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## ANOTHER CONFERENCE NECESSARY

### LOOKS MORE LIKE STRIKE THAN EVER

#### Railroad Presidents Are Openly Hostile to Wilson's Plan For Bringing Peace.

#### THEY ACCEPT PROPOSAL

Attention is Regarded This Afternoon as the Most Serious Since Negotiations Began.

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A nationwide strike tying up all railroads of the country again loomed up this afternoon. Thirty-one railway presidents left the white house determined, they said, not to accept a proposal by President Wilson intended to avert such a "national calamity."

Fifteen minutes later the 640 representatives of the railroad workers announced they had voted to accept the proposal.

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—No settlement of the dispute between the railroads and their four hundred thousand employees who voted in favor of a strike, was reached at this afternoon's conference between President Wilson and presidents of the great railway systems in the white house. After a forty minute conference, the thirty-one presidents emerged with the announcement that the president will meet them again tomorrow and at the same time see railway managers in what he promised to be the final session.

President Hale Holden of the Burlington road, spokesman for the executives, said that they would at once confer with the managers and arrive at some conclusion on the president's proposition. They will lay this conclusion before him tomorrow morning, Holden said.

That the situation has reached the most dangerous stage was obvious in view of the attitude of the executives when they left the white house. They indicated clearly that they had not changed their minds—made up against the president's proposals—and it is believed they will stand firm on their contention for arbitration of all the issues.

Presidents Not Friendly. [By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Wilson faced difficulties in his attempt to prevent the threatened nationwide strike as the hour approached this afternoon for his conference with the railway presidents.

The thirty-one railroad presidents entered the white house at 2 o'clock. It marked contrast to the entrance of the 640 employees, who marched up to the executive mansion four abreast, the railway executives for the most part, swept up the white house drive in taxicabs and automobiles.

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### BERLIN REPORTS AUSTRIAN GAINS

#### Six Mass Attacks by Russians Have Been Turned Back, According to Vienna.

#### REPULSING ITALIANS

Russian Report Claims That An Early Invasion of Hungary Is Threatened by Them.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The Austrians continue to advance in southwestern Bukovina and have repulsed six mass attacks by the Russians northeast of Stanislaw, said a delayed official statement from Vienna, under date of August 15, received here today. The repulse of all Italian attacks is also claimed.

"On the front of Archduke Carl, west of Bukovina and on the sector of the Tomnatic mountain, our attacks are progressing," it was stated. "Several hostile positions which were tenaciously defended were taken by storm. Several prisoners and five machine guns were captured. Battalions engaged south of Tatarov recaptured their former positions, Tatarov being attacked near Vorachta by superior forces.

"Near Stanislaw and south of Jezupol (on the Stanislaw-Halitz railway), Colonel Von Hoveves repulsed isolated attacks. Near Horozenska and west of Monasterzyska the Russians attacked our front throughout the whole front, undertaking in some places six massed attacks and even more, but were everywhere repulsed, suffering the heaviest losses. Southwest of Kosova, the Austrians frustrated a Russian thrust by a counter attack. Also near the south of Zborow all the enemy's efforts to break into our lines were without success though paid for with highest losses.

"On Von Hindenburg's front the Russians after suffering enormous losses in a defeat southeast of Podkamin, made no attempt to resume the fighting against Boehm Ermolli's army."

"On the Italian front the Italians continued their attacks on the front of Salcano Merna and against the height east of Goritz and the sector south of the Vipbach valley as far as Lovkva without interruption, using large masses, at the same time holding adjoining sectors under strong artillery fire. Our troops repulsed all storming attacks and held their whole front positions, the enemy suffering heavy losses in hand to hand fighting. A hostile advance near Plava and Cagara and on the Dolomite front on Croda-Delanconca was repulsed."

#### The Russian's Claim.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 18.—Threatening an early invasion of Hungary, the Russians have pressed forward in the Jablonitz pass region and are approaching the summits of the mountains in the region of Koromezio, Hungary, it was officially announced today.

Capture of the villages of Lystiec and Stary, southwest of Stanislaw and west of the Zlota Bistrica river and of a series of heights in the direction of Arzelus was also announced.

