

FOOD AND FUEL MAY BE SCARCE

COUNTRY WOULD BE PROSTRATED

Railroad Strike Would Result in Loss of Millions of Dollars in the Crops.

SHORTAGE IN A WEEK

Simply impossible to estimate the trouble which would follow an extensive tie-up of the roads.

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Losses of millions of dollars in crops throughout the country in the event of a railroad strike was the new possibility before the administration today.

The treasury department reported that agents of the federal reserve board in the south, west and northwest are beginning to ask for funds for the annual "crop moving" period. A tie-up of the railways of the country would mean that wheat and other products now ready for the mills would be held up indefinitely and possibly rot on side tracks if stopped in transit.

This angle of the threatened gigantic strike was borne home to officials not only by reports from the treasury department, but by the arrival of western railway presidents such as Louis W. Hill, whose father's name was synonymous with the "empire of the northwest" and its wealth of farm lands. More than two score railway presidents and the 640 brotherhood representatives held separate meetings today to continue discussion of President Wilson's proposals looking toward peace.

The railway presidents surmised by the new arrivals arranged for a conference with President Wilson at 2:30 this afternoon. It is understood the president, earlier in the day, had suggested such a meeting in response to intimations that the railway heads desired further development of some of the ideas expressed in his public statement Saturday. They want to know what may be expected in the way of co-operation from the interstate commerce commission in case of necessary rate adjustments and also what the president may have in mind regarding future prevention of crises like the present.

The conference of railway presidents this morning was unique. Men representing millions of dollars of railway wealth moved about the tenth floor of the new Willard "getting down to brass tacks" on the situation confronting them. It was all informal, the executives talking first in one group then in another, "seeking ideas and opinions." There was no apparent effort to organize and agree upon

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SECOND ATTEMPT ENDS IN FAILURE

Germans Made Desperate Effort to Capture Fleury, But They Were Repulsed.

SIX CANNON CAPTURED

French War Office Announces That the Whole of the Village of Maurepas Has Been Taken.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The Germans made a second desperate attempt to recapture the village of Fleury, three and one-half miles northeast of Verdun last night, attacking in force, after spraying the French positions with liquid fire. The war office announced today that French barrage infantry fire stopped the attack short, inflicting serious losses on the enemy.

In yesterday's fighting north of the Somme, in which the French captured a strongly fortified wood between Guillemont and Maurepas, six German cannons were captured. Last night an active artillery duel continued on the Somme front, but there were no infantry engagements of importance.

Practically the whole village of Maurepas is now in French hands as the result of Thursday's fighting and local actions since that time. The French first captured a number of strong positions at the outskirts of the town and then drove the Germans from the remainder of the village with their artillery. The German artillery made it inadvisable for the French to occupy the remainder of Maurepas, until the French lines were advanced further north of the village.

POLITICAL POTS ARE STIRRED

Big Fights in Missouri Over Chairmen of Both Party Organizations.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 21.—Politicians today began stirring Missouri's boiling political pots. The state chairmanship of both the republican and democratic parties seem to be the big fight centers.

United States Senator Reed will arrive here tonight to continue his fight for election of Judge James Cowgill of Kansas City to head the state democratic committee. There is much opposition to Cowgill here. Lieutenant Governor Painter is leading the opposition. gubernatorial candidate Gardner and many of the old line democrats want Cowgill. Prediction was that a lively fight will ensue.

The contest in the republican party for the state chairmanship is considerably mixed. Judge Lamb, gubernatorial candidate, is standing pat. Walter Dickey, who will make the senatorial race for the republicans, wants T. W. Hucklede of Warren county to continue as leader of the committee. John H. Bothwell of Sedalia will be put forward as compromise candidate and those who should know say he has an excellent chance to direct the G. O. P. state campaign.

Heat Wave Turned Off By Breezes and Showers

More Than a Score of Deaths in Two Days and Infantile Paralysis Shows an Increase

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Relief from the terrific heat wave which has baked the plains states for the past week is due today, according to the weather bureau here, who say showers and cool breezes will arrive before night. From then on, it predicted it will get cooler. More than a score of deaths were reported today as a result of the heat of the last two days. Of these, three deaths were reported from Milwaukee, two in Kenosha, one each in Oconomowoc, Wausau, Fond-Du-Lac, Madison and La Crosse. Four died in Chicago, nine drowned here yesterday. The high temperature in Chicago yesterday was 91. Kansas City and St. Louis recorded the highest temperatures, 99. At El Paso and San Antonio, the mercury registered 88 and 92 respectively.

