

WILSON TO TALK TO BOTH SIDES

COMMITTEE ARRIVES FOR PARLEY

Trainmen File Into Historic East Room Today to Hear President's Appeal.

ANOTHER WAY IS OPEN

Understood Wilson's Appeal to President is Not Considered Final, by Any Means.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The first of the 640 members of the railroad brotherhoods' general committee began filing into the east entrance of the white house at 2:45 this afternoon. A large crowd witnessed their arrival. Although A. B. Garretson, of the sub-committee had a copy of the president's proposal—ten lines in length—written on white house stationery by the president himself—none of the general committee had read it. Lee, Carter and Stone of the sub-committee had duplicates. It was not discussed. It was declared, at the meeting of the general committee at the Bijou theatre which lasted from one o'clock until two.

"The president himself is to present it," said Lee.

Not Final Appeal.

That the president in summoning the railway heads by telegraph did not consider that he has yet appealed to the "ultimate authority" was learned after a long conference he had with Judge W. L. Chambers of the United States board of mediation and conciliation this afternoon.

The expression "ultimate authority" was used by Chambers. Exactly what the president has in mind is not known, but it was thought possible that he may appeal over the heads of the railway presidents to the stockholders themselves, or ask a new referendum vote by the employees on the proposals he has made for a settlement.

Immediately following his conference with Judge Chambers the president returned to his library to complete the proposals he is to make to the 640 representatives of the railway brotherhoods when they gather in the historic east room of the white house this afternoon.

Are Out of Town.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—Western railroad heads invited to a conference with President Wilson at Washington were out of town today with the exception of E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe. Ripley said he had not made up his mind as to whether he would accept the invitation. A. J. Earling, of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, was reported in California; and R. H. Ashton of the Chicago and Northwestern, and Samuel Fulton, of the Chicago Great Western, were "out of town." John M. Glenn, publisher of the Manufacturers News, today directed an appeal to manufacturers to send a message to President Wilson upholding the attitude of the railroads.

The unions took advantage of the situation existing at the time of the breaking out of the European war and were given concessions and they now take advantage of the peculiar conditions which our country faces. Right must be maintained. The issue is a principle. It may cost something to enforce it but it must be enforced sooner or later," the appeal reads.

IDLENESS MAKES SOLDIERS DESERT OR WOUND THEMSELVES

Member Hospital Corps Says Many Cases of This Kind Come to Light.

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 17.—National guardsmen are being driven to desertation by their enforced idleness on the border and are choosing the two most precarious methods to get home—desertion and self-inflicted wounds.

This was the statement today of Roy Campbell, former city fireman and now connected with the hospital corps of the Texas national guard. He was in Dallas to take a deserter back to camp.

RUSSIAN GAINS BEING CHECKED

For First Time in Two Weeks No Further Advance in the East is Recorded.

THE OFFICIAL REPORTS

Battles on Somme Still Have Favorable Turn for Allies—Berlin Reports Repulse.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Strong Austro-German counter attacks have halted the Russian and Italian offensives temporarily, though the great battle of the Somme continues to progress favorably for the allies.

For the first time in more than a fortnight, the official statement from the Russian war office today recorded no further gains. Petrograd dispatches carried the admission that enemy counter attacks have checked General Brusiloff's armies. The German war office reported not only the repulse of all Russian attacks, but the capture of a dominating height in the Carpathians.

The arrival of Austrian reinforcements and the necessity of straightening out the Italian front have halted General Cadorna's march southward against Trieste. Official dispatches from the German, French and British war offices regarding the outcome of severe fighting on the Somme front yesterday and last night contained sharp contradictions. The Germans admitted the loss of 500 yards of first line trenches to the French, south of the Somme, but announced that both the British and French were driven out of trenches they had penetrated north of the river.

General Haig in his first report on yesterday's fighting on the Somme front, announced the capture not only of positions around Guillemont, officially reported from Paris last night, but also the taking of three hundred yards of German trenches to a depth of 300 yards. The French war office mentioned violent artillery struggles on the Somme front last night, but said the Germans made no attempt to reconquer positions captured by the allies yesterday.

Similar contradictions are contained in official reports regarding recent operations in the Balkans. A delayed Bulgarian official statement today claimed the repulse of strong French attacks extending along a wide front, while the French war office announced successes.

More Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 17.—The capture of 7,500 more prisoners by the Russian armies under General Sakharoff was officially announced today. Since the beginning of the Russian offensive Sakharoff has taken 94,754 prisoners.

