republican nominee was scheduled to expound his views to a "meeting for women only" this afternoon. It was expected he would have something new to say as to why he favored extension of the suffrage to femininity. Up to date, it was pointed out here, the G. O. P. nominee has refrained from discussing the case of the suffragettes on its merits. It is said he simply regarded victory to extend votes to women as inevitable, and felt that in view of such inevitability the question should be removed from congress of an enabling resolution permitting submission of a constitutional amendment for equal franchise to the states. He has asserted his belief that such an amendment would carry and in speeches in Montana—a suffrage state—has expressed gratification over participation by women in voting.

In addition to this women's address, a thing new to Hughes, veteran campaigners though he is, the republican standard bearer was scheduled for two other talks on his day's program. He left Spokane at 9:30 following an automobile parade, for Couer D'Alene, his only Idaho stop on the present trip and was to address a mass meeting there at 11 o'clock. Returning the governor's plan was to make his "women only" speech at the auditorium and tonight address a mass meeting in Spokane's out of door amphitheatre. He leaves at 6:45 tonight for Tacoma.

Seek Sounding Boards.

Although the candidate's voice has now hardened and gained strength so that he no longer experiences difficulty in speaking, his campaign managers on the trip are urging the use of sounding boards at future outdoor meetings. Dr. Dittman, the governor's physician, is particularly apprehensive that his patient strain his voice to-morrow night in Tacoma's vast amphitheatre and is trying to provide a sounding board.

Hughes started his second week of campaigning today. In point of time, he is only one fifth through with his present trip, and in point of mileage he has 6,000 miles farther to go. Yesterday was a day of absolute rest for

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MOUNTAINEERS IN RACE WITH DEATH

MAY PROBE DISASTER

Big Dam Broke and Authorities Are Going to Find Out the Reason for This Smash.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 14.—How

possible heavy loss of life in the villages below the great lake Toxaway dam was prevented though the daring ride of mountaineers just ahead of the waters, tossed when the retaining wall broke, was told today by survivors. The mountaineers risked death, galloped through the villages telling of the floods that followed them and warning residents to flee to the hills.

Hardy mountaineer horsemen volunteered to ride down the valleys to warn men, women and children of the little hamlets that would be swept. Traveling short mountain cuts and often risking their lives by breakneck speed along narrow mountain side trails, the riders kept just ahead of the waters.

Estimates today placed the property loss at half a million.

Hints at rigid investigation and possible action developed today when it became known that the great retaining wall has been several times reported leaking during the past year.

Shortly before noon Sunday, a stream of alarming volume began seeping through the masonry. A watch was set and about six o'clock the break ripped wider and wider until it was apparent the collapse of the wall was inevitable.

Towns all along the path of the Lake Toxaway river and the Chuga river into which it flows, were practically evacuated by the residents.

The Lake Toxaway dam kept back the water flowing from Lake Toxaway river through a deep gorge. In the path of the waters it released are Anderson, Pickens, Seneca and other towns along the Chuga river.

PAPER LACK MAY HIT JOBS

Danger of Thousands of Printers Being Thrown Out of Job.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—The danger that thousands of printers may be thrown out of work because of the high cost of white paper was said to be a question to be seriously considered by the annual convention of the International Typographical union which begins here next Monday.

John W. Hayes, secretary and treasurer of the union, said the alarming paper shortage is making it difficult for many newspaper corporations to continue business. In some cities, he said, there was talk of consolidating two or more plants to reduce working forces and expenses.

Accepts His Call.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 14.—Right Rev. John J. McCort, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Philadelphia will accept the bishopric of Los Angeles, it became definitely known today. He had appealed to

IOWA GIRL GIVES BLOOD TO AID FIGHT

After Undergoing Operation for Infantile Paralysis Deformity, Volunteers to Help Save Babies.

SHE CALLS IT A MIRACLE

After Limping Since She Was Four Years Old, Miss Stiles is Able to Walk Naturally Once More.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—A sharp reduction in both number of new cases and the number of deaths from infantile paralysis accompanied unseasonably cold weather in New York. Figures given out by the health department today showed only ninety-five new cases and thirty-one deaths, the lowest figures in several weeks.

Miss Ruth Stiles who only a few days ago submitted to a remarkable operation by which an infantile paralysis deformity was removed, entered a hospital this afternoon to sacrifice eight ounces of her blood to be used in a serum to fight the epidemic.

Miss Stiles was stricken when she was four years of age at her home in Beaufort, Iowa. Until a few days ago she walked with painful limp, but the tendons and bones in her foot were straightened.

SEEK IN FOG FOR MUTINEERS

Two Tugs Have Wireless Message as Guide But Find no Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 14.—Groping blindly in the impenetrable fog off the Golden Gate, the tugs Reliance Queen, and Sea Rover, searched today for the three masted Callao, whose captain wireless during the night that his crew had mutinied and asked for aid. Aside from three brief radiograms, no word came out of the fog to solve the mystery surrounding the ship.

Captain Tobin's first radio merely stated the fact of the mutiny, a second asked for a tug and a third repeated these messages, adding that the vessel was "six miles south of Lightship with no anchorage."

The Reliance sped for the last named location but in the heaviest fog of the year, was unable to find the bark. It was rumored along the water front today that the crew mutinied in the belief that the cargo of wheat and oil was intended ultimately to reach warships of one of the warring powers.

RAILROADS ARE READY FOR EVENT

If Strike Comes Several Western Lines Expect to Continue for a Time, With Volunteer Trainmen.