Extra police were at all beaches to handle the crowds standing in line to get suits. Health officials today blamed the heat for continued infantile paralysis gains. A twenty year old girl and two babies suffering from the plague, died within the last twenty-four hours, making a total of eighteen deaths since January as against five in the same period last year. There were seventy-four cases of the disease at the county hospital today. Two new cases were reported during the night.

PROPERTY LOSS WILL BE LARGE

Thousands of Families Are Homeless as Result of the Hurricane in the Gulf Region.

DEATH TOLL IS SMALL

Army Camps Along the Rio Grande Escaped With No Damage to Amount to Anything.

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 21.—Thousands of families are homeless in the southern gulf region as the result of Friday's hurricane and preparations are being made throughout the state today to rush supplies, tentage and funds to them.

The storm swept an area extending from Corpus Christi south to Brownsville and inland from thirty to fifty miles. The death toll was placed at thirteen to sixteen today and the total property loss at \$2,000,000. The dead include six or nine sailors, drowned when the small steamer Pilot Boy was wrecked off Port Aransas, and seven persons on land. All the latter were Mexicans. The damage which includes the opening cotton crop, is apportioned as follows: Corpus Christi, \$500,000; Aransas Pass, \$150,000; Bishop, \$150,000; Alice, \$100,000; Kingsville, \$100,000; Rockport, \$75,000; Robstown, \$50,000; San Diego, \$50,000; Rio Grande Valley, \$300,000; widely separated farming communities, \$500,000.

The army camps along the Rio Grande escaped practically unscathed and it is believed the large stores of food and tentage in the bases there will be sent to points farther north along the coast. State and federal officials are expected today to organize the relief work.

Twenty-six Held Up.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Twenty-six customers were lined up at the bar when they heard the sharp command "hands up." All obeyed in unison, while two masked bandits went through the crowd and took their money.

Train Killed Baby.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Walter Subatuch, ten months, was killed when a Lake Shore passenger train struck the perambulator which Mrs. Subatuch was pushing. She escaped unhurt.

Noiseless Mosquitoes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Scientific Washington is aroused over the discovery of noiseless mosquitoes. They do not differ in other respects from the common variety, but their senseless renders their execution more deadly.

BULGARS CLASH WITH SERBIANS

Balkan Country is Again Rocked by Fire of Big Guns and the Crack of Musketry.

NEAR GREEK BOUNDARY

No Important Moves Have Been Made, But Preliminary Skirmishes Are Becoming Frequent.

SALONIKA, Aug. 21.—Bulgarian forces are engaged in sharp fighting with the Serbs on a fifteen mile front seventy miles northwest of Salonika. The Bulgars emerged from the village of Florina and attempted an advance southward. At the same time other strong Bulgarian detachments attempted an offensive along the Manastir-Salonika railway. The Serbs drove in the right flank of the Bulgarian force from Florina, forcing the Bulgars back upon the town and at the same time upon the town and at the same time upon the town and at the same time upon the town.

Incessant skirmishes, between patrols and frequent infantry engagements in which whole regiments have taken part are reported on the British and French fronts along the whole Greek border east of Lake Doiran. In the Doiran district, particularly, hot artillery struggles have occurred. Airmen on both sides are very active. Hostile airplanes attempted a raid on allied camps south of Doiran, but were driven back by allied aviators.

Bulgars Advancing.

SALONIKA, Aug. 21.—Bulgarian forces are advancing south of the Greek town of Florina, despite stubborn Serbian resistance. Stubborn fighting continued all day Saturday near Banitz, thirty-one miles northwest of Salonika.

Playing the Game.

[By Ed. L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The Bulgarians have opened heavy attacks on both wings of the allied armies in Greece and serious fighting is going on at both ends of the 150 mile battle front.

The German war office this afternoon announced that the Bulgars have captured Vichli, southeast of the Greek town of Florina, whose capture was officially announced Friday and have taken other Serbian positions. An Athens dispatch reported another Bulgarian force less than ten miles from the important Greek port of Kavala. The invasion of Greece has brought a new crisis in the Greek capital and has resulted in sudden conferences between ministerial and military heads. The Bulgarian advance has aroused no alarm in allied military circles.

The Bulgars, it was stated here this afternoon, are merely playing the game the Germans tried unsuccessfully at Verdun. They are hitting hard, counting on getting a start before the allies begin an offensive. The fighting in the Balkans, which

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LURED INTO U BOAT NEST BY GERMANS

England Lost Two Valuable Cruisers in Naval Battle in the North Sea.