Other additional booty taken by Sakharoff's forces included 29 light and 17 heavy guns.

The Paris Report.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Beaten back by the heavy French assault on both banks of the Somme, the Germans made no attempt to counter attack against the newly conquered French positions last night.

An official statement from the war office today reported a lull in infantry fighting on the Somme front, but try fighting on the artillery front, especially near Maurepas and Belloy-en-Santerre where the French advanced yesterday.

The Berlin Report.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—The Germans drove back Anglo-French troops who succeeded in penetrating positions west of Fourcraux wood and south of Maurepas, inflicting heavy losses on the allies.

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Negro "Bad Man" Who Killed Six Is Captured in Swamp

Man Was Caught By Sheriff Who Was Elected Last Monday To Do Job

OPELOUSAS, La., Aug. 17.—Hilaire Carriere, a negro bad man, and escaped convict, was arrested early today following a three hour battle with a sheriff's posse, in the marshes of Opelousas parish. Carriere was wounded in the shoulder. He will live.

Carriere, who killed Sheriff Swords about a month ago, was taken just south of here by Sheriff Fontenot, who was elected Monday to bring about the negro's capture. Swords, who was sheriff of this parish, was killed when he sought to return Carriere to the state penitentiary farm, whence he escaped. The negro, who boasted of his murders, has killed six persons in a little less than a year.

NAVAL BILL READY TO BE SIGNED

President's Suggestions, as Well as Those Concerning Second Annapolis, Are Out Out.

MAY COMMENCE FIGHT

Opposition to Curtailment of Certain Recommendations, Expected by the Leaders.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The senate this afternoon passed the naval bill as agreed to in conference early in the day without a roll call.

The Provisions of Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—House and senate conferees on the naval bill this afternoon agreed to retain the \$6,000,000 appropriation to improve and equip the navy yards at Puget Sound, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Boston, Portsmouth, N. H., Charleston and New Orleans for construction of battleships. The bill will be reported to both houses to-morrow or Saturday.

The senate amendment providing for investigation by a commission of advisability of establishment of a second naval academy was stricken out. The item providing \$500,000 for a suitable site on the Columbia river for a submarine and torpedo base also went out. A \$500,000 appropriation for constructing a thirty-five foot channel through Hell Gate, New York, one of President Wilson's recommendations, was taken out. A hot fight on the floor may develop over this item.

AFTER MAN WHO SHOT SHERIFF

Posse in Kansas Has Surrounded Unknown Thug Who Was Handy With Gun.

EMPORIA, Kansas, Aug. 17.—The unknown thug who shot and killed Walt Davis, sheriff of Lyon county, and wounded three members of a posse trying to arrest him, was believed surrounded in a corn field near Wiggam, nine miles southeast of Emporia, this morning.

Sheriff Davis was killed late Tuesday night when he and two Emporia officers attempted to arrest two suspected hold-up men. While the officers were searching them one of the men ran. In an exchange of shots, Davis was shot through the heart. He died instantly. His companion, Wm. E. Smith, who says he does not know the murderer's name, is held by the officers.

The unknown murderer opened fire on a posse of one hundred men as he neared Wiggam. Three were wounded. The thug escaped into an adjacent corn field.

Committed Suicide.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 17.—Henry Paspoppel, a carpenter at Park Ridge, Ill., near here, committed suicide today by shooting himself, after driving his wife, daughter and son from the house by threatening to kill them.

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GERARD'S NOTE PEEVES TEUTONS

American Ambassador's Comment on German Censorship Criticized in Editorials.

HOW DID IT LEAK OUT?

The Suggestion Regarding German Surveillance, Was in Confidential Communication to State Department.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—A vigorous attack on Ambassador Gerard was made today by the Berlin Morgenpost and the Cologne Gazette, two influential German newspapers, for the attitude toward the German censorship he is alleged to have displayed in a confidential communication to the state department.

American correspondents in Berlin recently handed to the ambassador a protest against British censorship of cable dispatches and mail matter they had sent to the United States. They pointed out that British censors badly mutilated many of their dispatches and that a large percentage of their mail stories failed to reach America at all.

In transmitting the report to the state department, Ambassador Gerard is reported to have sent along a confidential note recommending that no action be taken by the American government unless Germany removed the censorship on news sent to America. How this alleged confidential note became public property is not known but the contents of the message soon became known in newspaper circles.