THEY USED AD COLUMNS

Burlington Would Put Some of Its Veterans into Harness and Santa Fe Figures It is Ready.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Some western railroads are so well prepared for a strike that they have applications from a sufficient number of skilled operatives to operate trains in event of a walkout of the four big brotherhoods, W. B. Storey, head of the operating department of the Santa Fe railway, today told the United Press.

"The Santa Fe, for one, is prepared," Storey declared.

"We have received sufficient applications from our advertisements in newspapers in which we asked for men to operate trains in event of a strike to supply the demand."

At the same time it was announced from the office of Passenger Traffic Manager Gerritt Fort of the Union Pacific that a petition signed by eighty per cent of the Union Pacific trainmen had been forwarded from Omaha to Washington today, asking congress to prevent a strike. These trainmen, Fort said, are not members of the brotherhoods.

From the Rock Island railway offices it was stated that there will be enough apply to run the road to a limited extent. Unless protection is provided, it is unlikely any attempt will be made by the Rock Island to operate, however."

Some Chicago railroad men who claimed to have inside information, said here that the brotherhoods undoubtedly would order a strike, "but it will never get to the walkout stage. One declared the brotherhoods would finally "reluctantly agree to let the interstate commerce commission settle the difficulty."

Possibility of government interference against a tie-up of the Rock Island and other lines now in federal receivership was cited by officials of the Rock Island.

Burlington railroad officials said in event of a strike they probably would draw on veteran engineers and trainmen now higher officials of the company, to aid in operating their trains. These with a few non-union recruits, could operate traffic for a limited extent, they declared.

Brandeis is Silent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Declining to discuss the outcome of his conference with Chief Justice White understood to have been based on White's belief Brandeis should not serve on the American commission to investigate Mexican affairs—Associate Justice Louis D. Brandeis arrived here today. He said he might have a statement later.

Claim Censor Opened Mail.

BERLIN, (wireless) to Sayville, L. I., Aug. 14.—A letter from the Serbian Association of Los Angeles, Calif., addressed to Stuttgart, Germany and mailed May 10, has just arrived and an enclosure of \$255 is missing, the semi-official news agency asserted today. The letter had been opened by the British censor.

Congress to be Busy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Congressional leaders were agreed that this is to be the biggest legislative week of the season. Confident predictions were made that the navy, child labor, ship purchase and workmen's compensation bills would become laws.

PIE AT A NICKEL IS SAFE SO PASTRY MAKER ASSERTS

Good Old American Standby Won't be Affected by the Rise in Wheat.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Wheat, flour and bread prices may rise, but that old American standby, pie, is safe at five cents a slice over the lunch counter.

"There will be no increase in the price of pie," Elmer J. Case, president of the Case and Martin Pie company declared today.

A federal investigation of the recent rise in wheat prices was under way in earnest here today. Asst. U. S. Dist. Atty. Joseph P. Fleming said that big brokers and traders were

RUSS MOWING MACHINE HAS BIG HARVEST

Reports Indicate Attack on Ninety Mile Front Was Success—Austro-Germans Retreat.

FLANK ATTACK PLANNED

Defenders of Lines to Galician Capital Lose 75,000 or Half Their Effective—Cossacks Lead Attacks.

[By William Philip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

PETROGRAD, Aug. 14.—The last formidable Austro-German barrier to Lemberg has been broken, and the Teutonic forces are making a general retreat on a ninety mile front in the direction of the Galician capital.

Compelled to retire from the strong Stripa river positions by the threat that his armies would be surrounded and captured, General Bothmer is falling steadily back on the Zlota Lipa, eighteen miles to the west. But Russian forces already have crossed the Zlota Lipa north of Stanislau, and the danger of a blow at his right flank will prevent Bothmer from making a stand here.

On the whole line the Russian mowing machine is reaping a bloody harvest. On the front, east and southeast of Lemberg alone, it is estimated that the Austro-Germans have lost 75,000 men, or half their effectives. This fact, it is believed, necessitates the continued retreat before the Russians.

The Cossacks Are Busy.

The Russians are systematically sending forward their infantry to pound the enemy front, while Cossack cavalry attacks and demoralizes the wings. One regiment of Orenburgers alone took two thousand Austro-German prisoners.

A Russian cavalry force that captured Mariampol, only eight miles southeast of Halitz, is believed to be pushing toward the Halitz-Stanislau railway north of the Dniester, only three miles away. The capture of this crossing would cut off a large force of Austro-Germans who retired from Stanislau and force them to make a wide detour constantly harassed by Russian cavalry.

War Office Announces.

The war office announced today that the Russians continue to advance westward in the region of the middle Stripa and that other forces advancing westward from the river Koropetz, have reached a point north of the Dniester before Mariampol, whose capture by cavalry was announced yesterday.

At 6 o'clock Sunday morning the Austro-Germans attacked Russian positions in the Kovel region. The fighting was severe in the region of Stobychov, west of the Stochod, but the enemy was driven back to his old positions by a counter attack.

Along the upper Stripa the retreating enemy forces are checking the Russian advance from behind fortified positions.

Berlin Claims Victory.

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—Repulse of Russian attacks on practically every front

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being questioned by District Attorney Clynne regarding the market's jump. "The government wants to know whether a twenty cent rise in wheat in the past two weeks was due entirely to natural causes or whether it was planned in advance by traders. In the meantime wheat prices began declining today. Prices dropped from 2 to 3 cents during the morning."

Paul Schultze, head of one of the biggest bakeries in the middle west, centered today with Federal Trade Commissioner Edward Hurley regarding a proposed increase in price of bread. Schultze said he would raise the price tomorrow if Hurley did not interpose objections, and that other bakers probably would follow his lead.

Crackers, rolls and other bakery products were also due to advance.