Koromezio lies at the southern end of the Jablonitz pass, one of the most important gateways leading into the plains of Hungary. The capture of the village of Jablonitz at the northern entrance to the pass and on the railway leading into Hungary

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### Now Congress is Planning How To End Rail Strike

#### Compulsory Arbitration Bill Is Weapon Which Is Proposed By This Body in Controversy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Talk of compulsory arbitration as a last means of heading off a railroad strike was heard in congress today. The event the president fails to bring about a settlement, some senators—administration included—believe congress should enact at once a compulsory arbitration measure which could be made effective before the brotherhoods had time to strike.

The latter usually give a week or ten days notice and in that time compulsory arbitration could be provided by law if the president ratified the plan.

### PEACE JOB IS BEFORE GOV. HUGHES

#### Split in California Between the Regulars and Progressives Waits His Healing Touch.

#### BOTH SIDES TALKING

Newer Party Men Think Hiram Johnson Was Snubbed, While the Others Deny the Accusation.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 18.—Charles E. Hughes' capacity as a harmonizer appeared likely to be tested to its fullest extent today.

No sooner had he reached the bounding line of California, than a bitter factional battle intruded. Because the progressives—one party to the row—assert that there is great menace in the division, it appeared likely early today that the republican presidential nominee would spend most of his afternoon spreading the soothing balm of harmony on California state leaders in various conferences. He was scheduled to reach San Francisco shortly after noon and will deliver his main address at the civic auditorium there tonight.

On the surface, the division is apparent in an effort of two factions of the party to assume proprietorship of the nominee. The progressive-republicans claim the "regulars" headed by National Committeeman Wm. H. Crocker, have "frozen out the Johnson type of progressive-republicans and have snubbed Governor Johnson by suggesting that he does not appear at tonight's meeting. The regulars deny the assertion and point to a big delegation of progressive seats tonight as well as to a number of republicans of that type who were selected as members of the California reception committee which met the Hughes train early today.

#### Remember Crocker's Speech.

Back of the surface indications, lies the memory of a speech made by Republicans of a speech made by National Committeeman Crocker at the meeting of the republican national committee in Washington last winter in which they said he deprecated too much harmony and asked one more opportunity in which to defeat Hiram Johnson. The latter is now making campaign speeches not only favoring his own senatorial candidacy, but boosting Hughes. Chester Rowell, a progressive, who was chosen from the republican national campaign committee, is also working for Hughes but he admitted today when at the train that his advice had not been sought in arranging the Hughes meetings throughout the state.

Progressives in asking attention declared that at the recent primaries they had approximately 340,000 former progressive voters, declared themselves republicans. There are therefore, they assert, nearly 300,000 former progressives who have not made up their minds whether to support Hughes with Johnson or follow the lead of Francis J. Heney, former

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### GOVERNOR GONE; FRIENDS FIRED

#### Lieutenant Governor of Missouri Cleans House and Majors' Confidantes Expect Fireworks.

#### NO COMMENT IS MADE

Chief Executive Says He Is On His Vacation Now and Still Speaks to the Subordinate.

#### JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 18.—

With Governor Major supposedly still in Highland Park, Illinois, Acting Governor William R. Painter today said he would stand by his demand for the resignation of President Samuel McPheeters, of the St. Louis board of police commissioners and Dr. U. G. Crandell and Joseph McDonald, at St. Joseph. He was silent when asked whether he would ask resignations from the commissioners at Kansas City.

Painter, however, made it certain he would not ask for the resignations of other Major appointees in the state house or throughout the state. Thus far none of the requested resignations have been received at the state house, despite the demand that they be sent by wire.

Major's friends here "are up in the air," according to their own statements but are confident "he is going to break loose when the boss gets back to Missouri."

The lieutenant governor issued a statement this afternoon in which he said he was satisfied Governor Major would not interfere with the new commissioners to be appointed in St. Louis and St. Joseph.

Not to Be Disturbed. "Governor Major and I have not talked over the matter," said Painter, "but you don't think I'd make any such changes if I had any reason to believe the governor would over-rule me in a short time? My appointees will not be disturbed. Take that as a hint and write what you please."

Colonel C. C. Butler, of Governor Major's staff, manager of the American hotel was appointed by Painter to succeed McPheeters.

#### Refuses to Quit.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 18.—Samuel McPheeters, who was ordered to resign as police commissioner by acting Governor Painter, refused to quit his post. McPheeters announced this afternoon none but Governor Major could fire him.

Local politicians were free in announcing disposal of the commissioners here and in St. Joseph was due to the fact that the police forces in those cities failed to support Acheson for the gubernatorial nomination in the primaries last week.