"The American government and its organs already have endured many brutal English infringements," said the Cologne Gazette, "even Americans reproach their officials. They have degraded themselves by giving up their neutrality and honor as accomplices of England, so it is presumable that they will also endure this infringement and the attitude of their ambassador whereby the British infringement is supported."

"We doubt whether the German foreign office will be satisfied with Gerard's conduct. We hope the government will find means to correct this strange attitude. The German censorship does not concern him and he has no right to criticize measures necessary for the safety of German interests."

The Cologne Gazette editorial was in similar vein.

Ready to Pay Penalty.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Aug. 17.—Calmly declaring "I know what I have done and I am ready to pay the penalty," Mrs. Clemma E. Gilmore indicated today she would make no defense for the killing of Mrs. Ella Shipp at the Burlington station.

Her husband, over whom Mrs. Gilmore shot the "other woman," a tenant, plans to aid in the defense of his separated mate.

An inquest will be held today.

Crusade on Beer Camps.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 17.—Following a crusade against beer camps and disorderly taxicabs by the Des Moines News, the taxi cab owners held a meeting today and decided to lead a fight for a clean business. They promise to discharge drivers who have been introducing their passengers to women and taking them to beer camps.

News reporters who visited the resorts and wrote up their experiences were today subpoenaed to appear in the case of Grace White, charged with selling beer contrary to law.

HAMMER AWAY AT TEUTONS

French Drive on the Somme Resembles Gigantic Multiplied Sledge, Press Correspondent Says.

RAIL LINES TO DEPOT

Veritable Network of These Carry Supplies and Munitions to Put Punch into Blows.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY ON THE SOMME, Aug. 17.—Like a gigantic multiplied sledge-hammer, the French army is smashing away at the German lines on the Somme battle front. The new French offensive in no way resembles the Russian steam roller. Instead it hammers continually with blow upon blow at any given point until eventually the French officers believe, it must break down both the German defenses and the resistance of the German army. The success of this steady hammering, is demonstrated both by the actual advance, and the influx of prisoners who have surrendered in large numbers.

Before going to the fighting front, I inspected the vast organization behind the lines for feeding the offensive. It is this incredible preparation on which apparently everything has been foreseen and nothing overlooked that puts the punch into the French sledge hammer blows.

I first visited one of the eight muniton and material depots, established last May, miles behind the line. The depot covers a square half mile into which France's northwestern network of railways daily pour material coming from all parts of the world. If the French offensive has carried terrible destruction in advance of the armies, it has wrought equally incredible progress in the rear. The eight muniton depots have been connected with the battle front by a veritable mystic maze of railways of both broad and narrow gauge. In peace times it would have required a year's work to construct them. Approaching the battle front these lines converge even thicker and even more intricately. So perfected is this railway system that each of the eight depots can pour out upon the Somme battle front its entire square half mile of munitons and material every thirty-six hours.

Carry Guns by Trains.

On other specially constructed railways, all of broad gauge, guns are being carried to the front. France does not lack heavy artillery on the Somme front, but is making constant additions for the purpose of increasing the power of her punch.

From the depot, the way led to one of the four aviation camps which protected every depot, but which are only a small part of the aviation service on the Somme front. During the visit scarcely a minute passed that armed aeroplanes either did not return or depart for the German front.

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MYSTERY STORIES INTEREST HUGHES

Candidate Has a Day of Rest and is Spending it With Thrillers, His Manager Has Procured.

FEW SPEECHES TODAY

Candidate Hits Philippine Situation in His Appearance at Portland Last Night.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 17.—Charles E. Hughes, republican presidential candidate, today took the biggest "jump" in his transcontinental trip. He was enroute from Portland to San Francisco with only one stop of more than a few minutes scheduled for the day at Shasta Springs tonight. Three or four points were scheduled to hear the candidate for a bare three or four minutes but no formal speeches had been arranged, not even at Shasta Springs.

A day of almost solid comfort was in prospect for Hughes. Solid comfort, be it known in the governor's opinion, consists in a place to stretch out and time in which to rest his mind by reading horrendous, hair raising detective stories, dime novels, to be exact. It is only a trifle less restful to read heavy historical essays.

Carl D. Shepherd, Hughes' personal representative, went out in Portland last night and raided the news stands for sufficiently thrilling literature, accumulating one of the largest libraries of lurid detective narratives ever assembled. But stuck away in this pile of paper bound volumes was a copy of "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire," from the Hughes library.