FIRST TIME CAUGHT

British Forced to Withdraw Last Night But Claim Germans Could Not Follow up the Advantage.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The sinking of two such valuable British light cruisers as the Falmouth and Nottingham since Jutland, the first naval fight since the naval expert of the Daily News asserted today, but it is the penalty that must be paid by a fleet commanding the seas.

"In the Dodder Bank fight last year and on several less important occasions, the enemy tried to lure the British forces into a submarine trap," said the News expert, "but although our pursuing ships often enough found themselves in a nest of U boats, they never before suffered loss therefrom."

The Battle on Land.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—British covering patrols withdrew before strong enemy forces northeast of Fougax wood in last night's fighting, but the Germans were unable to follow up the advantage because of British artillery fire. General Haig reported this afternoon. The Germans three times attacked British positions at Foreaux wood after heavy bombardment, but were each time repulsed.

The Germans bombarded British positions near Pozieres and northeast of the Contalmaison with gas shells last night.

In the northern fighting zone, the Germans attempted a raid on British trenches northeast of Hulluch and east of Lepintin.

They were driven back, entering the British position at only one point, from which they were immediately ejected.

Newspaper Changes Hands.

MUSCATINE, Iowa, Aug. 21.—The News-Tribune today formally made announcement of a change of ownership. Dr. E. B. Fullam, a prominent local physician and capitalist, and T. H. Brannan, former editor of the News-Tribune have purchased the entire holdings. No change will be made in its policy.

Flour Mill Destroyed.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 21.—Fire starting in the engine room this morning destroyed the flour mill and about 25,000 bushels of wheat owned by the Hastings Milling company. The loss is about \$75,000.

RAILROAD HEADS GO TO CAPITAL

Are Hurrying to Washington to Meet President Wilson and Discuss the Strike.

BUSINESS IS INTERESTED

Hundreds of Telegrams From Commercial and Industrial Concerns Are Being Received.

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Big railroad men of the west hurrying into Washington today with the single demand of "arbitration" on their lips—found President Wilson's answer waiting them. It is that acceptance of the eight hour day now and appointment of a commission to investigate all the arbitration points involved in the threatened railway strike, is the surest means towards bringing about a permanent workable arbitration for the future.

Arrival of the western railroad presidents and receipts of hundreds of telegrams from commercial and industrial concerns all over the country were the features of the first day of the second week of the president's intervention between the warring railways and railroad brotherhoods. The presidents came at President Wilson's invitation and the telegrams in part at least at the invitation of the railroads.

Railroad executives here made no secret of the fact that they were lining up all possible business support for their arbitration contention. The president made his answer known in reply to one of these telegrams; that from George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Pope declared 3,700 manufacturing concerns employing 3,000,000 persons, are utterly dependent on uninterrupted railway service. He urged the president to prevent the threatened stoppage of railroad service and at the same time to maintain the principle of arbitration. Existing means have failed, he replied, and declared he was moving to strengthen the principle of arbitration so such a situation cannot arise again. Regarding the eight hour day he said in his telegram to Pope: "The whole economic movement all the time seems to point to it. The opinion in Washington today is that demands for arbitration of the eight hour day therefore will not move him."

The conflict would seem irreconcilable, but the feeling in Washington seems that in some manner a strike will be avoided. Representatives of brotherhoods now consider themselves more or less on the side lines. It has become a struggle between President Wilson and the railroads for the time being, they say, and they are waiting to see how it comes out before they again take a hand.

Louis W. Hill, head of the Great Northern, arrived at 9:20 a. m. He was given a hearty greeting by other presidents and railway men in the lobby of the Willard hotel. He declined to talk about the strike until he had had time to go over the situation with other executives. The latter had arranged a meeting for 4:00 o'clock at which time the managers also were to have a meeting.

Other presidents arriving during

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DEADLY PENDULUM SWINGING

Russians Continue to Make Substantial Gains in a Surprise Drive on the Germans.

ONE ARMY WAS CRUSHED

Civilians in Northeastern Hungary Are Reported Fleeing Before Onrushing Troops of the Czar.

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

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—By suddenly shifting his attack to the Stochod river front northeast of Kovel, General Brusiloff has caught the Germans off their guard, and is driving westward for substantial gains.