#### No Comment to Make.

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill., Aug. 18.—"I have no comment to make, one way or the other," said Governor Major of Missouri after he read a United Press despatch from Jefferson City today, stating that Acting Governor W. R. Painter was asking Major's friends to resign from public offices.

"I am on my vacation, and it won't be over until September first. I have no intention of changing my plans," he said. "I am still on terms of friendship with Acting Governor Painter. He is responsible just now for all official actions in Missouri."

Jumped to Her Death. JOHN SIMMONS, 27, a patient at Columbus hospital here, jumped to her death from the fourth floor of the hospital today.

### GASOLINE WILL TAKE BIG DROP

#### Tumble to Twenty Cents Within Next Two Weeks, is the Forecast of Officials.

#### IT IS NOT DUE TO PROBE

Middle West is Buying Fuel Cheaper Now Than Other Parts of the Nation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Gasoline will drop to twenty cents in practically every section of the country within two weeks, Standard Oil officials asserted today, at the same time denying that the government's investigation of the advance in prices had anything to do with the reduction. Prices have been falling steadily throughout the west and middle west within the past few days. The decline, according to Standard Oil officials, is due to the fact that crude oil wells drilled last year are now showing exceptional yields, crude oil regulating the price of gasoline.

Figures collected by the United Press from all parts of the country today showed that the motorists of the middle west, from Chicago to Denver, are paying the lowest price at present for gasoline. Chicago and Des Moines quoted the lowest price, 17 1/2, and the average is 18 to 19 cents. St. Louis was paying 21 1/2 cents, the highest price for the middle west, while Denverites were paying 24 and 24 cents. San Francisco reported 19 cents a gallon with no decline recently.

#### SAFETY FIRST FOR TEXANS

They are Leaving Galveston Before Another Hurricane Hits That City.

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 18.—Railroads and interurbans have been running special trains all day, carrying persons from Galveston to the mainland as a result of a slight rise in the tide at the Galveston sea wall, attributable to the gulf hurricane. The local weather bureau says the storm will strike the coast probably late this afternoon, between Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Galveston, and Houston. The wind may reach a maximum of fifty miles an hour. At noon the wind was blowing thirty miles an hour here.

Subscription Books Open. NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Subscription books for the new quarter billion dollar five per cent British loan were closed today to syndicate participation because subscriptions have been so large, it was announced by J. P. Morgan and Company. Large numbers of applications have been placed on file for the opening of the public subscription next week.

### CAPTURE FLEURY ON VERDUN FRONT

#### Powerful Attack on Northeast Front by French, Results in Retaking the Town.

#### HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

Curtain of Fire Prevented Teutons From Sending up Their Reinforcements—General Haig's Report.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—By a powerful attack on the northeast front of Verdun last night the French completely recaptured the village of Fleury, driving the Germans from that part of the village which they still held, it was officially announced today.

The Germans still retain a few ruins outside and east of the village near the Chapire forest. The French also advanced west of the town between Thiaumont and Fleury, taking fifty prisoners.

The French blow was struck on the 178th day of the great battle for the fortress city. It was preceded by a terrific bombardment and a heavy curtain fire that prevented the Germans from bringing up reserves. Clinging desperately to the northeastern houses of the town, the Germans vainly attempted to stem the French advance with machine guns. Violent combats occurred in the streets of the ruined village before the Germans withdrew.

On the Somme front the Germans last night made their first attempt to recapture positions taken by the French in Wednesday's advance around Maurepas. At the same time the Germans were delivering heavy attacks against the British around Pozieres, fighting broke out along the French front southeast of Maurepas, where violent artillery fighting continued throughout yesterday. The French not only repulsed the German attacks but made some prisoners. No engagements of importance occurred south of the Somme or elsewhere on the French front. South of Belleau Enferme the French found four machine guns in a trench captured in Wednesday's attack.

#### British Extend Gains.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—British troops last night extended the gains they made yesterday northwest of Bazentin-Le-Petit, entering German trench portions in small local enterprises, General Haig reported this afternoon. "These trenches were found to be greatly damaged and full of enemy dead.

#### Other hostile attacks from the region of Marunpuch during the night were repulsed as completely as were the attempts in the same region yesterday.

#### HOT WEATHER IS PROMISED

Three Days More of Scorching for Plains States, With Hurricane for South Due.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Three more days of scorching were predicted for the parched plains states by the weather bureau here today. Ninety-five degrees of heat are expected in Chicago today. High pressure of air in the southeast and low pressure in the northeast, it was said, are responsible for southwest winds which are bathing the middle west in a heat wave.