In his speech at the Ice Rink in Portland last night, the candidate delivered another broadside at the democratic policies, concentrating his fire particularly on the Philippine situation. He declared the United States undertook to govern the islands properly and that "we assumed obligations there which we are bound to discharge."

"We ought not to consider the suggestion of scuttling out of the Philippines," he said, "to leave them in the predicament which you know perfectly well without my describing it."

Hughes made a pronouncement on the tariff and attacked the administration's attitude, asserting that the democratic party has opposed real progress. He said:

"If I were a member of that party and looked through the platforms of the past I should feel that I was going through a cemetery richly embellished with monuments."

He declared that he wanted to see the empire of Alaska developed right.

"If I am charged with the high office for which I am a candidate," he concluded, "to put my principles to the test, I am not afraid of that test. I have no ambition to hold high office, but I have an ambition to try, so far as it lies within me, to have efficient American government."

Millionaire Is Better.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The condition of Alvin Daniels, Coronado, Calif., millionaire, at the Presbyterian hospital here, was reported "much better" today. Specialists say it will be several days before a complete diagnosis of the disease in one of Daniels' legs is finished.

"We are sure, however, that it is not blood poisoning," said Dr. Arthur Ryan, Chicago. "Nothing alarming has arisen and we do not anticipate it doing so."

Outbreak of Disease.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.—An outbreak of bacillary dysentery, a summer disease is reported from Fulton county, Illinois. An inspector has been sent to investigate.

VIRGINIA COPORAL KILLED TRYING TO PROTECT MEXICAN GIRL

Quartermaster is Alleged to Have Been Senorita's Assailant.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 17.—James Clement, a corporal in Company C, Second Virginia Infantry, was dead today because he tried to save the honor of Sofia Valdez, a Mexican girl.

RAIL HEADS SUMMONED BY WILSON

President Asks Men Who Direct Nation's Big Lines, to Meet Him at Once.

THEY WILL ALL RESPOND

Reason for Conference is Believed to be Their Attitude on Rejecting Eight Hour Suggestion.

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Reaching what apparently was a deadlock in the attempted settlement of the threatened strike on the railroads, President Wilson today sent a telegram to the presidents of the great railway systems of the country, asking that they come to Washington at once for a conference.

The telegram says: "Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment and with the president of any other of the railways affected who may be immediately accessible. Hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington."

Before sending the telegram the president talked with President Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio, by long distance telephone and was assured by Willard that the railroad heads would come to Washington immediately.

The president's action resulted from the attitude taken by the railroad managers in a statement left at the white house last night by Elisha Lee, chairman of their committee. In this they strongly indicated they would not concede the eight hour principle even for the proposed trial period and that the strongest concession they would make would be to submit the whole matter to arbitration, the president to name the arbitrators.

Claim There is Politics.

Today the managers showed no disposition to recede from this position. Several of them declared they saw politics in the president's efforts since accepting this plan would mean putting the whole matter over until after the elections. The commission could not accomplish anything tangible before next spring, they said.

The managers apparently are unmoved by arguments of the president that his proposal would result in a system that would probably enable them to avoid sudden strikes in the future.

Three ballots have been taken in the past two days, it was said today, and each time the managers have voted down the president's proposal.

The railway presidents to whom the president addressed his message today were: Daniel Willard, Baltimore and Ohio; Samuel Rea, Pennsylvania; A. H. Smith, New York Central; F. D. Underwood, Erie; William Truesdale, Lackawanna; Howard Elliott, New Haven; Hale Holden, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; W. J. Harahan, Seaboard Air Line; L. F. Loree, Delaware and Hudson; B. F. Bush, receiver Missouri Pacific; E. E. Calvin, Union Pacific; William Sproule, Southern Pacific; George W. Stevens, Chesapeake and Ohio; Samuel M. Felton, Chicago and Great Western; Fairfax Harrison, Southern Railway; E. P. Ripley, Santa Fe; R. H. Ashton, Chicago and Northwestern; A. J. Earling, St. Paul.

Hurrying to Washington.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A dozen

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Carl Dunches, quartermaster corporal, is alleged to have attempted to assault the girl last night. Clement, hearing her screams, rushed to her assistance. He was shot and instantly killed by Dunches who then shot and probably fatally wounded the girl.

Dunches was chased two miles by a posse, but eluded them. He later appeared at the county jail and surrendered.

Clement lived in Warrentown, Va., and was married.