Realizing that General Bothmar's army had been crushed, the Germans began stripping their northern front of every available man and sending them southward to defend Lemberg. It was while this troops movement was under way that Brusiloff struck further north with his right wing, his flanking attack menacing both Kovel and the German army at Pinsk. The Russian frontal attacks upon Kovel have practically ceased.

The Germans have sunk turrets in the marshy ground west of the city. These turrets are practically invisible to Russian air scouts and must be overcome by strategy rather than by massed infantry onslaughts. Consequently the line west of Kovel has remained stationary for some time.

During the lull on the Kovel front, the Russian armies under Generals Kaledin, Sakharoff and Letchitsky swung westward like a deadly pendulum from Kovel, as a pivot, crushing the German army along the Stripsa. Like the movement of a pendulum the advance was proportionately faster in the extreme south.

Expert opinion here believes that more depends upon Brusiloff's campaign than the mere stand or fall of Lemberg and Kovel. Prisoners say that the northeastern part of Hungary is being evacuated by civilians because of the Russian advance near Koromez.

1,365 Prisoners.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—The Russians further advanced their lines in severe fighting along the Stochod northeast of Kovel yesterday, it was officially announced today, making progress near Toboly and in the region of Ruklis-Czerwische.

In Friday and Saturday's fighting on this front, 1,365 prisoners, one cannon, eighteen machine guns and other material were captured.

Heights Captured.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—Russian forces in the Caucasus have captured a whole series of strongly fortified heights in the region of Biarbeckir, taking many prisoners, it was officially announced today.

Time is money, but it requires genius to effect the exchange.

CATHOLIC PARTY IN AMERICA NOT WANTED, SAYS BISHOP

Three Cardinals Present at the Gathering of Thousands of Members.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Undivided loyalty to God and nation was the keynote of the meetings held today as a part of the annual "Catholic week" celebration here this week in which twenty-five thousand persons are participating.

In opening prayers, blessings were invoked upon the nations. Before the sound of religious songs died away, new voices sang patriotic airs. The papal colors—yellow and white—appear with the stars and stripes. Delegates are wearing miniature flags in addition to the colors of the church.

High mass for the delegates to the Central Verein, held in the church of St. John the Baptist opened today's program. A pontifical mass opened the convention of the Catholic Young Men's National Union. Other organizations which held opening sessions today are the American Federation of Catholic Societies, State League of Catholic Societies, and Catholic Women's Union, a mass meeting tonight at Carnegie hall to discuss the social

service work being done by the American Federation of Catholic Societies will close the day's program.

Religion as the bulwark of American government was the theme of the addresses by the highest dignitaries of the Catholic church in this country during the opening day of the week's celebration. His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston, declared religion has always been the mainstay of government and urged Americans to guard against atheism and "free thought" and religious intolerance. History teaches, he added, that "as there can be no liberty without law, there can be no law without God."

The presence of the three cardinals resident in the United States, John Bonzano, archbishop of Milne and apostolic delegate to the United States in addition to priests and prelates from foreign lands and every quarter of the United States, made yesterday's service one never to be forgotten. Ten thousand persons crowded into St. Patrick's cathedral while 30,000 waited outside.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hickey, of Rochester, N. Y., one of the best known orators in the Catholic church, struck a keynote of "Americanism" when he said "we want no Catholic party in this country."

APPLAUSE BY CONGREGATION WHEN HUGHES ENTERED CHURCH

Republican Candidate Asked to Speak From Pulpit, But Declined.

[By Perry Arnold, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 21.—A meeting between Governor Johnson, of California, and Republican Presidential Nominee Hughes may be arranged before the candidate leaves California. This effort to promote harmony between the republican factions in this state, was being made today when it became known that Governor Hughes was at Long Beach Sunday at the same time the California executive was there. Governor Johnson, out of respect to Governor Hughes' busy program, did not inform the presidential nominee that he was there, so a meeting between the two failed.

may be arranged at Sacramento while Hughes is on his way to Ogden. The nominee did not learn that he had missed Johnson until he returned to Los Angeles.

Today Governor Hughes was to see something of the San Diego exposition to plant a tree and to address a mass meeting here, returning to Los Angeles in time to speak before a big gathering tonight.

Hughes had a singular experience last night. He attended divine services at the First Methodist church and upon taking his seat was greeted with applause by the congregation. The pastor of the church came down to welcome him and urged him to say a few words from the pulpit. Hughes was quite embarrassed and insisted that he could not comply with the request. The services then proceeded but at the close the congregation again demanded that the candidate stand up so that they could see him, and Hughes complied, stating his pleasure at being in California.