Reports of a hurricane gathering in the gulf of Mexico were received at the weather bureau, heading directly toward Brownsville, Texas, and probably will strike it tomorrow. El Paso and San Antonio, Texas, recorded the highest temperatures yesterday. Mercury there registered 96.

Bombay, India, employs 206,350 in the cotton industry.

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### ARMY BILL IS VETOED BY WILSON

#### Exemption Clause Relating to Former Officers of Army, is Cause of His Refusal.

#### WAS FATHERED BY HAY

Message Sent to Congress by Wilson Outlines Reasons for His Action on This Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—President Wilson today vetoed the army appropriation bill. His action resulted from a provision in the bill exempting retired army officers from liability to service and discipline under the articles of war.

The exemption provision itself grew out of objections made by certain retired officers who asked to serve following the outbreak of the Mexican trouble, at recruiting offices and mustering stations. Chairman Hay of the house military committee, fathered the exemption plan and succeeded in keeping it in the bill, despite the fight made on it by Secretary Baker.

In his veto message to congress the president suggested a constitutional objection to such exemption. So long as retired officers are continued in their status as members of the United States army, he said, they cannot under the constitution, be relieved from obedience to the president. The message expresses doubt that the majority of the retired officers would sanction such a provision in the law.

Congress to pass the bill over his veto, must muster a two-thirds vote and with the arrival of the message at the house today the general belief is that this cannot be done. The action of the president, however, is deemed likely to delay adjournment to some extent.

Within one hour after the veto reached the house, Chairman Hay reintroduced the measure, minus any mention of the articles of war.

#### Sorry to Return It.

The veto message declares "it is with genuine reluctance" that the president returns the bill which he describes as wisely and generously providing for national defense.

"The existing articles of war are undoubtedly archaic," says the message. "They have not undergone revision for more than 100 years. I therefore, the more keenly regret to find in the revision in the articles of war a provision to which I cannot give my approval."

It cites a long list of rulings to show that retired army officers hold public office and are not "mere pensioners" from whom no further service is expected. They wear the uniform of the army, their education and service hold them out as persons to represent the spirit of the military establishment, and they are subject to military duty in time of national emergency by the mere order of the commander in chief.

#### Officers Object to It.

"I am persuaded that officers upon the retired list would themselves regard it as an invidious and unpalatable discrimination which in effect, excluded them from full membership in the profession to which they have devoted their lives and of which by

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### MILITIA NOT READY FOR FIELD GUARD OFFICERS ARE SAYING

#### From Six to Eighteen Months of Training is Said to be Necessary.

[By Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 18.—"After three months hard training in mobilization camps and on the border, is the national guard yet reasonably ready and fit to march out to the defense of their country if the need arises?"

To nearly fifty officers of the regular army this question has been put in the past week. Included in the list of officers questioned was one general, a dozen colonels and majors, and a score of captains and lieutenants. Some of these have made a close study of the training of the militia.

From each officer came the answer "no."

"It would take at least six months to prepare the national guard for a campaign in Mexico," said one high military official. "By that, I mean it would take at least six months of intensive training to prepare the militia physically and instill discipline so they could take care of themselves in the field. You cannot put a uniform on a man and a gun in his hands and make him a good soldier."

Another officer declared he would hesitate to put soldiers of the national guard against well trained soldiers such as put in the field by foreign nations with less than eighteen months of the hardest training. "Our guardsmen have had now less than eight hours a day as an average for three months. Even in their present extremely recruits are not sent into the field by the European nations until they have had 1,500 hours of training."

### INFANTILE PARALYSIS SPREADS IN CHICAGO DOCTORS REPORT

#### Situation Considered Gravest in Years, But Should Cause no Alarm.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 18.—Infantile paralysis is increasing in Chicago to an alarming extent. Eighty known cases have been reported this month. It was admitted today by health department officials and spread of the disease is continuing. They deny, however, that the malady is epidemic. At the county hospital it was ad-

mitted today there are sixty-one cases quarantined, and emergency preparations being made to receive a much greater number. An average of three patients a day is being received and the procession is increasing rather than diminishing. Three of the victims at the county hospital are adults.

That the mysterious plague is spreading is indicated by the fact that with very few exceptions none of the cases come from the same locality. Dr. Henry B. Thomas, an infantile paralysis specialist, declared that while the situation should cause no great alarm, it is the gravest he have had in years.